

KEEP THE SPIRIT OF '45 ALIVE!



Do YOU remember August 14, 1945?
Tell us YOUR Story at www.spiritof45.org

U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA BB-38
With the reunion theme...
"KEEP THE SPIRIT OF '45 ALIVE!"
Raising public awareness about the
65th anniversary on August 14, 2010

This nationwide initiative celebrates the stories of August 14, 1945,
the day that marked the end of World War II.

The question is asked:
"Where were you on August 14, 1945?"

"Everyone knows where I was on the day the war
ended! Please share your memories, and help us "Keep
the Spirit of '45 alive!"

National Spokesperson Edith Shain
"The Nurse from the Times Square Kiss"



If you were on the "Pennsy" on Tuesday, August 14, 1945, you know where you were.....fighting
to keep the "Pennsy" afloat after having been torpedoed at Buckner Bay, Okinawa on the starboard
Qtr. on Sunday evening, August 12, 1945 @ 2045 hours.

We're keeping the "Spirit of '45 Alive" by getting together for our LAST REUNION ("Scouts
Honor") on October 3-7, 2010 in San Antonio, Texas.

Drury Inn & Suites Riverwalk - San Antonio, TX

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We will be staying at the Drury Inn and Suites Riverwalk, right on the Riverwalk. This hotel was
completely renovated, remodeled and opened in 2008. Hotel reservations should be made by
calling 1-800-325-0720 mentioning the Drury Inn and Suites Riverwalk and the U.S.S
Pennsylvania group. (They have ten properties in the San Antonio area. That's why you need to
specify the hotel. Our reduced room rates are \$104 plus tax for two queen beds and \$109 plus tax
for 4 king size bed. You may call and reserve your room anytime. You can cancel anytime before
September 3, 2010.

THE TOUR

"National Museum of the Pacific War" in Fredericksburg, Texas is the HIGHLIGHT of this
reunion. Tuesday, October 5th will be a special day bringing back memories. We'll reminisce and
probably find it difficult to hold back our tears. (But that's okay.) We're going to have a great
time. We will have a memorial remembering our shipmates who were killed in action (24) on
Sunday, December 7, 1941 and those killed in action (20) on Sunday, August 12, 1945 in Buckner
Bay, Okinawa.

*The 1940s, a time when all of America was listening and dancing
to the same kind of music!*

This was the time when the music moved the nation's spirit!

When we get to Fredericksburg and take our lunch break, I'm going to have a JAGERSNITZEL AND A BIG COLD FROSTY MUG OF German beer. What'll you have? A dairy queen? We have a plush 57 passenger bus already reserved for eight hours @ \$760 which means \$19 per person if we have 40 in attendance. (The cost will be reduced if we go over 40) The cost for the museum tour is \$8.00 per person if our group numbers at least 20. It will be FREE for veterans. Our entry fee includes all areas: the Adimiral Nimitz Museum, the Bush Gallery, and the Pacific Combat Zone.

REGISTRATION

There will be a \$5.00 non-refundable registration fee for all shipmates and guests. We have zero balance in our kitty. Our last \$250 was sent to Ken Monroe for maintaining the "Pennsy" web-site on the internet.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Cost of shuttle will be \$32 roundtrip. When you buy your ticket be sure to mention that you want a round trip one. One way is \$18. For information call 210-492-4144. Service from the airport to downtown hotels runs from 7 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.; service to the airport begins at 4 a.m.. A reservationist is available 24 hours a day and mini-buses are ADA accessible.



Local Area Overview

San Antonio Rose Live - Enjoy a Texas-sized Tribute to Classic Country Music! This exciting two-hour spectacle features the best of traditional country, western swing, and gospel music - and maybe an improvised joke or two between songs. Featuring the San Antonio Rose Live Band, 10 world-class performers bring their own musical flavors from Nashville, Branson, Austin and San Antonio. Drury Guests receive a 20% discount off ticket prices! For show times and ticket information, [click here](#). Use promotion code DRURY to take advantage of the special 20% discount on tickets.

The River Walk - No offense to the Mighty Mississippi, but no American river comes close to the beauty of the San Antonio River. While Huckleberry Finn traveled along the Mississippi to escape Pap, thousands of people stroll along San Antonio's River's serene walkways to escape the worries of the world. Rich vegetation, upscale restaurants, bars and retail stores line the River Walk—Texas' #1 attraction.

San Antonio Zoo - If you want an African wilderness experience without the Malaria shots, passports and mosquito nets, look no further than the San Antonio Zoo's Africa Live exhibit. Check-full of lions, crocs and rhinos, Africa Live is just one excellent way to spend your afternoon at the San Antonio Zoo and Aquarium.

Sea World - Apparently there is more than one whale named 'Shamu' in the Sea World franchise. But don't let the mass production of this iconic underwater figure diminish your expectations of Sea World. Shamu's 'Believe' show is a spectacular highlight among the marine mammal park's many excellent aquatic exhibits and activities.

