# HMM-265 VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

**FROM:** Tim Bastyr

TO: All Members

**SUBJECT: 2015 Reunion Cruise** 

This memorandum provides the information you need regarding our 2015 Reunion Cruise. It is important that you read and understand all the information contained herein. Any questions should be directed to Tim Bastyr via E-mail or by telephone at 770-304-2290, or contact our cruise agent listed below.

We have obtained exceptional group pricing which includes several special offers and group activities. However, in order to take advantage of this pricing arrangement, **you must make your reservation no later than October 31, 2014.** Reservations made after October 31, 2014 will not include the special offers and the rates are subject to change. Deposits are refundable through August 14, 2015 and the final payment is not due until August 15, 2015.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Cruise Line: Holland American Lines

Departure Date: November 8, 2015

Embarkation/Debarkation Port: Port Everglades (Fort Lauderdale, FL)

Cruise Destination: Western Caribbean

Cruise Duration: Seven (7) Days

Ship: ms Eurodam

Cruise Agent: Kim Riemer, ACC

Accredited Cruise Counselor kriemer@cruiseplanners.com

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## **Onboard Association Activities:**

- Private Association Cocktail Party
- Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony & Champagne Toast
- Memorial Service
- Board & General Membership Meeting

### **CRUISE ITINERARY**

Itinerary					
	Day	Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
	1	Sun, 11/8/15	Ft. Lauderdale, United States		4:00 pm
	2	Mon, 11/9/15	Key West, United States	8:00 am	4:00 pm
	3	Tue, 11/10/15	At Sea		
	4	Wed, 11/11/15	Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands	8:00 am	4:00 pm
	5	Thu, 11/12/15	Falmouth, United Kingdom	10:00 am	6:00 pm
	6	Fri, 11/13/15	At Sea		
	7	Sat, 11/14/15	Half Moon Cay, Bahamas, The	8:00 am	3:00 pm
	8	Sun, 11/15/15	Ft. Lauderdale, United States	7:00 am	
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RESERVATION & REGISTRATION PROCESS

We have selected Kim Reimer as our Cruise Agent. We have worked with Kim on two previous Association "mini-reunion" cruises. A cruise agent has access to the same rates and special offers available to us directly from the cruise line. Any commissions earned by the cruise agent are paid directly by the cruise line and do not affect our rates and other costs. A cruise agent acts in our best interests and will provide significant savings for cruise insurance, travel arrangements and other costs. **You must make your cruise reservations through Kim.** Additionally, Kim will handle the following incidental arrangements:

 Cruise Insurance- Covers reimbursement of costs in the event of a missed cruise due to illness or an emergency; medical evacuation in case of illness aboard ship; lost luggage; and certain other conditions.

- Air Lines transportation- To and from Fort Lauderdale, as required.
- Lodging- If required prior to departure and/or upon return to Port Lauderdale.
- Excursions at Ports of Call
- Special Needs- Kim will arrange for wheelchair/scooter accessible cabins, special dietary needs, etc.

Registration is required for Association purposes. Please complete the attached Registration Form and mail to Gary Kerr along with your registration fee. We must charge a nominal fee of \$15.00 per person to cover the cost of mailing, name tags, and other administrative costs. In order to keep costs to a minimum, we are not providing any reunion gifts (Ball Caps, Pins, Shirts, etc.)

## SHIPBOARD ACCOMMODATIONS

There are a variety of cabins, staterooms and suites available that will suit every preference and pocketbook. The rates shown herein are for specific accommodations and may vary depending on deck level, location, view, and amenities. Note that the rates shown include taxes. The rates are all inclusive, with the following exceptions:

- Gratuities- These are currently \$12 per day/per passenger for suites and \$11.50 per day/per passenger for other cabin categories. These can be paid onboard and are provided to your service personnel onboard (waitstaff, cabin stewards).
- Alcoholic beverages not covered by special offers.
- Spa treatments.
- Purchases at shipboard shops.
- Guided excursions and tours.
- Meals at specialty gourmet restaurants not covered by special offers.

## **CRUISE RATES**

<u>Superior Verandah Suites</u> - start at \$1,743.90 per person/\$3,487.80 per couple (limited availability – accessible cabins available). Approximately 362 sq ft.

