

Tin Can Sailors 2024 National Reunion
New Orleans, LA
September 8-12, 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please read thoroughly and **return the gray form** back to the office using the envelope provided.

The registration cut-off date for this year is **Friday, August 9th**. While registration may be available after this date, it will not be guaranteed. Please call the office at (508) 677-0515 to ask for availability.

Getting to New Orleans:

- A. By Car: I-10 and I-55 offer speed and convenience. Other routes are available should you choose to experience local culture. Hotel valet parking is available for \$22 per night.
- B. By Train: Amtrak operates Union Station in New Orleans. Crescent, Sunset Limited, and City of New Orleans routes include stops in New Orleans.
- C. By Air: Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) hosts all the major U.S. Airlines, as well as some of the budget airlines. Nonstop flights are available from most major U.S. cities.
- D. The hotel does not operate shuttles. Ride share services and taxis are available.

What's New This Year:

The All Hands/Business Meeting will be held after the luncheon on Sunday, September 8. Following the Business Meeting we will have a live auction to raise funds for future reunions. If possible, please bring a gift with a value not to exceed \$35 for donation to the auction. Items should be something that you would want to bid on, so, please, no "White Elephant" items. Examples of auction items include books, Navy apparel, shipboard items, jewelry, and gift cards. Make sure you bring cash or your checkbook for those items that you just can't resist.

If you are not a member of Tin Can Sailors, now is a good time to join. New members receive the "Welcome Aboard" discounted rate of \$30 when joining with their Reunion registration.

Please consider rounding-up your total registration and optional tour fees by making a donation to Tin Can Sailors. It takes a lot of time, effort, and money to produce events such as the National Reunion. Every dollar counts!

TCS Cancellation/Refund Policy:

In order to receive a full refund (registration and tours), cancellations must be received by Tin Can Sailors (either by phone or mail) no later than **5:00 pm, August 9, 2024**.

Cancellations received after **5:00 pm, August 9, 2024**, but before **5:00 pm Friday, August 16, 2024**, may be eligible for a partial refund (registration only). Tour refunds will be made only if your ticket(s) are resold. Refunds will not be issued until after the reunion has concluded and the accounting has been completed.

Cancellations received after **5:00 pm Friday, August 16, 2024**, will not receive a registration refund.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The reunion will be held at the **Jung Hotel & Residences**, 1500 Canal St, New Orleans, LA 70112

Reservations: You can make reservations one of two ways:

A. Call (800) 935-8740 and ask for the Tin Can Sailors 2024 rate.

B. Go to the hotel's website using the link accessed on the National Reunion page on our website.

TCS Room Rate: The TCS Room Rate is \$159.00 (plus tax) per night. Breakfast is not included. Breakfast is available for \$20 per person per day. This rate is good from September 6 – 13 (check-out only) based on availability. To qualify for the TCS room rate, you must make your reservations before August 9, 2024. When calling, identify yourself as part of Tin Can Sailors 2024. All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.

Hotel Amenities: Hotel guests can enjoy personal amenities like complimentary Wi-Fi, flat-screen televisions, a workstation, a laptop safe, and bottled water. Other features are deluxe pillow-top mattresses and Bluetooth alarm clocks with USB charging ports. Hotel guests can enjoy poolside cabanas, lounge chairs, and the swimming pool, all on the Jung Hotel & Residences roof. The hotel's Daily Grind Coffee House serves small-batch artisan coffee, sandwiches, wraps, salads, and house-made pastries.

Important Note: Special room arrangements must be requested at the time of reservation. Rates cannot be adjusted at check-in or check-out for guests who failed to identify their affiliation when making their reservations.

Streetcar Stop: There is a stop for the Canal Street streetcar in front of the hotel. This streetcar goes to the Riverfront with multiple stops, including Bourbon Street. Single ride fare is \$1.25. New Orleans RTA has 1-, 3-, and 7-day Jazzy Passes available for unlimited rides. norta.com

Parking: Parking at the hotel is valet only, and there is a discounted rate of \$22.00 per day (plus tax). You will be given a voucher to show at check-in if you arrive before 4:00pm check-in.