The Alamo - The Alamo isn't just a 2-star movie starring Billy Bob Thornton. It's a piece of American history that will always be remembered through the restored original site in downtown San Antonio. Take a tour of the famous mission and experience the many historical artifacts that were left behind.

Points of Interest

Airport - San Antonio International	7 M
Alamodome	8 blks
Amtrak Station	1 M
AT&T Center	7 M
Aztec Theatre	Across Street
Buckhorn Museum	2 blks
Empire Theatre	1 blk
La Villita	3 blks
Majestic Theatre	1/2 blk
Market Square	6 blks
Municipal Auditorium	4 1/2 blks
Paseo Del Rio (The Riverwalk)	Adjacent
River Center Mall	4 blks
San Antonio Childrens Museum	2 blks
San Antonio Convention Center	6 blks
San Antonio Rose Live	1 blk
San Antonio Symphony	1/2 blk
SeaWorld San Antonio	18 M
Six Flags Fiesta Texas	15 M
The Alamo	4 blks

Restaurants

Texas Land & Cattle Steakhouse	In Hotel
Riverwalk Restaurants	Adjacent



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"Hello!" from the River Walk

It seems some San Antonio hotels use the term "River Walk" in their name to verify that you only have to walk a few miles from your room to get to the river. But when Drury says "on the River Walk", we mean it. We're so close you could almost do a cannonball from your room's window into the San Antonio River. Aside from the legal ramifications, we don't recommend this because you wouldn't want to disturb the delighted River Walk patrons. You should see the joy on these people's faces as they experience Texas' greatest attraction. With all the restaurants, shops and natural beauty surrounding the River Walk, how could you not be having the time of your life?

Inside the Drury Inn & Suites on the River Walk, the smiles continue. During breakfast, you'll find delighted guests eating Belgian waffles, sausage and gravy, scrambled eggs and many other delicious items at our free Hot Breakfast. In the lobby, you'll encounter caffeinated children and their families eating our free popcorn and soda in the afternoon. Hours later, guests consume hot food and cold beverages at our free 5:30 Kickback. Throughout this beautifully renovated hotel, laptop users enjoy our free wireless Internet. And burrowed in their rooms, you'll find many guests watching free cable and HBO on our free-to-watch but not free-to-take Flat Panel LCD TVs.

There's no better place within a free sausage patty's throw away from the River Walk than a Drury Hotel. Click that little bell on the top of the web page and book a room today!



Now Open! San Antonio Rose Live Classic Country Music Show
- A Texas-sized Tribute to Classic Country Music! Guests of Drury Hotels receive a 20% discount off ticket prices! Show times are Friday - Monday at 7pm with a 2pm Saturday Matinee. Click here for tickets. Use promotion code DRURY.

Hotel Services

- 5:30 KickbackSM - Free Hot Food & Cold Beverages
- Free 60 Minutes of Long Distance
- Free HOT! QUICKSTARTSM Breakfast
- Free Fountain Soda/Fresh Popcorn in the Lobby Daily 3 - 10 p.m.
- Free Wireless High-Speed Internet Access in All Rooms
- Free Wireless High-Speed Internet Access in Lobby
- Free Local Phone Calls
- Flat Panel LCD TVs in every room
- HBO, Our Exclusive Premium Movie Channel
- CNN, ESPN, Weather Channel & More
- Free In-room Coffee Service
- 2-Room Suites Available
- 24 Hour Business Center
- Exercise Room
- Fax Services
- Guest Laundry
- Guest Voice Mail
- Hair Dryers in All Rooms
- On-Site Covered Parking
- Hotel Parking \$14^{per} tax per Night *
- Iron & Ironing Board in All Rooms
- Meeting Rooms
- Microwaves & Refrigerators in All Rooms
- Rooftop Outdoor Pool & Whirlpool
- Same Day Dry Cleaning Available
- Two-line Phones & Data Ports



Special Features

This is what free tastes like! Wake up each morning to a free Hot Breakfast! Take your pick from a selection of great breakfast items including scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, sausage and make-your-own Belgian waffles. In the evening, join us at the 5:30 KickbackSM for free hot food and cold beverages. Chicken strips, egg rolls, charbroiled meatballs, beer, wine and mixed drinks are just the beginning—there's something for everyone at Drury's 5:30 Kickback. It's a snack for some, meal for others and free for all!

The big game just got bigger! That's because you'll find Flat Panel LCD TVs in every room! Kick up your feet and enjoy the view!

Hotel Highlights

Number of rooms: 150
Check-in time: 3:00 pm
Check-out time: 11:00 am
Pets Accepted
Parking: \$14^{per} tax, per night
*Parking garage clearance is 6'6". Cargo and 15-passenger vans will not fit in garage.

Last minute information will be sent to you the first week in June. Gladys and I would appreciate it if you could call us at 360-456-4556 or email (glsolmonson@comcast.net) before August 15, 2010 if you plan to attend. Our snail address is 4685 Barrington Lane SE, Lacey, WA 98513-2203. I've signed contracts for our hotel reservations and also for the bus. Please let us know if you will attend. We are hoping for a great attendance at this our LAST HURRAH!