

# Meals, Tours & Things to See!

**Friday Night Barbecue Dinner and Auction (6/15/17)** - An evening of food and fun! The Cash Bar opens at 5:30 in the Kentucky Expo Center, followed by dinner of BBQ pork, pulled chicken, salad, cheesy potatoes, rolls, veggies, berry cobbler with whipped topping, coffee and tea. When the plates are cleared everyone is welcome to bid on a variety of donated auction items of interest to the military vehicle collector and their spouses! Advance tickets of **\$39 each** required for dinner, and a guaranteed seat for the auction.

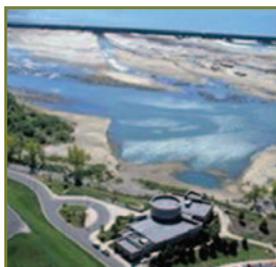
**Saturday Night Awards Banquet (6/16/17)** - The evening begins with a cash bar opening at 6:30, with dinner of Beef St. George, salmon, salad, potatoes, vegetables, dessert, coffee and/or tea at 7:00. At 8:00 the ceremony starts where the vehicle owners are rewarded and recognized for their hard work, and restoration skills. The annual MVPA awards are also given at the convention awards banquet for the Annual Affiliate Newsletter Award, the Bart Vanderveen award for Excellence, the Affiliate Website Award, Expert Driver Awards, and more. Advance tickets of **\$49 each** are required for dinner, and a guaranteed seat for the awards ceremony.

**Bulleit Bourbon Distillery & Kentucky Derby Museum Tours (6/14/17)** - The day starts at 10:30 a.m. with a guided tour of **Bulleit Distillery**, the lifelong dream of Thomas E. Bulleit, Jr. by reviving an old family bourbon recipe by starting the Bulleit Distilling Company in 1987. Inspired by his great-great-Grandfather, Augustus Bulleit, who made a high-rye whiskey from 1830-1860, Tom left a successful law practice, risking everything, to experience life on the frontier. We're not the only ones happy he did. **The next stop** is the world famous **Kentucky Derby Museum** at Churchill Downs, where you will take a guided tour, including a track side visit, and have lunch. Air conditioned motor coach transportation is included, **PLUS** each participant takes home a swag bag of items when you return at 3:30 p.m. Advance tickets of **\$39 each** are required, and includes both tours.



**Dinner Cruise on the Belle of Louisville (6/14/17)** - Enjoy the oldest operating Mississippi River-style steamboat in the world. Though we know her today as the Belle of Louisville, she was originally named the *Idlewild* when she was built in 1914 at Pittsburgh, PA. She was designed to be a ferry and day packet vessel (for freight work), and was also outfitted for her later career as an excursion boat. Completely paddlewheel driven with a steel hull that draws only 5' of water, she was able to travel on virtually every navigable inland waterway, earning her the distinction of being the most widely traveled river steamboat in the nation. The Belle was named a National Historic Landmark on June 30, 1989. This will be a dinner buffet cruise with the buses departing the hotel at 6:00 pm (begin boarding bus at 5:30, board the Belle at 6:30 pm, sail at 7:00 pm and return at 9:00 pm. The buffet room is enclosed and air-conditioned. Guests can stroll on the promenade deck and enjoy the sights along the river during the cruise. Cost is **\$48 each** and covers transportation, the buffet and cruise. Tickets limited to 250 people. **The Belle is mobility impaired accessible.**

**The General George S. Patton Museum of Leadership (6/15/17)** The museum located at Fort Knox, KY, is dedicated to the memory of General George S. Patton, Jr., and his role as a leader from World War I to the present day. The tour will consist of visiting the museum, which includes a special monetary display by Officers of the US Bullion Depository, if available, the LST Building, and view soldiers in training (if available). Lunch will be at the Fort Knox Military Dining Facility, and the trip ends with a windshield tour of Fort Knox. **A US Government issued photo ID is required. Foreign Nationals will need their passport, Visa or Border Crossing Card.** Bus departs from the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 9:00 am and returns by 3:00 pm. Advance tickets of **\$35 each** are required. All travel in an air conditioned motor coach.



**Falls of the Ohio State Park and Frasier Museum Tours (6/16/17)** - The tour begins at 9:30 a.m. with a trip across the Ohio River to the **Falls of the Ohio State Park** in an air conditioned motor coach. The Falls features two unbelievable natural phenomenon, the Falls themselves are the 7<sup>th</sup> largest in the world, and the largest exposed Devonian fossil bed in the world is located in the park! Discover the fascinating ancient creatures whose fossil remains can be seen, and touched, on the beds today. It also features an architecturally intriguing Interpretive Center that reflects the layers of history at the Falls of the Ohio. Exhibits inside flow through Earth's history, focusing how this river crossroads shaped the America we know today. Lunch is not provided, but guests will have ample time to dine at a local eatery of their choice. Then it on to the **Frazier History Museum**, on historic West Main Street, with its signature exhibits of weaponry, and a WWI display, including a walk through frontline trench, before returning at 3:30 p.m.. Advance tickets of **\$39 each** are required and includes both tours.

**The 14th Armor Re-Creation Unit** will have their WWII Field Encampment set up behind the KY Expo Center, which includes three M-5 light tanks. as well as all the support equipment necessary for maintenance in the field. The 14th Armor's tanks will form up for maneuvers daily throughout the convention. See schedule for times.