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**Check Out Our Website @
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHIPMATES AND FRIENDS,

I want to say thanks for giving me the opportunity to be President of our association this year.

As President, I would like to say we all need to continue to invite new Ticonderoga Veterans to join our unique association. As a member of this association, some great opportunities come up from time to time. One such opportunity which created everlasting memories for me was when several of us shipmates

met in Norfolk, Virginia and sailed on the CG-47 Cruiser to Pascagoula, Mississippi where the ship was decommissioned in 2004. There were ten of us, myself, Ron Lee, Doc Simon, Vic Godfrey and others. What an experience. I will never forget it. I understand work is still being done on this first AEGIS Cruiser. Donations are still needed to preserve this piece of our history.

Yes, you are still needed: A Tico Reunion Coordinator and also A Tico Newsletter Editor. Please consider sharing your talents and love for our association by volunteering to fill one of these much needed positions. I am pleased to announce that Dennis SaBell has agreed to be our Secretary. I am looking forward to working with Dennis as he takes over his new duties.

We are so looking forward to our 41st Reunion in St Louis. Julia and I found a location with a large hospitality room which will be open all day, every day and a beautiful Plaza with quite a few restaurants within steps of the hotel's side door. Our Banquet DJ came with a great recommendation from Al McDonnell plus we have several really nice tours lined up so you can really get the feel of St. Louis. We hope each one of you who receive your Newsletter will make an effort to come join us. Next year (2013) our Tico Reunion will be held in Colorado Springs with our upcoming President, George Passantino.

Last, I would like to say it has been a pleasure meeting everyone and Julia and I look forward to seeing you in St Louis for another wonderful Reunion.

Calvin S Turner President 2011-2012

PS: PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING GIFTS FOR THE RAFFLE!

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By

Andrew Jensen, Captain, CHC, USN

I was reviewing some photographs from the TICO's 1969 cruise when I came across a picture of the Easter Sunrise Service held in the Tonkin Gulf that year. It was reported to be the first service held on Easter of 1969 because of the time zone in which our ship was located. The photograph gave evidence of a large attendance at that pre-sunrise hour at a service held in our ship's hangar bay one.

Perhaps, the most unique quality about this service was the fact that it contained the Catholic Mass and the Protestant Service of Worship. This service was a new experience for many of us and om:that grew out of faith, commitment and cooperation. When I looked at the photograph of this Sunrise Service, I could see the TICO personnel worshipping the Lord who we as Christians believe arose from the dead on the first Easter. As Christians, Protestant and Catholic, this is a great spiritual celebration and was made especially meaningful for those of us who worshipped at this ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service aboard the TICONDEROGA in the Tonkin Gulf. Those of us who were present for this service, knew we had experienced an event that was special. As I looked at this picture, the words of Jesus came to mind, "My command is this: love each other as I loved you."



SEE: WWW.BIGT.NET (REUNIONS PAGE) FOR ALL REG. FORMS!

BANQUET SPEAKER SARA MOSES

Meet Sara Moses in St Louis Sunday May 20

Sara Moses tells the story of her survival as one of the youngest children, without her parents, to survive a Jewish ghetto and two Nazi concentration camps. You will be changed by Sara's personal account and learn what she believes can help us today, in dealing with a world still filled with double standards, violence and hatred.



SARA MOSES



SHERATON WESTPORT HOTEL LAKESIDE CHALET – ST LOUIS, MO

888-627-7066

314-434-5010

(Please reference the USS Ticonderoga Reunion to obtain the special reunion room rate)

The newly renovated Sheraton Westport Hotel Lakeside Chalet is conveniently located at 191 Westport Plaza, St Louis, MO 63146, in the heart of St Louis, approximately 25 minutes from downtown. The hotel is an all pedestrian village with 15 different restaurants, night clubs, comedy club and live playhouse. In addition, the hotel front desk can arrange for shuttle service to Harrah's Casino. The hotel is approximately seven miles from the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. If you are driving, please call the hotel directly for accurate driving instructions. The hotel offers complimentary parking at the hotel garage and surface lots. Each room features a coffee/tea maker, iron/ironing board, hairdryer, and high speed internet access. The hotel is designated non-smoking. It also offers an indoor heated pool at the nearby Plaza, fitness facility and golf courses nearby. Handicapped rooms are subject to availability.

