

SOCIETY OF AIR FORCE NURSES
SEPTEMBER 4 – 8, 2019
CROWNE PLAZA NEW ORLEANS FRENCH QUARTER | NEW ORLEANS, LA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Board of Directors arrive
Executive Team Working Dinner Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:30am - 12:00pm	Board of Directors' Meeting
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Leadership Team (working) Luncheon
1:30pm - 4:30pm	NEW ORLEANS SCHOOL OF COOKING CLASS
1:30pm - 4:30pm	Leadership Team Meeting
2:00pm - 7:00pm	Reunion Registration Open
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Hospitality Room Open
6:00pm - 9:30pm	STEAMBOAT NATCHEZ DINNER CRUISE
	Leadership Team Reception (Time TBD)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:30am - 9:00am	Reunion Registration Open
9:30am - 3:00pm	NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM
9:00am - 3:30pm	NEW ORLEANS CITY TOUR
3:30pm - 5:00pm	Reunion Registration Open
10:00pm - 5:00pm	Hospitality Room Open
4:00pm - 6:00pm	Reunion Meet & Greet with Wine and Cheese
6:30pm - 9:30pm	DINNER AT MULATE'S CAJUN RESTAURANT
	PAT O'BRIENS ON YOUR OWN

Friday, September 6

8:00am - 10:00am	Reunion Registration Open
8:00am - 9:15am	Opening Ceremony / Memorial Ceremony
9:15am - 9:30am	Break
9:30am - 12:00pm	Business Meeting
12:15pm - 1:30pm	Luncheon
1:45pm - 2:45pm	Regional Meetings
2:45pm - 3:30pm	Committee Meetings
4:00pm - 6:30pm	COCKTAIL WALKING TOUR
	HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS CASINO ON YOUR OWN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00am - 9:00pm	Reunion Registration Open
	<i>Additional Hours will be posted if needed.</i>
9:00am - 3:30pm	NEW ORLEANS CITY TOUR
9:00am - 12:30pm	MARDI GRAS WORLD TOUR & MASK MAKING WORKSHOP
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Hospitality Room Open
4:00pm - 7:00pm	Photo Session
6:00pm - 10:00pm	Cash Bar Reception
7:00pm - 10:30pm	Banquet

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00am - 9:00am	Convention Planning Meeting
9:30am - 11:00am	Board of Directors' Meeting (If Needed)
9:30am - 2:15pm	PLANTATION TOUR
	<i>Farewells and departures</i>

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TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

**NEW ORLEANS SCHOOL OF COOKING
DEMONSTRATION & TASTING**

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Visit the New Orleans School of cooking, Trip Advisor's #6 experience in the world and #2 experience in the entire United States. During this tour, you'll get to watch, learn, and eat! Sit back and enjoy while the skilled and entertaining chefs prepare a classic Cajun and Creole meal for you. While they cook, they'll tell you about the vibrant history of New Orleans cuisine. During this two-hour private demonstration you'll feast on Chicken and Andouille Sausage Gumbo, Crawfish Etouffee, and Bread Pudding. You'll even leave with recipe cards for everything prepared. The meal is served with water, iced tea, lemonade, and a local brew, Abita Beer.

1:30 board bus, 4:30pm back at hotel

\$72/Person includes bus, escort, demonstration, and tasting.

STEAMBOAT NATCHEZ DINNER CRUISE

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Savor the beauty and romance of the New Orleans skyline aboard New Orleans' only steamboat, the Steamboat Natchez. Enjoy a breathtaking view of the city while listening to live New Orleans swing style music. The casual buffet style dinner will include traditional Cajun and Creole food including: Chicken and Sausage Gumbo, Natchez Tossed Salad, Steamboat Round Roast, Pork Loin, Bayou Seafood Pasta, Paddlewheel Primavera, Herb-Garlic Fingerling Potatoes, Creole Creamed Spinach, Green Beans Almandine, White Chocolate Bread Pudding, Banana Foster, and Dinner Rolls (*menu subject to change based on availability and season). While onboard stroll the decks of this beautiful boat and explore the Natchez's museum quality Engine Room.

6:00pm board bus, 9:30pm back at hotel

\$104/Person includes bus, escort, and lunch.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date (August 1, 2019), Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$10 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee.

Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.

Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MUSEUM

Thursday, September 5, 2019

Dedicated in 2000 as the National D-Day Museum and now designated by Congress as the country's official WWII Museum, this remarkable attraction illuminates the American experience during the WWII era. From the Normandy invasion to the sands of the Pacific Islands and the Home Front, you will see the courage, teamwork and sacrifice of the men and women who won *the war that changed the world*. Explore moving personal stories and powerful interactive displays. Visit the U.S. Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center, which tells the story of our nation's unprecedented industrial capability during the war years. New galleries opened in 2015. Explore the evolving strategy for fighting across the Pacific and in Asia, and the cultural differences and tremendous range of extreme conditions that confronted our soldiers. Also learn about the faltering first battles in North Africa to the bloody struggle at Germany's doorstep. The immersive galleries recreate actual battle settings and villages.

9:30am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel

\$61/Person includes bus, escort, and admission. Movies and lunch are on your own.

