

2016 USS COLLETT Reunion at Portland, Oregon on September 14-18

The Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel is the closest hotel to the airport terminal. Rooms are \$109 + 14.5% tax per night which includes breakfast; the rate is good for 3 days prior and 3 days after the reunion. Free Wi-Fi is also provided. There is a free 24/7 shuttle between airport and hotel.

Call the hotel at 888-627-7163 to reserve your room. Mention that you are coming with the USS Collett reunion group to get the rate quoted above. If you have Internet access, you can visit the hotel's Web site at <http://www.sheratonportlandairport.com> to see the photographs and guest reviews about this great hotel. Do not, however, make your room reservation on the Web site. There is no way to request the Collett room rate except over the telephone.

Tours: September 15-17

Prices cover gratuities and Association-invited guests. All tours include 54-passenger restroom-equipped motorcoach transportation and, if needed, accompanying mini-bus or van transportation (not restroom-equipped). Professional Tour Guide on motorcoach. Narrating Driver on mini-bus or van. Bottled water on all transportation units. The Association plans to invite a local veteran to be our guest speaker at the banquet. The reservation form for tours is expected to be prepared by June and will be promptly posted on this website.

Thursday, September 15

Historic Timberline Lodge Adventure (Mount Hood). Pick-up at the hotel -- 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. \$45 PP.

Capture the Northwest pioneer and Native American spirit of adventure as our coach scales majestic, snow-capped Mount Hood, the highest mountain in Oregon, located around 60 miles east of Portland. You will partake in the splendor that beckons artists, outdoor recreation enthusiasts, and tourists alike. Your tour guide will share the area's rich history as you travel through several small Oregon towns into the **Mount Hood National Forest**. We will travel along peaceful trout streams and climb through a magnificent forest of evergreens to **Timberline Lodge** (one of the Grand Lodges of the West at the 6,000-foot level of Mount Hood).

Spectacular views of the **Cascade Mountain Range, Mount Jefferson**, and surrounding landscape will take your breath away. Explore what is considered to be the grandest example of 'Rustic Cascadian architecture', built by hundreds of master craftsmen employed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) during the Great Depression in the mid-1930s.

Inside and out, the Lodge is hand-made and inspired by pioneer, Indian, and wildlife themes, from its hand-hewn beams to its handwoven draperies. Timberline is also a year-round ski area and summer home of the U.S. Ski Team. Enjoy looking around the lodge and taking in the views of Oregon in many directions. Have lunch on your own in the lodge's dining room or pub.

Friday, September 16

Columbia River Gorge Highlights Adventure. Pick-up at the hotel -- 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. \$40. PP

Experience the grandeur of the **Columbia River Gorge**, and discover the ecology and history of one of the world's most magnificent landscapes as we travel along the **Historic Columbia River Highway**. This popular roadway will engage you with commanding views from **Women's Forum Scenic Viewpoint** and **Vista House** 22 miles west of Portland (stopping if time permits), hanging valleys, terraced cliffs, fantastic rock pinnacles, and enchanting waterfalls.

We will visit the most impressive of these, **Multnomah Falls**, the most spectacular and fourth-highest waterfall in the United States, plummeting 620 feet. Explore the falls and visit the gift shop and the interpretive center. Take a short walk up the paved trail to the Simon Benson Bridge, or just stand at the

base of the falls to revel in their splendor. An example of 'Cascadian architecture', the historic **Multnomah Falls Lodge**, was built in 1925 by famed architect A.E. Doyle.

From Multnomah Falls, we will continue along the Columbia River to the town of **Cascade Locks** and the **Bridgeside** restaurant. This historic restaurant, located next to the **Bridge of the Gods**, has outstanding views of the Columbia River. Eat lunch here, on your own, enjoying the views.

Next we will visit the **Bonneville Fish Hatchery** for a look at ponds that hold adult white sturgeons (some measuring more than 6 feet long), chinook and coho salmon spawning in the fall, and large rainbow trout. There are also educational exhibits and a gift shop.

Saturday, September 17

City of Roses and Shopping Tour. Pick-up at the hotel -- 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. \$37. PP

Portland, nicknamed "the City of Roses", is an intimate city with short blocks, elegant parks, bridges, artwork, numerous fountains, and intriguing architecture. Our tour guide will share history and point out sites of the city, including military sites. We will drive along **Tom McCall Waterfront Park**, past the **Battleship Oregon Memorial** which is on the Willamette River, and then through **Historic Districts**. From downtown we will continue traveling above the city into **Washington Park** and the **Vietnam Veterans of Oregon Memorial**.

Then we visit the beautiful 4½-acre **International Rose Test Garden** which was established in 1917. It is recognized as the oldest public rose test garden in the United States. We will stop and 'smell the roses', feasting our eyes on a sea of color from over 10,000 roses from over 600 varieties. Next we can visit the Rose Garden Store gift shop for things which look like a rose, smell or taste like a rose, have a rose on it, hold a rose in it, or are for or about growing roses.

