

Davy Crockett Here We Come



You guessed it, the dates for our San Antonio reunion are set for March 18-22, 2007 at the Crockett Hotel. A limited number of

rooms are available 2 days pre & post our reunion. Make your registrations early to take advantage of this offer. San Antonio promises to be a big event and that “ain’t no sea story”. Some of your shipmates are already registered and I don’t mean your Reunion Committee members. Tom & Dottie Moritz was the first to sign on and others have done so as well. Let’s not forget the Lishman contingent. When their daughter Kelly Rae of San Antonio TX learns of the reunion, rest assured the Lishman’s will be reserving a large block of rooms.

Every effort has been made to develop an exciting program for everyone's enjoyment. More importantly, emphasis was placed on **affordability** to allow for everyone's participation.

Needless to say, it couldn’t get any better than to have our entire Texas family join us at this reunion. I know John Ellis & Chuck Doughtie will be working hard to make this happen. For sure Barbara Klein and her son Darius will be with us.

USS Perry Reunion Association



August 2006



It's Reunion #6
in beautiful San Antonio, TX

March 18 - March 22, 2007
At the Crockett Hotel

The Crockett Hotel is now accepting reservation. Call 210.225.6500 and be sure to ask for the Perry \$90 rate.

Includes a very nice continental breakfast

72 Hour Cancellation Policy

Shirley Dyer, Hotel Manager
320 Bonham, San Antonio, TX 78205

Bob 'ski' Norowski, Chairman
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God Bless & Stay Well
See ya'll in San Antonio
Steve Silk

USN Memorial Foundation Commemorative Wall Plaque

Hey Mates, I'm sad to say we remain a bit short of our \$2,500 goal and request your support to get our proud ship up on that Historical Wall ASAP. Remember, your contribution is tax deductible and more importantly your name will be forever etched in the Perry website as a proud supporter of the USN Memorial Foundation.

DUES - Just a friendly reminder to let you know it's your continued enthusiasm and generosity that keeps our Association afloat. Your support enables us the privilege to keep our Perry family intact through our communications and planned reunion events. Dues is requested within reunion cycles and any amount is greatly appreciated. Contributions of \$25 or more will get you prominently listed in our Hall of Fame roster. Please make check payable to USS Perry R.A. and mail to: Steve Silk USS Perry Reunion Association, 47 Alpine Drive, Wayne, NJ 07470

As always, your comments are most welcomed. Also, please let me know when you reserve your room.
Mark Your Calendar March 18, 2007
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Itinerary Over View

For starters, we'll be enjoying San Antonio at the height of its season. We'll also be there for their 3 day St Paddy's celebration that will be held on March 16 - 18, 2007. The St. Paddy's Day Weekend has much in store for those who would like to celebrate.

Our reunion itinerary is also taking into consideration those of us who enjoy a more leisurely pace by providing ample time to sit back and smell the roses or to explore a bit of San Antonio on your own.

Day 1- Crockett Hotel check in Sunday 3/18/07

- Refreshments & Sea Stories at our hospitality room
- Margarita Party
- A scrumptious dinner at Rio Rio River Walk Restaurant
- Dinner is topped off with an evening cruise down the San Antonio River along the River Walk

What better way to say hello than at our Margarita get acquainted party.

The Rio Rio Restaurant with its fabulous river view is just a short walk from the Crockett. We will be enjoying our dinner in the main dining area of the restaurant.

Day 2 – Enjoy a bit of Texas at the Rio Cibolo Ranch. Monday 3/19/07

We'll arrive at the Rio Cibolo Ranch at approximately 6:00 PM to enjoy a traditional Western BBQ with non-alcoholic refreshments and a **KEG-of-BEER** to quench the thirst of our hard riding trail blazers. We'll also enjoy some of that good old fashioned Texas entertainment. Hopefully, we'll get back to the Crockett by 11:00 PM to unwind and get a little rest for tomorrow's rendezvous.

The "Rio Cibolo Ranch" is a working Longhorn cattle Ranch and Pecan Orchard located northeast of downtown San Antonio. The Ranch is situated along the route the Spanish Conquistadors took as they made westward during the sixteenth century. This route was later designated "The Old Spanish Trail" and stretches from Florida to California.

