

# USS ENTERPRISE CVAN/CVN-65 ASSOCIATION 2024 REUNION

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## ENTERTAINING GUESTS SINCE 1876 HISTORY OF THE REAL DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA

The discovery of gold in the southern Black Hills in 1874 set off one of the great gold rushes in America. In 1876, miners moved into the northern Black Hills. That's where they came across a gulch full of dead trees and a creek full of gold and Deadwood was born.

The 2024 Enterprise reunion will be held at Cadillac Jacks Resort, 23 – 28 September 2024. A block of rooms has been reserved at Spring Hill Suites by Marriot and Tru by Hilton. Both include breakfast and both are located within the Cadillac Jacks Complex.

**Deadwood is extremely busy this time of year PLEASE BOOK EARLY,  
(Only a few rooms left, release date is 23 July).**

Early check-in Sunday is from 1600-1730, outside the Roosevelt 1 room. Then again throughout the day on Monday.

Breakfast is available each morning at SpringHill Suites 0630 – 0900 and Tru from 0600 – 0900. Bring your breakfast to the Roosevelt room or meet your friends at one of the many gathering areas inside or fire pit areas outside of both hotels.

Monday registration will be held throughout the day. The Welcome Buffet will have guest speakers from the mayor's office and chamber of commerce. Welcome Buffet menu is still to be finalized. Special plated meals will be ordered from an authorized vendor for any special medical dietary needs, i.e. Gluten free.

Tuesday morning at 0930, spouses and guests will meet in Roosevelt I to kick off a downtown Deadwood scavenger hunt. Memorabilia Room, Ship's Store, and BS areas will be open to all.

A bus tour planned for Wednesday 26 September will include our annual memorial service to be held at the Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis. Other stops on the bus tour:

### **Crazy Horse Memorial**

- 3 museums, including The Indian Museum of North America
- The Orientation Film
- Scheduled Cultural Programs
- View of the Mountain Carving from the Wall of Windows and the Outdoor Viewing Veranda.
- Food is available. (They make an awesome Indian Taco.)

*Crazy Horse Memorial is an active carving site. Hiking and/or driving personal vehicles to the Mountain is not an option for our guests.*

***(Natives and their spouse are admitted free. Let me know and I will refund you the \$7.00 pp admission fee)***

### **Mount Rushmore**

- Activities range from daily ranger talks, sculptor studio presentations, Lincoln Borglum visitor center, cultural demonstrations, and participation in the evening lighting ceremony. Rangers also walk the grounds to engage in informal conversations about the significance of the site and to assist with orientation.
- Food is available at the Carvers' Café until 1830.

Expect a late arrival back to Deadwood. Parts of Hwy 385 will be closed and under construction; therefore, travel will be back through Rapid City.

Friday morning you will have an opportunity to see a huge buffalo roundup at the Custer State Park.

Farewell Dinner to be held In the Roosevelt Ballroom. Entrees will consist of grilled steak, baked salmon, or a mushroom piccata pasta. Special plated meals will be ordered from an authorized vendor for any special medical dietary needs, i.e. Gluten free.

### **Other sights**

Deadwood is full of history which could keep you busy for months. There are numerous museums and a historical reenactment.

A must see is the Sanford Under Ground Research (SURF) Facility, Lead, SD. The SURF is as unique as our own USS Enterprise.

Not to be missed are our own Memorabilia Room and Ship's Store.

Please visit [CVAN-CVN-65.ORG](http://CVAN-CVN-65.ORG) for additional information and registration form. Reunion questions can be sent to me, ([romanjep@gmail.com](mailto:romanjep@gmail.com)). **Be cognizant of SPAM.**

The next newsletter update will have more details about things to see and do on your trip to Deadwood, transportation to and from the Rapid city airport (RAP), and other good to know travel information.