



USS Tolovana AO-64

2017 Reunion, Omaha Nebraska

Sunday, October 8 – Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Embassy Suites – Old Market District

555 S 10th St

Omaha, NE

Reservations due Friday, September 8, 2017.

Single and double room rate \$129.00 plus tax, total \$159.45 per night.

To make reservations open (right click on the hyperlink) or copy and paste this link into your internet browser <http://group.embassysuites.com/TolovanaMilitaryReunion> or to make reservations by phone call 1-800-362-2779 (1-800-EMBASSY). Tell them you are with the Tolovana Military Reunion.

(Reservations after 5:00 pm Sept 8 will be subject to availability at the prevailing room rate.)

Host couples

Jerry and Mardelle Ludwig, phone 402-690-5128 and 402-677-5128

Larry and Ann Ladwig, phone 402-615-0375

Wally and Linda Bensen, phone 605-670-7158 and 605-659-6157

Sunday, October 8

- ❖ Hotel check in time 4:00 pm.
- ❖ *If you are flying* -- Complimentary shuttle service from Eppley Airfield. You may arrange this directly with the hotel. Embassy Suites local phone number is 402-346-9000. Pick up is at airport terminal door 5 by the Southwest Airline check-in.
- ❖ *If you are driving* -- Complimentary self-parking at the hotel.
- ❖ Explore the Old Market District and enjoy the day at your leisure.
- ❖ 5:30 – 7:30 pm Complimentary cocktail reception at Embassy Suites atrium bar.

Monday, October 9

- ❖ 6:00 – 9:00 am Complimentary full cooked-to-order breakfast at Embassy Suites.
- ❖ 9:30 – 11:00 am Meet and greet in the hotel atrium on the “island” near the breakfast bar. Welcome by representative from Omaha Visitors Bureau.
Bring \$25 per person to prepay for the banquet on Wednesday.
- ❖ 1:00 – 3:30 pm Lauritzen Botanical Gardens. Admission \$10. Meet in hotel breakfast area. Follow the signs.
- ❖ 5:30 – 6:30 pm Complimentary cocktail reception at Embassy Suites atrium bar.
- ❖ 6:30 – 9:30 pm Gooch and his Las Vegas Big Band in the Ozone Lounge at Anthony’s Steakhouse. No cover charge. (Dinner and appetizers served in the lounge if you’d like to dine there.) Meet in hotel lobby entrance.

Tuesday, October 10

- ❖ 6:00 – 9:00 am Complimentary full cooked-to-order breakfast at Embassy Suites.
- ❖ 9:30 – 1:30 pm Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium. Admission \$16.95 seniors. Meet in the hotel breakfast area. Follow the signs.
- ❖ 3:30 – 5:30 pm The Durham Museum. Admission \$7. Meet in hotel lobby breakfast area. Follow the signs.
- ❖ 5:30 – 7:30 pm Complimentary cocktail reception at Embassy Suites atrium bar.

Wednesday, October 11

- ❖ 6:00 – 9:00 am Complimentary full cooked-to-order breakfast at Embassy Suites.
- ❖ 9:00 – 12:30 pm Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum. Admission \$11 seniors and retired military/veteran. Meet in hotel lobby entrance.
- ❖ 2:00 – 4:30 pm Meeting for shipmates and guests in hotel “Council Bluffs” meeting room. Business meeting, fund raising raffle, time to socialize and plan.
Please bring items for the raffle.
- ❖ 5:30 – 6:30 pm Complimentary cocktail reception at Embassy Suites atrium bar.
- ❖ 6:30 – 8:30 pm Banquet at Embassy Suites “Council Bluffs” meeting room. Cost \$25 which includes tax and gratuity.
Must be prepaid Monday morning. Dinner choices are:
 - **Steak:** Steak provided by Cargill with Port Wine Sauce
 - **Chicken:** Grilled Chicken Breast smothered with Tomato Basil Cream Sauce
 - **Salmon:** Lemon and Honey Grilled Salmon

All meals include coffee, iced tea, garden green salad with Ranch and Italian dressings, baked potato with sour cream and butter, assorted rolls, and New York cheesecake with strawberry sauce

The hotel needs to know your dinner choice. When you make your room reservations please call Jerry and Mardelle Ludwig at 402-690-5128 or send email to jerryandmardelle@cox.net to tell us your dinner choice.

