



# USS KIDD

*Veterans Museum*



## *Visit an American Hero*

The USS KIDD Veterans Museum is the perfect location for those wishing to honor, remember and learn about the sacrifices made by the men and women of our military. Located in the heart of scenic downtown Baton Rouge, the KIDD is sought after by military groups looking to host a reunion, ceremony or memorial service. Veterans and their families come from all over the country, in groups of many different sizes that encompass all branches of service to pay tribute to the fallen and to reconnect with comrades while walking the decks of this National Historic Landmark.

The USS KIDD (DD-661) is *Fletcher*-class destroyer currently moored on the Mississippi River that serves as the centerpiece exhibit a museum dedicated to honoring service members of all branches and all eras. The USS KIDD is restored to her World War II configuration and is one of the most accurately restored vessels in the entire Historic Naval Ships Association's fleet. A survivor of a Japanese *kamikaze* attack, the KIDD honors the memory of the men and women who paved the road for current service members. On shore, the museum's exhibits reflect many years of American military history with dozens of one-of-a-kind artifacts in our collection.

The USS KIDD Veterans Museum does not receive any state or federal funding and thrives from self-generated funds that are acquired through admissions, overnights camping, military reunions, ceremonies, private events, gift shop sales, small grants and donations. Your support is what helps us keep history alive for another year and another generation to enjoy.

We hope this information packet will help you learn more about how the KIDD is the ideal location for your event. Feel free to contact us with any questions by calling Reservations at (225) 342-1942 ext. 11. We look forward to having you aboard!

## ★ RENTAL SPACES ★



### Fantail of the USS KIDD

The ship's fantail offers a meaningful location for a memorial service and is a favorite among Navy, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine groups.



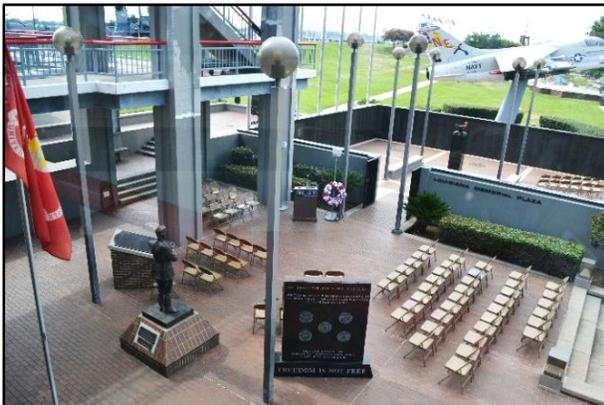
### P-40E Warhawk Courtyard

Fliers from the Air Force and Army Air Corps enjoy the south courtyard beneath the mighty P-40E *Warhawk* fighter plane replica. The courtyard is covered and will protect guests from light wind and rain.



### Louisiana Memorial Plaza

The granite walls of the Louisiana Memorial Plaza is a favorite among Army groups and displays the names of over 7,000 Louisiana service members lost in action from the American Revolution to current overseas contingency operations. The eternal flame burns in their honor 24/7. A restored A-7E *Corsair II* Jet Attack Aircraft looms above the Memorial Plaza and is dedicated to Louisiana's Vietnam Veterans.



### Lejeune Plaza

Marines often prefer to gather near the statue of Lieutenant General John Archer Lejeune, 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, which stands vigilant over the Lejeune Plaza.

## ★ RENTAL SPACES (continued) ★



### Theater/Auditorium

Our theater has an elevated stage and fixed seating for up to 100 people. A built-in projector and an audio/visual system are also available for use.



### Museum Lobby

Our welcoming lobby is suitable for both networking and banquet-style events. The Lone Sailor statue, a tribute to all personnel of the sea services, proudly stands vigil while welcoming all guests.



### Flying Tiger Room

The Flying Tiger room looks out onto the P40-E *Warhawk* Courtyard. It is commonly used in tandem with courtyard rentals as it gives guests an opportunity to cool off in an air-conditioned space. Caterers enjoy being near the kitchen and find the counters convenient to display and serve food.



### Kitchen

Renters can use the freezer and refrigerator to store food and the stove to keep food warm. For your convenience, a double-basin sink and ice machine are also available.



## AVAILABLE PRODUCTS & SERVICES

- **Walkway of Flags:** On the day of your visit, we can display our “Walkway of Flags.” Over 70 U.S. flags will line the walkway and gangway leading you from the museum to the KIDD.
- **Color Guard:** If you would like to have a color guard render honors at your event, we can provide a list of ROTC and JROTC units in the area. Early requests are required.

