



USS FORT MANDAN LSD 21 SHIP'S REUNION PHILADELPHIA, PA APRIL 30—MAY 4, 2009

The 2009 USS Fort Mandan Reunion promises to be one of the most exciting ever!

Our hotel is really outstanding. The Doubletree Guest Suites - Philadelphia West, located in Plymouth Meeting, PA, offers complimentary wireless high-speed Internet access in all guest rooms, an indoor heated pool, whirlpool, and sundeck, as well as a fully-equipped exercise room with sauna and... free parking. Best of all, the group rate that was negotiated, (all King Suites) is only \$106.92 including tax and breakfast!

And.... it's a Full Breakfast Buffet. From traditional Continental Breakfast items like Fresh Fruits and Hot and Cold Cereals, Danish, Pastries and Bagels to standard favorites like Scrambled Eggs, Bacon and Sausage to Pancakes, French Toast and made to order Omelets and Waffles. What a great way to start the day....does it get any better than that?

We all know the Philadelphia area is one of the nation's "cradles of history". Our itinerary will include visits to Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Christ Church, and Valley Forge. And that's just the historic part of the itinerary. We'll also visit the famous Reading Terminal Market and Longwood Gardens. Another highlight will be a tour of the Battleship New Jersey, which will include a barbecue onboard ship.

You find more details about the activities and included meals on the enclosed Activities Highlights sheet.

You've all heard the old saying "So Much To Do - So Little Time". This reunion certainly reflects that saying. In addition to the scheduled events, in your free time you might visit the Betsy Ross House, Brandywine Valley, or the Adventure Aquarium. Shoppers will find a mall within walking distance from the hotel and the Philadelphia Premium Outlets are not too far away. Or, you may find a few of us doing some sampling over at the Chaddsford Winery, some 30 miles from the hotel.

We have had some outstanding reunions over the years and we think the 2009 get-together will rank up there as one of the best. Good friends, good fellowship, good food, good wine and most important of all..... good memories.