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**THE CUT OFF DATE**

**for the Hotel's Reduced rate is  
September 6th**

**This is a week Earlier than we have had in the  
past, so every one needs to book early**

**The Chinese Auction**

We have a tradition of holding a Silent/  
Chinese Auction. Remember to bring an  
unwrapped gift that will be "auctioned  
off" to help subsidize the cost of the Hos-



pitality Room. The article can be anything from a special handmade item to

that really ugly clock that Aunt Clara sent you last Christmas. The "Auction" will be held at a time and day to be announced and items will be on display as they arrive. Remember to turn the gift in early for display.

**DESTINATION**



**Bloomington  
MINNESOTA**



**(LRT) Light Rail Transit Directions**

The LRT is located across the street from the hotel. The Hiawatha Line to the Fort Snelling Rail Station is just 3 stops north and is located adjacent to the Federal Building. A walk from the station to Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center will take approximately 10-15 minutes. Admission to Fort Snelling is \$8.00 for seniors.

Expect to be out and about for a good three hours. You can find your way back on the light rail. Note that the Mall of America is the last stop south on the rail line, if you're up for more walking and shopping.

Light Rail fair is \$1.75 good for 2½ hours, Day Pass for the Light Rail \$6.00

**About weather in Minnesota**

In Minnesota the major topic of conversation is always weather. That's because it can be very changeable and often surprising. This year June was cold and wet, July is HOT and often humid, and August can be either. By the end of September, who knows? We've ordered perfect weather, but bring a jacket/sweater anyway, especially if you're taking the cruise luncheon.

Don't forget to bring something for the auction too, and address stickers to make bidding easier for you.



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# From Our Association's Secretary



Initially, I would like to thank Donald Dillon for stepping forward and taking on the Ship's Store responsibilities. I have shipped him most everything I had remaining in stock, so he is now the



keeper of the merchandise. Remember, ALL ORDERS should be sent to our Treasurer (who at this time is Dell Bancroft, soon to be relieved of his duties in Oct.). Upon receipt of your order he will check with Don to ascertain the availability of desired merchandise.

Also, despite a note in many of the past newsletters, dues payments are still being sent to me. I know the dues notices you receive list my home address at the top, you are requested to send your dues payments directly to our treasurer. In addition, PLEASE make your payment to the respective association and NOT to Combined Association. For some reason the banks are getting pretty sticky about accepting checks made out to Combined Association.

While we had a single volunteer for the position of Treasurer (and we aren't letting him get away), there has been NO response from anyone wanting to fill the

position of Secretary/Director. As many of you know, I have filled this position for 25+ years and I feel the time has come for me to step down. I am pleased to see that there is enough interest in keeping the reunions going and we have been able to get volunteers to step forward for those and other positions. Still need someone to fill my really SMALL SHOES.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Minn . . . have a great summer.

-Ron

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## USE THE FOLLOWING AS A GUIDE WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS

*USS Everglades, USS Currituck, Torpedoman's Assn. and any and all Crew members of USS Pine Island*

### *Registration Form*

First Name:	Last name:	Spouse:
Street:	City:	State & Zip:
Phone:	E-Mail:	Additional members in Party & Names:
Arrival Date	Departure Date	Note & Check your Dinner Selections

**Registration Fee:**

Includes: Saturday Dinner, Daily Breakfast Buffet and the Hospitality Room Beverages and Snacks

Price	#	Total
\$25 each	_____	_____
\$30 each	_____	_____
\$55 each	_____	_____
Total Amount	_____	_____

**OPTIONAL TOURS**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. – 9:00 to Noon.

City Tour by Charter Bus

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. – 10:00 am.

Lunch Cruise & Transportation

**\$25 Registration Fee Includes:**

Saturday Dinner • Daily Breakfast Buffet • Hospitality Room Beverages and Snacks

*Hotel will provide coupons at check in for breakfast buffet in the Harvest Cafe*

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> of Oct. (Choose ✓)

The New Hotel Crowne Plaza will be offering plated dinners.

All meals include tossed salad, choice dressing, potato and vegetable, rolls & butter, beverage and dessert.

(1) Champagne Chicken  (2) Pork Loin  (3) Sliced Sirloin

### For Registration Fees & Tours

*Make Check payable to*  
**COMBINED ASSOCIATION**

*mail to*

132 San Benito Rd., Brisbane, CA 94005

*Questions?? — Contact -*  
Gary Adams at 415-467-6284  
or AD24history@att.net

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### Hotel Information

Crowne Plaza

*Formally the Holiday Inn Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport Hotel*

3 Appletree Square, Bloomington, MN 55425

**1-800-65-4329**

*Ask for Combined Association rate of \$89 Dollars or Registration Code: COA*

Hotel Provides Free Airport Shuttle & Shuttle to the Great Mall

Light Rail system to downtown is across the street  
Including the Hotel there are 4 Restaurants in the Area and many in the Great Mall

# Moving

Keeping us informed of your address is very important . . . to both of us!

- We want to ensure that our mail reaches you.
- We want to make sure you receive your copy of the "News."

Send all address changes to:  
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## SHIP'S STORE INFO

Please note that we usually have the items available for purchase from the Ship's Store listed on the last page of the Newsletter. This practice has been discontinued.

Since the last sale the availability of merchandise has been drastically reduced. Please contact Dell Bancroft prior to ordering to ensure the item(s) you desire are still in stock.



**Next Issue:  
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*Don't Forget*  
**All dues payments and orders for merchandise are to be sent to DELL BANCROFT, Treas.**

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## REUNION INFO ???

Check With Our  
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## Reunion Week Program

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

12:00 Noon: Early Arrivals can check in at Apple Terrace Room this is also the Combined Association Hospitality room. The Hospitality room will remain open to 2200 hrs.

