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WELCOME TO ALL SHIPMATES TO THE 23rd REUNION OF THE LST ASSOCIATION

The following information is to help you enjoy your stay. Please check the diagram outside the registration area for the location of your table at the banquet on Monday, September 1, 2008. It will be held in the Grand Ballroom on the Second Floor. Your tickets are the COLOR of the SECTION you will be sitting in. Remember, that I can't seat more than eight people at a table. It is difficult to place everyone at the same table. If you have only a small group, I will fill the table and you can meet new friends. Please don't assume no one else will be sitting with you. We will be using the entire ballroom. Please check the diagram, so you will know where you are going to be. If for some reason you are not seated with the right group, please come to me **ASAP TO CHECK OUT THE PROBLEM. Don't wait until the day of the banquet and expect to be seated with a certain ship.**

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING will be held on Saturday, August 30, 2008, at 8:00 a.m., in Ballroom A on the second floor.

LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS BREAKFAST MEETING will be on Saturday, August 30, 2008, 8:00 a.m., in Ballroom C.

Please read: This is for all the ladies attending the reunion who are members of the Ladies Auxiliary. This is a free breakfast for auxiliary members only. Please contact Jackie Busch, if you are planning to attend. Leave a message at 1-419-874-7156 with your name. **PLEASE LET JACKIE KNOW.**

Don't forget your Bingo Gift Exchange. Please bring a \$10.00 BINGO GIFT. The Ladies Auxiliary Crafts will be on the second floor, near the registration area or the hospitality room.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: will be held at the Navy Memorial at 10:00 a.m., on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008.** Please try to be there by 9:30 a.m. They will have seating for 150 people. You can ride the Metro to the Navy Memorial and get off right there. We will have directions for you.

REGISTRATION

The registration area will be on the second floor in front of the Grand Ballroom. I will be opening it on the afternoon of **Thursday, August 28,** at 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

All tickets for the banquet and raffle will be in your registration envelopes. Please check your tickets before you leave the registration area.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

SHERATON CRYSTAL CITY WILL BE PROVIDING FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL. Check at Airport Baggage claim for directions for SHERATON'S SHUTTLE SERVICE. Comes on the half hour up to 10:30 p.m.

The address of the hotel is **SHERATON CRYSTAL CITY, 1800 JEFFERSON HWY., ARLINGTON, VA 22202.** The phone number is as follows: **703-486-1111.** This is for emergency purposes.

If you are sharing a room with more than two people only one couple should check in. Credit cards will be charged when you arrive. If you have not received a confirmation from the hotel please call them. Everything has been sent.

Parking: We have **A PARKING RATE OF SELF-PARK ONLY FOR \$10.00 PER DAY.**

ENTERTAINMENT

Friday, August 29, 2008: Entertainment in the Grand Ballroom, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. We will be having a DJ for the first time at our reunion. The prices were too high for a band.

For those of you that have two-day tickets for August 29 and 30, for the Tourmobile Sightseeing Tour, your tickets will be in your packets. **One-day tickets can be used any day, and they will be in your packets.**

Saturday, August 30, 2008: Men's Business meeting at 8:00 a.m. Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast for members only, at 8:00 a.m., followed by a Ladies Auxiliary Business meeting in Ballroom C.

For those of you that have two-day tickets for August 30 and 31, for Tourmobile Sightseeing Tour, your tickets will be in your packets. **One-day tickets can be used any day, and they will be in your packets.**

Saturday, August 30, 2008: Entertainment in the Grand Ballroom, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Snacks will be served.

For those of you that have two-day tickets for August 29 and 30, for the Tourmobile Sightseeing Tour, your tickets will be in your packets. **One-day tickets can be used any day, and they will be in your packets.**

Some of you will have tickets for the 30th and 31st, for the Tourmobile, please check the dates.

Sunday, August 31, 2008: Brunch Cruise on the Spirit of Washington. The bus will be boarding at 9:30 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m. Please be ready to go and down in front or the side of the hotel before 10:00.

For those of you that have two-day tickets for August 30 to 31, for Tourmobile Sightseeing Tour, your tickets will be in your packets. **One-day tickets can be used any day, and they will be in your packets.**

Sunday, August 31, 2008: Entertainment in the Grand Ballroom, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Cash bar. Snacks will be served.

BANQUET: It will be held on September 1, 2008, in the Grand Ballroom on the second floor. Cocktail hour is 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Seating will be at 6:15 p.m., and dinner will be a Buffet Dinner served at 6:30 p.m. You will be seated by ship. If you want something different, please contact me ASAP.

A diagram of the banquet seating follows.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From 95 and Points Northeast

Take 95 South • Cross Woodrow Wilson Bridge into Virginia • Take second exit, Route 1 North (Jefferson Davis Highway) • Follow Route 1 for approximately 5 miles into Crystal City • Turn left onto 20th Street • Turn right onto Eads Street, hotel on the right.

From 95 and Points South

Take 95 North • Get off at Exit #8C, straight through the light past Macys • Stay on the road, as it curves left and becomes 18th Street • Right on Eads Street, hotel on the left.

