

January 12, 2016
Greetings from Kansas City!

We're making progress on all events for the 2016 Long Thanh North Reunion and we wanted to share the details with you. Let us know if you have questions or if you need additional information.

Dates: Thursday, Friday, Saturday; September 29, 30 and October 1.

Marriott Kansas City Airport, 775 Brasilia Avenue, KC, MO (I-435 and I-29 at the Kansas City Airport exit.)
Rates: Single \$120.00; Double \$128.00. (Triples and Quads rates are also available) Taxes are 17.225% and License Fee of \$1.76 which brings the total room rate per day to Single \$142.43; Double \$151.81. This rate includes a daily full hot breakfast buffet serving all of the classic favorites and features a "cooked-to-order" station.

The Marriott will guarantee this rate to all Reunion Attendees from September 25 through October 4.

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION: contact the Hotel directly at 816-464-2200 and ask for reservations. You can also contact Marriott Hotels and tell them you want to book rooms at the Marriott Kansas City Airport. To ensure you get the reduced rate, please mention the Long Thanh Reunion!

Hotel Shuttle Service: The Marriott Airport Shuttle departs the hotel beginning at 4:20 a.m. each day on a 20 minute cycle. Once your flight arrives at Kansas City International Airport, proceed to the baggage claim area and locate the Kansas City Airport Marriott on the Courtesy Board for pick up.

Banquet, Saturday, October 1. Get ready for a delicious Kansas City BBQ Dinner Buffet. Chef Gonzalez's BBQ Sauce won 1st place last year at the BBQ Competition!!! The total cost for the buffet (including tip, tax, etc) is \$47.42 for adults; Kids 4-12 are \$33.19; Children 0-3 are free. When you check in to the hotel, you can make your reservations for the Banquet and it will be added to your hotel account. (One week before the event, we will need an estimated count for the dinner, but we'll have the final count when everyone checks in.)

For those not staying at the hotel but are planning on attending the banquet on Saturday night, please make checks for the dinner payable to Marriott Hotel and send to us. Our address is included on the last page.

Hotel Amenities: 24-hour Fitness Center on property, Indoor Pool and scenic walking trail. Parking at the hotel is complimentary. The hotel has a full bar and restaurant which serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Breakfast is served from 6 a.m. – 11 a.m. daily.

Hotel Shuttle Service to Zona Rosa (nearest shopping area 10 min from hotel) which has many excellent restaurants and lots of shopping opportunities is free and runs from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. daily. A voucher for many discount coupons will be provided at check-in.

Gun Restrictions: Missouri is a "conceal" state. Guns are allowed on the premises but must be concealed. Guns in the guest rooms must be in a locked case or the hotel room cannot be cleaned.

Group Tours:

We are scheduling the National WWI Museum on Thursday morning, September 29, which will include having lunch (at your own expense) at the Museum or a nearby restaurant. The museum tour costs \$10.

Fort Leavenworth Command and General Staff College tour on Friday, September 30 which will include having lunch on the Fort. There is no charge for the tour but we will need to collect for bus transportation. Everyone will be responsible for their own lunch expense. (We will be requesting personal information via mail in order to have background checks for admittance to the Fort. No firearms are allowed on the Fort. More on this in the next few months.)

Tours and activities:

Golf: Two nice courses are located very near the hotel.

Tiffany Springs Golf, 6100 NW Tiffany Springs Parkway, KC, MO; 816-880-9600 (10 min from hotel)

Shoal Creek Golf, 8905 Shoal Creek Pkwy, KC, MO 816-407-7242 (15 min from hotel)

Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Plant (10 min from hotel)

11401 N. Congress Avenue, KC, MO; 877-883-1450

Tours are Monday-Friday at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; free; tour lasts 1 hour. You need to arrive early in the day to get available tickets. Production does not always take place on Friday.

Steel-Toe-Tours are Monday-Thursday at 9:15 and noon; \$5 which is redeemable at Gift Shop; tour lasts 2 hours.

Negro League Baseball Museum (30 min from hotel)

1616 East 18th Street, KC, MO 816-221-1920

Tuesday-Saturday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sunday Noon-6 p.m.

\$9 senior; www.nlbm.com

Kansas City Royals Baseball (40 min from hotel)—here's the schedule for the week of reunion (times have not been determined):

Tuesday, September 27 vs. Minnesota Twins

Wednesday, September 28 vs. Minnesota Twins

Thursday, September 29 vs. Minnesota Twins

Friday, September 30 vs. Cleveland Indians

Saturday, October 1 vs. Cleveland Indians

Sunday, October 2 vs. Cleveland Indians

If you are interested in attending a baseball game, you should purchase tickets as soon as possible. Home games are usually sold out.

Kansas City Chiefs Football—2016 schedule is not available yet.

Harry S. Truman Library (30 min from hotel)

500 West US Highway 24, Independence, MO; 816-268-8200

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; \$7 for seniors

www.truman.library@nara.gov

Steamboat Arabia (20 min from hotel)

\$13.50; www.1856.com

National Airline History Museum (20 min from hotel)

Located at KC Municipal Airport featuring a restored TWA Constellation (Connie)

Open W-Th-F, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$5 for seniors

ifly@airlinehistory.org

Hallmark Cards Visitors Center (30 min from hotel)

Open M-F from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

No charge. Located in Crown Center Shopping District, many restaurants and near the WWI Museum

www.hallmarkvisitorscenter.com

Cabela's Outdoor Store (20 min from hotel)

Located near Nascar Speedway, Hollywood Casino and The Legends Outlet Mall and lots of restaurants

Casinos

Harrahs, Kansas City, MO

Ameristar, Kansas City, MO

Argosy, Riverside, MO

Hollywood, Kansas City, KS

Continuing the great tradition started by Ron and Sadie in Tucson, we are planning dinner and show on Wednesday, September 28, at The New Theatre Restaurant in Overland Park, KS (30 min from hotel). This is a dinner theatre with award-winning shows. For September 28, the show will be a Tribute to Shirley Jones starring Shirley Jones. The show is yet unnamed and is being written by Shirley's son, Shawn Cassidy. The food is fabulous and the shows are entertaining. Tickets will be approximately \$50-\$55 per person. I have tentatively reserved a block of tickets. We will need to reserve seats with \$5 per seat in June with final payment being due 30 days prior to show (end of August). Please let me know if you think you'd be interested in attending or if you'd like additional information. You can get more information on their website.

We will have a hospitality room where we can display photos and memorabilia and we will have video equipment where we can view CDs and videos. We will also have a raffle at the banquet on Saturday evening. Please feel free to bring items to donate so we can raise money for our reunion in 2017!

We look forward to seeing everyone.

Barbara and Mike Meyer

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