

USS HORNET ASSOCIATION - 2023 REUNION

Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX | October 11-16, 2023

WELCOME TO DFW



This ideal location for a reunion offers a unique blend of southwestern warmth, cosmopolitan flair, old-west charm and modern sophistication. You will have the opportunity to experience the best of both Dallas and Fort Worth during your reunion. We will once again be combining two great warships into one big, fun, reunion. Don't miss it!

HOTEL INFORMATION

Our reunion officially runs from Wednesday, October 11 to Monday, October 16, 2023 at the *DFW Airport Marriott South*, located at 4151 Centreport Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The room rate is just **\$149** plus tax per night and **includes full breakfast buffet** served during reunion dates in a designated breakfast area for the group. For those who choose to extend their stay the group rate is available up to 3 days before and after, based on availability. If you have any trouble getting a room at the group rate call MRP @ 817-251-3551 for assistance and probable resolution.

The most fool-proof way to make your hotel reservations is through the reunion website OR simply type/paste the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/4wpst7m8> into your browser. You may also call Marriott Reservations at **800-228-9290**. You may cancel your hotel up to 72 hours prior to arrival without penalty. Guest rooms feature ultra-comfortable bedding with plush mattresses and down comforters. The hotel is holding rooms until they sell out or September 10, whichever comes first! Don't miss out on a discounted room.



AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION & PARKING

If you are flying to the reunion, the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport (DFW) is the closest to the hotel. The hotel provides a FREE airport shuttle on request by calling the hotel at 817-358-1700 in advance. All shuttle service pick-ups are on the lower level of the airport. For those of you driving, there is complimentary on-site parking. Call the hotel directly for driving directions.

Travel safely and we will

See y'all in Texas!



USS CONSTELLATION & USS HORNET 2023 REUNION EVENTS

Group Welcome Reception – Wednesday, October 11 (6:00pm)
Social Reception in the Hospitality Room – *All are welcome!*

George W. Bush Presidential Center \OR/ the JFK Assassination Museum
Thursday, October 12 (9:00am-3:00pm)

Today you have a choice between two classic Dallas attractions. The [Bush Center](#) is a classic Presidential Library and a wondrous Museum of things the President manages. Artifacts include formal wear, a mockup of the Oval Office and an amazing exhibit on 9/11, among many other things. You may opt instead for time at the [Sixth Floor Museum in Dealey Plaza](#) – the “JFK Assassination Museum”. This world-class museum chronicles the life of JFK through his assassination at Dealey Plaza. You’ll get chills when you see the rifle and staging area by the window on the 6th floor, where the fatal shot was fired on that fateful day in Dallas.

Group Dinner at the Hotel – Followed by USS Hornet Business Meeting
Thursday, October 12 (6:30pm)

All are welcome to attend the group dinner which will be followed by the Hornet business meeting.

Fort Worth – Gateway to the West Tour
Friday, October 13 (9:00am-3:00pm)

Our guide leads you on a mostly riding tour of Ft. Worth to learn of the fascinating history and “*how the West was won*”. [FTW](#) was the *Gateway to the West*, the last protected settlement before “Indian Territory”. This was also the start of the famed *Chisolm Trail*, and the massive cattle drives to the rail heads in Kansas. We will witness the Longhorn “cattle drive” down Main Street in the famed [Stockyards](#) area where Butch Cassidy’s gang was fingered. Afterwards, there will be time on your own for lunch and exploring. Feel free to wear your Cowboy hat and boots here – you’ll fit right in!

LIVE Professional Rodeo in the Stockyard’s Cowboy Coliseum
Friday, October 13 (5:30pm-10:00pm)

[Cowtown Coliseum](#) is a 3,418-seat arena built in 1908. It is the first indoor rodeo arena built in America and Elvis Presley once performed here, but it’s mostly for professional rodeo. Pardner, this is the real mccooy! You’ll see Bull ridin’, Bronco bustin’, Barrel racing, and the crazy antics of the rodeo clowns. You’ll have time for dinner on your own in the Stockyards followed by the Rodeo. Again, wear your cowboy hat and boots if you got ‘em. A great night out - don’t miss it!