- **Bagpipes:** They have been part and parcel of military services for centuries, and ceremonies held here at the USS KIDD are no exception. We can make arrangements to have this beautiful instrument as a part of your service, performing the age-old classic “Amazing Grace.”



- **Bugler:** What military memorial service would be complete without the haunting sound of a bugler playing “Taps?” We can make arrangements to have a bugler perform at your event.
- **Chaplain:** If your group does not have a chaplain to conduct your memorial service, we can provide a list of local clergy in the area.
- **Wreath:** A wreath from local florists is available in two different sizes, medium and large. It’s made up of various flowers in patriotic red, white, and blue colors with a ribbon showing your ship or unit’s name. Following the ceremony, you can take this back to your hotel for the duration of the reunion or lay it at the base of the eternal flame in the Memorial Plaza.

Throwing the wreath overboard: From July through February, the KIDD sits high and dry in her cradle due to the river’s seasonal drop in water levels. Consequently, if the wreath were tossed over the side in the traditional manner, it would land in the mud. Any other time of year is fine.

- **Audio System:** A podium and a speaker system are available for use, along with approximately 100 folding chairs and 18 tables each measuring 7-feet.
- **Gangway Pass** -- One of the best deals we have to offer. With a Gangway Pass, visitors can tour the KIDD and museum as many times as they want during reunion dates. Our other option is a Day Pass.
- **USS KIDD Video:** We have a 30-minute film on the history of the USS KIDD and a short orientation on the USS KIDD Veterans Museum.
- **Dog tags:** You remember... everyone had them. Name, rank, and serial number. Purchase a set of personalized dog tags with your ship or reunion name, or any other content, up to five lines. Request a Dog Tag Order Form if you’re interested. Our Gift Shop has other customized souvenirs to make your reunion a memorable one. Of course, we have many USS KIDD items for sale in the Gift Shop.

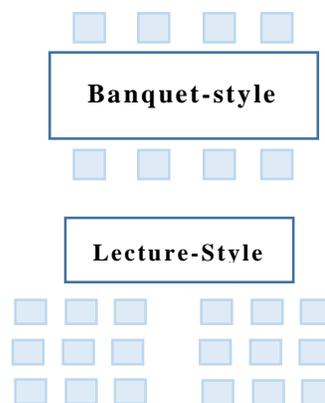




# Fees for Military Ceremonies

EVENT FEE	
★ Reunion ★ Memorial ★ Commissioning ★ Reenlistment ★ Promotion ★ Retirement	<b>\$75</b>
<p><b>NOTE:</b> The event fee is set at a flat-rate for any of the military ceremonies listed above on any day of the week, between 9 a.m.-5 p.m. This fee includes the cost of a one-hour rental of any event space, set-up and tear-down of tables, chairs, podium, audio system, and clean-up.</p> <p>For a ceremony with a reception, in the same or different location, the event fee is an additional <b>\$100</b> for up to a two-hour event. For an evening event, please call Reservations.</p>	

RENTAL SPACES	CAPACITY
USS KIDD Fantail	45 lecture-style
P-40E Courtyard	96 banquet-style, 96 lecture-style
Lejeune Plaza	75 lecture-style
Memorial Plaza	110 lecture-style
Theater	100 lecture-style
Lobby	48 banquet-style, 50 lecture-style
Flying Tiger Snack Bar	24 banquet-style with small square tables +8 bar stools at a long counter



ADMISSION FEE	
Day Pass: Museum and ship one-time admission, with optional tour guide if requested in advance.	\$6.00 per person
Gangway Pass: Museum and ship multi-day admission, with optional tour guide if requested in advance.	\$8.00 per person
<p><b>NOTE:</b> Each person attending the ceremony must pay an admission fee to the ship and museum. Select either a one-time or multi-day admission fee for ALL attendees.</p>	

ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES	
Bagpiper presentation, 1 hour	\$45.00
Bugler presentation, 1 hour	\$45.00
Chaplain – a list of local clergy will be provided.	
Color Guard – a list of local contacts will be provided.	
Customized attire or other souvenir	TBD
Flag display of U.S. Armed Forces (indoor use only)	Free
Overnight stay and guided-ship tour (min. 20 people)	\$22.00 per person
Walkway of Flags to ship	\$50.00
Wreath - medium, large	\$96.00, \$106.00

Note: Rates are subject to change.

