

Itinerary

Thursday ~ November 7th ~ Arrival, Registration, Hospitality room, Welcome Aboard Cocktails and Dinner

Joan Guariniello and her team will be ready to meet and provide you with all registration documents and answer any questions.

The USS Perry Hospitality Room will be available to renew friendships while enjoying refreshments and snacks before dinner.

Ken Annino has arranged a cocktail hour where he will introduce your Perry team and brief everyone on events.

We will then top off the night with Dinner.

For some of you "Wild Things" the night will still be early. Our hotel's location is centered where you and friends may want to check out the night life in beautiful downtown Mobile.

But... you may want to call it a night because the next day we start early and it's packed with events.

Friday ~ November 8th ~ Pensacola!

First tip of the day is to have a good breakfast. Your complimentary breakfast will be ready.

Buses will be waiting to bring us to Pensacola NAS. The drive will be approximately 1.5 hours. Maybe we can convince Joan Guariniello to have refreshments, and like our Myrtle Beach reunion, a Bingo Game!

For those of you that attended our last reunion in Pensacola, we arrived early at the Naval Station and spent most of the day on the open tarmac, waiting for the Blue Angels Demonstration. Which didn't start to almost 4 pm. With the sun and heat, we were... well you know. ... Done! This year we are going to modify the schedule so we will have more energy when the Blue Angels start their demonstration.

Upon arrival, we will attend The National Naval Aviation Museum. It's bigger and better than the last time we went. But what I remember most was... It's air-conditioned! Ken Annino has made arrangements for us to have lunch in a special room.

After lunch, we will then head to the tarmac, where we will have an assigned seating area to watch the Blue Angels Demonstration. There also will be several vintage and active aircraft on display.

When it's time to leave, we will be bused back to Mobile. The rest of the evening will be on your own so you can enjoy the many restaurants Mobile has to offer.

Saturday ~ November 9th ~ We are off to the USS Alabama Memorial Park

Again, take advantage of our complimentary breakfast.

Buses will waiting to take us to the USS Alabama BB-60. The ride will be 10-15 minutes. This time we'll let Joan off the hook.

Our memorial service will be held on the USS Alabama. Martin Deeney will lead us in honoring our shipmates that have passed as well as all members of our great United States Armed Forces.

We'll tour the USS Alabama and several other exhibits offered at the Memorial Park. We will have lunch before we board the bus and our host, Bay City Conventions & Tours, will guide us around Mobile and Mobile Bay's historic areas.

After we return to the hotel, we'll have our USS Perry Association Annual Meeting. Everyone is requested to attend. We decided to have the meeting on Saturday instead of Sunday as it was always a mad rush from the meeting to the banquet. The meeting will be 30 to 45 minutes. We can then be on our way to explore the area.

Sunday ~ November 10th ~ Explore

Breakfast at your leisure

Joan Guariniello has made arrangements to have the Ladies Only Social at Spot of Tea, located just two blocks from the hotel. The details are in place and the ladies are going to love it. They will be treated to a wonderful lunch and refreshment. Enjoy!

Dale McIntosh is looking for a place to hold our Annual Billiard Tournament. Dale has been preparing himself to take back the trophy won by Ken Annino last year.

This will be a free day to enjoy the surrounding areas. Many places are just an hour drive from the hotel. Biloxi has Las Vegas style casinos for those that might want to leave a few more bucks in the bay area.

Our Farewell Banquet will be at 6 pm.

Monday ~ November 11th ~ Safe travel home

Don't forget your complimentary breakfast