

Rapid City South Dakota  
Tuesday Oct. 17—Thursday Oct. 19, 2023  
Best Western Ramkota Hotel  
2111 N LaCross Street, Rapid City, SD 57701

We have booked both traditional double queen, three accessible king roll-in and two accessible king walk-in rooms. The group rate is \$81 per night. In addition;

- Group rate honored 3 days pre/post blocked dates.
- Room rates are subject to 9.0% tax and \$2.00 City Occupancy tax (or current rates)
- Daily check-in time is after 4:00 pm and check-out time is 11:00 am
- All rates are based on 1-4 person occupancy in each room
- Individual room cancellations may be made until 4:00 pm one day prior to check-in without incurring a cancellation charge.
- All reservations will be guaranteed for late arrival to the individual.
- Any 'No Shows' will be billed to the individual's method of guarantee.

**COVID 19**

*We have modified our cleaning practices in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak. While we've taken a number of precautions to prevent the spread of illnesses, viruses, and bacteria, we cannot guarantee that you or your guests won't be exposed. As such, we cannot accept liability for the transmission of any illness, virus or bacteria.*

**RESERVATION METHOD:**

Individuals must call the Best Western Ramkota at (605) 343-8550 to reserve a guest room prior to Sunday, September 15 2023. Guests must specify they are with USS Cogswell DD-651 to receive the special group rate.

Complimentary airport shuttle services provided by Rapid Shuttle (located outside baggage claim at Rapid City Regional Airport) Attendees must specify "Best Western Ramkota" to receive complimentary shuttle.

Area Shuttle: At this time, hotel will not guarantee local shuttle service due to staffing. Hotel will accept requests for shuttle 14 days prior to shuttle desired date in an attempt to staff a shuttle driver for specific time periods/events.




















## TOUR INFORMATION




*We will be visiting the Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Crazy Horse Memorial, and a drive through Custer State Park's Wildlife Loop. There will be stops for photo taking, lunch, and potty breaks! We can bring our own lunch and drinks (beer included) or if desired eat when we reach Custer. This is a school bus so plan accordingly. Route highlighted in **ORANGE***




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- 0900 Pickup at hotel
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- 0940 Arrive Mt. Rushmore (1 hour visit)
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- 1040 Depart Mt Rushmore heading to Crazy Horse
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- 1110 Arrive Crazy Horse (1 hour visit)
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- 1210 Leave Crazy Horse heading to Custer
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- 1220 Arrive Custer for lunch (1.5 hours)
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- 1350 Leave Custer on the Wildlife Loop
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- 1445 Stop at Wildlife Station Visitor Center (20 minute visit)
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- 1505 Leave Wildlife Station Visitor Center for  
Custer State Visitor Center
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- 1530 Arrive Custer State Park Visitor Center (20 minute visit)
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- 1550 Depart for Hotel
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- 1635 Arrive Hotel




## Buffet Dinner Menu




House salad with three dressings




Roast Turkey with cranberry stuffing and pan gravy



Burgundy Beef Tips with mushroom & onion demi-glace



Mashed potatoes and gravy



Seasonal vegetables





Served with fresh rolls, and carafes of coffee at tables



Assorted layer cake desserts

Cash Bar



# RAPID CITY SD REUNION PLAN OF THE DAY

(Subject to change)

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

- 0930 USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION registration begins in hospitality room
- 0930 Raffle tickets on sale and continues throughout the day
- 1400 Snack service begins in hospitality room, snack mix, soft drinks, coffee & tea, beer & wine
- 1700 Reunion welcome gathering with an enhanced food layout (sandwiches, fruit, veggies and chips) created by chef Alice Lincoln
- 1730 Remarks from our Association President Frank Wille, hotel management and visiting guests
- 1800 An overview of activities during the reunion including tour update
- 1815 (Approximate) Raffle drawing
- 1830 Reception continues and the sea stories begin

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

- 0730 Continental breakfast served in hospitality room or full breakfast can be purchased in restaurant
- 0900 Tour bus leaves near the lobby
- 1635 Tour bus returns from trip
- 1635 Hospitality room open for sea stories
- 1700 Restaurant & Lounge open for dinner on your own

Thursday, October 19, 2023

- 0730 Continental breakfast served in hospitality room or full breakfast can be purchased in restaurant
- 0900 Cogswell Association business meeting and election of new committee members in the hospitality room
- 1000 Time approximate—day on your own
- 1200 Ship's store and memorabilia room (Lincoln room) closes.
- 1700 Photo shoot begins in designated area—TBD (all hands on deck, purchase of photo book optional)
- 1715 Banquet room opens—full cash bar available. (No Cogswell refreshments available)
- 1745 Banquet program begins with announcements
- 1800 Invocation and Necrology
- 1815 Food service
- 1900 Guest speaker / Entertainment (TBD)
- 2000 Benediction
- 2015 Hospitality room open for more sea stories

Friday, October 20, 2023

- 0800 Final farewells in the lobby or restaurant as the USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION reunion is closed and we look forward to our next reunion in the Central Time Zone



USS COGSWELL DD-651, 1940'S

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