Heroes, Hometowns and Legacies

September 14 – 17, 2023

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Day One – Thursday, September 14, 2023

Arrive in Clarksville – Check into hotel and have dinner at a local venue.

You have arrived in Clarksville just in time to honor some of our country’s heroes at our Welcome Home Veterans Remembrance Ceremony. Your patriotism will soar at this ceremony featuring a “Massing of the Colors”, special music by the Clarksville-Montgomery County High School Choirs and special speakers honoring our veterans.

Day Two – Friday, September 15, 2023

This morning, we will begin our Country Music journey with a visit to Loretta Lynn’s Ranch in Hurricane Mills, TN. The 90-minute drive is the perfect time to view “Coal Miner’s Daughter” while en route to the ranch. Upon arrival, visit Loretta’s Antebellum home, where the children grew up and the legendary Crisco commercials were filmed, followed by a visit to the Coal Miner’s Daughter Museum. There will be free time to visit the shops in Western Town and take an optional tour of the Butcher Holler house. This is the replica that was used in the filming of Coal Miner’s Daughter.

When we leave Loretta Lynn’s Ranch, we will head east to Bon Aqua, TN to Storyteller Hideaway farm, the former home of Johnny Cash for lunch and a tour. Johnny Cash called this place the “center of his universe” and owned the farm for 30 years before he passed. Lunch will be served at the farm.

This afternoon, we will participate in a BBQ & Bluegrass picnic at Beachaven Winery. It is a perfect place for a wine tasting, BBQ dinner and some great bluegrass music and time for fellowship. Our bluegrass band, Passenger Creek features banjo player, John Doubler, the great grandson of Opry legend, Uncle Dave Macon, and 3-time Tennessee State fiddle champion Dan Wallace.

After dinner, we will head out to a very happy occasion. We will be joining Hank William, Sr. and some of his friends to celebrate his 100th birthday. This tribute show featuring Obie Award winner, Jason Petty, as Hank Williams is always a crowd pleaser.

Day Three – Saturday, September 16, 2023

Start the day in downtown Clarksville for the Welcome Home Veterans Parade. Honor our national heroes in this annual parade through downtown. Veterans, JROTC students, active duty soldiers, marching bands, military vehicles and floats will circle the Historic Montgomery County Courthouse.

After the parade, stroll through the streets of downtown Clarksville, taking in the Frolic on Franklin arts & crafts festival, Downtown Market, and the shops and restaurants. Lunch will be on your own in the downtown area.

After lunch, head out to Historic Collinsville. Located in rural Montgomery County, this pioneer settlement depicts what life was like from 1840 - 1900. Chock full of authentic antiques and furnishings, this really is like a step back in time. You will have time to tour, meet docents, and maybe even make your own butter.

R & R at the hotel.

After a little rest, head to Oak Grove Gaming for dinner and entertainment. This is the closing dinner for the Welcome Home Veterans Celebration. Join the veterans for a wonderful meal and a “Legends and Legacy of Country Music Show”. Hosted by Mark Alan Cash, Johnny Cash’s nephew and featuring both descendants of country music legends and country recording artists, this show will take you on a walk through Country Music history.

**Day Four – Sunday, September 17, 2023**

It’s been a great trip! Have a safe trip home.