NEW ORLEANS CITY / HURRICANE KATRINA TOUR

Thursday, September 5, 2019 &

Saturday, September 7, 2019

Your tour of the Crescent City begins with views and stories of Lake Pontchartrain, and continues to unique above-ground cemeteries. Enjoy the trip down historical St. Charles Avenue complete with universities, parks, old oaks, stately charm, and an operational streetcar line. Hear the stories of Hurricane Katrina and see first-hand the long-lasting effect it has had on New Orleans. Continue to the French Quarter (the "Vieux Carre"), where a blend of French and Spanish cultures intermingles with a modern lifestyle. Also witness the bustling seaport activities, which are such an important aspect of the city's economy. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own at Jackson Square, the focal point of activity in the French Quarter and explore the area with its gracious iron balconies and lovely courtyards. Following lunch, you will reboard the bus to learn more about Hurricane Katrina and its lasting effects on the city. You will drive past the canal and levee that "breached" and see the resulting devastation that displaced hundreds of thousands of U.S. residents. The tour will conclude with a visit to the Ninth Ward, one of the city's most affected areas.

9:00am board bus, 3:30pm back at hotel

\$45/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.

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MULATE'S CAJUN RESTAURANT
Thursday, September 5, 2019

Mulate's, The Original Cajun Restaurant takes pride in presenting the best Cajun experience in town! Famous for preserving and celebrating the food, music and culture found in the small towns and along the bayous of south Louisiana, Mulate's is a place where Cajuns come to celebrate their heritage and the world comes to join them in their celebration. Enjoy a traditional Cajun meal including Gumbo, your choice of Grilled Catfish, Fried Shrimp, or Grilled Chicken, along with Bread Pudding with Butter Rum Sauce, and a beverage. A cash bar will be available.

6:30pm board bus, 9:30pm back at hotel
\$68/Person includes bus, escort, and dinner.

PAT O'BRIEN'S (ON YOUR OWN)
Thursday, September 5, 2019

Take a quick stroll over to Pat O'Brien's the home of the world-famous Hurricane. The New Orleans' location has three bars to choose from: the main bar, the patio, and the piano lounge which faces 'dueling pianos'.

This is not a formal tour organized and operated by AFR.
Transportation to and from Pat O'Brien's is on your own.

COCKTAIL WALKING TOUR
Friday, September 6, 2019

The craft cocktail scene began early in New Orleans. In fact, the world "cocktail" originated in the Crescent City. In a city that fosters creativity and breathes inspiration, it's no wonder New Orleans' alluring history is closely entwined with a culinary culture. This tour will take you behind the scenes in some of America's oldest restaurants where you'll spend the afternoon in historic bars and stunning spaces learning the stories behind classic cocktails like the Sazerac, America's first cocktail, born in New Orleans in 1838. If you don't finish your drink, ask for a "to go cup." Enjoy a tour of New Orleans, with a twist. Groups of 15 will leave from the reunion hotel at 3:00pm or 4:00pm. The tour is entirely on foot so wear comfortable shoes.

You must be at least 21 years of age with a valid ID to take this tour.

4:00pm leave hotel; 6:30pm back at hotel

This tour has a maximum of 40 people. If filled an additional tour will be offered from 3:00pm – 5:30pm. Total maximum people is 75 people.

\$66/person includes guide and admission.

This tour is being operated by Greyline New Orleans

ALL TOURS REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 35 PEOPLE.
DRIVER AND TOUR ESCORT/GUIDE GRATUITY IS
NOT INCLUDED IN COSTS.

HARRAH'S CASINO

Friday, September 6, 2019

Harrah's New Orleans Casino is one of the most exciting casinos in the country. Inside, you'll find life-sized Mardi Gras floats, French Quarter balconies and a pirate's ship. Gaming options include over 2,100 of the newest, hottest slots plus plenty of action-packed table games in over 115,000 square feet. Harrah's New Orleans offers 10 varieties of table games and more than 100 tables, 20 of which are poker tables. Slot denominations range from penny slots to \$500! Dinner is on your own at one of the many restaurants (Cafés on Canal, Gordon Biersch, Grand Isle, New Orleans Partners, Ruth's Chris Steak House, Besh Steak, The Buffet at Harrah's).

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Transportation to and from Harrah's is on your own.

MARDI GRAS WORLD & MASK MAKING WORKSHOP
Saturday, September 7, 2019

Enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at Mardi Gras, the world-famous annual festival that is hosted annually in New Orleans. At Mardi Gras world, you'll get to see first-hand the hard work and extensive planning that goes into this event. Enjoy a 45-minute tour through a working warehouse where you'll see magnificent floats being constructed from the ground up. Learn more about the history of Mardi Gras with an informative 15-minute movie and snack on a delicious piece of King Cake. Following your tour of the museum, enjoy a hands-on Mask Making Workshop. You'll learn about the brief history of masking in New Orleans before making your very own glittery, one-of-a-kind creation.

9:00am board bus 12:30pm back at hotel

\$67/person includes bus, escort, admission, and mask workshop. Lunch is not included.

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PLANTATION TOUR
Sunday, September 8, 2019

A day learning about plantation life awaits. Hear stories and learn the history of several local plantations. Once at Oak Alley, built in 1839, experience a bygone area in one of the South's most beautiful settings. Marvel at the unbelievable view of a quarter mile long alley of twenty-eight magnificent oak trees, each over 250 years old. Perhaps the most photographed plantation ever, Oak Alley has been the setting for many motion pictures. Your guided tour will reveal the fascinating stories of the home and its history. Embark on a self-guided tour of the grounds. After the tour, enjoy a Cajun buffet outside under a tent. Lunch includes a salad bar, soup, crawfish etouffee with rice, jambalaya, red beans & vegetables, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea, and water. Notes: The second floor of the house is only accessible via stairs. This tour is limited to the first 150 people registered.

9:30am board bus, 2:15pm back at hotel

\$76/Person includes bus, guide, admission, and lunch.