

## USS ALBANY 28th ANNUAL REUNION TOURS SEPTEMBER 24 - 27, 2018

**MONDAY, 24 SEP 2018 — NAVAL BASE TOUR — 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**



- Board the motor coach with your tour guide and tour the **Norfolk Naval Base**, which is part of the **Naval Station Norfolk** - the largest naval installation in the world. Home port to 59 ships, ranging in size from aircraft carriers to submarines, 18 aircraft squadrons and headquarters of the Atlantic Fleet. This naval complex occupies over 8,000 acres of land and is home to more than 70,000 military personnel. A Navy personnel will board the coach and take you past the 14 piers, through the **Naval Air Station** and the historic homes built for the 1907 Jamestown Exposition on “Admiral’s Row” which now house the flag officers. Lunch will be enjoyed at one of the officer’s clubs on base.



- Upon departing the base, the motor coach will stop at the Navy Exchange so that members may shop on their own if they desire. The **Norfolk Navy Exchange** is the largest in the world.



- Next, learn about Norfolk’s colorful history of over three centuries as you ride through its lovely historic district and restored areas. View the stately homes along The Hague, Old St. Paul’s Church, the Moses Myers House, the Chrysler Museum of Art, MacArthur Memorial, the historic Freemason District, Nauticus a maritime center, the Battleship Wisconsin, the restored waterfront area, as well as many other points of interest. Downtown Norfolk has undergone a complete transformation in the last decade and features the beautifully renovated Town Point Park with the Armed Forces Memorial, a beautiful \$34 million cruise terminal, waterfront condos and state of the art shopping area.



- Next, enjoy a stop at **Doumar's**, home of the world's first ice cream cone machine. Abe Doumar created the first ice cream cone at the World's Fair of 1904 in St. Louis, MO. It was so successful that he designed a four-iron waffle machine that he launched during the Jamestown Exposition Of 1907. Today, the family business still bakes cones on the original cone machine.

While at Doumar's, guest will be given an introduction and history and everyone will be treated to nice cream and cone.

## Tuesday, Sept 25, 2018 — Military Aviation Museum — 9:00 AM - 4:15 PM



- Board the motor coach to visit one of Virginia Beach's most revered attractions! The Military Aviation Museum features one of the worlds's largest private collections of historic military aircraft. These were the aircraft flown during the dawn of aerial combat in the Great War, as well as during World War II and the early days of the Korean Conflict.

Each have been restored to original flying condition, using original parts whenever possible, and features the markings of the days when flown with the armed forces. The aircraft are occasionally flown for local demonstration flights, as well as at air show at the museum, and elsewhere around the country.

- The tour will begin in the West End Hangers which houses WWI and WWII planes as well as a renovated WWII control tower.



- Next will be a catered luncheon by **Mission BBQ** of Virginia Beach. During the luncheon there will be live entertainment by a Special Guest. During the luncheon the **Special Guest** will conduct a drawing for a lucky couple to take a 15 minute ride in a vintage open cockpit biplane for two people! Also one lucky person will take a 15 minute ride in a vintage open cockpit biplane for one person! Of course the pilot will be supplied for each flight! Guests will be able to watch them take off and land and take what ever photos they desire!



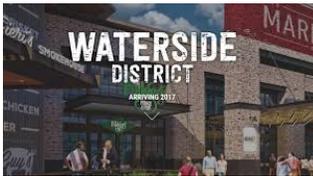
- The tour will continue after the luncheon in the Main Hanger which houses Army, Navy and Air Force vintage planes.
- Upon completion of the tours the winners will get to take their plane rides! A most unforgettable experience!

- During the time the winners are enjoying their plane rides, everyone else will have a chance to visit the gift shop and walk around on their own.

**Wednesday, Sept 26, 2018 — Nauticus, USS Wisconsin, and MacArthur Memorial — 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM**



- Board the motor coach and enjoy the trip to **The Nauticus!** Nauticus is a unique and thriving campus of visit attractions that explores the economic, naval and natural powers of the sea. Features include a series of interactive exhibits, 3D high-def films in the 250-person theater as well as aquariums of marine life. Also housed here is the **Hampton Roads Naval Museum**, one of ten museums officially operated by the U. S. Navy. Highlights of the naval battles and exhibits of detailed ship models, artwork, and memorabilia are showcased throughout.
- The highlight of the visit is a self-guided tour of the battleship **USS Wisconsin**, one of the famous Iowa-class ships. The Wisconsin saw action in WWII, the Korean War and most recently in the Persian Gulf War. The Wisconsin is permanently berthed beside Nauticus where it is accessed by a connecting walkway. Explore the Main Deck and recently opened portions of the interior to learn about the famous ship, those who fought and served on board and the role that this mighty warship has played in the defense of our nation.



- Upon completion of the tour, you will again board the motor coach to **Waterside District**. This is waterfront festival market place located on the scenic Elizabeth River. Enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many eateries in this new unique location. Go shopping and enjoy this unique market place.

- Next you will visit the **MacArthur Memorial** where you will get a glimpse into our country's history. Here you will view the outstanding collection housed in Norfolk's historic city hall which traces the life and achievements of the five-star General Douglas MacArthur. You will have the opportunity to view the short film which chronicles the General's life. The General and Mrs. MacArthur are entombed in the rotunda of the memorial. Nine separate galleries arranged in two levels circle the rotunda and tell the story of General MacArthur and the millions of American men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces from the Civil War through the Korean War. A gift shop with unique memorabilia is located on the premises.



- The **Albany Memorial Service** will be held in the evening at the hotel. Additional information will be provided at a later time.

**Thursday, Sept 27, 2018 — SPECIAL TOUR — 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**THIS IS A NON BUSINESS MEETING MEMBERS AND GUESTS ONLY TOUR!!!!!!**



- The group will board the motor coach and go visit the **Norfolk Botanical Gardens** which dates back to 1938. The Gardens are considered a premiere example of horticultural excellence. The Garden represents 175-acres of colorful landscapes, unusual flowers, mature forests and seasonal plantings. The Garden features one of the largest collection of azaleas, camellias, roses and rhododendrons on the East Coast. The Garden is home to 52 distinctive themed garden, 95 species of birds and 30 kinds of butterflies.
- While at the Garden the group will enjoy a relaxing trackless train ride and be able to spend time browsing in the Garden Gift Shop which specializes in unique gifts and gardening books.
- Next the group will stop for a treat at the **Royal Chocolate**. While at this local sweet shop they will enjoy a variety of chocolate samples from both the store and around the world. They will learn about the chocolate making process, enjoy a beverage and a small bag of treats to take home.

