



# 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Association

## TOUR OPTIONS

All tours depart/return from the Sheraton Hotel [7800 Normandale Boulevard, Bloomington, MN 55439], north side of hotel.



### **Twin Cities Highlights Tour**

Wednesday, June 2, 2010  
Thursday, June 3, 2009

10:00am – 1:00pm  
12:30pm – 3:30pm

\$29.00

Today we'll experience a sampling of just what it is that makes the Twin Cities so "fantastic." Our tour of the area includes both downtowns of St. Paul and Minneapolis. While in Minneapolis, we'll experience the famous Nicollet Mall, skyway network of downtown Minneapolis, and the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden.

We'll continue our journey and make our way through the Kenwood residential area to see the television home of Mary Tyler Moore, and around sparkling lakes and lagoons on our way to the legendary Minnehaha Falls, where we'll make a short stop. We'll follow the Mississippi River past Fort Snelling.

While in St. Paul, our guide will provide commentary on Rice Park, the Ordway Music Hall, and Landmark Center. We'll make a stop at the State Capitol to view the war memorials. The grounds of the Minnesota State Capitol are as interesting as the building itself. The memorial to Minnesota native Charles Lindberg is a touching view of Lindberg as a young boy pretending to fly and as a man after his first transatlantic flight in 1927. The Roy Wilkins memorial is a fitting symbol of the 46 years Wilkins spent working as a champion of civil rights. Next is the Naval gun that fired the first American shot in World War II. Once on the USS Ward in Pearl Harbor it now resides on the Capitol grounds. Vietnam Veteran Nurses are memorialized in the next statue designed by Roger Brodine. The Minnesota Vietnam Veterans Memorial is a symbolic journey from Vietnam to a soldiers' home. Similar in design to the Memorial in Washington, DC, it starts with a walk past an inlaid map of Southeast Asia toward a large plaza carved in the shape of Minnesota. Plans began in 2001 for a World War II Memorial on the Capitol grounds.

Along with a Monument to the Living, other plaques or memorials are set in the Court of Honor in memory of various Americans: civilians who supported the war effort in World War II, the soldiers who participated in the Bataan Death March in 1942, firefighters, police officers and ambulance personnel, women suffragettes, Women veterans, POW/MIA, The Chaplains of the USS Dorchester and veterans of the Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I and II, The Korean War and the War in South East Asia.

We'll drive along stately Summit Avenue (the longest stretch of restored Victorian homes in the country!) to see the Governor's Mansion and the home and haunts of F. Scott Fitzgerald and many mansions once owned by wealthy lumber and railroad barons.



### **Stillwater, St. Croix Riverboat Dinner Cruise**

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

3:30pm – 9:30pm

\$59.00

Located on the St. Croix River, Stillwater lays claim to be Minnesota's oldest town and the birthplace of the Minnesota Territory in 1849. Stillwater is steeped in history, architectural gems and beautiful natural surroundings. The residents are close enough to the Twin Cities to be practical, yet far enough away to feel like country living.

For more than 50 years, lumberman dominated the St. Croix River with lumber camps, mills, log rafts and steamboats making Stillwater the Queen City of the river. The hills of Stillwater provided escape from the industrial and commercial riverfront; this is where the lumbermen, bankers, riverboat men and mill workers built homes for their families. The diversity of the population created diversity in home architecture: Queen Anne, Greek Revival, Second Empire, Stick Style, Shingle Style, Neoclassicism, Bungalow, Italianate, Craftsman & Prairie.

Our tour guide will provide a riding tour of this enchanting old river town and take us behind the scenes of Stillwater's history. Anecdotes and incidents from bygone years will illuminate the lives of immigrants and entrepreneurs as we view mansions built by wealthy lumber barons, beautiful old churches on the "Street of Spires", landmarks on the National Register of Historic Places and the beautiful St. Croix River.

There will be time before dinner to enjoy the variety and quality shopping on Stillwater's historic streets. Boutiques, specialty shops, antiques and art galleries offer abundance for the discriminating shopper. On your strolling shopping experience, discover original works of art, jewelry, pottery, eclectic gifts/crafts, books, gourmet utensils, clothing, home furnishings and wine.

Next, we will enjoy the sights along the scenic St. Croix River as we board a replica of an 1890's paddlewheel riverboat, for dinner. Menu to include: delicious New York Strip Loin and Bruschetta Chicken Buffet, Potatoes, Green Salad, Fresh Fruit, Rolls & Butter, and Dessert.