VIP Walking Tour of Texas Rangers Ballpark
Saturday, October 14 (9:00am-11:30am)

Come see what a BILLION dollars buys you in a Baseball Stadium these days. Our special ballpark tour takes you behind-the-scenes with a VIP tour of Globe Life Field. Explore locations like premium venues, unique club spaces, luxury suites and more. Discover Globe Life’s rich history, impressive architecture, and fun photo opportunities around every corner. Ballpark tours last approximately 60 minutes and there is a good amount of walking and some stairs. Walkers/scooters are not permitted.

Riding Tour of “Big-D”
Saturday, October 14 (1:00pm-5:00pm)

Our local guide will take you on a riding tour of Dallas, from the [Flying Red Horse](#) to the Sculpture Garden, to the Perot Museum to Victory Plaza and the American Airlines arena home to the Dallas Mavericks and Stars. You’ll see all the best sights Big D has to offer on this relaxing trip.

Historic Grapevine Excursion Sunday, October 15 (10:00am-3:00pm)

Grapevine's story began in 1843 when General Sam Houston and representatives of the Republic of Texas met with members of 10 American Indian nations. They joined to negotiate a treaty of peace and friendship at Grape Vine Springs. It resulted in a document, the *Treaty of Birds Fort* which opened the area to homesteaders who started rolling in on covered wagons.. The wild mustang grapes that were abundant there gave the area its name, [Grapevine](#). Grapevine originated under the Lone Star flag of the Republic of Texas in 1844, a year before Texas was annexed by the United States of America. We will have a little riding tour before giving you a few hours on [Main Street](#) full of restaurants, [museums and attractions](#) like the [Vintage Rail Depot](#) and unique Texas curio shops. No chain stores here, it's all independent and totally unique shopping. There is something for everyone!

ALTERNATIVE: VIP Walking Tour of Cowboy Stadium Sunday, October 15 (11:30am-2:00pm)

Come see what a BILLION dollars bus you in a football stadium these days. Locally known as *The Palace in Dallas* or "Jerry's World" after owner Jerry Jones, this simply stunning facility is something to behold. You'll see the longest LED screen in the world that spans 60 yards, tour the Luxury Suites that rent for tens of thousands of dollars, visit the Cowboys Locker room not to mention the Cowboy Cheerleaders area, the Press Room where they conduct after game interviews and perhaps the highlight for some, the chance to actually get down on the field for that special photo-op and time to toss a football around to make that fantasy touchdown we dreamed about as kids! This is a special day but does involve a lot of walking so wear comfy shoes. Walkers/Scooter are not permitted and some stairs are involved, so consider your limitations before signing up for this incredible tour!

Tour Cancellation Insurance

Protect yourself from unforeseen expenses caused by sickness, injury or any other causes that impact your travel plans. This insurance enables a refund of tour & banquet expenses (less processing fee) up to midnight the day before the start of your reunion. Without cancellation insurance all money received is non-refundable 6 weeks prior to the reunion. You will need to cancel the hotel reservation yourself.

Banquet Dinner Sunday, October 15 (6:00pm)

Join your friends for then *Farewell Banquet Dinner* at the Hotel. Due to cost, there will not be a cash bar at dinner so we will go right from the hospitality room to dinner at 6pm. Please make your entrée selection on the reservation form.

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 30, 2023

- Tour times are subject to change. Please review the final itinerary posted at Registration. No refunds given for missed tours.
- Buses require a minimum of 35 people to operate.
- There will be a \$20 pp surcharge for orders taken over the phone. Please have your order ready before calling MRP.
- Reservation money is non-refundable after due date unless *Tour Cancellation insurance* is purchased.
- Insurance holders are eligible for a refund, less processing fee, until Midnight the day before the 1st day of the reunion.
- Insurance ends once the reunion begins. Notification in writing/email must be received prior to start of reunion.
- Watch for an email confirmation of your order and online roster update as your proof of payment.
- Changes not possible online including cancellations. Email/Mail notice for cancellations required.
- There is a refund processing fee of \$15 per person plus any credit card fees imposed by the carrier (currently 3.5%)
- MRP will not be held liable for failure of vendors to provide contracted services or any injuries/accidents that may occur during the reunion. No refunds given should Covid Status change.
- There is substantial walking on some tours – email us if you have specific questions and consider your limitations.

