



2025 USS MARS REUNION – Residence Inn, Clearwater Beach

PLAN OF THE DAY (S)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th

Meet and greet, check into hotel, stow gear and report to the Hospitality Room after 3:00 PM. The Hospitality Room is located right off the main Lobby and is the “Coastal” Room.

Dinner is on your own. The hospitality room will remain open until 10:00pm.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13th

7:00 AM –10:00 AM: Reveille and breakfast, all hands heave out.

11:00 AM: Meet in the Hospitality Room for a quick review and Q&A of the week’s activities

11:15 AM: Muster in hotel lobby.

11:30 AM: Depart for a short walk to the Calypso Queen.

12:00 PM: Board for a narrated two-hour Harbor Cruise of Clearwater Harbor. Full buffet lunch and libations (beer, wine, rum punch and sodas) will be provided during the cruise. After the cruise, it’s Liberty Call and you are free to explore the beach and shops, try out the Jolley Trolley, exchange sea stories in the Hospitality Room, or take a well deserved nap!

Dinner is on your own (if you didn’t get enough to eat on the luncheon cruise!)..

7:00 PM : Muster in hospitality room at the hotel for our Fund-Raising Raffle event, bring your donated item. Funds raised will go toward reunion fund. The hospitality room will close at 10:00PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14th

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM: Reveille and breakfast. Eat hearty, this is a full day!

8:45 AM: Muster and board the bus in rear of the hotel for the trip to Florida Aquarium and Victory Ship

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM : Tour and enjoy all of the exhibits (there are many, even penguins) that the Florida Aquarium offers.

12:00 PM – 1:45 PM Lunch on your own either at the Aquarium Snack Bar or one of the many American and ethnic cuisines at Sparkman Wharf, located nearby via a short walk . Enjoy some of the shopping there as well.

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Muster at the American Victory Ship. Docent tour will be available, or we are free to explore the ship on our own. Brief memorial for crew members who have passed will be onboard at 3:30 PM.

4:00 PM – Board the bus , return to hotel.

6:00 PM: Casual buffet dinner in Hospitality room. Hospitality Room closes at 10:00 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15th

7:00 AM – 9:30 AM: Reveille and breakfast.

9:30 – 11:00 AM: We will have our critique and business meeting in the hospitality room. After meeting, - the rest of the day is free for you to relax, shop and explore. This could be a great opportunity to explore the beach, Pier 60, the many shopping and dining attractions, and a perfect opportunity to take advantage of the "Jolley Trolley" for some sightseeing and tourism, even taking it all the way up to Dunedin or Tarpon Springs if you wish.

6:00 PM: Farewell buffet dinner served in Hospitality room and lobby.

7:30 PM: Guest speaker. Hospitality Room closes at 10:00 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16th

7:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Reveille and breakfast.

The hospitality room will not be open on Sunday, so please take all of your belongings to your rooms Sat. night .

Hotel checkout by 11:00 AM and farewell. Hope everyone has enjoyed this year's reunion in Clearwater Beach!

NOTES:

1. Buffet breakfast is served daily at the hotel from 7:00 – 10:00.
2. It is **MANDATORY** that Name badges be worn at all planned events.
3. POD's and local area maps will be available when you check in at the Hospitality room on Wednesday
4. We are not allowed to provide alcoholic beverages in the Hospitality Room. HOWEVER, you can provide your own in your suite and walk round the hotel or Hospitality Room with them (use of provided coozies is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for beer cans.). Otherwise, alcoholic beverages are available for purchase at the bar near the Hospitality room.
5. **JOLLEY TROLLEY**. Route maps have been provided in your welcome package. If you choose to use it to get around, the rate is \$2.25 per person, for each leg of your trip. Please note that you need **EXACT CHANGE** which can consist of any combination of one dollar bills and/or quarters, dimes, and nickels (no pennies). The driver does not give change. The MUCH BETTER and CHEAPER way is to download the FLAMINGO FARES app on your phone, where one \$5.00 Group Pass is good for 4 riders for ALL DAY with as many stops as you wish. See Guy Colson for details at the reunion for instructions as to how to use the app.

If you are signed up for an event but for some reason cannot attend, please contact the host, Guy Colson (203-586-9033, noslocg@yahoo.com), or Ed Biddle (713-899-5035, edbid@yahoo.com) so that we don't hold up the event waiting for you!

Fair winds and following seas...