Thursday, October 12

- ❖ 6:00 – 9:00 am Complimentary full cooked-to-order breakfast at Embassy Suites.
- ❖ 11:00 am Hotel check out time.



Old Market District <http://oldmarket.com>

Embassy Suites is located in the midst of a myriad of diverse charming entertainment options including restaurants, unique specialty shops, antique stores, art galleries, spas, coffee shops, carriage rides and more.

Lauritzen Botanical Gardens www.lauritzengardens.org

100 acres of 20 themed gardens including a miniature scale railroad garden, 20,000 sq ft conservatory, visitor center with a gift shop and 5,000 sq ft floral display hall.

Admission: \$10. Open: 9 am – 5 pm daily.

Wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. One hour narrated tour on a tram is available for an additional \$3. (Great option for those who cannot walk through the gardens.)

Gooch and his Las Vegas Big Band www.goochbigband.com

Playing in the Ozone Lounge at Anthony's Steakhouse from 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm. A great evening that you will not want to miss! Swinging big band music by a 17-piece orchestra playing classic tunes you will enjoy. Vocals by Michael "Gooch" Gurciullo. The Ozone Lounge has a dance floor if you'd like to do some stepping to the tunes. Food and drink served in the lounge. No cover charge. Check out the website and watch a video of the orchestra or look for the band on YouTube.

Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium and IMAX Theater www.omahazoo.com

Travel website TripAdvisor named Omaha's zoo the world's best in its Travelers' Choice awards for Zoos and Aquariums. Featured areas are African grasslands, jungle, desert dome, kingdoms of the night, aquarium, expedition Madagascar, butterfly pavilion, gorilla valley, orangutan forest, aviary, stingray beach, Alaskan adventure, red barn park.

Zoo admission: \$16.95 seniors. Zoo and IMAX combo admission: \$21.95 seniors Open: 9 am – 5 pm daily. Electric shop rider rental \$25 per day, manual wheelchair and adult chairs \$8.00 per day.

The Durham Museum www.durhammuseum.org

Beautiful architecture blends with memories of a time gone by. Recently designated as a National Historic Landmark, making its home in the Union Station, The Durham Museum offers a fascinating look at the history of the region and offers a broad-range of traveling exhibits covering subjects ranging from history and culture, to science, industry and more through our affiliation with the Smithsonian Institution and strong ties with the Library of Congress, National Archives and the Field Museum.

Admission: \$8 seniors. Open: Tues 10 am-8 pm, Wed-Sat 10 am–5 pm, Sun 1 pm-5pm.

Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum <https://sacmuseum.org>

State-of-the-art facility that houses SAC aircraft and artifacts. Dedicated to preserve the history of Strategic Air Command, the Cold War and aerospace artifacts and inspire learning through imaginative, innovative, and inspirational programs and exhibits.

Admission: \$11.00 seniors and active/retired/veteran with valid military ID. Open: 9 am - 5 pm.

Other fun things to do

»» Embassy Suites provides complimentary shuttle service within a 3 mile radius of the hotel ««

- Ameristar, Harrahs, and Horseshoe casinos in nearby Council Bluffs, IA. Free shuttle service available.
- Mormon Trail Center at Winter Quarters
- House of Conundrum (for small groups; a fun interactive scenario where you find hidden clues, decode messages, and solve puzzles to escape the room) <https://www.houseofconundrum.com/>
- Joslyn Art Museum
- Walk across Bob the Bridge, a pedestrian bridge to Iowa
- Gerald Ford Birthsite and Gardens
- Boys Town
- Local breweries, distilleries, and wineries
- Nebraska Crossing Outlet Mall with 70 stores, located 20 miles west of Omaha off Interstate I-80 by Gretna <http://www.nexoutlets.com/stores/>