



Welcome to the 2008 Regional Meeting

St. Louis History

- **Pierre Laclede de Liguist, a French fur trader and trapper chose the site of St. Louis for his trading post in late 1763**
- **Clearing of the site began in February 1764.**
- **The village was laid out in a grid with three north-south streets and several narrower east-west streets.**



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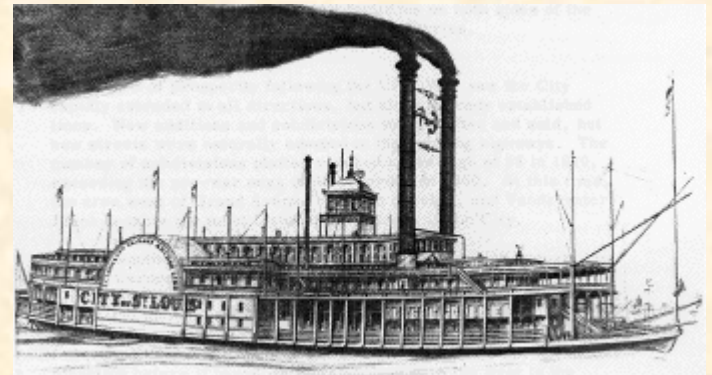
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- In 1763, France lost the French and Indian War and transferred the land east of the Mississippi to Great Britain and west of the Mississippi to Spain.
- Many Frenchmen who had settled east of the Mississippi moved across the river to St. Louis
- In 1765, St. Louis was named capital of Upper Louisiana
- In 1800 the territory of Louisiana was secretly returned to the French

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- In 1804, St. Louis passed to the United States as a part of the Louisiana Purchase and Lewis & Clark set out for the Pacific Ocean.
- In 1817, the first steamboat landed at St. Louis which was the northernmost navigable port for large ships on the Mississippi.
- In 1821, Missouri became a state.
- St. Louis University opened in 1829 as the first institution of higher learning west of the Mississippi.



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- In 1840, the population was 16,500 people; by 1850 it had grown to more than 77,800 - despite a huge fire and cholera epidemic in 1849.
- In 1850, St. Louis was the second largest port of tonnage in the US, exceeded only by New York.
- The Pacific Railroad, the first one west of the Mississippi, began construction in 1852.
- Despite being a slave state, Missouri remained in the Union during the Civil War.

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- In 1900, St. Louis was the fourth-largest city in the country with a population of 575, 200.
- In 1904, St. Louis hosted both the World's Fair and the Olympic Games – the first time the Olympics were hosted by an English-speaking country.
- In the 1920's, the city repaired and updated much of its infrastructure – new hospitals, electric street lights, new public buildings, and many street improvements.

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- During World War II, the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation opened its plant in St. Louis.
- In 1950, the population reached its peak of 856,800, making St. Louis the eighth-largest city in the country.
- In 1963, construction began on the Gateway Arch and Busch Memorial Stadium. The Arch was officially dedicated in 1968.



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- **The last 30 years have seen the revitalization of downtown St. Louis and many other neighborhoods.**
- **St. Louis currently has a population of about 350,000 people.**
- **Major corporations with operations in and around St. Louis include: Anheuser-Busch Breweries, Edward Jones and Wachovia Securities brokerages , Monsanto, Chrysler, and Boeing's Integrated Defense Systems unit and Phantom Works.**

Meeting Agenda

- **Today**
 - **Presentations on the development of batteries, fuel cells, and Fischer-Tropsch fuels**
 - **Awards Luncheon at noon upstairs**
 - **Presentations on developments in DC, a collaboration opportunity, and USTRANSCOM operations and technologies.**
 - **Adjourn at 4:30 to tour Anheuser-Busch Brewery**

Meeting Agenda

- **Tomorrow**
 - **Breakfast starts at 6:30 AM**
 - **Depart for Scott AFB at 7:45 AM**
 - **Presentations at Scott from the Air Mobility Command and US Transportation Command**
 - **Depart Scott AFB at 12:30, box lunches on the bus**
 - **Return to hotel around 1 PM**