

**379<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP ~ 2012 REUNION**  
**San Diego, CA ~ August 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Hotel Information**

The reunion officially begins on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and ends on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. You will be staying at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel**, located at 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108. The Crowne Plaza is located close to many of the city's top attractions. The closest airport is San Diego International (SAN). Cloud 9 Shuttle offers shuttle service from the airport to the Crowne Plaza hotel, special discounted rates have been arranged for your reunion. You can save \$3 per person one way, or \$6 round trip, advance reservations are required. Cloud 9 Shuttle can be reached at 800-974-8885, or on the Internet at [www.cloud9shuttle.com](http://www.cloud9shuttle.com). Be sure to use the **group code 7J379** in order to get the discount. For those of you driving to the reunion, special discounted self parking is available for \$2-per-day for the duration of the reunion.

The room rate is **\$109.00**, plus tax, per night based on single or double occupancy. The rate includes a complimentary hot breakfast buffet daily. For those of you who choose to arrive early or stay late, the same room rate is available three days before and three days after the official reunion dates, based on availability. Please make your hotel reservations NOW by calling the hotel directly at **(619) 297-1101** between 9-4 pm PDT and ask for in-house reservations. You can also call central reservations at **1-888-233-9527**. Mention that you are with the 379<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Reunion to assure you are associated with your group. You may request specific room types when you call to make your reservations (handicap-accessible room, etc.). The hotel check-in time is 4 pm. Please, don't expect to get into your room before then. Make your reservations today; you can cancel up to 24 hours prior to arrival without penalty. They will ask you for a deposit or credit card number to guarantee your room reservation. The hotel is holding rooms until they sell out or **July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012**, whichever comes first.

-----Cut Here and Mail to the Hotel -----

379<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Association – Hotel Reservation Form  
Reunion Dates: August 22 - 26, 2012

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sharing room w/ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

TEL # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_ # Nights \_\_\_\_\_

# of rooms \_\_\_\_\_ #of people in room \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Handicap access \_\_\_\_ King Bed \_\_\_\_ 2 Queen Beds (If room type is not available, nearest room type will be assigned).

**Rate:** \$109 + 12.5% tax and includes a daily breakfast buffet. Rate will be honored 3 days before /after reunion dates, based on availability. Reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit enclosed.

**Cutoff Date:** 7/20/12. Reservations received after this date will be processed on space & rate availability.

**Cancellation Policy:** Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled 24 hours prior to day of arrival and a cancellation number must be obtained by the guest.

**Reservation Direct Phone (9:00-4:00 Mon-Fri, Pacific Time):** (619) 297-1101 or 1-888-233-9527. Please inform the hotel that your reservation should be under the 379<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Association rates.

\_\_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_ Discover

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Regardless of payment method) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108

# 379<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP ~ 2012 REUNION RESERVATION FORM

DATE	EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
	<b>REGISTRATION FEE – Everyone Please Pay Members &amp; guests attending more than 1 event or group meal must pay the fee.</b>	\$45 pp		
Wed 8/22	<b>EVENT A: San Diego City Highlights (1230-1630)</b>	\$35 pp		
Wed 8/22	<b>Welcome Dinner (1800 at the Hotel)</b>	\$35 pp		
	<b><i>Please Select Event B or Event C for Thursday</i></b>			
Thu 8/23	<b>EVENT B: Seaport Village Shopping (0930-1330)</b>	\$25 pp		
Thu 8/23	<b>EVENT C: Maritime Museum of San Diego (0930-1330)</b>	\$55 pp		
Thu 8/23	<b>EVENT D: Afternoon Harbor Cruise (1330-1630)</b>	\$45 pp		
Thu 8/23	<b>Group Dinner (1800 at the Hotel)</b>	\$35 pp		
Fri 8/24	<b>EVENT E: USS Midway Museum (1000-1500)</b>	\$35 pp		
Fri 8/24	<b>EVENT F: Dinner Cruise (1830-2230)</b>	\$89 pp		
Sat 8/25	<b>Banquet Dinner (1900 at the Hotel)</b>			
	London Broil	\$40 pp		
	Mahi Mahi	\$40 pp		
	<b>Non Refundable Late Reservation Fee (If mailed after July 20)</b>	\$10 pp		
	<b>Tour Cancellation Insurance (non-refundable)</b>	\$10 pp		
	<b>TOTAL:</b>			

>Make On-line Reservations with a Credit Card at: [www.militaryreunionplanners.com/379](http://www.militaryreunionplanners.com/379) or, send entire completed form with a check payable to: Military Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 1588, Colleyville, TX 76034

**>>> PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:**

Name (As you want it to appear on badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone:(Other): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact during the reunion: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron (Please Circle) 524<sup>th</sup> 525<sup>th</sup> 526<sup>th</sup> 527<sup>th</sup> HQ

Must you be lifted hydraulically onto the bus while seated in your wheelchair in order to participate in bus trips?  
(Please note we cannot guarantee availability.) Yes, I require a lift \_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations are due by July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

Late reservations accepted on a space available basis with a non refundable \$10 per person late fee.

