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TO: All District 18 Post

Subject: River Boat Donations

All Susquehanna River Boat Ride for Veterans donation should be mailed to:

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Checks should be made out to "Veterans Cruise Inc".

Should you have any questions or concerns, please to not hesitate to contact me at the email or phone number above.

Yours in comradeship,

David "Spike" Gyger
Sr. Vice Commander, District 18
VFW Department of PA



WHAT IS? the Veterans' Cruise Inc.

We are a 501-c-3 non-profit organization headed by a Board of volunteer leaders. The purpose of our organization is to provide lunch to invited hospitalized Veterans.

INVITES: The Veterans' Cruise Committee invites Veterans of different hospitals and retirement groups to participate on a free boat cruise, the Pride of the Susquehanna, provided by the Harrisburg Area Riverboat Society. This is an outstanding opportunity for Veteran comradery in the great outdoors.

RIVERBOAT: first launch was 1988

Authentic stern driven paddle wheel riverboat
Construction, Mike Trephan, a Navy Veteran
120 passengers
Handicapped accessible (not the upper deck)

LOCATION: City Island River View Pavilion, Harrisburg, PA

Pavilion is located down from FNB Field on the Susquehanna River facing the Harrisburg skyline.

WEATHER: Rain or shine. If needed, we have use of a covered, inside pavilion.

TRANSPORTATION: We, (committee) do not provide transportation

EVENT: 2nd Wednesday of the month,

2018 - May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12

SUPPORT: our financial needs are met from monetary donations from different veterans organizations like yourselves, in PA

EACH EVENT:

We tow a trailer to the island.

TRAILER

we own a 1995 enclosed tow behind trailer

The trailer is stored indoors year round and the space is donated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars state headquarters on Fenton Avenue, Harrisburg

INVENTORY

American flag with stand, two canopies

"ovens", coolers, folding tables, coffee maker, serving trays, plates, silverware, napkins, cups, trash bags, gloves, cleaning supplies,

Cruise season:

coffee, creamer, drinks, condiments, other food items

0900-0930 - City Island

#1 - make coffee, breakfast goodies ready to go
clean tables and place seat covers on benches
set up canopy and folding table
ice the drinks

1000-1030 - Veterans arrive

1100 - Riverboat leaves - other scheduled cruises

River level determines time and directions

Noon - Lunch

In the past we have had meals catered by professional caters, and meals prepared by local Veterans of Foreign War and American Legion Posts.

When a local Post prepares the meals, we (committee), will go to the Post, pick them up and deliver them to City Island.

PAST MEALS:

Pulled Pork with baked beans, Meatball subs with mac salad, Sausage with peppers and onions, Chicken with filling, Ham loaf with mac and cheese, and last is WE grill hot dogs with pickled beets and eggs.

(we do not provide special meals)

We provided fruit, drinks, and dessert

1300 - Takedown

Everything gets cleaned and packed back into the trailer

1400 Vacate the area.

Return the trailer to VFW Headquarters building



THE VETERANS' CRUISE INC.

HOSTING

2018 CRUISE AND LUNCH

FOR INVITED HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

TO VOLUNTEERS and SUPPORTERS,

The Veterans' Cruise Inc. will be hosting Cruise and Lunch for 2018. Time to mark your calendar with the upcoming dates to volunteer. As a volunteer you may do a variety of things. Help is needed to ice the drinks in the coolers, make the coffee, set up the coffee table, set up the pop-ups, set up portable tables, put out the carpet pads for the concrete benches, etc. Help the Veterans when they arrive; we go to the bus to greet and if needed help them to the pavilion. After the cruise your help is needed in serving the meal. Last your help is needed with the clean up, tear down and putting everything away.

PLACE:

City Island River View Pavilion, Harrisburg, PA

PARKING:

The Harrisburg Parking Authority charges a fee to park at the location of Walnut Street Bridge and South. The Harrisburg Parks and Recreation is in charge of the location of Walnut Street Bridge and North. Around 9:15 AM we will have a person standing near the south side of the Walnut Street Bridge to help you with questions and directions.

DATES:

May 9, Wednesday
June 13, Wednesday
July 11, Wednesday

August 8, Wednesday
September 12, Wednesday

TIME:

Volunteer and Supporters, arrive 9/9:30 AM
Veterans arrive 10:00/10:30 AM
Depart from pavilion for the Cruise after 10:45 AM with the Cruise leaving at 11:00 AM
We serve the meal around noon
Clean and pack up after 1:00 PM, the pavilion is reserved until 2:00 PM

Thank You!

God Bless America

Questions and concerns contact:

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