

LPHs – IWO JIMA CLASS
SEPTEMBER 25 – 29, 2019
HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT MOBILE | MOBILE, AL

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

11:00am - 5:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**
1:00pm - 8:00pm Hospitality / Memorabilia Room Open
1:00pm - 4:00pm AUSTAL SHIPBUILDING TOUR
4:30pm - 6:30pm President's Reception, provided by the Association
Dinner and evening on your own

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00am - 8:30am Ships Meeting
8:00am - 5:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**
9:00am - 4:00pm EASTERN SHORE OF MOBILE BAY TOUR
8:00am - 8:00pm Hospitality / Memorabilia Room Open
5:00pm - 9:00pm DINNER AT ORIGINAL OYSTER HOUSE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:30am Board Meeting
8:00am - 6:00pm Hospitality / Memorabilia Room open
8:45am - 4:00pm NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NAVAL AVIATION TOUR WITH STOP AT FLORABAMA
6:00pm - 10:00pm MARDI GRAS PARTY AT THE MOBILE CARNIVAL MUSEUM
WITH OPEN BAR: BEER AND WINE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:00am - 12:00pm Hospitality / Memorabilia Room open (closes at noon)
9:00am - 10:00am General Business Meeting
11:00am - 3:00pm USS ALABAMA
5:00pm Photographs and Cash Bar
6:00pm - 9:00pm Ceremony and Banquet

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Farewells and Departures

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TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

AUSTAL SHIPBUILDING TOUR
Wednesday, September 25

Thanks to a contact Dianne Martin and Ben Sumrall have, we are being offered a rare opportunity to visit Austal USA. Austal USA is a prime contractor of two major U.S. Navy shipbuilding programs: the Independence-variant Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) and the Expeditionary Fast Transport (EPF). Both programs are currently under serial production at Austal USA's Mobile, Alabama shipyard. The ships from each program that Austal has delivered to the Navy have played integral roles in several major national and international Navy and Marine exercises, humanitarian relief efforts and celebrations. **For security purposes, a passport or Driver's License AND birth certificate are required for this tour.** *It is unusual for us to offer a Wednesday tour, however it was the only time that worked.*

1:00pm board bus; 4:00pm back at hotel
\$34/person includes transportation.

EASTERN SHORE OF MOBILE BAY TOUR
Thursday, September 26

Depart for a tour of the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay, one of the country's most exclusive resort areas. Along the rural Alabama countryside stands a beautiful work of religious art, the Greek Orthodox Church at Malbis Plantation, which houses over 100 hand painted icons and murals. The church, a replica of a Byzantine chapel in Athens, is a magnificent structure containing marble from the same quarry that provided stone for the Parthenon. Our next stop is the Storybook Castle, which was built by an artist during WWII using left over materials from building sites. Another popular stop is Punta Clara Candy Kitchen, located in a rambling 1897 Victorian home; this candy kitchen has been operated by the decedents of the original owners for over 50 years. The all-natural candy is made from original recipes and sold all over the nation. Enjoy lunch at a popular Mobile restaurant. Lunch will be followed by free-time to browse and shop in Fairhope, Alabama, a quaint bayside village filled with artisan shops for unique crafts and gifts.

9:00am board bus; 4:00pm back at hotel
\$70/person includes transportation.

DINNER AT ORIGINAL OYSTER HOUSE
Thursday, September 26

Enjoy a delicious dinner at The Original Oyster House Restaurant. In May of 1983, the Original Oyster House opened its doors in the Bayou Village Shopping Center in Gulf Shores. With three expansions under it's belt, the restaurant is now the oldest seafood restaurant on Pleasure Island. With the success of its first restaurant, a second was opened on the Mobile Bay Causeway in 1985. Expanding over the years, today the Original Oyster House includes a gift shop, boat dock, and over 400 seats. Enjoy a delicious dinner buffet that includes: Jumbo Fried Shrimp, Whitefish with Pecan Butter, Roast Pork Loin with Jezebel Sauce, Florentine Chicken with Cream Sauce, Red Beans and Rice, Country Green Beans, House Salad, Bread Pudding, Rolls, Tea, Soft Drinks, and Coffee.

5:00pm board bus; 9:00pm back at hotel
\$65/person includes transportation and dinner.
Tour discounted by association, originally was \$83.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NAVAL AVIATION TOUR & FLORABAMA
Friday, September 27

Pensacola, Florida is home to the National Museum of Naval Aviation, which captures naval aviation's entire heritage with over 100 planes representing the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Soar with the Blue Angels in this dazzling seven-story glass and steel atrium. The West Wing is devoted almost entirely to WWII carrier aviation and showcases a full-size replica of the USS Cabot Carrier Island and flight deck along with aircraft such as the Corsair, Avenger, and Hellcat, among others. The tour includes lunch at Cubi Bar Café, where the decor and layout duplicates the bar area of the famous Cubi Point Officers' Club that was a major source of enjoyment for Navy and Marine Corps squadrons, ships and units as they passed into the Western Pacific. On your return to the hotel, enjoy time on your own at the legendary Flora-Bama, the most famous beach bar in the world. Located in Orange Beach, the bar is home to the world famous Bushwacker.

8:45am board bus; 4:00pm return to hotel
\$58/person includes transportation, escort, admission,
and lunch. Drinks at Flora-bama are on your own.

**FUN NIGHT AT MOBILE CARNIVAL MUSEUM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

Immerse yourself in the rich history and traditions of carnival at the Mobile Carnival Museum. At the museum, you'll have the chance to see firsthand the majesty and pageantry of the costume design and float construction. Enjoy a Mardi Gras themed dinner including Marinated Beef Tenderloin with Butter Biscuits and Horseradish, Boiled Peeled Shrimp, Mediterranean Chicken Tenders, Cajun Fried Turkey, Mashed Potato Bar, Fruit and Cheese, Marinated Crab Claws, Grilled Vegetables.

**6:00pm board bus, 10:00pm back at hotel
\$45/Person includes admission to museum, dinner, open
bar with wine and beer, and cornhole tournament.
Tour discounted by association, originally was \$54.**

**USS ALABAMA
Saturday, September 28**

Enjoy a day aboard the USS Alabama starting with lunch in the Ward Room. Lunch will consist of BBQ chicken and beef brisket, barbeque sauce, baked beans, potato salad, rolls, dessert, and tea. Afterward lunch, begin a self-guided tour of the USS Alabama. This 42,000-ton battleship saw thirty-seven months of active duty, earned nine battle stars, and provided a home for more than 2,500 U.S. Navy seamen. The 100-acre park is also home to the Submarine Drum, a B-52 bomber named "The Calamity Jane," plus Corsairs, artillery, a P-51 Mustang, a Redstone rocket, and a wildlife sanctuary.

**11:30am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel
\$58/Person includes bus, escort, admission, and lunch.**

*All Trips require a minimum of 35 people, unless otherwise noted.
Please be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the published time.
Driver and Staff Gratuities are not included in the tour prices.*