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SUBJECT: Veterans Remembrance Tour, Update/ Proposed Itinerary
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ATTENTION ALL NYSCOPBA VETERANS

The NYSCOPBA Veterans Committee is planning a Veterans Remembrance tour to be held in Washington D.C., from September 16 thru September 19, 2008. Attendance at this event is on a first come first serve basis and is limited to active NYSCOPBA veteran members at this time. Time off to participate in this event is the responsibility of the member. Any NYSCOPBA member who wishes to attend may secure his/her reservation by sending a \$100.00 deposit, along with his/her phone #, branch of service and dates of service, to the Veterans Committee at the address listed above, all deposits must be received by July 1, 2008 in order to finalize tour arrangements, (note: all deposits will be returned to those members who attend the tour). The tour package will include round trip transportation, 3 night accommodations, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners, tour admissions and guide services, (See attached proposed itinerary, and please note that rooming will be done on a 4 man/woman basis). All other expenses are the responsibility of the individual member. The tour will depart from NYSCOPBA Headquarters, 102 Hackett Blvd., Albany N.Y. @ 06:30 AM on September 16, 2008, and it is the responsibility of the member to arrive on time to depart. Parking for members will be in the parking lot across the street from NYSCOPBA Headquarters and is limited to 75 spaces, so members who are attending from the same facility or geographic area please car pool. The Veterans Committee hopes all veteran members take advantage of this opportunity and looks forward to many more in the future.

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Veterans Remembrance Tour
Washington, D. C.

Day One, Tuesday, September 16, 2008

- 6:30 am Depart Albany, NY.
- 8:30 am Stop in Newburgh, NY for breakfast at the Gateway Diner (or equivalent) for a breakfast buffet.
- 3:30pm Arrive in Washington, D.C. Visit the **National Museum of the Marine Corps**. Experience what it means to be a marine! Enter a recruiting station. Step aboard the bus taking you to boot camp. Stand astride the famed "yellow footprints" and hear the roar of your first dreaded drill instructor issuing commands! See American history through the eyes of a marine. Learn how diversified American youngsters are transformed into self-disciplined, courageous, cohesive comrades-in-arms forever woven into the historic fabric of the Marine Corps. You will leave with an understanding of the Marine Corps motto *Always Faithful "Semper Fidelis"*.

Check in to **Staybridge Suites Chantilly (or Similar)** Then enjoy dinner this evening at **Damon's Grill**. Choices are half rack of St. Louis Ribs, 8oz. Prime rib, aloha chicken or Maui Salmon. All entrees include one classic side and a choice of soup or salad. Dessert is your choice of cheesecake or chocolate cake. Soft drinks, iced tea and coffee are included. Enjoy the evening at **Damon's Grill** or other venues nearby or retire to the hotel for the evening.

Day Two, Wednesday, September 17, 2008

- 7:00am Enjoy continental breakfast or breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:00am Depart with **GUIDE**.
- 9:00am Visit **Arlington National Cemetery**.. Tourmobile tickets are included for your visit.

- Stop at the **Women in the Military Memorial**. This memorial, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is dedicated to the nearly 1.8 million women who have served in the military defending this country from the Revolutionary War until the present time.
- Stop for a photo opportunity of **The White House**. Then stop at **Union Station** and enjoy lunch on your own with free time to explore the shops. The city's main train station is a classic Beaux-Arts design of monumental proportions. Restored to its original grandeur in the 1980's, Union Station features a large food court, a movie theatre, shops and kiosks.
- Stop at **The National World War II Memorial**. This *newest memorial* honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S. during World War II, the more than 400,000 who died, and the millions who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th Century, the memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people to the common defense of the nation and to the broader causes of peace and freedom from tyranny throughout the world.
- Stop at **The Vietnam Veterans Memorial**. This privately funded memorial has drawn millions who have come to touch the over 50,000 names, make pencil rubbings and leave flowers, letters, flags and personal mementos.
- Stop at **The Lincoln Memorial**, overlooking the Reflecting Pool, was patterned on a classic Greek temple. Inside, inscriptions from his Gettysburg Address and Second Inaugural Address flank the 19-foot marble statue of our 16th President.
- Stop at **The Korean War Veterans Memorial**. The triangular field contains nineteen ground troopers, clad in foul weather ponchos, fully equipped for battle. Representing those who supported the ground troops are hundreds of faces etched on a polished granite wall.

Visit the **New Crime & Punishment Museum**. The new Crime Museum in Washington, DC, officially named the National Museum of Crime & Punishment explores the history of crime, law enforcement, forensic science, crime scene investigation (CSI) and the consequences of committing a crime.

Co-owned and operated by John Walsh, host of America's Most Wanted, the National Museum of Crime & Punishment provides guests of all ages with a memorable insight into the issues of crime and crime fighting through a captivating interactive, entertaining and educational experience.

Enjoy dinner this evening at **Phillips Flagship Restaurant**, overlooking the waters of the *Potomac River*. This virtually endless buffet includes a Steamed Seafood Station with Snowcrab clusters, steamed spiced shrimp, mussels, and more. Traditional Seafood Stations with Seafood Newburg, fresh fish and shrimp, baked and blackened fish, and more. An Iron Skillet Station with seafood jambalaya and more. Home Style Cooking Station with fried chicken, pepper steak, seafood Creole, fresh turkey with stuffing, and more. Soups, Salads, and Appetizer Buffet including clam chowder and Maryland crab soup, a Carving Station with baked ham and chicken, and a Dessert Station that features pies, cakes, brownies, fresh fruit, and more!