From Route 66 and Points West

Take 66 East to Route 110. Follow signs for Rt. 1 South (Jefferson Davis Highway) • Turn right onto Eads Street • Hotel is on the right.

From 270 and Points Northwest

270 South to 495 towards Northern Virginia • Cross

American Legion Bridge into Virginia • Take 1st exit, George Washington Parkway • Follow approximately 8 miles to Memorial Bridge • At stop sign turn left (towards Arlington Cemetery) • Right on first exit (Route 110), follow sign for Rt. 1 South (Jefferson Davis Highway) • Turn right onto 20th street • Turn right onto Eads Street, hotel is on the right.

From Downtown to Washington

Cross 14th Street Bridge towards Virginia • Exit Route 1 South into Crystal City • Turn right onto 20th Street • Turn right onto Eads Street • Hotel is on the right.

METRO

Blue or yellow line to Crystal City Metro Stop • Take two escalators to the street level • Walk left to 18th Street, turn right on 18th Street, hotel is half block on the left.

**WELCOME UNITED STATES LST SHIPMATES AND GUESTS
EVENTS FOR THE REUNION AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

THE ITINERARY FOR THE CONVENTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

A hospitality room is in CRYSTAL V AND VI, it will be available for you to gather in during your entire stay of the reunion. Check the diagram for the location. It is on the second floor to the right

The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling crafts near the Registration area on the second floor. If you are bringing anything for the craft table, please bring them to Jackie Busch in that area.

Please fill out your RAFFLE TICKETS and place them in the drum next to the registration area. Please place them in the drum as soon as possible.

We will have **POSTAL CACHET CANCELLATION POSTMARK**. The post-office will deliver them on August 30. They are collectibles, so please buy some. Cachets from other years also are available. These will only be available by mail. This year represents "Waiting to invade Japan."

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2008: Early Arrivals, sightseeing on your own. Registration from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. only.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2008: Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sightseeing on own.

EVENING: Entertainment in Grand Ballroom, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Snacks will be served.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2008: Registration times are from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sightseeing.

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING: GRAND BALLROOM A at 8:00 A.M.

LADIES AUXILIARY BREAKFAST FOR MEMBERS at 8:00 A.M., FOLLOWED BY A BUSINESS MEETING IN BALLROOM C.

EVENING: Music in the GRAND BALLROOM, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Snacks will be served. We will not serve meals. Cash Bar

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2008: SPIRIT OF WASHINGTON BRUNCH CRUISE WILL BOARD AT 9:30 A.M., FROM THE HOTEL, SAIL AT 11:30 A.M. AND RETURN AT 3:00 P.M. THE BUS WILL LEAVE AT 10:00 A.M. FOR THE CRUISE.

EVENING: Music in the GRAND BALLROOM from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Snacks will be served. Cash Bar.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008: MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT THE U.S. NAVY MEMORIAL AT 10:00 A.M. PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9:30 A.M. THERE WILL BE CHAIRS FOR YOU. YOU CAN TAKE THE METRO RIGHT TO THE NAVY MEMORIAL, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO DRIVE YOUR CAR.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008: Tourmobile ONE-day tickets can be used if you wish to sightsee. And in the evening the BANQUET will start in the GRAND BALLROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR. CASH BAR COCKTAILS ARE AVAILABLE FROM 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. DINNER seating will be at 6:15 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. It will be a buffet dinner for your pleasure.

One last thing, bring a jacket or sweater. Remember, this is a casual affair and the only night that most people get really dressed up is for the banquet. This is a fun time. Contact 1-800-228-5870 with any problems.

Mike and Linda

Registration will be in front of the Ballroom.