Our next stop will be the **Saturday Market** to shop while enjoying local entertainment at what is considered Portland's largest outdoor arts and crafts market. Open each week on Saturday and Sunday in Portland's Old Town, it is a popular destination for local handcrafted goods. It offers customers a chance to meet the artist and see goods created right in the booth.

While visiting the Saturday Market, you will see that there are booths where one can get food, but only limited seating is available. So after browsing and shopping at Saturday Market, we will head to the **Riverplace Marina** area where you can get lunch, on your own, at one of the many restaurants or food carts in that area.

Saturday evening, September 17

Banquet \$49. PP

Location: Banquet room in the hotel. Buffet or sit-down meal, to be decided by June newsletter which will include the registration form.

Links to more Information about the Portland area

The following links were compiled by Linda Spencer.

For an overview of Portland, Oregon:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portland,_Oregon

Top 9 Free Things to do in Portland, Oregon: (Some are repeats of our reunion tours, but others are excellent places. If you have never been to Powell's Book Store, you should visit this book store which

takes up an entire city block and has over a million books, both new and used! It also has a coffee shop and an art gallery.)

http://portlandor.about.com/od/artsentertainment/tp/Free_Things.htm?utm_term=portland%20oregon%20activities&utm_content=p1-main-3-title&utm_medium=sem&utm_source=msn&utm_campaign=adid-2fa78204-e6b5-4864-add8-db7b847b0d5d-0-ab_msp_ocode-31626&ad=semD&an=msn_s&am=phrase&q=portland%20oregon%20activities&dqi=&o=31626&l=sem&qsrc=999&askid=2fa78204-e6b5-4864-add8-db7b847b0d5d-0-ab_msp

Shopping in Portland:

http://portlandor.about.com/od/shopping/tp/Shop_Powells.htm5

The following links are related to the THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 Tour:

(1) *Mount Hood National Forest:*

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Hood_National_Forest

(2) *Timberline Lodge -2 links*

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timberline_Lodge

https://images.search.yahoo.com/yhs/search;_ylt=AwrTccUARuhWJDMAWB4PxQt.;_ylu=X3oDMTByNWU4cGh1BGNvbG8DZ3ExBHBvcwMxBHZ0aWQDBHNIYwNzYw--?p=Timberline+Lodge+Ski+Area&fr=yhs-adk-adk_sbnt&hspart=adk&hsimp=yhs-adk_sbnt

(3) *Cascade Mountain Range -2 links*

<http://www.britannica.com/place/Cascade-Range>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cascade_Range

(4) *Mount Jefferson*

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Jefferson_%28Oregon%29

The following links are related to the FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 Tour:

(1) *Columbia River Gorge -3 links*

<http://www.crgva.org/>

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g52024-d116954-Reviews-Columbia_River_Gorge_National_Scenic_Area-Portland_Oregon.html

<http://www.columbiarivergorge.info/>

(2) *Historic Columbia River Highway -2 links*

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Historic_Columbia_River_Highway

<http://traveloregon.com/trip-ideas/itineraries/driving-the-historic-columbia-river-highway/>

(3) *Women's Forum Scenic Viewpoint -2 links*

<http://traveloregon.com/see-do/natural-wonders/portland-womens-forum-state-scenic-viewpoint/>

http://www.wildernet.com/pages/area.cfm?areaID=ORSPPWF&CU_ID=1

(4) *Vista House*

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vista_House

(5) *Multnomah Falls -2 links*

http://www.oregon.com/attractions/multnomah_falls

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multnomah_Falls

(6) *Multnomah Falls Lodge*
<http://www.multnomahfalls lodge.com/>

(7) *Cascade Locks*
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cascade_Locks,_Oregon

(8) *Bridgeside Restaurant in Cascade Locks*
<http://bridgesidedining.com/index.html>

(9) *Bridge of the Gods*
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bridge_of_the_Gods_%28modern_structure%29

(10) *Bonneville Fish Hatchery -2 links*
http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/visitors/bonneville_hatchery.asp

http://www.tourportland.com/bonneville_dam.htm

The following links are related to the SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 tour:

(1) *Portland City of Roses*
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicknames_of_Portland,_Oregon

(2) *Tom McCall Waterfront Park*
<https://www.expedia.com/Tom-McCall-Waterfront-Park-Portland.d507457.Vacation-Attraction>

(3) *Battleship Oregon Memorial*
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USO_Oregon_%28BB-3%29

(4) *Washington Park*
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_Park_%28Portland,_Oregon%29

(5) *Vietnam Veterans of Oregon Memorial*
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oregon_Vietnam_Veterans_Memorial

(6) *International Rose Test Garden*
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Rose_Test_Garden

<http://www.travelportland.com/directory/international-rose-test-garden/>

(7) *Saturday Market*
<http://www.portlandsaturdaymarket.com/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portland_Saturday_Market