

**USS TICONDEROGA VETERANS ASSOCIATION MAY 16 – 20, 2019  
SHERATON ALBUQUERQUE UPTOWN ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**THURSDAY, MAY 16** *Daily breakfast is included in your room rate. Served in the*

**3:00pm - 7:00pm** **Reunion Registration Open**  
Hospitality Room open for the duration of the reunion

**FRIDAY, MAY 17**

**9:00am - 1:30pm** SANDIA TRAMWAY & ANDERSON ABRUZZO ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON MUSEUM TOUR

**SATURDAY, MAY 18**

**10:00am - 4:30pm** ALBUQUERQUE CITY TOUR / NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE & HISTORY

**SUNDAY, MAY 19**

**8:00am - 10:00am** Executive Board Meeting  
**10:00am - 12:00pm** General Business Meeting  
**10:00am - 11:00am** Ladies Function in Hospitality Room  
**12:00am - 4:00pm** Free time  
**4:00pm - 6:00PM** Pictures taken  
**6:00pm - 7:00pm** Cash Bar Reception  
**7:00pm - 11:00pm** Banquet

**MONDAY, MAY 21**

**8:00am - 9:00am** Memorial Service Farewells and departures



**TOUR DESCRIPTIONS**

**SANDIA TRAMWAY & ANDERSON-ABRUZZO ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON MUSEUM Friday, May 17, 2019**

Start the day by enjoying the most “uplifting” experience in town as you tour the newly opened Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum. Named after two local balloonists, Ben Abruzzo and Maxie Anderson, who made history in 1978 when they completed the first non-stop crossing of the Atlantic Ocean by gas balloon. You will discover the adventures and achievements of ballooning through scientific experiments, the arts, warfare, espionage, and the exploration of space. While you are visiting hop on a simulated balloon ride and enjoy the interactive exhibits and media presentations as you learn the history of ballooning. After the museum, we will head for the Sandia Peak Tramway and a ride on the world's longest aerial tram. You will glide from the desert floor for 2.7 miles to the peak at 10,378 feet in this fifteen-minute ride. The panoramic view from the top will cover all of Albuquerque and beyond. There will be time to look at the displays and gift shop at the top before returning. You may want to bring a light jacket; it could be cool at the top.

**9:00am board bus, 1:30pm back at hotel**  
**\$65/Person includes bus, guide, and admissions.**  
**No lunch is included on this tour.**

**Note: Due to the elevation, individuals with respiratory or heart conditions should consult their doctor before taking this tour.**

**CITY TOUR / NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE & HISTORY Saturday, May 18, 2019**

Discover the original site of Albuquerque founded by the Spanish in 1706, with a visit to Old Town. At the plaza, your guide will give you a brief orientation, after which you will be on your own for lunch and shopping among the approximately 140 arts and crafts shops, restaurants, and galleries. Most of the buildings are still of the Territorial or Spanish architectural style and provide a delightful step into the past. Next, tour the National Atomic Museum, where the complete history of U.S. nuclear development unfolds around you. Prominently featured is the Manhattan Project, the sophisticated scientific engineering effort centered in New Mexico that developed, produced, and tested the first atomic bomb. Continue with the tour, which will include old Route 66, the Country Club area, the University of New Mexico campus, and a stop at West Mesa for a panoramic view of the city.

**10:00am board bus, 4:30pm back at hotel**  
**\$60/Person includes bus, guide, and admission.**  
**Lunch on your own.**

*Tour prices do not include gratuity for bus driver and tour guide/escort. In order to accommodate an on-time departure, please be at the bus boarding area five minutes prior to posted time.*