The hotel provides complimentary parking for its guests. Check-in time is 3:00pm; check-out time is 12:00pm. **Lucerne Restaurant** offers a traditional American cuisine for breakfast, lunch or dinner. **Lucerne Lounge** is a relaxing place to meet with friends for drinks. Room service is also available.

The Sheraton Westport offers complimentary airport shuttle service to and from the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. The shuttle runs every ½ hour, from 6:30 am-11:00 pm. The van arrives at the airport on the ½ hour, but there is also a courtesy phone located at the baggage claim area of the airport if needed. Space is limited on complimentary services, so you may want to make other arrangements.

The hotel offers parking for RVs. For full hook-ups contact the St Louis RV Park at either 800-878-3330 or 314-241-3330. They are located at 900 North Jefferson Ave, St Louis, MO 63106, which is approximately 20 miles from the hotel.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details. All prices quoted include delivery fees.

Vendors, Schedules, and Prices are subject to change.

-----CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL-----

USS TICONDEROGA REUNION - HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

REUNION DATES: MAY 17-MAY 21, 2012

NAME _____ SHARING ROOM W/ _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

TEL. NUMBER (_____) _____ STARWOOD PREFERRED GUEST # _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ APPROX. TIME _____ DEP. DATE _____

___ # OF ROOMS ___ # OF PEOPLE IN RM. ___ HANDICAP ACCESS ___ KING BED ___ 2 DOUBLE BEDS

In the event room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned.

RATE: \$95 + tax, currently 15.175%. Rate good 3 days before and after reunion dates, based on availability.

CUT OFF DATE: 04/17/12. Late reservations will be processed based on space availability at a higher rate.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled by 6:00 pm on date of arrival. Adjustments to departure date after check-in, resulting in a shortened length of stay, will result in a 50% of one night's room and tax early-departure fee unless departure is due to illness or family emergency.

All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit, enclosed.

_____ AMEX _____ DINERS _____ VISA _____ MASTER CARD _____ DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) _____

MAIL TO: SHERATON WESTPORT HOTEL * 191 WESTPORT PLAZA * ST LOUIS, MO 63146 *

FAX TO: 314-434-0140 ATTN: RESERVATIONS or visit the online reservation website

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/ussticonderoga>

**USS TICONDEROGA REUNION
MAY 17 – 21, 2012
SHERATON WESTPORT LAKESIDE CHALET – ST. LOUIS, MO**

Thursday, May 17

3:00pm - Early Bird Arrivals
Hospitality Room open for the duration of the reunion.

Friday, May 18

1:30pm - 5:30pm **Reunion Registration Open**
6:15pm - 10:15pm **DINNER CRUISE** (description follows)

Saturday, May 19

8:00am - 10:30am Board Meeting
10:00am - 10:30am **Reunion Registration Open**
11:00am - 4:00pm **CITY TOUR** (description follows)
4:30pm - 5:30pm **Reunion Registration Open. Additional hours will be posted at the reunion, if necessary.**
5:00pm - 6:00pm Complimentary Wine, Beer, and Cheese Reception

Sunday, May 20

8:00am - 10:00am Business Meeting
10:30am - 3:30pm **KIMMSWICK HISTORIC TOUR** (description follows)
5:00pm - 6:00pm Pictures
6:00pm - Cash Bar
7:00pm - 11:00pm Banquet Dinner with entertainment
Speaker: Sara Moses – Holocaust Survivor

Monday, May 21

8:00am - 9:00am Memorial Service
9:00am - 10:30am Farewell Breakfast

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, 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

Register online and pay by credit card at

www.afr-reg.com/ticonderoga2012

MAY ALSO BE DOWNLOADED AT: WWW.BIGT.NET (REUNIONS PAGE)

USS TICONDEROGA REUNION ASSOCIATION

Tour Descriptions

PADDLEWHEELER DINNER CRUISE

Friday, May 18

Enjoy a Dinner Cruise on Gateway Riverboats' Becky Thatcher or Tom Sawyer paddlewheelers, reminiscent of a time past when the river was the highway to the next port city. Your Captain will narrate and take you back to recapture the vibrant life on the river during the peak of the steamboat era. The stars and moon of ages ago will still be out there shining as a reminder of what was, while the bright city lights illuminating St. Louis' skyline reveals what the city is today. A mouth-watering prime rib dinner and live entertainment will keep you happy as you cruise the Mighty Mississippi River.