<u>Verandahs – Midship</u> start at **\$1,263.90 per person/\$2,527.80 per couple.** Approximately 249 sq ft.

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<u>Interiors</u> – start at \$843.90 per person/\$1,687.80 per couple. Approximately 154 sq ft. These are more forward or aft locations. Other interior cabin pricing is available upon request.

<u>"Special Perks"</u> currently available if booked by October 31, 2014. This promotion is capacity controlled and may be modified or withdrawn without prior notice by Holland America. Other restrictions may apply.

- 1) Free Signature Beverage Package is available only to ocean-view and above category staterooms. The Signature Beverage Package has a daily limit of 15 beverages priced \$7.00USD or lower. Signature Beverage Package excludes beverages priced over \$7.00USD and purchases made in Signature Shops, Mini Bar and In Room Dining, or beverages on Half Moon Cay. Signature Beverage Packages are not transferable or refundable. Participants may order only one drink at a time, must be 21 years or older and agree not to give alcoholic drinks to minors. No sharing is permitted. Beverage management reserves the right to revoke the Signature Beverage Package if misused and reserves the right to refuse service for any reason, including refusing service of alcoholic beverages to intoxicated guests. Signature Beverage Package has a retail value of US\$50 per person per day, including service charges.
- 2) Free Pinnacle Grill dinner is available only to ocean-view and above category staterooms. Guests receive one complimentary Pinnacle Grill dinner per person. Offer is not transferable or refundable. Reservations and dining times will be assigned and a confirmation card will be placed in your stateroom upon embarkation day. Offer excludes Specialty Dining Events in the Pinnacle Grill such as Le Cirque, De Librije, Master Chef's Table and Sommelier Dinner.
- 3) Reduced Deposit of \$175.00 per person during the October booking period from \$350.00 per person. The deposit is payable at the time of booking and may be paid by credit/debit card. In addition, a \$50.00 per cabin group deposit is required by the cruise line due to the anticipated size of our group. The per cabin group deposit is payable to our cruise agent by check at the time of booking. Deposits are refundable through August 14, 2015.

**4) Suite offer**: Guests who book a suite category stateroom receive one complimentary Canaletto dinner per person and \$150 USD per person (\$300 USD per stateroom) onboard spending credit. Suite offers apply only to guests 1 and 2 in the stateroom and are not transferable or refundable. Reservations and dining times will be assigned and a confirmation card will be placed in your stateroom upon embarkation day. The onboard spending credit is not combinable with regional discounts, Net Rates or other travel agency exclusive offers.

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Deck & Stateroom Plans- See the Holland America website or request a catalogue from our cruise agent.

Holland America Lines Website- <a href="http://www.hollandamerica.com/main/Main.action">http://www.hollandamerica.com/main/Main.action</a> The website contains comprehensive information regarding specific ships, deck plans, stateroom plans, dinning, activities, entertainment, a "New to Cruising" section, excursions, destinations, on-line check-in, and just about anything else you would like to know about a cruise.

Passports- Holland America Line highly recommends that all guests carry a passport that is valid for at least six months (May 2016) beyond the completion date of your travel. Having a passport will enable you to fly from the U.S. to a foreign port in the event you miss your scheduled embarkation or to fly back to the U.S. if you need to disembark the ship mid-cruise due to an emergency.

Evening Dress- Evening dress falls into two distinct categories: Formal or Smart Casual. Smart Casual can be defined as slacks and sports shirts or sweater for men and skirt or trousers and sweater or blouse for women. Printed T-shirts, swimsuits, tank tops and shorts are not allowed in the restaurants or public areas during the evening hours.

On festive Formal evenings, ladies wear a cocktail dress or gown and gentlemen wear a suit and tie or tuxedo in the main dining room. There will be two formal evenings on our cruise.

Evening Dining- We have chosen the early seating in the Main Dining Room for group evening dining. However, you have a variety of options for dining. You may wish to experience one of the specialty gourmet restaurants aboard the Eurodam. There may be an evening where you would prefer a more relaxed setting in the Lido Restaurant. You may wish to take advantage of 24 hour room service on your Verandah. The choice is yours.

Get ready for a great reunion experience!!!
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Tim