

FACT SHEET
174TH AHC ASSOCIATION REUNION 2003

“ABOVE THE BEST” TOUR

An informal poll earlier this year showed that several 174th AHC members who made a similar bus tour to the U.S. Army Aviation Museum at Ft. Rucker five years ago wish to return for another visit. Several who have never seen the new museum also wish to make the tour. So, we aim to please. A bus from the Goodtimes Tour Company of Pensacola, FL, will arrive at our hotel at 7:00 a.m., Saturday morning, October 11th. It will depart for Ft. Rucker as soon as passengers are on board, but no later than 7:30 a.m. Hours at the museum will be 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The bus should arrive back at the hotel about 4:00 p.m. This schedule allows no time to stop enroute and eat at a restaurant, yet still arrive back at the hotel in time to freshen up for the evening seafood buffet which will begin at 6:00 p.m. To remedy this, arrangements are being made to have a box lunch prepared in the Ft. Rucker area for bus passengers as they embark for the return trip. It is suggested that everyone going on the tour eat a hearty continental breakfast at the hotel or visit a local restaurant for breakfast. Cost for the bus will be \$18 per person plus \$5 for the box lunch and drink, payable with your advance registration. Bob Jones will be the “OIC” on the bus. The Goodtimes company policy normally restricts passengers from eating and drinking on the bus. However, they are making an exception for us with the understanding that all passengers will remove their empty box lunch and drink containers when they disembark. Your cooperation is strongly solicited. “Hey! Don’t forget to bring those cameras and camcorders,” Bob Jones reminds us.

FISHING

A deep-sea fishing trip is also planned for Saturday, October 11th. Costs could range from \$25 or \$30 for a party boat, up to \$80 each for six people (five hours) on a small charter boat. When the total number of people desiring to go fishing is determined, an attempt will be made to charter a fishing boat to accommodate that number of people. Wally Nunn or Bernie Cobb will then contact you personally and inform you of the estimated cost per person. Payment must be made on arrival at the dock.

GOLFING

Carl Muthersbaugh returns as our Director for the Second Annual “Black Sam” Kalagian Golf Tournament. The tournament will be again be held at the Ft. Walton Beach Municipal Golf Course on the morning of Saturday, October 11th. Cost will be about \$33 per person. Payment must be made at the golf course pro shop before teeing off. It is expected that there will be room for 16 players (four 4-somes). Spikeless golf shoes or tennis shoes may be prescribed. Bring your clubs or rent clubs at the golf course. Carl will call those who sign up for golfing and provide more details prior to the reunion.

And, listen up, guys.....the ladies are especially invited to join in the golfing fun this year. A trophy listing last year’s winners will be presented at the reunion.

THE "CHOW HALL"

The Friday evening reception in our "Hospitality Room" will be catered by our "Ironess Chef," Julie Michael, who will also again cater the Saturday night banquet. The serving tables at the reception will feature Medium Spicy Buffalo Wings, Ham Pinwheels, Deviled Eggs, Seasonal Fresh Fruit Tray with Sweet Cream Dip, Smoked Tuna Dip, crackers, assorted sweets and canned drinks.

The Saturday evening Seafood Buffet at the Bob Hope Retirement Village will consist of Fried Fish with Tartar Sauce, Steamed Chilled Shrimp with cocktail sauce, Hush Puppies and French Fries, Seafood Gumbo with Rice, Tossed Mixed Greens Salad with Assorted Dressings, Corn Bread and Butter, Layered Sheet Cake with Buttercream Icing, and Sweetened Iced Tea. The cost of this meal is \$18.50 per person, payable in advance with your registration.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Those of you who have not attended one of our recent reunions are in for a real treat. Our hotel accommodations and staff are outstanding in every respect. We are always welcome and treated with the utmost courtesy and respect. In short, they make us feel like we are the most important people in the good old U.S.A.

Your hotel room will have two queen-size beds, refrigerator, microwave oven, coffee-maker, ironing board, hair dryer, in-room pay movies and a computer port. Inland rooms are on special group rates to us at just \$65 per night (single/double). Gulf Front rooms, with private balcony, are only \$10 more. Those "pretty sights" on the beach are free.

Cut-off date for making room reservations at our special group rates is September 10th. But, a word to the wise—make your reservations now. Call toll-free 1-877-243-9444. You can FAX Peggy at (850) 243-5445 or e-mail her at: bwbeach@bw.gccoxmail.com Include your name, dates of stay, room type, smoking preference, payment method and, if appropriate, your credit card type, number and expiration date.

If you still have questions after reading Wally's cover letter and this fact sheet, please contact Bernie Cobb via e-mail at: shark6@snowhill.com or call: (334) 894-6458.