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Brownson 2009 Reunion Special Edition



TO ALL
MEMBERS OF
THE USS
BROWNSON
ASSOCIATION

Make your
reservations, buy
your tickets, and
pack your bags!

We are having an exciting reunion. The hotel is beautiful, the hospitality room is stocked, and the weather will be warm. The only thing missing is YOU.

Air fares are low, and time is short. Don't hesitate to make plans now. **Remember the cutoff date is April 13, 2009.**

Jim Little has the con for the reunion because Bill Nicholl, our reunion chairman, has some health issues. Jim is working hard on putting together quite a show.

If you have any questions contact Jim Little.

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General information about the USS Brownson Association Reunion

- **Our guest rooms** will be on various floors in the East Tower
- **The reunion registration desk** will be in the Hospitality Room which is in the Hobby Horse Room on the 2nd floor of the East Tower
- **The membership meeting** will be in the Douglas Room on the 3rd floor of the West Tower
- **The Banquet** will be in the Douglas-Ormsby rooms on the 3rd floor of the West Tower

**Sunday May 3
to Thursday May 7, 2009**

Harrah's Hotel and Casino

219 N. Center Street
Reno, NV 89503

Hotel Reservations

- Call: 1-888-726-6311 - Group # SO5USS
- When making hotel reservations be sure to tell them the group # to get the special room rate.
- Room Rate: Sun May 3 thru Thu May 7 **\$65.00/night + tax**. If you arrive Sat May 2, the day before the reunion **\$145.00/night + tax**

Transportation

- Reno/Tahoe International Airport, 10 min. Hotel has complementary shuttle
- Amtrak Train Station, 1 block
- Free parking at the hotel

Itinerary

Sunday May 3, 2009

- 12:00 Noon: Registration & Hospitality Room open
- Evening: open

Monday May 4, 2009

- 9:00 AM-3:30 PM: Tour: Lake Tahoe Luncheon Cruise
- Hospitality Room open
- Evening: open

Tuesday May 5, 2009

- 8:00 AM-10:30 AM: Board of Directors meeting
- 11:00 AM-4:00 PM: Tour: A Day in Virginia City
- Hospitality Room open
- Evening: open

Wednesday May 6, 2009

- 9:30 AM: Membership Business Meeting
- Hospitality Room open
- Evening: Cocktails/Pictures
- Banquet/Entertainment

Thursday May 7, 2009

- Nothing planned, have a safe trip home

USS Brownson Association Reunion Tours

Lake Tahoe Luncheon- Monday May 4, 2009

A tour to Lake Tahoe is truly one of the most beautiful destinations in the world. The lake is surrounded by the dramatic Sierra Nevada Mountains and thousands of acres of National Forests. The bus will journey through high mountain passes before dropping down to the lakes basin.



Once you arrive at the marina, we will board a replica of a historic paddlewheel boat. When on board and underway, much of the two-hour cruise is narrated and you will hear some of the colorful stories about life around the lake in times past. A plated lunch is included.

- Depart the hotel at 9:00 AM via motor coach
- Board the Dixie paddleboat at 10:30 AM
- Return to hotel approx. 3:30 PM

Note: It is recommended you bring a sweater or jacket as it could be chilly on the water. Please don't forget your camera.

A Day in Virginia City-Tuesday May 5, 2009

As we ascend into the foothills via the deluxe motor coach, the exciting history of Virginia

City, and how this boomtown came to life will be revealed.

Built on the riches of gold and silver ore, Virginia City was not only known as "the richest place on earth", but was also the biggest city between San Francisco and St. Louis in the 1860's. Abounding with 30,000 people and 110 saloons, it was an affluent and rowdy population. Today, Virginia City stands as a link to the past- a town vibrant with the activities of visitors, and filled with memories and ghosts of days gone by.

Our personal guide will escort us through the downtown, telling many legends of "rags to riches" and "riches to rags".

There are beautiful Victorian mansions, mines, wooden sidewalks, original saloons, gambling halls, antique shops, museums and churches to visit. You can tour the town on foot or board the trolley to see the sites.

Included on this tour is a 35 minute narrated train ride on the Virginia & Truckee RR from Virginia City to Gold Hill and back. Going right through the most famous of the bonanza Comstock mines.



Depart hotel at 11:00 AM via motor coach
Return to hotel at 4:00 PM

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Registration
USS Brownson Association 10th Reunion
May 3 to May 7 2009
Harrah's Hotel and Casino, Reno, NV

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI _____

Spouse or Guest Name: _____

Address: Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____

Registration Fees

Total number attending: _____ x \$55.00/each = \$ _____

1) Tour: Lake Tahoe Cruise w/lunch

Total number attending: _____ x \$68.00/each = \$ _____

2) Tour: A Day in Virginia City (lunch on your own)

Total number attending: _____ x \$39.00/each = \$ _____

Grand Total = \$ _____

Make checks payable to USS Brownson Association.

Mail this form along with your check to:

Joseph Eliff
27 Roboda Blvd,
Royersford, PA 19468

Deadline for submitting registration and payment: April 13, 2009

----Note: Cut out this form and include it with your check.---

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