Bring your Chinese Auction Stuff; it will be set up in the same Room (Long Tables) along the Walls. No Tours for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>, but there is a free Hotel Shuttle to the Great Mall.

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

Hotel will provide Coupons at check in for a Full Hot Breakfast at your leisure in the Harvest Café. Insure you receive your coupons at check in.

**City Tour starting at 9:00** and will run until Noon. Tour is by charter bus with guide

Hospitality open 0800 -2200 hrs

Board Members and all Association officers meeting 1600 hrs X-Suite #310

Optional Tour: Today or any Day. Self Guided tour of Fort Snelling via Light Rail. Cash \$1.75 for Light rail and \$8 for Fort Admission (This is an easy walk of 1 to 2 miles) Guide & Maps available in Hospitality room

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast in the Harvest Cafe at your leisure See you there.

**Lunch Cruise Bus departs 10:00** and returns around 2:30.

Cruise is out of Stillwater one of the oldest towns in Minnesota and located on the St. Croix River aboard a replica of an 1890 paddlewheel riverboat.

Lunch will be Buffet Style so you can sit and enjoy the sights along the scenic River.

For those not attending there is the Great Mall.

Hospitality room opens 0800 -2200 hrs

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>

**0800 hrs Breakfast and General Meeting** in Pippins Room.

The Pippin room is outside restaurant area See signs. (Pick up your breakfast and Take it to the meeting room or eat early and take your Coffee).

Chinese Auction and the Hospitality room will open after the General Meeting and close for the Auction Drawing at 1600 hrs. The Hospitality room will reopen after the Banquet for drawing review and Winnings.

1730 hrs No Host Bar Open in Pippins Room

1800 Dinner Banquet in Pippins Room (Bring your Dinner Coupons)

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Breakfast in the Harvest Café at your leisure and goodbye until next year.

**Rest in  
Peace**

Currituck  
**ANTONE SPALLUZZI**



**Reminder to  
Chinese Auction participants**  
Don't forget to bring your unwrapped item and also remember to bring address labels so you can save some time and effort.

## MALL OF AMERICA

Passionate about shopping? You have come to the right place! The Mall of America® in Bloomington, Minnesota boasts over 520 stores and 50 restaurants, including four major department stores including Bloomingdale's, Macy's, Nordstrom and Sears. With ample free parking, complimentary shuttles from Bloomington hotels and Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport plus with no tax on clothing and shoes, it is easy to enjoy all that the Mall of America has to offer.

If shopping is not your main intention at Mall of America, visit the many attractions inside the largest shopping and entertainment complex in the United States. Nickelodeon Universe® theme park brings Nick characters to life with 24 rides geared for the young and young at heart. Additional family-friendly attractions include:

- SEA LIFE Minnesota Aquarium
- Moose Mountain Adventure Golf
- LEGO®
- A.C.E.S. Flight Simulation
- Theatres at Mall of America™ with VIP seating
- American Girl®
- Rick Bronson's House of Comedy
- Amazing Mirror Maze
- The Flying Dutchman Ghostly Gangplank Ropes and Adventure Course

Build-A-Bear Workshop  
Scoops® Kid's Spa  
Sky Deck Sports Grille and Lanes

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With Mall of America®'s more than 520 specialty stores and four department stores anchoring the complex - Bloomingdale's, Macy's, Nordstrom and Sears - visitors will marvel at the variety this four-level complex provides. New Mall of America, MN stores are continually opening inside the mall and the IKEA Scandinavian home furnishings store is located just across the street from Nordstrom. All of these options, combined with no sales tax on clothing or shoes help to sweeten the entire shopping experience.

You may want to purchase a Mall of America Super Savings Coupon Book before coming to shop. The coupon book has hundreds of offers for stores, attractions and restaurants inside Mall of America and can be purchased at any Guest Services desk for \$9.95.

Lockers are available to rent on levels 2, 3 and 4 at the East entrance and on level 1 on the West side next to the Guest Services desk. Costs range for \$6.00-\$13.00, depending on size. Check with the Guest Services desk for rental options. Single strollers (\$6.00)

and double strollers (\$8.00) are available to rent to all guests. Wheelchairs (\$5.00 for the day, \$30.00 for electronic) and shopping carts are available to rent to all guests.

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## Bloomington a great place to visit

From its founding in 1858, Bloomington has blossomed into a dynamic urban center with more than 85,000 residents and 100,000 employees. Major industries include retail and entertainment, hotel and restaurant, health maintenance and computer manufacturing.

Located in southern Hennepin County, the city is bound by Interstate 494 to the north, Highway 169 to the west and the Minnesota River to the south and east. The Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport is directly north of the city. Light rail transit connects the South Loop District, which contains the Mall of America, to the airport and downtown Minneapolis.

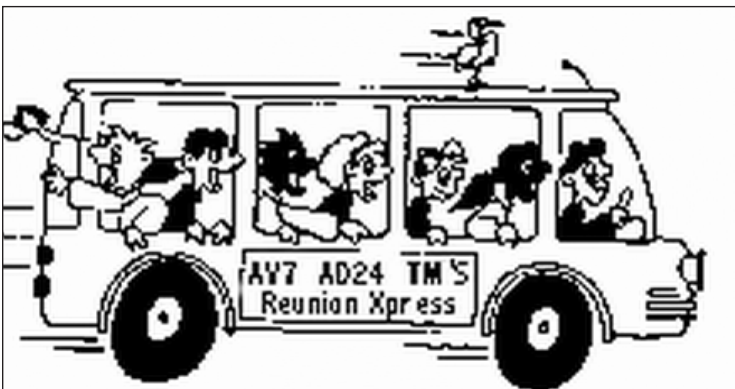


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