Day 3 – We have a long day planned with visits to the Admiral Nimitz Museum and the Fredericksburg Hill Country with a Professional Tour Guide on each of our buses.

We'll be on our way by 9:00 AM for arrival to the Admiral Nimitz Museum by 10:30. After our Memorial Service and exploration of the museum it will be lunch time. Lunch is on your own in historic Fredericksburg Hill Country. Our tour guide has told me we'll have an

opportunity to take a slight detour and see some LBJ sites.

The national museum of Pacific War is the only institution in the continental United States dedicated exclusively to telling the story of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and World War II in the Pacific Theater. Located on a nine-acre site, the complex includes The National Museum of the Pacific War-George Bush Gallery, the Nimitz Hotel museum, the Japanese Garden of Peace, the Pacific Combat Zone, the Plaza of the Presidents, the Surface Warfare Plaza, the Memorial Wall, the Veterans Walk of Honor and the Center for Pacific War Studies. In addition to nearly 45,000 square feet of indoor exhibit space, the museum boasts an impressive display of Allied and Japanese aircraft, tanks, guns and other large artifacts made famous during the Pacific War campaigns.

Day 4 – Banquet Dinner

By this time we thought you might enjoy some free time and just want to chill out and 'smell the roses' as the saying goes. If you still have the energy and haven't yet been to the Missions, etc. it might be a good time for a trolley tour.

4:00 PM - Biz Meeting

5:00 PM -Photo Session & Cocktails

6:00 PM - Western Casual Banquet

Farewell Banquet at the
Menger Hotel

Dinner Menus

Our dinner selections will surely delight the pallet of any epicurean and is simply the finest dining offered any group function.

Farewell Banquet Dinner At the Menger Hotel

THE ALAMO BUFFET

Soup of the Day

**Freshly Tossed Mesclun Mix
with your choice of Dressing**

**Sliced Tomatoes with Mozzarella,
Bowtie Pasta**

**Roasted Strip Loin of Beef with wild
Mushroom Sauce
Chicken Piccata
with Lemon Caper Sauce
Tortilla Chip Crusted Flounder
with Spicy Aioli**

**White Rice, Rosemary Roasted Potatoes,
Market Fresh Vegetables,
Assorted Rolls & Butter**

**Cheesecake with Raspberry Sauce
Bread Pudding with Bourbon Sauce**

**Freshly Brewed Regular or
Decaffeinated
Coffee and Iced Tea**

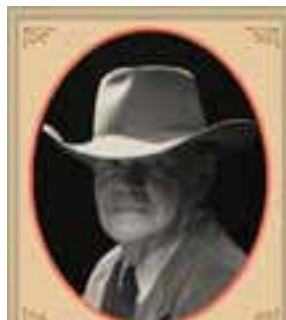
Rio Cibolo Ranch Western Roundup BBQ with entertainment.

The BBQ includes slow smoked beef brisket, mesquite grilled chicken quarters and beef/pork ribs served with tangy potato salad, crisp coleslaw, ranch beans with onions and special sauce, all the condiments, barbecue sauce, and freshly baked Ranch rolls with dessert, iced tea, or lemonade or soda. We'll also have a keg-of-beer to quench the thirst of our bronco bustin shipmates that have been working hard on the trail.

We'll have a Texas Fiddler for our listening pleasure and a historian relating stories of the Texas Revolution and the old cattle drives.

I'm sure our own Historian, Rick Flanagan, 55-58 RD3, author of the: Abilene Trail, Spanish Gold & The Triple K Ranch, will let us know if that Cibolo Ranch storyteller gets off the trail.

<http://www.rickflanagan.com/>



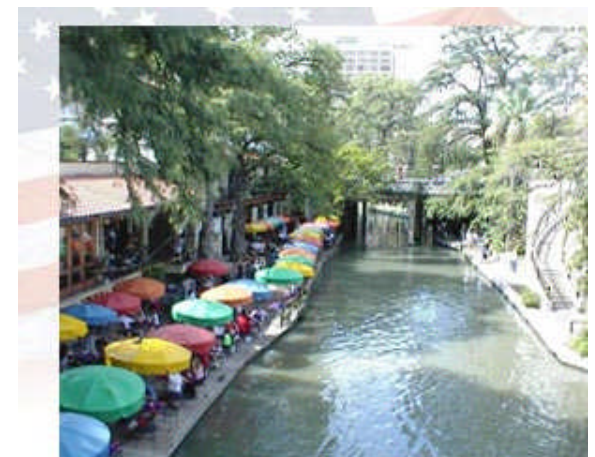
Rio Rio River Walk Dinner Selections

You get a choice of three marvelous selections. May your fancy be fish, fowl or as they say in Texas, "what's for dinner" beef we got you covered.

Combination Beef & Chicken Fajitas al Carbon includes Broiled Marinated Skirt Steak and Broiled Breast of Chicken, Cut Fajita Style etc

Flat Iron Steak is an Extra Tender Rio Rio's Certified Angus Beef @ 12oz. Flat Iron Steak is

Pescado Fresco Mojo de Ajo is a Pan Sautéed Fresh Orange Roughy Fish from the Gulf Topped with Garlic Lime



San Antonio Highlights

San Antonio is the third largest city in Texas with one of the nation's largest military centers. It is home to Fort Sam Houston, Lackland Air Force Base, Randolph Air Force Base, and Brooks City Base. San Antonio was named for the Portuguese Saint, Anthony of Padua, whose feast day it was when a Spanish expedition stopped in the area in 1691. More than 20 million tourists per year come to enjoy the famous River Walk with its fine restaurants, the Alamo, Tejano culture and many other historical and cultural traditions.

The airport is an easy 12 mile shuttle drive to downtown San Antonio.

St. Paddy's Day Celebration is a 3 day St. Paddy's celebration that will be held on March 16 - March 18, 2007. The St. Paddy's Day Weekend has much in store for those who would like to celebrate including, a parade, the annual "Dying the River Green," with 35 pounds of environmentally friendly dye that will turn the San Antonio River into a miniature Emerald Isle for the weekend of St. Patrick's Day. On Friday, there is expected to be more than 15,000 people to take part in the festival along the river walk, which will be followed by the local pub-crawl. I'm betting on Sid all the way. On Sunday, the festivities will reconvene for the "Re-dying of the River," followed by the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

that includes a parade of barges to commemorate the Great St. Patrick. Held: River Walk, 602 E. Commerce, San Antonio, TX 78205

The Historic Crockett Hotel is located in the heart of downtown San Antonio, adjacent to The Alamo and across the street from the River Center Mall; gateway to the emerald waters of the famous RiverWalk. Steeped in Texas tradition and history, this landmark and its staff will make your stay in San Antonio a memorable one. The Menger Hotel, its sister hotel is just across the street.

<http://crocketthotel.com/>
http://mengerhotel.com/page/ntm3/Home_Page.html

Trolley Tours

San Antonio City Tour Company

Tours are taken on your own and begin daily at 9 AM daily. Tickets may be purchased at the Menger Hotel or Alamo Visitor Center.

The San Antonio City Trolley Tour Co. offers an all day HOP on/off pass for \$23 in air-conditioned trolleys with attractions narrated by the driver . Tours depart from The Alamo Visitor Center next to the Alamo.

Trolley tours begin at 9:30 AM daily and run continually every 30 minutes.

Trolley Tour Destinations

The Alamo - Founded in 1718, where 189 Texans and Tejanos fought against Santa Anna's army in the battle that inspired the cry "Remember the Alamo."

Mission San José - See how the missions formed the foundation of the city and learn about South Texas' unique history and colorful culture. Learn how life was inside the mission walls. Mission San Jose is an active parish. Visitors are welcome to attend Mass on Sundays.

Mission Concepción - Original frescos are still visible within the rooms of the mission. This is the oldest unrestored stone church in our nation today.

Market Square - A taste of old Mexico! Arts, crafts and food in a unique market setting with over 50 specialty shops.

San Fernando Cathedral - Founded in 1738, this is among the oldest Catholic parish churches in the southwest. Main Plaza - the heart of San Antonio dating from 1772. Plaza De Armas - the original site of the Spanish Presidio and home of the Spanish Governor when Texas was under Spanish rule.

La Villita - San Antonio's oldest surviving neighborhood dating from the 1750's is now alive with artists and craftsmen, shops and restaurants.