

2018 USS RANKIN REUNION EVENTS

Group Welcome Buffet – DFW Airport Marriott South Hotel Thursday, Oct 25 – 1800

Kick off your reunion and greet your friends at a Group Welcome American and Tex-Mex buffet in the comfort of the [DFW Airport Marriott South](#) hotel. A great start to the reunion!

Fort Worth Tour, Bureau of Engraving & Printing, and Naval Air Station Friday, Oct 26 – 0900-1800



[Fort Worth](#) will capture your heart with its charming blend of the Wild West and modern cultures. We will go on a historical tour from what was once a wild frontier inhabited by buffalo and Indians to the present city with its magnificent skyscrapers. The [Fort Worth Stockyards](#) is the history book of the livestock industry in Texas. For drovers heading longhorn cattle up the Chisholm Trail, Fort Worth was the last major stop for rest and supplies. Also enjoy a visit to the [Fort Worth Bureau of Engraving & Printing](#) aka *the Mint*. See where billions of dollars are printed, as you stand on an enclosed walkway, suspended above the production floor. Over half of the nation's currency order is produced in Fort Worth – who knew?! Afterwards we will head to the famous *Stockyards* to watch a longhorn cattle-drive right down Main Street! Lunch will be on your own in Sundance Square.

Finally head over to the [Naval Air Station](#). As a Joint Reserve Base, it serves as home to a variety of Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Army and Texas Air National Guard units. Established on October 1, 1994 as the first Joint Reserve Base in the country, their mission is to provide unsurpassed support and quality training for the Reserve and Guard "war fighters" in all branches of the Armed Services. Subject to security, availability and the needs of the service, we hope to get an "up close and personal" tour of the flight line, with cargo planes and F-16 and F-35 fighter jets, plus other facilities of a modern military air station. We suggest you wear comfortable shoes and bring drinking water and a hat.



Dallas City Tour, including the George W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum Saturday, Oct 27 – 0900-1700

Board your coach for a City Tour of the Big D! Home to the Dallas Mavericks, Dallas Stars and more! You will visit the West End historical district which is the site of the former Texas School Depository building, then take a brief walking tour of John F. Kennedy's memorial and the old red courthouse. Stop at a few points of interest in downtown Dallas and then head to the Cultural Arts District. There you will see the famous AT&T performing arts center, Dallas Museum of Art, and the locals' favorite – Klyde Warren Park. Lunch will be on your own downtown. Meet back at the bus to depart to the Bush Presidential Library and Museum.



The [George W. Bush Library](#)'s state of the art exhibits include a stunning presentation on terrorism and the World Trade Center bombing, including artifacts and a day-by-day timeline post- 9/11, as experienced through the eyes of the President. An interactive "Decision Theater" thrusts you into the decision making process that a President experiences during a crisis. Sit at a desk, get the facts and struggle with the same questions as "W". Then make the call!



JFK Museum, 6th Floor Book Depository, and Historic Grapevine Sunday, Oct 28 – 0930-1500

The [Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza](#) chronicles the assassination and legacy of President John F. Kennedy, and interprets the Dealey Plaza National Historic Landmark District and the John F. Kennedy Memorial Plaza. The exhibits explore the events surrounding JFK within the context of 1960s history and culture. We all remember where we were when JFK was killed. Experience the place where it happened, then board your bus to head for lunch on your own in Grapevine.



Step back in time to quaint [Historic Downtown Grapevine](#). On six blocks of Main Street you will find 10 wine tasting rooms (it *is* called Grapevine, after all), a dozen great cafés and unique, independent stores for browsing Texas antiques and curios, historic museums (all free) and a vintage train depot. After lunch on your own and time for a little browsing on Main Street, we'll head back to the Hotel.

Membership Meetings at the Hotel Sunday, Oct 28 – 1500

Ships meet independently to discuss this and future reunions. Let others know what you think!

Banquet Dinner Sunday, Oct 28 – 1800

Join your friends for your Banquet Dinner at the Hotel. Picture Portraits and group photos will start at 1700, cocktails will be available from the cash bar at 1800, and dinner will be served at 1930. Please make your entrée selection on the reservation form.

ALL RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 13, 2018. 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 email us at 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 purchased *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.

Important Reunion Notes:

- Tours may be cancelled if a minimum required number of reservations are not received. In this case you will be notified in advance and full refunds will be issued.
- Please understand that a certain amount of walking is necessary to/from the bus in order to view attractions and in some instances, to tour or explore the attraction itself. Please notify MRP of any challenges you have with walking and/or getting on a bus. Wheelchair lift buses cannot be guaranteed.
- Event times & offerings are subject to change. Please check registration for the final itinerary.
- Please advise MRP of any special needs or disabilities



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