You should make a copy of this form for your records.

For information call weekdays: 817-251-3551 or Email: [info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com](mailto:info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com)

**MRP & the 379<sup>th</sup> BGA will not be held liable for failure of vendors to provide contracted services or any injuries/accidents that may occur during the reunion.**

Date Rec'd:	Check #	Amount \$	XCL #
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# 379<sup>th</sup> BOMB GROUP ~ 2012 REUNION EVENTS

## **EVENT A: SAN DIEGO CITY HIGHLIGHTS**

**Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> (1230-1630)**

Board your coach for a narrated tour of San Diego, which will show you the many diversified and unique areas of this beautiful city. See the vibrant downtown, the *Gas-Lamp Quarter* with its old world buildings, and the *Embarcadero* offering a wonderful harbor view. Ride through famous *Balboa Park*, home of the *San Diego Zoo*; La Jolla, known as the "Jewel of San Diego", and see the historic landmark *Hotel Del Coronado*. The tour will make its final stop in *Old Town*, often regarded as California's birthplace and the site of the first permanent Spanish settlement on the west coast. Here you will find the history and energy of the original settlement of the city of San Diego brought to life by history-tellers, a free museum, historic displays, plaques and time lines. The bus will depart *Old Town* at 4:15pm to return to the hotel.

**Please select Event B or Event C for Thursday morning.**

## **EVENT B: SEAPORT VILLAGE SHOPPING**

**Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> (0930-1330)**

Located on the waterfront; the *Seaport Village* shops offer more than 50 diverse shops and 17 unique eateries which offer many options for lunch on your own. This waterfront is reminiscent of a harborside setting of a century ago. The shops are set among cobblestone pathways bordered by ponds, lakes, fountains, lush landscaping, and a boardwalk along the San Diego Bay. Don't forget souvenir and lunch money. [www.seaportvillage.com](http://www.seaportvillage.com)

## **EVENT C: MARITIME MUSEUM OF SAN DIEGO**

**Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> (0930-1330)**

The Maritime Museum of San Diego enjoys a worldwide reputation for excellence in restoring, maintaining and operating historic vessels. The museum has one of the world's finest collections of historic ships, including the world's oldest active ship *Star of India*. You will have time to visit the Museum's permanent exhibits which are exhibited in 5 galleries each representing major themes of maritime history and their relation to San Diego, its harbor and strategic position on the Pacific. Be sure to visit some of the historic vessels which are part of the museum collections, including sailing ships, steam-powered boats and submarines. The museum offers a snack bar with light snacks and beverages. Adjacent to the Museum is Anthony's Fish restaurant which offers a varied menu. Those who want to take a break, and those going on the afternoon harbor cruise may want to stop in for a light lunch at Anthony's.

## **EVENT D: AFTERNOON HARBOR CRUISE**

**Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> (1330-1630)**

Spend the afternoon on the water enjoying a 2-hour Harbor Tour. This fully narrated tour starts southbound past the Midway Museum, then under the Coronado Bridge to the Naval Station 32<sup>nd</sup> St, home of the U.S. Navy's surface fleet. Returning northward under the Coronado Bridge view the Naval Air Station North Island's aircraft carrier piers, the munitions bunkers, and the attack helicopters. Continuing westward toward Point Loma, see the submarine base and Ballast Point, long regarded as the probable 1542 landing site of Conquistador Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo. Cabrillo was the first European to set foot on the west coast of what is now the U.S. You'll have a view of the Cabrillo Monument, commemorating his quest. The return to the pier will pass the *Star of India* and the Maritime Museum. Snacks, drinks and restrooms are available onboard. For more information visit [www.sdhe.com](http://www.sdhe.com)

***Please note: For those visiting Seaport Village or the Maritime Museum, you will be able to take the Harbor Cruise, however you will not return to the hotel between the 2 tours. We will provide transportation from the Maritime Museum and Seaport Village to the cruise. For those who do not want to take the cruise, transportation will be provided back to the hotel after the Maritime Museum and Seaport Village tours. For those who only want to take the Harbor Cruise, transportation will be provided from the hotel to the cruise.***