Hospitality Room: Self catering will be permitted in the Hospitality Suites. Beer, wine, liquor, and light snacks are allowed. Heating elements, kegs, and fountains are not permitted.

Reservation Cut-Off Date: The cut-off date for reservations at the hotel is August 9, 2024. Guest rooms will be available prior to the cut-off date, or until the total room block is full, whichever comes first. Reservation requests after that date will be subject to hotel availability and may not be accepted at the discounted rate. We expect a large number of people to attend this year so **please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible.**

Check-in/ Check-out Policy: The hotel's check in time is 4:00pm, and check-out is 12:00pm. Guests arriving before 4:00pm may be accommodated as rooms become available.

Cancellation Policy: To receive a refund on the deposit made at the time of reservation, attendees must cancel their reservations 72 hours prior to arrival date.

OPTIONAL TOURS

Space is limited. Tours will be booked on a first come, first served basis. If demand is sufficient, additional buses may be available. If you have mobility issues, please call the office at 508-677-0515 and ask for Hannah. TCS is happy to offer a very liberal refund policy (full refund if cancellation is received by **5:00 pm, August 9, 2024**) so please make your reservations in advance.

Monday September 9, 2024

Jean Lafitte Swamp Boat Tour - \$50.00 per person
Depart at 9:00am. Return at 12:30pm

Located only fifteen minutes from New Orleans in the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, Jean Lafitte Swamp Tour explores Louisiana's back country along its meandering bayous abundant with wildlife and exotic plant life. Trained navigators escort you into the murky waters of Louisiana swamps where you will come face to face with the beauty and beasts of nature. Alligators, snakes, egrets, white-tailed deer, mink, and nutria all make their home here in the Louisiana swamplands.

Tuesday September 10, 2024

World War II Museum Day Trip - \$135.00 per person
Depart at 9:00am. Return at 4:30pm

Includes transportation, Museum admission, Beyond All Boundaries 4D movie experience, and Lady Legends Matinee Luncheon Buffet and Show at BB's Stagedoor Canteen.

Named by TripAdvisor as the #1 Attraction in New Orleans, The National WWII Museum tells the story of the American experience in the war that changed the world—why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today—so that all generations can understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn.

Wednesday September 11, 2024

Taste of New Orleans Tour - \$120.00 per person
Depart at 8:30am. Return at 2:00pm

Includes city and cemetery tour by bus, luncheon of traditional New Orleans favorites and cruise aboard the Steamboat NATCHEZ, and transportation.

Experience the history, culture and charm of neighborhoods like the French Quarter and Garden District. Learn about the unique local burial practices at the St. Louis Cemetery. Enjoy the beauty, landmarks, and history of City Park, one of the largest urban parks in the country.

Then, awaken your spirit of adventure aboard the Steamboat NATCHEZ as she takes you on a journey down the mighty Mississippi. See captivating views of the French Quarter fade into the distance as the joyful tunes of traditional jazz carries you down the river. Stroll the multiple decks, explore the beautiful, refinished interiors and savor the leisurely two-hour cruise that will give you panoramic views of the Mississippi River and the many unique sites along the way, with live narration.

THINGS TO DO ON YOUR OWN

New Orleans is filled with music, restaurants, museums, and more. Here are some activities you and your friends may not have considered...

Learn to Cook Creole at The New Orleans School of Cooking - neworleansschoolofcooking.com

Hands-on classes are 3 hours long and are held daily. Prepare a complete dinner with one of their expert chefs, and afterwards, sit down and enjoy the meal you have just created. These small classes have a maximum of 10 people utilizing 5 cooktops. Reservations are required. Cost is app. \$150 per person.

Demonstration classes are 2 ½ hours long and are held daily. Watch, learn & eat! Sit back and enjoy watching skilled, entertaining chefs prepare a classic Cajun / Creole meal for you while learning about the vibrant history of New Orleans cuisine! Reservations are required. Cost is app. \$40 per person.

Mardi Gras in September at Mardi Gras Museum of Costumes and Culture

Just a short 10-minute walk from the hotel offering exhibits and a show. Dress up in authentic Mardi Gras costumes for the NOLA-style indoor parade and take lots of selfies. themardigrasmuseum.com

See a Burlesque Show Burlesque is alive and well in NOLA. Check the Jazz Playhouse, Toulouse Theater, or the Allways Lounge for show times and tickets.