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## **Minnesota National Air Guard Museum / Fort Snelling Military Museum**

Thursday, June 3, 2010

8:00am – 11:30am

\$36.00

The Museum Airpark currently displays about 20 different aircraft within easy walking distance. You cannot miss the aircraft exhibits, as they are located immediately outside the museum building. You will find fighters, transports, trainers and helicopters.

There are currently 22 aircraft in its collection plus a 3/4 scale Submarine Spitfire. This is probably one of the larger collections in the upper Midwest. It is a relatively complete representation of post WWII jet aircraft. It has every type aircraft flown by the 133rd AW and the 148th FW or the Minnesota Air National Guard. Most of the aircraft are the property of the National Museum of the USAF on loan to the 133rd AW who is responsible for their maintenance and up keep. The Minnesota Air National Guard Historical Foundation owns some of the aircraft on display. Aircraft in the collection include: North American F-51D "Mustang"; North American AT-6 "Texan"; Beech C-45 "Expeditor"; Douglas C-47 "Skytrain"; Douglas C-131 "Samaritan"; and North American T-28 "Trojan".

The indoor park offers several exhibits in Center Section of the Alert Hangar and in the North Bay. Current exhibits include: A chronology of the history of the Minnesota Air National Guard; An ejection seat from an F-4; Eva Miller collection of the military life of Gen Ray Miller, father of the Minnesota Air National Guard; Several aircraft training simulators - A Link Trainer, a C-97 Aircrew Trainer, Ac-130E Mission Flight simulator, several cockpits of mission aircraft of the MNANG; and numerous aircraft engines.

Next, we'll walk over to the **Fort Snelling Military Museum** where you will see the museum's collection of about 65 vehicles from World War II to the first Gulf War. It includes Stuart, Sherman, Pershing, Patton and Sheridan tanks, armored personnel carriers, self-propelled howitzers, trucks, jeeps and amphibious vehicles.

The museum started in 1997, is run by about 100 civilian volunteers. Under the direction of the Army Reserve's 88th Regional Readiness Command and the Army's Center of Military History, it is one of the few armored warfare museums in the world dedicated not only to preserving historic military vehicles, but also to putting them in working order.

**Please Note: walking involved in this tour especially in-between the two museums.**

## Tour Information

**To Register/ Info:** Register online at [www.1cda.org](http://www.1cda.org) or complete the Tour Registration Form and mail with your check or credit card payment information to metroConnections, Inc. 1219 Marquette Avenue, Suite 110, Minneapolis, MN 55403. You may also fax your form to 1-612-333-4169 if paying by credit card. For questions, please call 1-612-333-8687 (US only 1-800-747-8687).

**Reservations cannot be taken over the phone.**

**Registration Deadline:** To guarantee space, registration must be received by May 12, 2010. All registrations received after that date will be on a first come first serve basis.

**Confirmation:** Tour confirmations will be provided for all online reservations. Mailed or faxed reservations will receive confirmation via their cancelled check or credit card statement.

**Please make a copy of the tour registration form for your future reference.**

**Tour Departure/Return:** Tour tickets will be available for pick up on site at the tour desk located at the Sheraton Bloomington. All tours depart from and return to the Sheraton Bloomington.

**Refunds:** You may cancel your tour(s) prior to May 12, 2010 in writing to metroConnections, 1219 Marquette Avenue, Suite 110, Minneapolis, MN 55403. NO refunds will be issued for cancellations received after May 12, 2010. Refunds will be processed within one month of tour date and will be returned minus a \$5.00 administrative fee per ticket.

**No refunds will be issued on site.**

**Cancellations:** metroConnections Inc. reserves the right to cancel any tour if the minimum number of participants required to operate the tour is not met. In case of cancellation, participants will be notified in advance and a full refund will be made. Refunds will be processed within 60 days and **will not** be made on site.

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## TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print or Type.

Please MAIL or FAX to metroConnections, Inc. Thank You!

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE/Tour	Time	Price per Ticket	x No. of Tickets	Total for Each Tour
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2010</b>				
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<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ _____</b>

Payment (please circle one):    **MASTERCARD**    **VISA**    **AMERICAN EXPRESS**    **DISCOVER**    **CHECK (payment enclosed)**    **17870-ST**

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*I authorize metroConnections, Inc. to charge my credit card as indicated for these tickets.*    Security code (located on the back of your card): \_\_\_\_\_

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