## **EVENT E: USS MIDWAY MUSEUM**

**Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> (1000-1500)**

Her keel was laid in 1943, she was commissioned in 1945, she saw duty in Vietnam, she was firing Tomahawk Missiles during the Liberation of Kuwait and now the USS Midway continues her final tour of duty in the heart of downtown San Diego's waterfront area. One of the true icons of the U.S. Navy in the latter half of the 20th century, she is a modern marvel. This is the most modern warship available for general touring today. You will take a look back at the history of America's longest serving Aircraft Carrier through many of the Museum Exhibits. The USS Midway Museum tour is a self guided audio tour, and allows you to tour at your own pace. The tour will take you from the hanger deck up to the flight deck. There is a café on board for lunch on your own. [www.midway.org](http://www.midway.org)

## **EVENT F: DINNER CRUISE**

**Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> (1730-2130)**

You are invited to experience the first class service and fabulous food aboard one of the finest yachts on the Bay. Enjoy a fabulous dinner cruise while viewing 25 scenic miles of San Diego's magnificent skyline. Dine on a delicious entrée of braised beef short ribs and crab stuffed pacific snapper (vegetarian option is available). Cash bars are available on board. After dinner stroll the deck and enjoy the lights of the city, relax enjoy the music, or take a spin on the dance floor. This will be a wonderful evening out with your friends, don't miss it. Dress is business casual. Price includes transportation, cruise, all taxes and gratuities associated with the dinner. [www.sdhe.com](http://www.sdhe.com)

## **TOUR CANCELLATION INSURANCE**

Protect yourself from unforeseen expenses caused by sickness, injury or any other causes that impact your travel plans. This insurance enables a refund of Tour & Banquet expenses. Please note Cancellation Insurance expires at 11:59 PM the day before the reunion starts. No refunds are given after midnight even if Cancellation Insurance was purchased. If you need to cancel – please contact our office immediately (817-251-3551) or email: [cancel@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com](mailto:cancel@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com) for confirmation of your cancellation. If you have not purchased cancellation insurance, all tour and meal money is non-refundable 6 weeks prior to the reunion.

### **Important Reunion Notes:**

- ~ Tours may be cancelled if a minimum of 30 people per bus is not met. In this case, full refunds will be given.
- ~ Please understand that a certain amount of walking is necessary from the bus to attractions and in some instances, to also see the attractions. Please consider your abilities before purchasing tours.
- ~ Be sure to bring photo identification (like a driver's license) on all events.
- ~ All tour times are subject to change. A final itinerary is available at registration.

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**379<sup>th</sup> BOMB GROUP WWII ASSOCIATION**  
**Crown Plaza Hotel, San Diego, CA**  
**August 22-26, 2012**

**REUNION SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, August 22**

0900 - 2100 Gallery of Photos/Memorabilia, PX, and video room open (for the duration of the reunion) *Note:* will close Saturday at 1300  
1000 - 1100 Board of Directors Meeting  
1130 - 1700 Reunion Registration open (Hours will be posted at the reunion.)  
1230 - 1630 San Diego City Highlights (Lunch not included)  
1800 - 2000 Welcome Dinner Buffet and Cash Bar

**Thursday, August 23**

0700 - 0845 Breakfast Buffet  
0930 - 1330 Seaport Village Shopping (Lunch on your own)  
0930 - 1330 Maritime Museum (Lunch on your own)  
1330 - 1630 Harbor Cruise  
1800 - 2030 Buffet Dinner

**Friday, August 24**

0700 - 0845 Breakfast Buffet  
0845 - 0945 Next Generation Meeting  
1000 - 1500 USS Midway Museum (Lunch on your own)  
1830 - 2230 Dinner Cruise

**Saturday, August 25**

0700 - 0845 Breakfast Buffet  
0900 - 1000 524<sup>th</sup> Squadron Meeting  
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0900 - 1000 526<sup>th</sup> Squadron Meeting  
0900 - 1000 527<sup>th</sup> Squadron Meeting  
0900 - 1000 HQ & 82<sup>nd</sup> Meeting  
1015 - 1200 General Membership Meeting  
1200 - 1300 Lunch on your own  
1300 - 1400 Board of Directors Meeting  
1415 - 1615 Symposium  
1730 - 1800 Group Photo (WWII Veterans Only)  
1800 - Cash Bar Reception and Memory Book pictures  
1900 - 2100 Banquet Dinner

**Sunday, August 26**

Farewells and departures

**Note:**

**Buses load 15 minutes before departure at the hotel Main Entrance.**  
**Registration open 1 hour before and 1 hour after tours on Thursday and Friday. *All reunion registration hours will be posted at the registration desk and in the hotel lobby.***