

# 2024 USGA MEETING

Thursday, May 2 – Sunday, May 5

Hotel: Holiday Inn St. Louis SW, 10709 Watson Rd, St. Louis, Mo. 63127

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## Meeting Itinerary

### Thursday, May 2

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM:

Registration in the lobby of Holiday Inn. A “meet and greet” session will follow with appetizers. Wine, beer, and soda will be provided with a cash bar available for mixed drinks. Remarks by USGA President Jim Bultema and Executive Director Anne Marshall to follow.

### Friday, May 3

Members have breakfast on their own.

9:00 AM: Busses pick up members at Holiday Inn and convey them to Grant’s Farm located at 10501 Gravois Rd, St. Louis, Mo.

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM: Tour of historic Grant’s farm by tram. The trams will stop at Hardscrabble, built by Grant and inhabited by his family and him for a few months in 1856-1857. Members will tour the home (rarely open to the public) which will be led by National Parks Service staff members.

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM: A catered lunch will be provided by the Grant’s Farm catering staff in the Farm’s historic Carriage House. During the lunch period, members will also be able to tour the Carriage House which houses the Busch family’s extensive collection of vintage carriages and sleighs.

12:15 PM - 12:30 PM: Trams drive members to the Farm’s entrance from where they will walk the short distance to the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site (White Haven) located across the street at 7400 Grant Rd.

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM: Members will be divided into three groups and will rotate between three stations with 40 minutes being spent at each station. The first station will be a ranger led tour of the historic house White Haven. Station 2 will be touring the site museum which is located in the barn that was built at Grant’s direction. Station 3 will be a living history performance by Greg Carr, an instructor of Speech and Theater at Harris-Stowe State University in St. Louis. Mr. Carr will portray William Jones, the enslaved African American owned and later freed by Grant.

3:30 PM: Busses pick up members and return them to Holiday Inn.

3:45 PM - 5:30 PM: Break at the hotel

5:30 PM: Busses pick up members at Holiday Inn and transport them to Bartolino's Osteria restaurant located at 2103 Sulphur Ave, St. Louis, Mo.

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM: Dinner and speaker. A buffet style dinner will be served.

After dinner, remarks by Jim Bultema and Anne Marshall. Keynote speaker for the evening will be Nick Sacco, Acting Historian/Curator for the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site. Nick's topic will be "Grant in St. Louis."

8:30 PM: Busses take members back to Holiday Inn

## **Saturday, May 4**

Members have breakfast on their own.

8:30 AM: Busses take members to historic Jefferson Barracks.

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM: One half of the group will disembark at the Missouri Civil War Museum, located within the park, and will tour the museum. The second half of the group will proceed to the park's Visitor Center where Jefferson Barracks Museum Educator Jeffrey Edison will board the bus and conduct a one-hour tour of the grounds and 19<sup>th</sup> Century buildings.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM: The two groups switch stations and repeat.

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM: Busses take members to the historic Campbell House located at 1508 Locust St, St. Louis, Mo. The mansion, built in 1851, was owned by prominent St. Louis entrepreneur Robert Campbell. Campbell and Grant became friends after the Civil War. The Grants hosted the Campbells at the White House and the Campbells hosted dinners and receptions for the Grants at their mansion on multiple occasions during Grant's presidency. The site also has some Grant artifacts which will be on display.

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM: Members will be divided into two groups. One group will be taken on a guided tour of the mansion while the second group eats lunch in the adjacent yard (or in the site's meeting room in the event of rain). After one hour the two groups will switch.

The lunch will be prepared by culinary historian Suzanne Corbett. Ms. Corbett specializes in 19<sup>th</sup> Century cuisine and will prepare food that was popular during Grant's time such as chicken pies and water crest soup plus gingerbread cake, a personal favorite of Grant's.

1:30 PM - 1:45 PM: Busses convey members to the Gateway Arch National Park, 11 North 4<sup>th</sup> St, St. Louis, Mo.

1:45 PM - 2:15 PM: Members pass through the site's security screening station (similar to airport screenings)

2:15 PM - 4:15 PM: Pam Sanfilippo, Program Manager for Museum Services and Interpretation and formerly the site historian at White Haven, will give a presentation. At the conclusion of Pam's talk, Lynne Jackson, a direct descendant of Dred Scott who is employed by the Dred Scott Foundation, will give a talk about slavery and reconciliation. The remaining time will allow members to tour the site's outstanding new museum.

4:30 PM: Busses pick up members and return them to the Holiday Inn. The bus service will conclude at this time.

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Break at the hotel

6:00 PM - 8:30/9:00 PM: Cocktails at the hotel followed by dinner The services will be provided by the Twisted Tree Restaurant, located adjacent to the hotel.

Following dinner, remarks by Jim Bultema and Anne Marshall for the presentation of the John Y. Simon Award.

The keynote speaker will be USGA Board of Directors member Harold Holzer. Harold's topic will be "Grant, Lincoln and the Uncivil War Over Immigration."

### **Sunday, May 5**

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: USGA Board of Directors Meeting

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM: General members meeting

10:00 AM: Meeting adjourns.

**\*The precise times of this itinerary are subject to change.**