

KWVA Reunion in Norfolk, Virginia October 22-26, 2008 TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

MACARTHUR MEMORIAL/ NAUTICUS

Thursday, October 23

Downtown Norfolk is home to the MacArthur Memorial, the final resting place of the late General and eleven-gallery museum. We'll have a Memorial Service and official welcome in the main gallery, and then you will have time to explore the museum and the General's legacy on your own. Be sure to visit the gift shop and see a film summarizing the General's life and achievements. We'll then depart for Nauticus, an exciting 120,000 square-foot science and technology center that explores the power of the sea with interactive and educational exhibits. On the second deck of Nauticus is the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, which features a large collection of naval artwork, ship models and underwater artifacts. Also part of Nauticus is the USS Wisconsin. The Wisconsin is one of the largest and last battleships to be built by the U.S. Navy, and the main deck is open to the public.

9:00 am board bus, 3 pm back at hotel. \$40/Person includes bus and escort. Lunch on your own.

SPIRIT OF NORFOLK DINNER CRUISE

Thursday, October 23

Board bus for the Spirit of Norfolk, the premiere cruise boat on Norfolk's waterfront. The harbor dinner cruise with live musical entertainment features the sights of Hampton Roads harbor, the mighty ships at the Norfolk Naval Station, and a lavish dinner buffet. Please note: The ship is approximately three blocks from the hotel; transportation is not included in this event. The Spirit of Norfolk starts boarding for the cruise at 6:30pm.

\$60/Person includes dinner cruise only (no transportation). Cruise is from 7pm-10pm

MARINER'S MUSEUM / WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Friday, October 24

Begin your day at the Mariner's Museum, where you'll find one of the largest international maritime history museums filled to the crow's nest with prized artifacts that celebrate the spirit of seafaring adventure. Explore over 60,000 square feet of gallery space with rare figureheads, handcrafted ship models, Civil War ironclad USS Monitor artifacts, paintings, small craft from around the world, and much more. The much-anticipated USS Monitor Center opened to the public on March 9, 2007. This \$30 million addition to the Mariners' Museum truly represents one of the nation's premier Civil War attractions. You can walk on a full-scale replica of the Monitor and enjoy exciting interactive exhibits. Lunch will be on your own at the Mariner's Museum Café, where you can enjoy a variety of fare from soups to salads to sandwiches and desserts. After lunch we'll go to the War Memorial Museum; this museum outlines the history of all America's wars, with special emphasis on World War II. It contains one of the largest collections of propaganda posters and boasts several specialized exhibits, such as women and blacks and their changing roles in the military.

9:30am board bus, 3:30pm back at the hotel \$50/Person includes bus, escort, and admission. 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.

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