

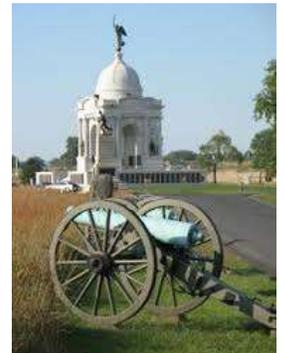
# USS RANKIN REUNION

**Harrisburg, PA – September 28 – October 2, 2017**

Come to [Harrisburg](#) for the 14th annual USS Rankin Reunion. Join your shipmates and enjoy their company and that of other Gator sailors. (USS Yancey and maybe some others will be with us, so we're calling this the **Amphibious Ships Reunion**).



This region is not just home to Three Mile Island — there's a big array of things to do in picturesque Dauphin, Cumberland and Lancaster counties. The region is known by many as the birthplace of Milton S. Hershey's "Great American Chocolate Bar". For others, it is home to the priceless [Pennsylvania Capitol Building](#), dedicated in 1906 as a "Palace of Art." For others, it's the site of Amish Country and the Civil War battle of Gettysburg. The area is all these things and more! Among the planned



events are visits to [Gettysburg](#) with time to visit the Battlefield and shop downtown, and to [Lancaster-Amish Country](#) and [Hershey](#). Don't miss this opportunity to catch up with your friends and share some sea stories. This should be good. The reunion begins on Thursday, September 28 and ends on Monday, October 2. Our banquet will be on Sunday, October 1.

## HOTEL INFORMATION

You will be staying at the full service [Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey](#), located at 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

The room rate, including breakfast, is **\$119.00 double occupancy and \$109.00 single occupancy** plus tax per night, based on room type occupancy. All guest rooms are non-smoking. For those who choose to arrive early or stay late, the same room rate is available three days before and three days after the official reunion dates, based on availability. Please make your hotel reservations now. You may call or [click here to book a room for 2 or more people](#) **OR** [click here to book a room for 1 person only](#). It's not as convenient to make reservations by phone, but if you must, you should talk directly to the hotel. They will know you are a Veteran and are more apt to get your reservation right. Call the Red Lion at **717-939-7841** and ask for in-house reservations. Mention you are a key part of the **Amphibious Ships Reunion** to assure you are associated with our reunion group. (Booking through another channel like *reunionhotels.com* disqualifies your party from any group amenities). You may request specific room types when you call to make your reservations (accessible room, etc.). Check-in time is 4:00pm; please don't *expect* to get into your room before then. They will ask you for a deposit or credit card number to guarantee your room reservation. The hotel is holding rooms until they sell out or **September 11, 2017**, whichever comes first. Before you forget — Book your Room Now! You can cancel it up to 72 hours prior to arrival without penalty. We are going to have a great time in this most interesting part of the country.



## TRANSPORTATION & DIRECTIONS

The closest airport is Harrisburg International Airport (MDT); the hotel is located only a few minutes from the airport. The hotel offers complimentary airport shuttle service 24/7. For those who are driving, self-parking is complimentary during the reunion. [Click here for driving directions](#).

# REUNION TOURS & EVENTS

## WELCOME RECEPTION & DINNER

Thursday, September 28 (6:00pm-8:00pm)

Please join us for group mixer and reception style dinner to kick-off our unique reunion of ships. Enjoy an assortment of foods served in “Stations” for two hours. Seating and a cash bar will be provided.

## AUTHENTIC AMISH EXPERIENCE

Friday, September 29 (Time TBD)



The [Amish](#) live in a whole different world and you'll have the rare opportunity to experience life through their eyes on this unique excursion to Amish Country. Not much has changed along the backroads. Horses plow the fields, Amish buggies clip-clop down country roads, and traditionally clothed Pennsylvania Dutch dot the countryside. We will spend time with real Amish in an authentic homestead environment and enjoy a *snack-stop* in an Amish home to meet the Lapp family. There will be time to explore the shopping

at [Kitchen Kettle Village in Intercourse, PA](#), famous for quilts and baked goods like Shoofly Pie. The highlight of our day will be returning to the Lapp's farm to enjoy a traditional family dinner in their home. This is a unique once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the somewhat secret lifestyle of the Amish as an insider.

## GETTYSBURG MUSEUM & BATTLEFIELD

Saturday, September 30 (9:30am-4:00pm)

Four score and seven years before the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, (1776) Gettysburg was a thriving town much like today. We will have an exciting day with something for everyone. Our first stop will be at the [Gettysburg Visitor Center](#) to see the film, “A New Birth of Freedom” narrated by Morgan Freeman, and the incredible [Battle of Gettysburg Cyclorama](#), and the amazing 12-gallery, interactive Gettysburg Museum of the American Civil War. Next, the tour takes you over the battlefield and describes what took place here during the three days. This tour offers the visitor a unique perspective into the struggles of the three days' battle. There is time for lunch on your own and exploring Gettysburg.



