

**Updated: February 6, 2016**

**Somers Reunion 2016**

Sunday, May 15th – Thursday, May 19th  
Sands Regency Hotel Casino  
345 N. Arlington Avenue  
Reno, Nevada 89501

**For Reservations Call 1 (866) 386-7829 & Provide  
The Group Code: “Somers Reunion 2016”**

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**SOMERS WWII VETERANS FROM DD381:** Reunion registration fees are waived, the Association will pick up the cost of their hotel rooms and their Somers Group Dinner cost will also be compliments of the Association.

**AIRPORT SHUTTLE:** The Sands Regency Airport Shuttle operates from 6:00am – 10:00pm. Pick-ups are on the ½ hour and drop-offs at the airport are on the hour.

Taxi fares from the airport to the Sands Regency Hotel Casino are approximately \$15.00.

**ROOM COSTS:** Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>: \$43.85 per night, all taxes & fees included. Single, Double, Triple or Quadruple occupancy. A 4 night stay, Sunday thru Wednesday, will be \$175.40.

Anyone wishing to arrive early, Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, or extend your stay through Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, the room rate for those days are \$76.76 per night, all taxes and fees are included.

**ADDITIONAL 3<sup>RD</sup> AND/OR 4<sup>TH</sup> PERSON IN A ROOM:** Charge(s) are \$10.00 per night for a rollaway bed. No additional charges for the 3rd or 4th person.

**STANDARD ROOM UPGRADE TO A SUITE:** Due to the many suite upgrade options available that range from \$50 to \$250 per night, check with the reservation folks based on your needs.

**PET FRIENDLY HOTEL:** Pets are welcome, however, a \$75.00 deposit is required and room fee of \$20.00 per day is applied. Check with the reservation folks on number of pets allowed, if there are any size or breed restrictions and how to get your deposit refunded.

**PARKING:** Vehicle parking is available and complimentary. Parking is also available for Recreational Vehicles (RV's); however, there are NO hookups. See page 2 for RV parks close by.

**REUNION REGISTRATION FEES:** The reunion registration fees remain [\\$20.00 per person](#). Send your checks or money orders to: Bob Plante, 592 County Route 33, Pennellville, NY 13132 OR....

Go to the Somers Website at [www.usssomers.com](http://www.usssomers.com) and click on the “[Ships Store](#)” tab and scroll to the bottom of the first page to the PayPal “[BUY NOW](#)” button. Click on the “[Buy Now](#)” button and select payment with your Pay Pal Account or a Debit or Credit Card.

**RV PARKS WITH FULL HOOK-UPS:** Here are 2 RV parks in Reno with Good Sam ratings.

**SILVER SAGE RV PARK:** 2760 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502. Directly across from the Peppermill Hotel Casino. Telephone: 1 (888) 823-2002. Good Sam & AAA discounts. Online reservations. Call for pricing. Good Sam Rating: Facility 7.5, Rest Rooms 9.0 and Appeal 7. This park is security gated.

**SHAMROCK RV PARK:** 260 Parr Blvd., Reno, NV 89512. Telephone: 1 (775) 329-5222 or 1 (800) 332-8248. Call for pricing. Good Sam Rating: Facility 9.5, Rest Rooms 10, Appeal 9.5. Advertised as “minutes to Reno”.

**WEATHER IN RENO IN MAY:** Weather Update: National Weather Service (NOAA) indicates from 1981-2010, the average high temperatures for May in Reno were 73-75 degrees with an average low of 46 degrees. The Sands confirms daytime temps in the middle of May about 75-78 degrees.

**HOSPITALITY ROOM:** We will have a hospitality room and BYOB (Bring Your Own Booze) has been approved by the hotel. The Association will set up the hospitality room and will advise you later on room number and the times it will be open.

**BIKE RENTALS:** For the health conscious among us, the Sundance Ski & Bike Shop provides a 10% discount for Sands guests (with coupon) for bicycle rentals.

**SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR RENO:** We have now scheduled the following events:

**Virginia City Trip:** Monday, May 16th. Bus will depart the hotel at 1:00pm. Distance from the Hotel is 26.7 miles or approximately a 39 minute ride. Transportation Cost: [\\$20.00 per person](#). Restaurants, saloons are plenty as are train rides, shops and local entertainment. Pan for gold & silver!

