

USMC COMBAT HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2018
SHERATON WESTPORT HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MO

Wednesday, September 5

1200 - 1800 **Early Bird Registration open/SNAFU desk open**
Evening on your own
Squadron Hootches open - TBD

Thursday, September 6

0830 - 1700 **Registration open/SNAFU desk open**
0830 - 1700 Vendor Area Open
0900 - 1530 *St. Louis City Tour with Sightseeing Cruise*
1000 - 1400 *Mount Pleasant Winery Tour & Lunch*
1300 - 1500 Board of Directors Meeting
1800 - 2100 Welcome Buffet Dinner and cash bar

Friday, September 7

0800 - 1000 **Registration open/SNAFU desk open**
0800 - 1700 Vendor Area Open
0800 - 1500 Golf Tournament
0900 - 1530 *St. Louis City Tour with Brewery Tour*
1030 - 1530 *Kimmswick Historic Tour*
1200 - 1700 **Registration open/SNAFU desk open**
Squadron Dinners
1815 - 2215 *Paddlewheeler Dinner Cruise*

Saturday, September 8

1130 - 1530 *St. Charles Historic Tour*
1300 - 1700 Vendor Area Open
1700 - 1800 Happy Hour
1800 - 2100 Closing Dinner

Sunday, September 9

Farewells and Departures. See you in 2020!!

Register online for reunion activities at www.afr-reg.com/popasmoke2018

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

ST. LOUIS CITY TOUR & SIGHTSEEING CRUISE

Thursday, September 6

Enjoy a guided tour of St. Louis. Drive through Forest Park, home of the 1904 World's fair, as well the St. Louis Zoo and several museums. Our first stop is at the Cathedral Basilica to see one of the largest collections of mosaic art. Following a tour at the Cathedral, we will take a driving tour passing by St. Louis University, Fabulous Fox Theatre, Powell Symphony Hall and St. Francis Xavier College Cathedral. You'll stop at Soldier's Memorial, St. Louis' tribute to the men and women who lost their lives in this country's wars. At noon we'll enjoy a delightful one hour journey back to a time when steamboats ruled the Mississippi River aboard a replica nineteenth century steamboat, and hear about the history of St. Louis and the mighty river's role today. 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. Following lunch you'll continue the driving tour past 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 as well as the diverse historic community of Soulard, located just south of downtown St. Louis. It is one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city with homes dating from the mid to late 1800s.

0900 board bus, 1530 back at hotel

\$65/Person includes bus, guide, cathedral admission and sightseeing cruise. Lunch on your own.

OR

MOUNT PLEASANT WINERY & ESTATES

Thursday, September 6

Spend a day in the beautiful Missouri Wine Country. Augusta, MO is America's first designated wine district - three years before Napa, California! We'll visit Mount Pleasant Winery, founded in 1859 by the Munch family from Germany. This site was selected because the beauty of the topography reminded them of their homeland. The cellars were built from wood and limestone from the area and were finished in 1881. These cellars are still used today to age their estate bottled wines and their international award-winning ports. During your tour of the winery and grounds you'll hear about Missouri's wine-making history and Mount Pleasant's historical sites. The winery offers a calm, friendly environment for your wine tasting, with tasting notes and experts on hand to answer your questions. Then relax on the patio with it's majestic views and enjoy a boxed lunch. Bottles of wine may be purchased to compliment your lunch.

1000 board bus, 1400 back at hotel

\$67/Person includes bus, escort, wine tasting, winery tour, and lunch.

ST. LOUIS CITY TOUR & ANHEUSER-BUSCH BREWERY TOUR

Friday, September 7

Enjoy a guided tour of St. Louis. Drive through Forest Park, home of the 1904 World's fair, as well the St. Louis Zoo and several museums. Our first stop is at the Cathedral Basilica to see one of the largest collections of mosaic art. Following a tour at the Cathedral, we will take a driving tour passing by St. Louis University, Fabulous Fox Theatre, Powell Symphony Hall and St. Francis Xavier College Cathedral. You'll stop at Soldier's Memorial, St. Louis' tribute to the men and women who lost their lives in this country's wars. 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. Following lunch you'll continue the driving tour past 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 as well as the diverse historic community of Soulard, located just south of downtown St. Louis. It is one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city with homes dating from the mid to late 1800s. The last stop is at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery where you will be guided through a blend of rich brewing heritage, state-of-the-art technology and extraordinary architecture.

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

\$46/Person includes bus, guide and cathedral admission. Lunch on your own.

(Note: The Cathedral Basilica Tour will not be available in the event of a wedding or other church event)

OR

KIMMSWICK HISTORIC TOUR
Friday, September 7

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 Restaurant. 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 a Lunch Trio from the following – quiche, soup, salad, mini croissant sandwich, or homemade pie. 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.

\$64/Person Tuesday-Sunday
10:30am board bus, 3:30pm back at hotel
Includes bus, guide, lunch, and admission.

GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friday, September 7

0800 shotgun start, carpooling recommended. Greens fees and cart included.
\$40/pp AGE 55+, \$46/pp all others

PADDLEWHEELER DINNER CRUISE
Friday, September 7

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 dinner buffet will include salads, vegetables, a beef carving station, chicken entrée, vegetarian entrée and desserts. Enjoy live entertainment that will keep you happy as you cruise the Mighty Mississippi River.

1815 board bus, 2115 back at hotel
This tour can accommodate a maximum of 175 people.
\$78/Person includes bus, escort, and dinner cruise.

ST. CHARLES HISTORIC TOUR
Saturday, September 8

Go back in time in the beautiful town of St. Charles. Walk around the nine-block National Register Historic District, complete with brick streets, gaslights, and charming restored buildings. Browse through over seventy-five one-of-a-kind antique, craft, gift shops, and a variety of quaint restaurants. Consider a tour of the Old Capitol building, dating back to 1821 (small admission fee). Enjoy lunch on your own in one of the many restaurants nearby.

1130 board bus, 1530 back at hotel
\$34/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.

Driver and guide 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 people, unless otherwise stated.

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 (\$7 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.