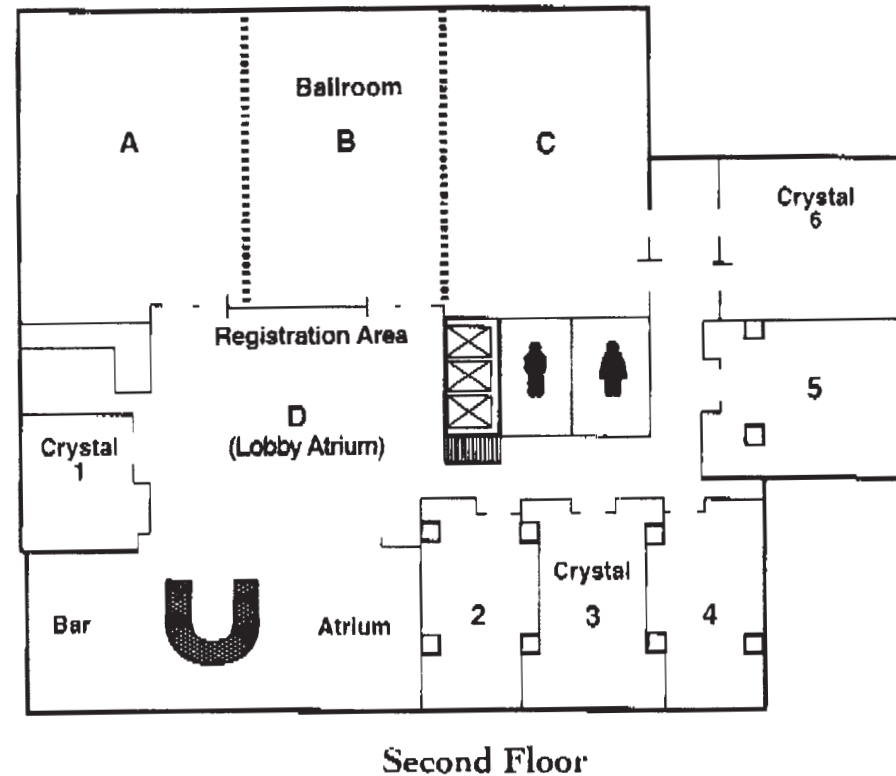
Grand Ballroom
Banquet

Ballroom A
Men's Business Meeting

Ballroom C
Ladies Breakfast and Meeting

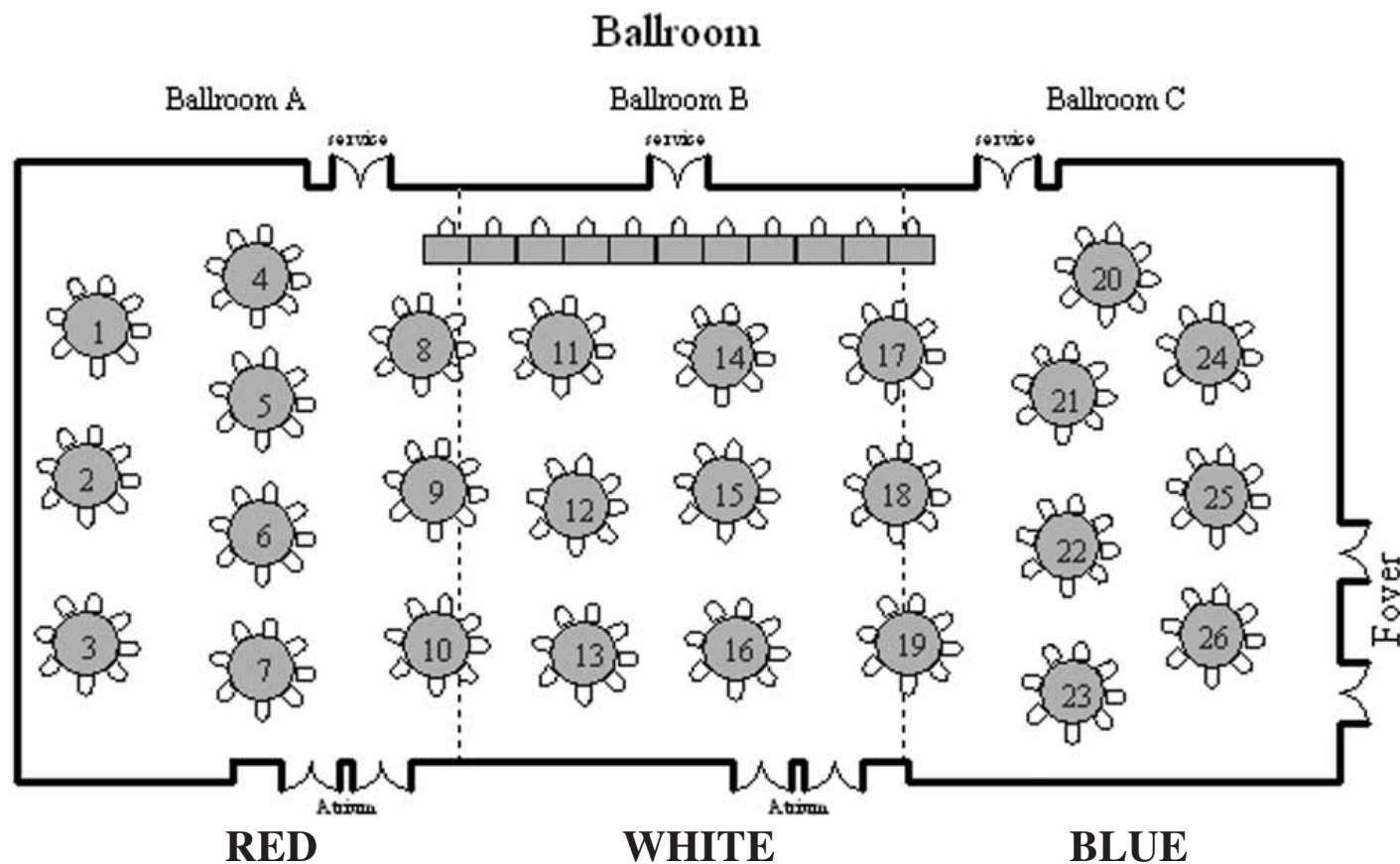
Crystal 1
Executive Board Room

Crystal 5 and 6
Hospitality Room



BANQUET SEATING CHART

Check your packets for your seating!!!



The Grand Ballroom is in three sections. Please check your tickets, the color is the section and the table number is on your ticket. I will try to seat you with the people you want.

1-10

11-19

20-26