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TO: NYSCOPBA Military Veterans
FROM: NYSCOPBA Veterans Committee
SUBJECT: Veterans Remembrance Tour 2011; Extended Registration Deadline
DATE: July 15, 2011

ATTENTION ALL NYSCOPBA VETERANS

The NYSCOPBA Veterans Committee is planning a Veterans Remembrance Revolutionary War Tour to be held in Historic Philadelphia, from September 19 thru September 22, 2011. 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 (note: all deposits will be utilized by the committee to off set the rising costs associated with the Tour). The tour package will include round trip transportation, 3 night accommodations, 4 breakfast, 3 dinners, tour admissions and guide services. All other expenses are the responsibility of the individual member. The Tour Bus (or buses) will arrive at NYSCOPBA Headquarters @ 6:00 AM and depart @ 6:30 AM; it is the responsibility of the member to arrive on time to depart. The Veterans Committee hopes all veteran members take advantage of this opportunity and looks forward to many more in the future.

Veterans Remembrance Tour
Historic Philadelphia- It's Revolutionary

NOTE: All deposits must be received at this office by COB **AUGUST 1st, 2011**. Any member who would like to room with another member who is attending the Tour please include his/her name when submitting your deposit. Once the rooming list is submitted no changes will be made.



Historic Philadelphia September 19-22, 2011

Monday, September 19th

6:00 am Board Shafer's Motor coach at NYSCOPBA Headquarters.

6:30 am Depart

Approx. 8:30 am Breakfast at a Hudson Valley Restaurant

Approx. 12:0 PM Arrive at Valley Forge National Park. Valley Forge was the site of the 1777-78 winter encampment of the Continental Army. The park commemorates the sacrifices and perseverance of the Revolutionary War generation and honors the ability of citizens to pull together and overcome adversity during extraordinary times. You can explore the Visitor's Center and then get back on the coach for your guided battlefield tour. Encampment Store Guides will "step-on" the bus and lead you through the Park. Tours are 2 hours long and include stops at Muhlenberg's Brigade and Washington's Headquarters.

2:30 pm drop off guide and head for West Chester PA and the American Helicopter Museum and Educational Center. The American Helicopter Museum and Education Center is the nation's premier aviation museum devoted exclusively to helicopters. We collect, restore and display historic aircraft and chronicle the origin and development of rotary wing aircraft.

4:00 pm Depart the Museum and head into Philadelphia to check into your home for the next three evenings, the Hilton Garden Inn, Center City. (1100 Arch Street). The **Hilton Garden Inn Philadelphia Center City** hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is adjacent to the Pennsylvania Convention Center and is part of the Gallery Mall with over 100 shops and restaurants. Reading Terminal Market, the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and the theatre district are all within walking distance of the Hilton Garden Inn Philadelphia hotel. Deluxe accommodations, friendly Pennsylvania style service and a relaxed atmosphere await our guests.

After checking in, take a few minutes to enjoy the 10th floor lounge, a dip in the pool, a work-out in the fitness room, or a nap on the Garden Sleep System. It's more than a comfortable double bed, it's a revolutionary night's sleep because it adjusts to your weight and the 100% virgin wool ensures a comfortable temperature.

... at dinner tonight, enjoy a sense of community as flavorful helpings of immigrant southern Italian favorites are served family style. Here's where your smiles get big, your laughs loud & there's enough to feed the neighbors! Mangia! Dessert will be a special experience, as you learn to make tiramisu! Don't forget your camera for this one

Tuesday, September 20

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

After breakfast, We'll take a colonial journey into the heart of Society Hill. Here's your chance to learn all about busy bodies and firemarks, trinity houses and the practical grid work pattern of the city plan. Learn about Billy Penn's visionary plans for a "green country" town and his Holy Experiment leaving us with wonderful houses of worship today. We'll drive-by lovely Georgian style buildings along with elegant classical buildings like the First and Second Banks of the United States and of course, Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell.

... lunch on own in the new food court at the striking Comcast Center. Designed to be environmentally friendly, the skyscraper is the tallest Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building in the U.S. Additionally, be entertained by the 2,000 square feet high-definition LED screen in the impressive winter garden. Marvel at panoramic views of Phila, or striking images from nature, space, dancers, & actors moving about on a background mimicking wood panels. The show is ever-changing, and ever-exciting!

... get ready to embark on a most unusual tour of Eastern State Penitentiary, a National Historic Landmark. Behind its castle-like walls lies a lost world of crumbling cell blocks and empty guard towers. Explore a unique structure which was once the most expensive building in the United States and the most famous prison in the world. Built in the 1820's, Eastern State became the model for hundreds of prisons throughout the U.S., Europe, South America and Asia. Its design was based on Quaker ideals for reforming prisoners through strict isolation and labor. Many of America's most notorious criminals spent time here, including bank robber Willie Sutton and Al Capone. Your fascinating (yet eerie) tour includes the cell blocks, central rotunda, solitary exercise yards and Death Row.

... after your tour walk down the road to the pub where Willie Sutton stopped for a pint after escaping the prison. Enjoy a light snack and a pint of their house beer "Willie Sutton Ale."

... next we'll embark on a Tippler's Tour. Your colonial guide will lead you through historic Philadelphia to four Colonial and modern day "watering holes" teaching you drinking songs and toasts used in days gone by, as well as the historical significance of each location. Each stop will include a drink and snacks. You'll even learn a few catchy phrases that Ben Franklin would have used to call someone "drunk."

Tonight, you'll dine at Philadelphia's City Tavern as did Revolutionary Notables Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and Ben Franklin. From the richly appointed rooms, historically recreated china and authentic recipes from the 18th century, you can make your own history at a tavern which has been making history for over 222 years!

Wednesday, September 21

Breakfast at the hotel before you... meet your guide hotel and depart for Dover, DE. ... visit the Air Mobility Command Museum in Dover Delaware. Now on the National Register of Historic Places, the museum was once Hanger 1301 of the Dover Army Airfield. During WWII the hanger was home to many secret operations and rocket development. The museum now houses over 20 planes as well as exhibits on the importance of air mobility command & more! We have arranged for a special guided tour of the museum

time at leisure at the Dover Downs Casino for lunch on own next take a guided tour of Dover International Speedway also known as the "Monster Mile." Get an up-close and personal view of the track, see the Monster Monument at Victory Plaza & more!

Dinner at Brandywine Prime (formerly the Chadds Ford Inn)

Thursday, September 22

Check out of the hotel and board the bus early, because this morning we have arranged for a special breakfast on the fantail of the Battleship USS New Jersey (pending weather may be moved inside). You will experience unbelievable views from its deck while enjoying a full American buffet breakfast.

... tour the Battleship New Jersey and explore 45,000 Tons of living history, the US Navy's most decorated battleship, and symbol of our country's military strength and service through four wars - World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War the Lebanon Crisis. From the Battleship's decks, the skyline of the Philadelphia and Camden Waterfronts will provide an extraordinary backdrop as you follow in the footsteps of the proud crews of the "Big J." As you disembark you'll have a new appreciation of what it must have been like to be a member of the Battleship New Jersey's distinguished crew.

... depart for Albany after your tour. (lunch and/or rest stops as needed)

5:00 pm Approximate Return to Albany.

Arrangements by: **Shafer Tours**

Shafer Tours reserves the right to make changes or substitutions as necessary to maintain the quality of your tour

All times are approximate, and subject to change based on traffic/weather or other conditions