



Navy Helicopter Veterans Association

www.navhelo.org

YOU will make our reunion a success!! