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# RED DRAGON REPORT

## ***2015 Red Dragons Gathering*** **September 20-24, 2015 New Orleans, Louisiana**

We have a really good rate in a really good location. This will be a good trip for family members of all ages. Schedule and hotel details are below.

This year we will be Sunday-Thursday because this gave us a substantial rate reduction versus our usual schedule of Wednesday-Sunday.

### **What you need to do:**

- 1) *Make your reservations directly with the SpringHill Suites New Orleans Downtown by June 30, 2015. The hotel allows later than this, but as usual we have great uncertainty for room count and food – I need to know attendance early. True, if you show up walk-in we will figure something out for you, but have mercy, please!*

- 2) *Send me \$75 per person (\$50 for kids) by July 31 to cover hospitality room and banquet. You can send it to me at 1455 Spanish Lake Ave, St. Gabriel LA 70776, or via PayPal at waltere@cox.net.*
- 3) *Indicate your interest in the following events.*  
Personal word – we’ve done these before; they are very informative and a lot of fun. The cost will depend on how many takers.
  - A bus tour of New Orleans sights, sites and history
  - A bus tour of antebellum plantation homes
  - Group visit to World War II museum. This is great if you go on your own but they throw in a few perks for military groups.
- 4) Email me at waltere@cox.net with questions.

USE THIS LINK to make your hotel reservations on line [http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Red%20Dragons%20Reunion%5EMSYSH%60RDRRDRA%6099.00%60USD%60false%609/20/15%609/24/15%608/23/15&app=resvlink&stop\\_mobi=yes](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Red%20Dragons%20Reunion%5EMSYSH%60RDRRDRA%6099.00%60USD%60false%609/20/15%609/24/15%608/23/15&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes)

Note: If you want more vacation time the hotel will try to provide you the group rate for several days before and/or after the event. This depends on availability so the earlier you ask for it the better your chances.

## **SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY Sept 20 Afternoon/Evening	Check in, gather in DRAGON's LAIR hospitality room
MONDAY Sept 21 through SATURDAY Sept 24 8 AM to 2 PM  2 PM until	DRAGON'S LAIR will be open at all times  Bus Tour of 1) New Orleans, 2) Plantation Homes, or 3) WW II Museum depending on interest. Otherwise Free time
TUESDAY Sept 22 6-9 PM	Presentation on history of Red Dragons
WEDNESDAY Sept 23 6 PM 9 PM	Memorial banquet Raffle
THURSDAY Sep 24	"March Order, Close Station"

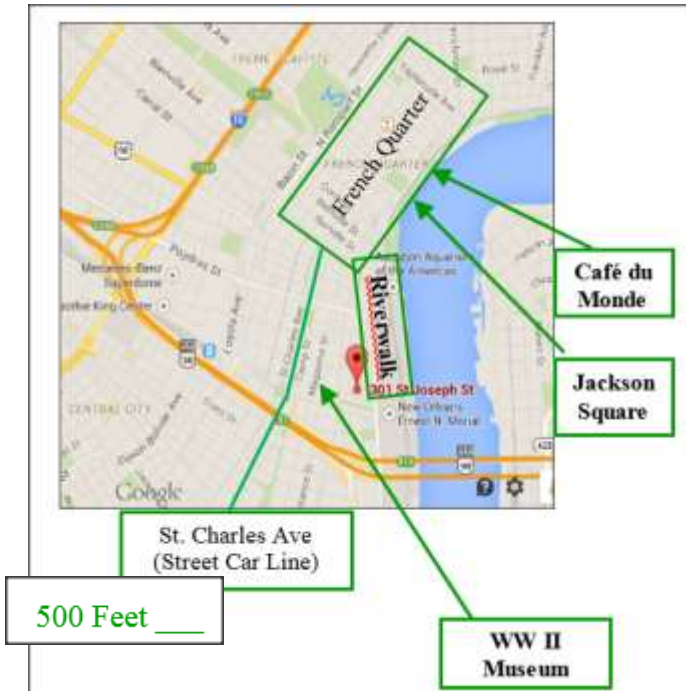
## **SpringHill Suites New Orleans Downtown**



**301 St. Joseph Street New Orleans, LA 70130**  
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- <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/msysh-springhill-suites-new-orleans-downtown/>
- Check in: 3:00 PM
- Check out: 12:00 PM
- Hotel has limited parking spaces available for \$25/day. Local parking options nearby.
- Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) 14 miles West
- This hotel does not provide shuttle service.

## Hotel location:



## Short Dragon

This issue of the Red Dragon Report is shorter than you are used to, because we have shorter funds to print and mail it. The printed roster, that required mailing 16 or more pages, is not included. You can access the roster online at <http://www.red-dragons.org/2-G%20Roster%202015%2005%2023.pdf>.

While you're at it, visit the Association web site at [www.red-dragons.org](http://www.red-dragons.org), click "Enter" then on the "Donate" button shown here to make a Paypal donation to the Association.  
The Dragon needs fodder.



## Financial Report

<b>Beginning Balance 6/30/2014</b>	<b>\$1,047.33</b>
Donations	\$644.18
Newsletter	(\$674.01)
Reunion expenses	(\$1,133.71)
Bank fees, website fees	(\$91.46)
Reunion revenues	\$840.00
Raffle	\$245.00
<b>Ending Balance 6/30/15 (projected)</b>	<b>\$877.33</b>

## TAPS

Name	Service	Date of Death
Ezra Boehm	H:12/51-3/53	13 May 2014
Robert W. Davis	D 1942-45	22 Nov 2014
Rayjond Robertson	B WW II	8 Oct 2013
William C. Hancock	H 6/53-7/54	22 Mar 2014

## 2014 Reunion(s)



Korean War veterans Harry Mitchell, Paul Mohney, Floyd Feusse and wife Jane learn about the M1135 NBCRV Stryker

In 2014 we held two gatherings, because so many people were unable to travel to either Fort Bragg or Fort Hood. At Fort Bragg Oct 22-26, seven veterans and numerous family members enjoyed a fascinating static display of the modern chemical soldiers' equipment and job tasks. On Saturday afternoon soldiers and veterans gathered at the hotel for a historical presentation and general sharing of experience and beer.

At Fort Hood Nov 12-16 Korean veterans Ben Schrader and Bob Bighouse, Desert Storm veteran Mike Brown and OIF veteran Ben Shrader, Jr. visited informally with soldiers over several days. A highlight was a presentation by Mike about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chemical Battalion's work in desert Shield/Storm, for which he used the same slides he used in his formal after action reports post deployment.



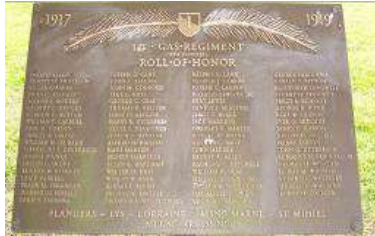
Major Terrence Soule, Ret. LTC  
Mike Brown  
(Desert Storm/Shield)  
and Ret. 1LT  
Ben Shrader  
(Korean War)  
discuss the static display of Red Dragon History

# HONOR ROLL

We cannot remember the farms they did not tend, the wives they did not marry, the children they did not raise, the good deeds they never did. We can remember only their names, and in their names we can give thanks for all we have that they were denied.

Behind each name is a life unlived.

## WORLD WAR I



## WORLD WAR II



## KOREA



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