## Event Guidelines

- A \$50 security deposit is required to secure a reservation. It is nonrefundable. It will be deducted from the final balance.
- Final payment is due 30 days prior to the event date.
- Cancellations must be received 14 days prior to the event to receive a refund, minus the \$50 nonrefundable deposit. If canceled within 14 days, a \$50 cancellation fee will apply.
- A final attendee list is required 30 days prior to the event date. The list is necessary for staff to verify who has prepaid. Late registrations/attendees may not be accommodated.
- Use of the space for political, commercial or any type of fundraising is prohibited.
- Smoking is prohibited in all areas of the museum and ship. Designated smoking areas are on the sidewalk in front of the museum and on the levee.
- Food and alcoholic drinks (beer and wine only) may be served in the museum. The renter and/or caterer is responsible for complying and enforcing all federal and state laws concerning alcoholic beverages. Serving of alcohol must be discontinued 30 minutes prior to the end of the event.
- Food and drinks are not allowed on the second floor of the museum or aboard the ship. Staff will ask guests to dispose of any food or drink prior to boarding the ship. We reserve the right to not allow an impaired guest to board the ship due to safety concerns.
- Any set-up for a ceremony may occur 30 minutes prior. Reception set-up may occur two hours before the event; clean-up -- one hour after.
- The renter and/or caterer will be responsible for all damage to facility surfaces, furniture, chairs and equipment that staff determines to have occurred during the event.
- A basic clean-up service will be provided. The caterer or the renter is expected to help clear tables, etc. during and after the event. A fee may be assessed to the renter for any extraordinary cleaning or amount of trash.

## Special Considerations

- Wheelchair-access: As the USS KIDD has been restored to her World War II (1945) configuration, she is wheelchair-accessible on the main deck exteriors only. The museum building is wheelchair-accessible on both floors, as are the restroom facilities. In the museum's theater, guests can request to watch a movie on the history of the KIDD which also shows the ship's interior compartments.
- High temperatures: For outdoor events, please consider the time guests will be out in the summer heat and humidity. Allow them to get indoors and enjoy a bit of air conditioning and ice water. Soft drinks and water fountains are available in the museum.
- Inclement weather: If rain falls on the day of an outdoor event, the event can move inside the museum, if it is available for use.

## Parking

- Parking is limited in front of the museum. Four parking garages and street parking are available near the museum.



# Military Ceremony Reservation Request

Group Name			
Type of Ceremony	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioning <input type="checkbox"/> Reenlistment <input type="checkbox"/> Reunion <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Name of Honoree (if applicable)		No. of Attendees	
Preferred Event Date(s) at the USS KIDD	Ideal:	Start/End Times:	
	Alternate:	Times:	
<b>Scheduling Note:</b> From September-March (football season), advance planning and booking is highly recommended. For football schedules, go to <a href="http://www.lsusports.net">www.lsusports.net</a> .			
Preferred Event Area(s) for Ceremony	<input type="checkbox"/> Fantail of the USS KIDD <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Plaza <input type="checkbox"/> P-40E Courtyard <input type="checkbox"/> Lejeune Plaza <input type="checkbox"/> Theater <input type="checkbox"/> Flying Tiger Room <input type="checkbox"/> Lobby		
Will you also have a reception?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   (Note: We have a list of recommended caterers.) If yes, in the same event area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, or other:		
Which admission rate would you like for your group?	<input type="checkbox"/> Day Pass -- One-time Admission (military group rate) <input type="checkbox"/> Gangway Pass -- Multi-day Admission (for military groups only)		
Are you interested in any other services/products:	<input type="checkbox"/> Bagpiper <input type="checkbox"/> Bugler <input type="checkbox"/> Armed Forces Flag Display <input type="checkbox"/> Walkway of Flags <input type="checkbox"/> Tour Guide <input type="checkbox"/> Wreath: <input type="checkbox"/> medium <input type="checkbox"/> large <input type="checkbox"/> Overnight Stay		
Group Coordinator/Contact Person		Tel #	
Email Address			
Mailing Address			
Are you a member of the museum?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No—Would you like to learn more about becoming a member and receiving a discount? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Please submit this Reservation Request form to [reservations@usskidd.com](mailto:reservations@usskidd.com) or fax to 225-342-2039. Please allow 3-5 days to receive a response. All booked reservations will receive a written confirmation.

If you have any questions, call Reservations at 225-342-1942 ext. 11.

Thank you for your interest in the USS KIDD Museum!