

Military Reunion Day Trip



Morning

Arrive and tour the **U.S. Army Transportation Museum**. Did you know that "Nothing happens until something moves?" That quote by Albert Einstein is part of the motto for the U.S. Army Transportation Corp. This morning you will tour the U.S. Army Transportation Museum, the only museum dedicated to preserving the history of the U.S. Army transportation. This museum is devoted to over 200 years of Army transportation history through exhibits, dioramas, experimental models, equipment and full-scale scenes. Located on Joint Base Langley-Eustis, an active Army Installation, the museum covers six acres of indoor and outdoor exhibits.

Continue with a **driving tour** of downtown Newport News:

Newport News Ship Building

The Newport News Ship Building is the largest industrial employer in Virginia, the sole builder of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and teams with General Dynamics Electric Boat in Groton, CT to build nuclear-powered submarines.

Dorothy

The 90-foot tugboat was delivered by Newport News Shipbuilding in 1891. Since 1976, the tugboat has been on display outside the shipyard as a tribute to the pride and craftsmanship of the shipbuilders of Newport News.

Victory Arch

On November 11, 1918 World War I ended and Newport News' embarkation camps were converted into receiving facilities. A Welcome Home Committee was established, and funds for a wood and plaster arch of triumph were collected through public subscription and built by volunteer labor. Dedicated on April 13, 1919 (and reconstructed in 1962), over 441,000 doughboys found their way back home through Newport News. This is a great backdrop for a Memorial Ceremony.

Afternoon

Arrive and enjoy lunch at the **Crab Shack on the James**. With a location on the James River, your group will watch the fisherman, boats and beautiful skyline from this waterfront dining experience!

Next, tour the **Virginia War Museum**. This museum explores American military history from 1775 to the present day through more than 60,000 artifacts, weapons, vehicles, uniforms, and posters. Participate in one of several customized programs, including A Soldier's Heritage (1775-1975.) The goal of this program is to explain how the evolution of warfare lead to changes in uniforms, weapons and battle-field tactics throughout American military history.

Return to your hotel.