

REUNION 2002

The 2002 LCT Reunion will be headquartered at the Doubletree Hotel Lakeside, New Orleans, June 6-8. Registration cost remains \$125.00/person, with \$25 due now and the balance due by May 1, 2002. This fee covers tours, luncheons, banquet, and the hospitality suite. All checks should be sent to Bud Farmer.

The room rate is \$79.00 single/double, rates are good 3 days prior and 2 days after the reunion dates. The cut-off date for registration is May 1st--we have 75 rooms blocked so get yours early. For room reservations call 1-800-222-8733 and ask for the New Orleans Doubletree Lakeside and tell them you are with the LCT Flotillas. Or you can call hotel direct at 504-846-4541.

Hotel parking costs \$6.00/day self-park or \$12.00 for valet service. The parking garage is part of the hotel--indoors and safe.

The hotel offers a hospitality suite with ice machine nearby, complimentary use of the heated indoor pool, and a free shuttle to and from the airport running on the hour 6am-10pm. Pickup is at the ground transportation center. If you're flying, be sure to bring a photo i.d., passport or valid drivers license with photo.

Rooms offer coffee makers, hair dryers, iron and ironing board, computer modems and voice mail. A free shuttle is also available to and from the nearby shopping mall.

We have an exciting schedule lined up featuring tours of the D-Day Museum on Friday (The Pacific D-Days section will be dedicated on December 7th for all you PTO vets) and a nearby historic plantation on Saturday. We will board the buses on Friday at 8:50 am for the D-Day Museum, returning to the hotel for lunch at 1:00 pm.



Bourbon Street in the French Quarter - 1949

Lunch that Friday will be ready for the men in the Hospitality Room -- the ladies will attend a special luncheon elsewhere in the hotel.

On Saturday we again board the buses at 8:50 am for the plantation tour which will include a lunch. We return to the hotel around 1:00 pm where the Hospitality Suite will be open.

The banquet will be from 6-9 pm on Saturday, June 8th. Your banquet meal choices are Prime Rib or Grilled Chicken with artichoke hearts and mushrooms. Please confirm your choice upon check-in on Thursday in the Hospitality Suite.

For those of you who will be driving to the reunion, we will publish a detailed map of directions and other sites of the area in our next issue of this newsletter.

We will also try to set up a video recording area in the hotel to record some of your personal stories and recollections. We would encourage any of you to consider volunteering just a few minutes of your free time for this project. We hope to put together our own LCT documentary with these brief interviews and original WWII film footage. More on this in our next issue. Hope to see you all in New Orleans . . .



Main Gate at Algiers Naval Base - 1949

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