**National Auto Museum** (The Harrah Collection): Tuesday, May 17th, scheduled for 1:00pm. Location: 10 S. Lake Street. Ticket Cost: [\\$8.00 per person](#). Over 200 automobiles from pre-1900 through the 1960's. Shops & a Museum Store and a movie theater with a showing is also included. Photos in period dress in selected vehicle also available. No transportation required. The Museum is 0.7 miles from the hotel, a little over a half a mile.

**Somers Group Dinner:** Tuesday, May 17th, 5:00pm to 7:00pm. At the Sands Regency Hotel & Casino. This is the only event where almost everyone is in attendance. Cash Bar from 5:00-

6:00pm – Dinner served at 6:00pm. A great time and hundreds of photos are taken. [Cost for the Somers Group Dinner will be \\$40.00 per person.](#)

**Lake Tahoe Scenic Cruise:** Wednesday, May 18th, bus departs the hotel at 9:00am. Cruise begins at 11:00am to 1:00pm. Cruise is on the 520 passenger M.S. Dixie II departing Zephyr Cove Resort and ending at Emerald Bay. Distance from the Hotel is 56 miles or approximately a one-hour ride.

Cost: Bus Transportation \$20.00 + Cruise Ticket \$45.00 for a total of **\$65.00 per person**. Lunch is available for purchase on the cruise and offers a varied selection from sandwich's to salads to hot entrees. There is also a cash bar.

The cost to the Association for bus rental is \$1,000.00 for 6 hours for each bus – Virginia City & Lake Tahoe. The Cruise requires payment in full 2 weeks prior to the cruise (May 4th). Payment to Deluxe Travel Ltd for the buses - due April 29th.

Payment for ANY or ALL EVENTS are due no later than April 15th. Checks should be made payable to: USS Somers Crew. Assoc. and mailed to me: Bob Plante, 592 County Route 33, Pennellville, NY 13132 OR you can go to the Somers Website: [www.ussomers.com](http://www.ussomers.com), click on the "Ships Store" tab in the left column of the homepage, then scroll to the bottom of the first page to the "**BUY NOW**" button and pay with your PayPal account, your Debit or Credit Card.

If you plan on attending any of the events, please let me know as soon as possible. Buses hold 56 passengers. If we need a 2nd bus or a minivan to accommodate everyone we will get one.

Remember, even if you are not paying for your events right away, get on the list – let us know you'll be attending the events. It'll make our job a little easier.

We will also provide ticket pricing for Headliner shows in and around Reno. The acts are currently billed through January, so it'll be awhile before we know who's in town and ticket pricing. Stay tuned...

If you are planning on attending, please let us know and send in your reunion registration fees. As of **February 6th** we have **86** on the Attendees List and more to come!

**RESTAURANTS IN THE SANDS REGENCY WITH SPECIALS:**

1. CABANA CAFÉ: Surf & Turf Specials: Filet Mignon & Lobster Tail.....\$18.95  
Filet Mignon & Shrimp Dinner .....\$14.95  
Also serving Breakfast, subs, pizza and more. Opens at 6:00am, 7 days a week.
2. SANDS BUFFET: (Sun. thru Thurs.) Prime Rib Buffet..... \$ 9.99  
Open 7 days a week – 4:00pm to 9:00pm
3. MEL'S DINER: Open: 24/7 – 1950's diner.
4. TACO'S TIJUANA: Mexican food with a twist. Open: 7 days: 7:00am to 1:00am.
5. PIPELINE LOUNGE: 14 large screen TV's.
6. 3<sup>rd</sup> STREET LOUNGE: 30 beers to choose from with scheduled bands.  
Go to: [www.sandsregency.com/dining](http://www.sandsregency.com/dining) to see individual menus.

**ELECTRIC MOBILITY SCOOTERS FOR RENO:** Anyone needing an electric scooter for the reunion should call MedTech Services at (775) 826-2022. They will deliver your rented scooter to the Sands on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The cost for 3 day rental (Mon. – Wed.) is \$55.00 a day, tax included as quoted to me by MedTech.

Somers Group Dinner, Hospitality Room & the Association's Annual Meeting locations will be announced when we receive that information from the hotel.

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you in RENO! That is all.....Carry on!

Bob Plante 64-66  
Administrator  
USS Somers Crewmembers Association

PS: Headliner Shows with ticket prices will be posted when available.

[Click to view "Attendees List"](#)