

Explanation of Events and Tours

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Thursday 8/15

MOTORCYCLE RUN

0730 You will be departing from the hotel early in the morning and enjoying a spectacular ride through the Texas Hill Country stopping in Marble Falls for Breakfast at the Bluebonnet Cafe. Please note that the Bluebonnet only accepts Cash or Checks. The return trip will continue through the Hill Country and return back to the hotel around 1200. No cost, just bring your bike and pay for your food at the Bluebonnet Cafe.

TEXAS HISTORY TOUR

0930 to 1400 Texas is a large state with a big history, much of which is gloriously celebrated in Austin. First stop is the magnificent State Capitol building with its manicured grounds and awe-inspiring dome. We'll then visit the Texas State Cemetery where many important Texans have been buried including, recently, Chris Kyle. Lunch will be at one of Austin's famous food truck stops. We wrap things up at the camp Mabry Military Museum. The 45,000 sq ft Texas Military Forces Museum explores the history of the state's militia and volunteer forces from 1823 to date (when Congress created the National Guard). \$95, 50 person minimum, 150 person maximum.

RIVER FLOAT TRIP #1

1000 to 1600 You will be picked up at the hotel and dropped off at the San Marcos River for a 3 hour float. All equipment including tubes, cooler tubes, and coolers are provided (except you and your swimsuit). You can bring your own food and drinks, but no glass containers. \$50

AUSTIN BBQ & BREW TOUR #1

1100 to 1500 Austin has dozens of BBQ joints ranging from new food trucks to long-established downtown restaurants. The city also has 18 licensed breweries, many producing award-winning brews of national and international acclaim. This tour provides the best of both, with stops at two breweries and two BBQ pits for tastings of unique craft beer and samples of out-of-this-world BBQ. This combination detour is a dream come true for every meat-lover and beer enthusiast! \$125, 50 person minimum, 100 person maximum.

WELCOME ABOARD PARTY

1900 to 2300 Come join us for a Big Texas welcome to the 2019 Convention! There will be a DJ or Live music, light snacks, and a cash bar for the evening's entertainment. Everyone attending will receive a welcome aboard gift to take home with them. \$25

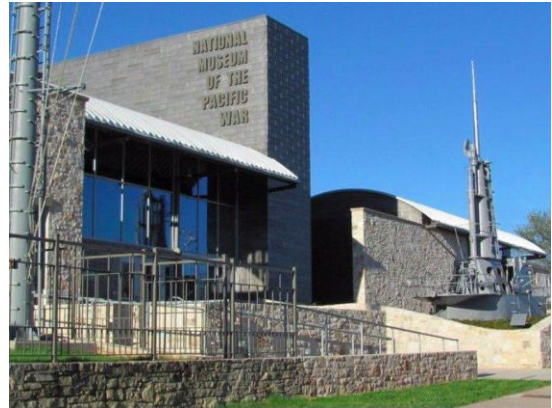
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Friday 8/16

FREDERICKSBURG (National Museum of the Pacific War) TRIP

0800 to 2100. Join us for a day trip to Fredericksburg, Texas, <http://www.visitfredericksburgtx.com/> where Texan hospitality and German traditions thrive. Fredericksburg is also the hometown of Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz and the home of the National Museum of the Pacific War, <http://www.pacificwarmuseum.org/> which is located on the historic Main Street, alive with shops, galleries, restaurants and music. You will be dropped off just outside the National Museum of the Pacific War about 0930 and have the day to visit the museum along with many of the other attractions in town. There are 80+ restaurants and more than two dozen wineries in Fredericksburg. It is also home to some of the best one-of-a-kind shopping anywhere. We recommend you plan at least 3-4 hours for the museum, many will likely spend the whole day there. Wheelchairs are available at the museum to rent for visitors. Lunch and dinner are on your own. \$70, 50 person minimum



ESTER FOLLIES DINNER TRIP

1730 to 2200 For over 40 years, Esther's Follies <https://www.esthersfollies.com/> in Austin, Texas has been entertaining sold-out audiences with political satire, comedy sketches, Vegas-style magic and hilarious musical numbers. Esther's has been hailed as "Austin's answer to Saturday Night Live," with sharp insightful comedy performed by talented actors, entertainers and musicians. Join us as we provide a comfortable bus ride downtown to the venue, a Hill Country BBQ dinner including Brisket and Sausage and various sides, the famous show. \$85, 45 person minimum.



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Saturday 8/17

MEN'S LUNCHEON

1130-1300 A lunch for the guys to share some sea stories, camaraderie and a 2 course plated lunch and a take home gift. Speaker/Entertainment TBD. \$42

LADIES LUNCHEON

1130-1300 A lunch for the ladies to share some stories about the guys and a 2 course plated lunch and a take home gift. Speaker/Entertainment TBD. \$42

HALFWAY NIGHT PARTY

1900 Join us for a Good Ole Fashioned Texas Party. Entertainment will be provided by The Alibis Texas Dance Hall Band. <http://www.alibisaustin.com/home.html> One of our own USSVI members is part of the band. Put on your boots (preferably cowboy but boondockers are OK if it makes you more comfortable) or dancing shoes and come ready to hear and dance to some Great Old School Country Music. There will be snacks served and Cash Bar available. We will toast the Submarine Service sometime during the evening and everyone will be able to take home their souvenir shot glass. \$30

