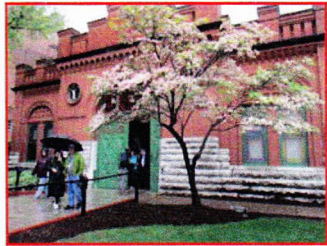


What Happened in St Louis?

DAY 1. Upon arrival, we were all taken aback by the luxurious setting that was to be our home for the next 3 or 4 days. The Hilton St Louis Frontenac Hotel was arguably the finest inn of all the locations selected for our many radar reunions. For that we can thank our talented hostess, **Sandra Evans**. She was ably assisted by her husband, **Tom Evans (H-3, 68-69)** and their adult children and spouses. Several folks maned the registration desk including the ever reliable, **William Chick**, as well as **Ruthann Couch, Jerry and Norma Tonnell**, and the 3 folks mentioned above in Chick's address. The large lobby was very conducive to group gatherings as we all delighted in exchanging greetings and relaying our radar site experiences. The well-stocked hospitality room became our dwelling place between our visits to downtown St Louis. It is the place where we automatically headed after each day's excursion.

DAY 2. We awoke and headed for a scrumptious breakfast in the hotel's dining room – we even had our



own waitresses. We then boarded the buses for a ride to downtown St Louis to visit the famous Anheuser-Busch Brewery. Despite a light rain, we were safely ushered from building to building. One of the stops was at the horse stable where they house their



giant Clydesdale horses and delivery wagon. In another building we

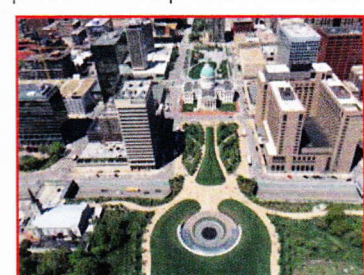
were each served a fresh glass of beer as we listened to an interesting lecture. We were even taken into the core of the plant to see how the beer is made. While there, we were served a delicious lunch of brats with all the trimmings. To complete the day, we went to Jefferson Barracks – the oldest US military facility



west of the Mississippi. Besides seeing the massive National Cemetery, we visited 2 historic museums and saw how the US Army won the West and fought the Indians and Mexicans during the 19th century. After supper, we adjourned to the hospitality room and while there, our long-time Vice Chairman, **Larry Robin (H-1, 64-65)** was awarded the American Legion Quilt of Valor. That night we also honored **William Chick (H-2, 59-60)** with a plaque to commemorate his 17 years as our most highly successful and energetic Chairman.



DAY 3. We began our final full day on the buses headed for the famous St Louis "Gateway to the West" Arch. Standing some 630 feet high, it had been arranged for all of us to ride to the top. It was an interesting experience – being crammed into a small, 5-person, windowless compartment for an exciting ride to the summit. Once there, the view was breathtaking as we all snapped souvenir photos of our experience. The event was topped off by a visit to the lunchroom located near the Arch



Museum. We then traveled back to the hotel for our most important business meeting to determine the future of our association (*see Chick's report on the previous page.*) At the close of the meeting, a much deserved plaque was presented by **Ruthann Couch** to our hostess for the reunion –



Sandra Evans. The highlight of the reunion came as we were bused back to downtown St Louis for our evening of a leisured banquet aboard a Mississippi River Boat.