## HERSHEY & HARRISBURG SIGHTSEEING TOUR

Sunday, October 1 (10:00am-3:00pm)



Surrounded by some of America's most productive dairy farms, [Milton S. Hershey](#) opened the world's first modern chocolate factory and built “Chocolatetown”, a model town for employees and their families so they would have an attractive place to live, work, and play. Hear about the inspirational journey spanning more than 150 years of trials and triumphs, and how Hershey went from bankruptcy to brilliance, transforming chocolate from a luxury to an everyday treat. We will also see the [Pennsylvania State Capitol](#), designated a National Historic

Landmark, and designed as a Palace of Art. During the riding portion of the tour you will learn about the history, leaders and anecdotes associated with this intriguing area.

**In addition to the items documented, all tours include bus transportation. Gratuities for drivers and guides are appreciated and should be given to each separately.**

## **BANQUET DINNER**

**Sunday, October 1 (6:00pm at the Hotel)**

Join your friends for your Banquet Dinner at the Hotel. Wear a uniform if you can, suits and dresses if you'd like, or anything else if you prefer. At 1800, group and individual photos will be taken, and cocktails will be available from the cash bar. Our Memorial Service and dinner will be at 1900. Please make your entrée selection on the reservation form.

## **TOUR CANCELLATION INSURANCE**

Protect yourself from unforeseen expenses caused by illness, injury or other causes that may impact your travel plans. Tour Cancellation Insurance allows you to receive a refund of tour and banquet expenses. Please note there is a \$10 per person processing fee. Cancellation Insurance expires at 11:59pm the day **before** the reunion begins. No refunds are given the day of the reunion (beginning at midnight), **even** if you purchased cancellation insurance. Should you need to cancel your reservations please contact our office immediately by calling 817-251-3551 Monday through Friday 9:00am-4:00pm CST. Also please send us email at [cancel@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com](mailto:cancel@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com). If you did not purchase cancellation insurance please note all tour and banquet monies are refundable up until 4 weeks prior to the reunion, at that point all monies paid are non-refundable.

### **REUNION RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 17, 2017**

Late reservations will be accepted on a space available basis with a non-refundable \$15 per person late fee. Please make a copy of this information for your records. Should you need additional information call our offices Monday through Friday at 817-251-3551 or send us an email at [info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com](mailto:info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com). Requests for cancellations and refunds must be made by email or in writing to MRP, P.O. Box 1588, Colleyville, TX 76034, and postmarked before the due date. No refunds will be made after this date unless you have purchase *Tour Cancellation Insurance*. Sorry, no refunds will be given for any reason beginning at midnight the day of your reunion. Please note there is a refund processing fee of \$10 per person. For written confirmation of your cancellation please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request to our office. Your cancelled check is your receipt as well as your proof of purchase. A \$25 return fee will be charged for NSF checks. MRP will not be held liable for failure of vendors to provide contracted services or any injuries/accidents that may occur during the reunion.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Click the links below for the information shown:

- [Military Reunion Planners](#) website, with online reservation form, roster of attendees, and hotel rooming list
- [USS Rankin Reunion](#) website
- [Visit Hershey & Harrisburg](#) website (Harrisburg, Hershey)
- [Visit Cumberland Valley](#) website (Camp Hill, Carlisle, Mechanicsburg)
- [Discover Lancaster](#) website (Amish country, Bird-in-Hand, Intercourse, Lancaster)

# REUNION RESERVATION FORM

>>> [Click here to register online](#) OR mail this completed form with a check payable to: Military Reunion Planners, Box 1588, Colleyville, TX 76034

DATE	TIME	EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
		Reunion Registration Fee (per person ~ non-refundable)	\$40 pp		
Thu 9/28	1800	Group Welcome Reception & Dinner at the hotel	\$49 pp		
Fri 9/29	TBD	Authentic Amish Experience Including Dinner	\$75 pp		
Sat 9/30	0930-1600	Gettysburg Museum, Battlefield & Town Visit	\$65 pp		
Sun 10/1	1000-1500	Hershey & Harrisburg Sightseeing Tour	\$49 pp		
Sun 10/1	1800	Farewell Banquet Dinner – make selection below			
		Sliced London Broil with Mushroom Sauce	\$50 pp		
		Grilled Salmon Filet with Dill Cream Sauce	\$50 pp		
		Non-refundable Late Reservation Fee (If registering after August 17, 2017)	\$15 pp		
		Tour Cancellation Insurance: Protect your \$\$ (Fee is non-refundable)	\$15 pp		
				<b>TOTAL</b>	

>>> PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NAME (As you want it to appear on badge): _____	
SPOUSE: _____	GUEST: _____
ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____
PRIMARY PHONE: _____	EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____	PHONE NUMBER: _____
CREW OF USS: _____	YEARS ON BOARD: 19__ TO 19__
SPECIAL NEEDS: (Dietary, Wheelchair lift bus, etc): _____	

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- Reservation money is non-refundable after due date unless Tour Cancellation insurance is purchased above.
- Insurance holders are eligible for a refund less processing fee until Midnight before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the reunion.
- Insurance ends once the reunion begins – notification in writing/email must be received prior to start of reunion.
- Late reservations are accepted on a space available basis with a non-refundable \$15 per person late fee.
- Watch for an email confirmation of your order and online roster update as your proof of payment.
- **Changes and cancellations cannot be made online. You must write or email us to cancel. For other changes, you can call, write, or email us.**
- To register and pay by check please print this form and mail it with a check to: MRP, Box 1588 Colleyville, TX 76034

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