Call or email MRP if you need to add, cancel or modify your reservation at 817-251-3551 or email: raycasey@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com. MRP agents are available weekdays from 9-4 CST. Voice Mail is 24/7
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2023 DFW REUNION RESERVATION FORM

Complete form and send a check to MRP, Box 1588 Colleyville, TX 76024

DATE	TIME	EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
Wed 10/11	1800	Welcome Reception at Hotel (Free) – Enter QTY attending			
Thu 10/12	0900-1500	George W. Bush Presidential Center	\$49 pp		
Thu 10/12	0900-1500	<i>Alternative: Sixth Floor aka JFK Assassination Museum</i>	\$49 pp		
Thu 10/12	1830	Group Dinner at the Hotel (Hornet Biz Meeting to follow)	\$48 pp		
Fri 10/13	0900-1500	Fort Worth Tour – including time in the famous <i>Stockyards</i>	\$45 pp		
Fri 10/13	1730-2200	Live Pro Rodeo in the Stockyard’s Cowtown Coliseum	\$60 pp		
Sat 10/14	0900-1200	VIP Walking Tour of Texas Rangers’ Stadium	\$35 pp		
Sat 10/14	1300-1700	Riding Tour of “Big D”	\$45 pp		
Sun 10/15	1000-1500	Historic Downtown Grapevine Excursion	\$26 pp		
Sun 10/15	1130-1400	<i>Alternative: VIP Walking Tour of Dallas Cowboys’ Stadium</i>	\$45 pp		
Sun 10/15	1800	Farewell Banquet Dinner – make selection below			
		Chicken	\$58 pp		
		Beef	\$60 pp		
		Reunion Registration Fee (Per person): (Non-Refundable)	\$45 pp		
		Non-refundable Late Reservation Fee (If registering after Aug.30, 2023)	\$15 pp		
		Tour Cancellation Insurance: Protect your \$\$\$ (Fee is non-refundable)	\$20 pp		
TOTAL					

>>> PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NAME (As you want it to appear on badge): _____	
SPOUSE: _____	GUEST(s): _____
ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____
CELL PHONE: _____	EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____	CELL PHONE: _____
CREW of USS: _____	YEARS ON BOARD: 19 _____ TO 19 _____ FIRST REUNION? _____
SPECIAL NEEDS (Dietary, etc) _____	DO YOU NEED A WHEELCHAIR LIFT TO RIDE BUS? _____

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WEDNESDAY 10/11

- Main hotel check-in
- Hospitality in the Clear Fork room all week
- 1800 Social Reception in the Hospitality Room – *All are Welcome!* .

THURSDAY 10/12:

- 0930 Depart for Dallas Excursion (Event A)
- 1030 George W. Bush Presidential Center or JFK Assassination Museum
- 1200 Lunch on your own
downtown
- 1530 Depart for hotel ETA 1630
- 1830 Group Buffet Dinner followed by Hornet Business Meeting (Event WD)

FRIDAY, 10/13:

- 0930 Depart for FTW City Tour (Event B)
- 1000 Tour Fort Worth ending in the stockyards
- 1130 Longhorn Cattle Drive on Main Street
- 1200 Time for lunch on your own in the Stockyards
- 1500 Depart for hotel / ETA 1530
- Free time to relax
- 1730 Depart for Cowtown Coliseum in the Stockyards (Event C)
- 1800 Dinner on your own
- 1930 Rodeo Starts/ Ends 930
- 2200 ETD for Hotel/ ETA 2230

SATURDAY, 10/14:

- 0930 Depart for Rangers' Ballpark Tour (Event D)
- 1000 Tour Stadium
- 1130
Depart
- 1300 Riding Tour of "Big D"
- 1600 Depart for hotel / ETA 1630
- Dinner and Evening on your own

SUNDAY, 10/15:

- 0900 USS Constellation Business Meeting
- 1000 Bus departs for Historic Grapevine Excursion (Event F)
- 1030 Tour of Grapevine Main Street
- 1100 Time on own for browsing and lunch
- 11:30 Alternative: VIP Walking Tour of Dallas Cowboys Stadium
- 1430 Depart Grapevine for the hotel/ETA 1500
- 1800 Farewell Banquet at the Hotel. Please bring your meal ticket and place it in front of your plate for your server.

MONDAY, 10/16:

- Breakfast & Fare Wells until Next Year

**MRP has negotiated for Complimentary Breakfast During the Reunion
Please come early for best service and food quality.
Thanks for coming; see you next time!**