

LPHs – IWO JIMA CLASS
SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 1, 2023
HILTON KANSAS CITY | KANSAS CITY, MO

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 11:00am - 5:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**
- 11:00am - 8:00pm Hospitality / Memorabilia Room Open
- 1:00pm - 3:00pm Kansas City Tour
- 4:30pm - 6:30pm Welcome Reception, provided by the Association
Dinner and evening on your own

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 7:00am - 9:00am Breakfast Served in Hospitality Room
- 7:00am - 8:00pm Hospitality / Memorabilia Room Open
- 8:45am - 9:15am Ships Meeting
- 8:00am - 5:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**
- 9:45am - 3:30pm STEAMBOAT ARABIA
- 6:30pm - 9:30pm PAJAMA PARTY WITH PIZZA AND SUCH (AND BEER!) – AT HOTEL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 7:00am - 9:00am Breakfast Served in Hospitality Room
- 7:00am - 6:00pm Hospitality / Memorabilia Room open
- 7:30am Board Meeting
- 8:30am - 4:00pm ST. JOSEPH/PATEE HOUSE MUSEUM/PONY EXPRESS MUSEUM
- 6:00pm - 10:30pm BBQ DINNER AT HOTEL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 7:00am - 9:00am Breakfast Served in Hospitality Room
- 7:00am - 12:00pm Hospitality / Memorabilia Room open (closes at noon)
- 8:30am - 9:30am General Business Meeting
- 9:45am - 3:00pm NATIONAL WORLD WAR I MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL
- 5:00pm Photographs and Cash Bar
- 6:00pm - 9:00pm Ceremony and Banquet

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 7:00am - 9:00am Breakfast Served in Hospitality Room
Farewells and Departures

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 registration fee (\$50 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 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

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Wednesday, September 27, 2023

KANSAS CITY TOUR (LIBERTY MEMORIAL)

Kansas City is known as the City of Fountains - see why as we make our way through the area. Some points of interest include Lewis and Clark Point, Union Station, and the Liberty Memorial, the only memorial dedicated to those who served in World War I. A new addition to the downtown area is the Kauffman Performing Arts Center, much like the Opera House in Australia. Also enjoy Kauffman Gardens.

1:00pm board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel
\$53/Person includes bus and guide.

Thursday, September 28, 2023:

STEAMBOAT ARABIA MUSEUM

Discover the treasures of the Steamboat Arabia. Journey back to 1856, America's Golden Age of steamboating, when the Great White Arabia sank in the Missouri River. Her excavation in 1988 uncovered a "time capsule" of remarkably preserved 1856 frontier supplies including jewelry, china, cookware, clothing, and food. This international cargo is the largest collection of pre-Civil War artifacts in existence, and the display keeps growing! Enjoy free time for lunch on your own at the museum's cafe, or at the adjacent City Market. This historic area features a farmer's market, as well as gift shops, restaurants, and galleries.

9:45am board bus, 3:30pm back at hotel
\$61/Person includes bus, guide, and admission. Lunch on your own

Friday, September 29, 2023:

St Joseph City Tour – Patee House Museum and Jesse James Home

Owned and operated by the Pony Express Historical Association, the luxury hotel was built in 1858 by John Patee. It served as the headquarters for the Pony Express as well as the Provost Marshal's office for the Union Army during the Civil War. Today, the Patee House is a museum of communications and transportation. Enjoy time on your own to explore all the museum has to offer, including a peek at the recreation of the Buffalo Saloon and the "Wild Things" Carousel. This vintage carousel was built in the 1940s. It features a set of unique animals carved by St. Joseph native, Bruce White. For an extra \$1 per person, you can take a spin if you choose. Also, included with your visit is the home of outlaw Jesse James. Take a break and head to downtown St. Joseph for downtime to have lunch at one of many local eateries and maybe doing some shopping. Last stop, Pony Express! Museum that is. Spend some time exploring the legend and the legacy of the Pony Express and its enduring era. Don't forget to visit the gift shop where you will find books, toys, clothing and more!

8:30am board bus, 4:00pm back at hotel
\$80/Person includes bus, guide and admission. Lunch on your own.
\$1.00 per person payable on-site for the Carousel ride

Saturday, September 30, 2023:

NATIONAL WORLD WAR I MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL

Ranked the number one attraction in Kansas City and the fifth best museum in the United States, the National World War I Museum and Memorial has been called a "national treasure". Steeped in history, the National World War I Museum and Memorial is America's only museum dedicated to sharing the stories of the Great War through the eyes of those who lived it. Enjoy free time to tour the museum at your own pace. In the museum you'll enjoy interactive displays, thought-provoking films and eyewitness testimonies, while receiving a narrated tour of the largest collection of WWI artifacts in the world. For an additional cost, you can choose to go up the Liberty Memorial Tower, which rises 217 feet above the main courtyard. Following the tour, grab a bite to eat on your own at the "Over There Café".

9:45am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel
\$62/Person includes bus, guide and admission. Lunch on your own. Liberty Tower is an additional cost.

Please be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time. All tours require a minimum of thirty-five people. Driver and Guide gratuities are not included in tour prices. NOTE: There is a limit of one hydraulically lifted scooter or wheelchair per handicap accessible bus. If you use a scooter but can climb the steps to board the bus, either you and/or a person traveling with you must be able to put the scooter in the bus's luggage compartment. Due to liability issues, drivers and tour guides cannot assist with scooters.