6:15pm board bus, 10:15pm back at hotel
\$68/Person includes bus, escort, and dinner cruise.

ST. LOUIS CITY TOUR

Saturday, May 19

Enjoy a guided tour of St. Louis, beginning with the waterfront and The Gateway Arch, the tallest national monument in the United States. Take in Laclede's Landing, a revitalized 19th century warehouse district with cobblestone streets and cast-iron street lamps. From there, you'll head to Kiener Plaza, located in the very heart of downtown St. Louis with a fabulous view of the Old Court House and the Gateway Arch. You'll have time to enjoy lunch on your own at your choice of a number of eateries including St. Louis Bread Co., Hardee's, TGI Fridays, and Charlie Gritto's. From there, we'll head through the Soulard area, one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city with homes dating from the mid to late 1800s. A highlight today will be the Stables tour at the Anheuser Busch Brewery to meet the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales. These majestic giants have appeared in some of the most memorable Super Bowl commercials over the years and represent a special part of Anheuser-Busch's history. Their size and strength will astound you, and the historic stable will make for a great photo opportunity.

11:00am board bus, 4:00pm back at hotel
\$35/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.

KIMMSWICK HISTORIC TOUR

Sunday, May 20

Close to St. Louis, yet far away from the hustle and bustle of the big city, is the delightful village of Kimmswick. This small town located near the Mississippi River offers a chance to step back into the less hurried days of the 1800s. Many of Kimmswick's businesses and residents still occupy original buildings from the period of the town's founding in 1859. When you arrive, you'll enjoy lunch at the popular Blue Owl. The Blue Owl prepares home-cooked meals and fabulous desserts served on Old English china in a charming atmosphere. You'll be able to select an entrée from six choices, including the special of the day. Best of all, you can also choose your favorite from the Blue Owl's incredible dessert case! Following lunch you'll head to the home of Mabel-Ruth and her husband, the late Frederick Straub Anheuser. Enjoy the views of the 23-acre grounds from their river-front estate. See a collection of Brewery artifacts and Anheuser family heirlooms including Mrs. Anheuser's Westward Ho Crystal collection and two 1904 hand-carved World's Fair beds. Following your tour of the Anheuser Estate, enjoy some free time to look through the many shops downtown.

10:30am board bus, 3:30pm back at hotel
\$60/Person includes bus, guide, lunch, and admission.

Driver and staff gratuities are not included in the tour prices.
Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.
All trips require a minimum of thirty-five people, unless otherwise stated.

USS TICONDEROGA REUNION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order (no credit cards or phone orders accepted). Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/ticonderoga2012. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before April 17, 2012. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. All new registrations accepted at the reunion will be charged a \$10 onsite processing fee. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: USS TICONDEROGA

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Date Received _____
 Inputted _____ Nametag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS 4/17/12

| | Price Per | # of People | Total |
|---|-----------|-------------|-------|
| <u>TOURS</u> | | | |
| FRIDAY: DINNER CRUISE | \$68 | | \$ |
| SATURDAY: CITY TOUR | \$35 | | \$ |
| SUNDAY: KIMMSWICK HISTORIC TOUR | \$60 | | \$ |
| <u>HOTEL EVENTS</u> | | | |
| SUNDAY: BANQUET <i>(please select your entrée below)</i> | | | |
| Grilled Salmon w/ Chardonnay Cream Sauce | \$ 40 | | \$ |
| Chicken Marsala | \$ 40 | | \$ |
| MONDAY: BREAKFAST BUFFET | \$ 21 | | \$ |
| <u>REGISTRATION FEES</u> | | | |
| Armed Forces Reunions Registration Fee (mandatory for all attendees) | \$ 10 | | \$ |
| Group Registration Fee (waived if only attending one event, i.e. banquet) | \$ 70 | | \$ |
| Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. | | | \$ |

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAMETAG

FIRST _____ LAST _____

YEARS ON BOARD _____ - _____ RATE/RANK _____

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____

GUEST NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____ PH. NUMBER (_____) _____ - _____

EMAIL _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly to hotel)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? YES NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (_____) _____ - _____

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

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