

# 48TH ANNUAL 8TH AFHS REUNION WASHINGTON, D.C. ~ ARLINGTON, VA OCTOBER 19-23, 2022

Washington, D.C. has been our nation's capital since July 16, 1790. Be prepared for an incredible reunion experience the entire family will enjoy every single day!

## Our Thursday morning tour:

### Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center



Opened in 2003, the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center serves as a partner facility to the National Air and Space Museum. The two locations together attract more than 8 million visits per year, making the National Air and Space complex the most popular museum in the United States.

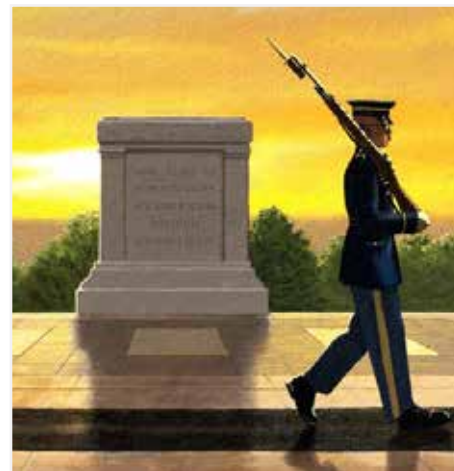
For aviation enthusiasts young and old, the Udvar-Hazy Center is just plain cool. The expansive museum consists of two hangars—the Boeing Aviation Hangar and the James S. McDonnell Space Hangar—which house dozens of aircraft and spacecraft. Some of the most notable include the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, a Concorde, and the space shuttle Discovery. The Mary Baker Engen Restoration Hangar has

an observation overlook, allowing visitors to see the preservation and restoration work underway by the Museum's collections staff.

The aircraft and spacecraft hanging overhead would be impressive enough, but the Udvar-Hazy Center also offers thousands of additional artifacts to view and many interactive, family friendly exhibits and activities. Prepare to take off and explore Sport Aviation, World War II Aviation, Space Science, and more. Before departure, browse the museum store and take home unique aviation and space themed souvenirs.

## Our Thursday afternoon tour includes:

### Arlington National Cemetery Tour



Experience a narrated trolley tour of the Arlington National Cemetery. Our private tour of Arlington National Cemetery includes stops near the Ord & Weitzel walking gate to see President John F. Kennedy's gravesite, U.S. Coast Guard Memorial, U.S. Army Gen. John J. Pershing's gravesite, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier—including chang-

ing of the guard—and the Arlington House (The Robert E. Lee Memorial).

### Air Force Memorial

The Air Force Memorial honors the service and heritage of the men and women of the United States Air Force. The three stainless steel spires reach a height of 402 feet above sea-level. It is adjacent to the Arlington National Cemetery and overlooks the Pentagon.

### US Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Memorial)



The U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial's world-famous statue, which is based on the iconic photograph taken by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal, depicts the six soldiers who raised the second American flag at Iwo Jima in the Japanese Volcano Islands on February 23, 1945, signifying the conclusion of the American campaign in the Pacific during World War II.

## Friday afternoon we will tour the Washington Mall.



## Some of the highlights include:

### Vietnam Veterans Memorial

This memorial honors member of the U.S. armed forces who fought, died in service or were listed MIA during the Vietnam War. It is divided into three separate parts; the Three Soldiers statue, the Vietnam Women's Memorial, and the well-known Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. Controversy



surrounded the memorial's unconventional design for its dark color and lack of decoration, but it quickly became a place of grieving, pilgrimage and healing. Today it stands as one of the most visited and moving memorials on the National Mall, as visitors have made a tradition of leaving mementos, letters and photographs of loved ones lost in the war.

### Korean War Veterans Memorial

The Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated in 1995, on the 42nd anniversary of the armistice that ended the conflict. The memorial consists of 19 statues of soldiers representing a squad on patrol, drawn from each branch of the Armed Forces. The 19 figures create a reflection on the wall, symbolizing the border between North and South Korea: the 38th parallel. Alongside the soldiers stands the Mural Wall

with more than 2,400 photographs of men, women, and dogs who served in Korea.

### Pershing Park/World War I Memorial

The American flag was raised over the World War I Memorial for the first time on Friday, April 16, 2021, at the formal unveiling of the memorial that honors the 4.7 million Americans who served their nation in World War I, including 116,516 who made the supreme sacrifice. Built by the United States World War I Centennial Commission and designed by architect Joseph Weishaar, the new memorial incorporates the existing memorial to Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces during the war.



### World War II Memorial

The National World War II Memorial, which honors the spirit and sacrifice of the 16 million men and women who served overseas and the more than 400,000 who perished, opened to the public in April 2004. The memorial built to celebrate the heroes of the Greatest Generation remains one of the most visited sites on the National Mall, with more than 4.2 million visits in 2014. Each year, more than 300 Honor Flights bring World War II veterans, as well as those who served in the Korean and Vietnam wars, to the memorials dedicated to their service.

## For a change of pace, on Saturday our tour will take you to:

### Old Town Alexandria

On the Potomac River within eye-sight of Washington, D.C., Alexandria, VA, is nationally recognized for its rich history and beautifully preserved 18th and 19th century architecture. Named a Top 3 Best Small City in the U.S. 2021 by the Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards and one of the South's Best Cities 2020 by Southern Living, Alexandria hums with a cosmopolitan feel and a walkable lifestyle—a welcoming weekend escape next to our nation's capital. A nationally designated historic district founded in 1749, Old Town Alexandria is home to more than 200 independent restaurants and boutiques alongside

intimate historic museums and new happenings at the waterfront, making it the perfect home base for your D.C. vacation and an unforgettable getaway of its own.

Explore. Relax. Regroup. Have lunch at any of the

numerous restaurants or bistros.

Buses will return you to the hotel in plenty of time to get ready for our evening Gala!