Depart on an Illuminated tour of the following:

- Stop at **The Jefferson Memorial**. The 19-foot statue of the third president stands beneath a rotunda inscribed with passages from the Declaration of Independence and Jefferson's other famous writings. Looking from the memorial across the *Tidal Basin* provides an unforgettable view of the city.
- Stop at the **Air Force Memorial** built on a hillside overlooking the **Pentagon**. The memorial is bold and graceful and truly representational of the Air Force. Central to the design are three stainless steel spires which soar skyward. The highest of the spires ascends 270' above the 3-acre elevated promontory site. Other key elements of the Memorial include a bronze Honor Guard, inscription walls, and an open glass Chamber of Contemplation, all landscaped to create a park and parade ground overlooking the nation's capital.

Depart to hotel for the evening. Drop **GUIDE**.

Day Three, Thursday, September 18, 2008

7:00am Enjoy continental breakfast or breakfast at the hotel.

8:00am Depart with **GUIDE**.

Stop at **The Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial**. The FDR is unique among the memorials of Washington, DC. The memorial is divided into four outdoor galleries, or rooms, one for each of FDR's terms in office.

Depart and continue with a tour of **Capitol Hill**. *Due to new security procedures, motor coaches are no longer permitted to drive up to the front of the Capitol. Passengers may be dropped off at the Garfield Circle and walk up hill along Independence Ave. (About 1 ½ city blocks) to the front of the Capitol Building.*

- Stop for a photo opportunity and narrative tour of the outside of **The United States Capitol**. The most recognized symbol of democratic government in the world, the U.S. Capitol has housed Congress since 1800 and is one of the most imposing public buildings in the world. The Capitol is where Congress meets to write the laws of our nation, and where presidents are inaugurated. Its ceilings are decorated with historic images, and its halls are lined with statuary and paintings representing great events and people in the nation's history.
- Tour **The Library of Congress**. The Library of Congress is the largest national library in the world with more than 100 million items in three buildings. The original Library of Congress Building (now called the Thomas Jefferson Building) is perhaps Washington's most richly ornamented building.
- Tour **The Supreme Court Building (pending time and length of lines)**. Within the walls of this white marble monument the third branch of government exercises its mandate to protect and interpret the spirit of the Constitution. **If for any reason an inside tour is not available or the wait in line is extremely long our guide will conduct a tour outside the building.**

Visit the **National Air & Space Museum**. Experience the history of flight at one of the world's most visited museums. From the plane flown by the Wright Brothers to the Apollo 11 command module. Features an incredible collection of aviation and space technology treasures.

- Enjoy lunch on own while at the museum.

Meet the motorcoach on the mall side entrance and depart.

Arrive at the **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Visitors Center**. Check in for the guided tour of the memorial.

Enjoy a guided tour of the **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial**. View elegant marble walls that display the names of more than 14,000 federal, state and local law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, dating back to 1794.

Depart.

Enjoy dinner tonight at **Tuscana West**. Dinner will be served with Fresh Baked Italian Focaccia, and breadsticks. Start with *Misticanze di Giardino*- Seasonal mix organic salad tossed in our balsamic vinaigrette with extra virgin olive oil. Entrée is your choice of: *Panzerotti di Mozzarella al Pomodoro e Basilico*- Fresh ravioli stuffed with mozzarella cooked in a traditional cherry tomato, olive oil, and fresh basil sauce; *Farfalle con Piselli, Pomodoro e Pancetta*- Farfalle pasta mixed with diced, pinewood-smoked pancetta bacon, onions, tomatoes, and young green peas; or *Petti di Pollo alla Cacciatore*- breast of chicken, hunter's style, served with Capers and Umbria olives. Dessert is Tiramisu Tuscana West Classic ladyfinger sponge cake soaked in espresso, layered with a mascarpone mousse, Coffee or tea. Please send in choices with rooming list.

Depart on an Illuminated tour of the following:

- Stop at **The Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue)**. One of the largest bronze statues ever depicts the American Flag being raised on Mount Suribachi during World War II and commemorates all marines who have died in battle since 1775. The view from this hillside looking across the *Potomac* into Washington is spectacular.
- Walk through **The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**. Two months after President Kennedy's assassination in November 1963, Congress designated the National Cultural Center as a "living memorial" to Kennedy, and authorized \$23 million to help build what was now known as the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

9:00pm

Depart to the hotel. Drop **GUIDE**.

Day Four, Friday, September 19, 2008

7:00am Enjoy continental breakfast or breakfast at the hotel this morning prior to checking out.

8:00am Depart.

9:00am Visit the **Smithsonian Institution's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center National Air and Space Museum**. The Udvar-Hazy Center provides space for the objects that tell the history of aviation and space flight. Over 335 air and spacecraft will be on display. The displays will include the Space Shuttle Enterprise, an SR-71 Blackbird, Dash 80 prototype of the Boeing 707, the B-17 Flying Fortress, an F-4 Phantom fighter, the B-29 Superfortress "Enola Gay", and the de Havilland Chipmunk. Many artifacts will be on display for the first time. Visitors are able to walk among the exhibits and view them from elevated "skyways". There is an Observation Tower where visitor's can watch air traffic at Dulles International Airport. On site there are restaurants, a large theatre, gift shops and more.

The Smithsonian Institution's security policy is: All bags, purses, attaches, shopping bags, satchels, suitcases, etc will be hand searched. To expedite this please bring only a small purse or fanny pack. **DO NOT** bring daypacks, backpacks, or luggage in to the museums. Most locker rooms have been closed. **DO NOT** bring sharp items into the museums, such as knives (including pocket), screwdrivers, corkscrews, scissors, nail files, etc.

2 pm Enjoy lunch on own while at the museum. And then depart for home.

6 pm We will make a stop at the Princeton Shopping Center (Princeton NJ) for dinner on own at food court, and rest area stops as needed

10:30 pm Approximate return to Albany.