

JACKSON BRIGADE REUNION . 2004

August 7-8

Parkersburg, W. Va

Saturday, August 7

8:00 a.m.: Meet at Vienna's Jackson Memorial Park community building for registration and coffee-and-doughnut breakfast (we'll have juice and water on hand for non-coffee drinkers). Following breakfast, Dr. Bernard Allen, formerly of WVU-Parkersburg, will deliver a brief lecture on the Parkersburg Jacksons and early oil development. After breakfast, we depart on a caravan-style tour of Parkersburg family-related sites, including a stop at Wood County Courthouse for the Historic Landmarks Commission's rededication of the James M. Jackson fountain / bust, scheduled for 10:30. Other details on the tour have yet to be finalized. We expect a loosely organized tour, with the opportunity for folks to break for lunch and explore on their own.

6:00 p.m.: Re-assemble at community building for a catered banquet (ham, Italian chicken, red skinned potatoes, green beans, rolls, pie, tea (sweetened and unsweetened) and coffee). After dinner, we will be entertained by Connie Bookman with a selection of fiddle tunes and Stephen Cassle's a living history interpretation of General "Stonewall" Jackson.

Directions: From I-77, take the **Emerson Ave./Vienna exit** and go **South on Rt. 68**. Continue **3 miles** to stoplight and turn **right on Rosemar Rd**. Go **2.5 miles** and turn **left into Jackson Memorial Park** (between ballfields). Community building is **1 mile on the right**.

Sunday, August 8

1:30: Catered picnic on Blennerhassett Island, featuring KFC chicken, biscuits, mashed potatoes and baked beans. Following the meal, Dr. Ray Swick, of the Blennerhassett Museum of Regional History, will deliver a lecture on local history. The reunion will conclude with our memorial service and business meeting. (The sternwheeler from Parkersburg's Point Park to Blennerhassett Island departs on the hour, beginning at 12:00 on Sundays. If you are not assisting with hauling and setup, you may prefer to take the 1:00 excursion. **The 20-minute boat ride to the island is \$7 for adults, \$6 for children 3-12, roundtrip (rates subject to change). The price of the picnic does not include the boat ride, so individuals must pay for their own tickets to the island.**)

Reservations are required for *all* events, including the breakfast and tour.

Reservations must be received by June 30, 2004 (reservations form attached).

Hoping to arouse that famous Jackson sense of duty, we're asking for volunteers for the following:

- Walkie-talkies for the tour
- Sharing a ride with others during the tour
- Assistance with setting up and / or (more importantly) cleaning up after the meals
- Registering attendees (especially Saturday morning)
- Assistance in transporting food and other items to Blennerhassett Island and back
- Desserts for picnic (we're asking some of our local members to assist with this one)
- Various duties throughout the weekend, as needed

IF YOU HAVE ANY FAMILY PHOTOS OR GENEALOGY DATA TO SHARE/DISPLAY, PLEASE BRING THEM!

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