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Sunday 8/18

HOLLAND CLUB BREAKFAST

0700 to 0900 Please come join us as we celebrate our Holland Club members. This breakfast is open to all registered guests. Take Home Gift and Speaker TBD. \$35

WORSHIP TIME

0900 to 1100 We are leaving this time open for you to have the option to worship as you desire. We will have information on nearby local churches who would invite you to join them and we may be offering a Protestant and Catholic Lay Service on the facilities. All TBD but the time is set aside for worship as you desire.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS

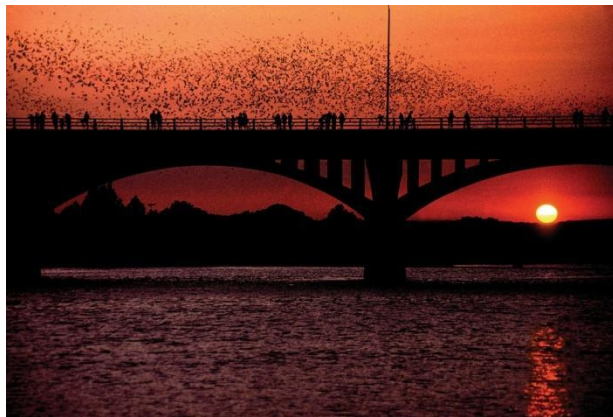
1200 to 1330 A Special Tolling of the Boats Ceremony in the shade of Live Oak on the Gazebo/Patio area, weather permitting. Please join us for what we hope to be a very special event . We will be opening this ceremony to the public. Option in Grand Ballroom A.

TOP GOLF W/ BBQ BUFFET

1600 to 2200 Texas Golf without the heat! You will be provided a comfortable bus ride to Top Golf then have 3 hours of fun playing gold and eating BBQ. Bottomless Non-Alcoholic drinks and a Cash Bar. Top Golf is for professional and non-golfers alike so do not think you need to have swung a golf club before to come and play with us. Top Golf features a high-energy, interactive sports and social atmosphere. Players hit golf balls that track each shot's accuracy and distance while awarding points for hitting targets on the outfield. A BBQ Buffet to be provided with the event. Non Alcoholic Drinks are complimentary and the will be a cash bar. \$95, 50 person minimum.

DINNER CRUISE ON LAKE AUSTIN

1800-2200 Come join us for a 2 hour cruise on beautiful Lake Austin. We will be cruising on



one of Capitol Cruises fleet, likely the MV Pride and Joy II, capable of holding up to 140 people. A 3 meat BBQ dinner will be provided and if we are lucky we will get to see some of Austin's most famous seasonal residents. 1.5 Million Mexican Free Tailed Bats as they emerge from under the congress avenue bridge. There is table seating below decks for 80 people and the top deck will hold 112 people. \$80, 50 person minimum, 140 maximum.

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Monday 8/19

SAN ANTONIO TRIP

0800 to 2200 Come join us for a comfortable bus ride to San Antonio Texas. You will be dropped off and met by members of the PC Stryker USSVI Base to help you along and answer you questions. Each Texas town has its very own tale and no place is that more evident than San Antonio. This excursion allows you to walk in to footsteps of Texas icons and get to know the real San Antonio. Our first stop is the Alamo, <http://www.thealamo.org/> and Riverwalk, <https://www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com/> where you'll have time to wander the famous waterways, grab lunch and explore the famous Mission where Davy Crockett took his last stand. You will be provided tickets to take the guided tour on the barges floating the Famous River Walk. Then, we'll take you to both the Old Pearl Brewery, <http://atpearl.com/> no longer a brewery but a tourist destination for food, shopping and more and then on to enjoy the sights and flavors of old Mexico at the Historic Market Square, <https://www.getcreativesanantonio.com/Explore-San-Antonio/Market-Square> a favorite of locals and tourists for generations before boarding the buses heading back to the Hotel in Austin. \$70, 50 person minimum.

RIVER FLOAT TRIP #2

1000 to 1600 You will be picked up at the hotel and dropped off at the San Marcos River for a 3 hour float. All equipment including tubes, cooler tubes, and coolers are provided (except you and your swimsuit). You can bring your own food and drinks, but no glass containers. \$50

AUSTIN BBQ & BREW TOUR #2

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HILL COUNTRY BBQ AND WINE TOUR

1000 to 1700 Let's head for the hills! This road trip takes you out of Austin and into our beloved Hill Country. Texas has long been famous for its amazing BBQ but many people don't know the state is the 5th largest wine producer in the United States, so why not pair famous BBQ with fantastic wine? We start at the Salt Lick, one of the most famous BBQ pits in the Lone Star State, where you can savor fall-off-the-bone brisket, sausage, turkey and out-of-this-world sides. We'll then wind through the hills, stopping at two of Central Texas' best wineries so you can taste the different wines made in this area. This is the quintessential Hill Country tour! \$150, 50 person minimum, 100 maximum.

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Tuesday 8/20

CONVENTION ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

1800 to 2200 We hope you will join us for our final event of the week and share your stories of your trip, participate in the handing out of earned awards, enjoy a 3 course formal dinner and enjoy some entertainment. Each attendee will be provided with a souvenir take home gift. Speaker/Entertainment TBD. Chicken or Beef selections for \$65. Plenty of awards to present.