Try a Segway Tour Just across Canal Street from the Jung Hotel is Segway Nation Tours. There are some physical restrictions, but riding a Segway is a lot of fun. New Orleans sightseeing, French Quarter and even Haunted Tours are offered. Expect to pay \$60-75. nationtours.com/louisiana/

Tours and Services in Historic Churches

Cathedral-Basilica of St. Louis King of France - Catholic Mass is Monday through Friday at 12:05 p.m., Saturday at 5:00 p.m., and Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The St. Louis Cathedral is one of New Orleans' most notable landmarks.

St. Patrick's Church - Catholic Mass is Monday through Friday at 7:15 a.m. (Latin) and 11:30 a.m., Saturday at 8:00 a.m. (Latin) and Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. (Latin), 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. St. Patrick's Church, a National Historic Landmark, is the second oldest parish in New Orleans. The parish was founded in 1833.

Touro Synagogue - Shabbat services are Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. In 1828, just 25 years after the Louisiana Purchase, the founders of what would eventually become Touro Synagogue started one of the first Jewish temples outside the 13 original colonies. Today, Touro Synagogue of New Orleans remains one of the oldest continuously operating synagogues in the country.

Bring Your Walking Shoes! There are plenty of free or nearly-free activities, as well. Antiquing on Royal Street, listening to street musicians, browsing local artists' creations, enjoying the historic architecture, and people watching are just a few. Take a break and hop on a streetcar or the ferry for a mini-tour of your own. New Orleans RTA has 1-, 3-, and 7-day Jazzy Passes available for unlimited rides.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Saturday, September 7th

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Early Registration

Sunday, September 8th

9:00 am Registration Begins

11:30 am Luncheon Begins

1:30 pm Luncheon Ends

1:30 -3:30 pm All Hands Session and Live Auction

Monday, September 9th

9:00 am Bus Departs for the Swamp Tour*

12:30 pm Bus returns from Swamp Tour*

5:30 – 6:30 pm Social Hour

6:30 – 8:30 pm Monday Dinner and Entertainment (Business Casual)

Tuesday, September 10th

9:00 am Bus Departs for the World War II Museum (Including Lunch and Musical Revue) *

4:30 pm Bus Returns from World War II Museum*

Last Day for Ship's Store

Wednesday, September 11th

8:30 am Bus Departs for Taste of New Orleans Tour (Including River Boat Cruise and Lunch) *

2:00 pm Bus Returns from the Taste of New Orleans Tour*

5:30 pm Cash Bar and Social Hour

6:30 – 11:00 pm Dinner and Guest Speaker (Business Casual)

Thursday, September 12th

Have a Safe Trip Home!

*Optional Tours

Ship's Store and Hospitality Room hours will be available at registration.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION FEE

The TCS Reunion Registration is a flat fee of \$249 per person. There are optional tours that may be added.

Meals:

Sunday, September 8 – Jambalaya Luncheon Buffet

Lunch will be followed by the All Hands Meeting. Then, there will be a live auction of donated items.

Monday, September 9 – Social Hour, Dinner, and Entertainment

The Marine Forces Reserve Band from Belle Chasse is tentatively scheduled. They have a wonderful New Orleans traditional jazz band.

Wednesday, September 11 – Dinner with Guest Speaker Parks Stephenson

In addition to being Executive Director of USS KIDD DD661 museum ship in Baton Rouge, LCDR Stephenson, USN(Ret) has been on the deep sea dive teams for TITANIC research and the recent dives to locate the USS JOHNSTON and USS HOEL in the Philippine Sea.

Hospitality Rooms:

Private or shared, depending on attendance, hospitality rooms will be available for individual ship groups. There will be plenty of time for you to get together with your shipmates for reminiscing and planning your next adventure.

Ship's Store:

The Tin Can Sailors Ship's Store will be open during the Reunion. This is a great time for the shopping you've been putting off or for picking up that extra shirt you forgot to pack. Hours will be available at registration.

Swag Bag:

Pick up your gift bag of goodies when you register at the hotel in New Orleans.

