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### Reunion Schedule

2010 - St. Louis, MO  
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2011 - Washington, DC  
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2012 - To be decided in St. Louis



<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dd709/>

## WHERE'S THE REUNION???



Sheraton Westport



**It's in St. Louis, Mo.**

**We will be in St.. Louis, Mo.  
From June 17 to June 20,  
2010. If you have not been  
to one or one lately, you  
are missing a good time.**

**Look at the following pages  
for more information and  
check the web site...**

**[http://hughpurvis.com//HP  
RA\\_Reunion\\_2010.html](http://hughpurvis.com//HP<br/>RA_Reunion_2010.html)**

**for more information and  
forms. Make your reserva-  
tions early and sign up for  
the activities.**

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## 2010 REUNION UPDATE

We have a very exciting time planned in a great location in St. Louis. This is such an exhilarating city with such a rich history .

We have so much packed into our two tour days, that it will hopefully give you a taste of what the city has to offer.

You can get a free shuttle from the St. Louis Airport to the Sheraton Westport Hotel, located in Westport, or take the short drive in your car. You can check out the hotel's website @: <http://www.sheratonwestport.com/>( and select the Chalet)

We will have a complimentary continental breakfast both Friday and Saturday morning or you can also purchase your breakfast at the hotel's expansive buffet. All of the rooms are recently renovated and having stayed at the hotel, I can personally guarantee you are in for a very great stay. We negotiated a great rate of only \$99.00 a night!! We also will receive from the hotel, a complimentary one hour reception Saturday and we have locked in the rate for three nights prior to the reunion or three nights post the reunion. So you can come early or extend your stay at the low, great rate. You need to make that decision when you make your reservation. In addition, I think you will thoroughly enjoy the amenities within 1/4 mile of the hotel in Westport Plaza. There are 16 restaurants, a comedy club, a Jazz & Blues Club, plus a live theater. The restaurants offer everything from McDonalds & Starbucks, to many full service, fine dining facilities. There is also an excellent restaurant in the hotel. I have included a complete list of all of the restaurants on page 7.

It is a lot packed into two short days, but hopefully it will give you a perspective of the highlights of St. Louis, our Country's gateway to the west. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me about any of the details.

If you want to make your reservations, to lock in our tremendous rate, here is the link:  
[www.Starwoodmeeting.com/book/hughpurvis](http://www.Starwoodmeeting.com/book/hughpurvis)

**You can read all about the plans arranged for you by this years Reunion Coordinator George Baker**, but if you are planning on attending it is time to start making your moves. This years reunion comes in the month of June so this will be your last newsletter before we gather together again.

Inside you will find the Registration form, along with the details of the tours, the tee shirts, the hats, and all the stuff that goes into making each reunion a memory.

As always the Association will work with you to refund your money if your circumstances change and you find yourself unable to attend, but if you have any intentions of joining your shipmates at this 19th annual reunion it is time to call the hotel and make your reservations. The "drop dead" date for registration for the hotel, the tours, the banquet, etc., is

### **MAY 10, 2010**

But my suggestion to you is to submit your paperwork, and make your hotel reservations well in advance of that date. You can always cancel, but once we reach the cut-off date there is not much we can do with our vendors to make exceptions and change the head counts for the various functions.

Read the details later in this issue. Once all the rooms are gone at our low rate, the low rate is no longer guaranteed!

Go online to make your reservation at. [www.Starwoodmeeting.com/book/hughpurvis](http://www.Starwoodmeeting.com/book/hughpurvis)

You can also call (800-325-3535) the hotel and mention our group code: **USS HUGH PURVIS**

## 19th Annual Hugh Purvis Reunion Assoc. Agenda June 17-20

**Thursday, June 17th:** Arrival Day. The Hugh Purvis Hospitality Suite will be set up on the first floor of the hotel in the banquet room area. This is where you will pick up your Registration Packet, hats, shirts—if you ordered them, and to display your memorabilia. There will be beverages and snacks in the hospitality room.

Dinner is on your own, (unless you can find a sailor to pick up to go with you), on Thursday evening. You may also want to take the free shuttle to the Harrah's Casino nearby.

**Friday, June 18th:** We will depart the hotel PROMPTLY at 9:00AM. There will be a complimentary continental breakfast in our hospitality room, or you may dine at the hotel buffet or at one of the nearby restaurants. We will board our buses for our guided city tour of St. Louis to familiarize you with this wonderful city and give you an overview of what it has to offer. Our first stop will be the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. The interior of this cathedral is covered with more than 83,000 sq. ft. of mosaics ( the largest amount found outside of Europe). These mosaics are made up of more than 41.5 million glass tesserae pieces in more than 7000 colors. After touring the cathedral, we will bus to Forest Park, one of the largest urban parks in the US. Forest Park was home to the 1904 World's Fair, which drew the largest crowd to ever attend a world's fair—over 19 million people. In the park are many museums, with the Missouri History Museum being our next stop. We will tour the World's Fair exhibit as well as the Lewis & Clark and Lindbergh exhibits. We will be having our lunch, which is included in your tour price, at the museum. After lunch we will board the coaches once again for our tour of the Anheuser-Busch 100 acre brewery! We start our tour in the historic stables where we will see the “famous” Budweiser Beer Wagon as well as a couple of the magnificent Clydesdales. We will also tour the brew house, the packaging plant, and then end the tour with free samples for all!!! We will be back at the hotel around 5:00. Dinner is on your own. Hopefully you will meet up with some shipmates and enjoy one of the 16 restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. And when we say within walking distance, they are all within 1/4 mile!

**Saturday, June 19th:** Once again we will leave the hotel for our day of tours at 9:00 AM. We will motor coach to the 630 foot Gateway Arch. We will have to pass through metal detectors before entering. The arch is also home to the Museum of Westward Expansion. You will have the opportunity to take a tram ride to the top of the Arch, or relax and watch the movie on how it was built or just tour the Westward Expansion Museum. **(The tram ride is not wheelchair accessible, and is not recommended for those who suffer from claustrophobia or fear of heights).** We will then board our coaches for a short ride to the river where we will board our riverboat sightseeing cruise. The boat is climate controlled so we need not worry about the weather. We will travel down the Mississippi River and learn about the history of St. Louis and the Riverfront, while seeing a spectacular view of the Arch and the St. Louis skyline. We will have a boxed lunch ( once again included in the price of the tour) on board the cruise. Then we will coach to the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, where we will lay a wreath at a monument to Destroyer Sailors. The cemetery is the final resting place for over 160,000 veterans. We will then re-board the bus to head back to the hotel. Upon arrival, the members will adjourn to the hospitality suite for our business meeting.

We will have a complementary cocktail reception in the hospitality suite from 6:00-7:00 prior to our 19th Annual Hugh Purvis Reunion Assoc. Banquet.

**Sunday, June 20th:** Join us for our “Farewell” Breakfast Buffet. It will be set up in the Hospitality Suite from 7:30-9:30. Sign up on the registration form if you plan to attend.

Then you are off on your own for your travels home or more sightseeing in St. Louis!

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Last quarter's photo on the left was your current president. I guess we did do some goofy things in the service.

Below is a photo of an Atlantic destroyer during WWII. The number has been covered up by the camouflage paint.

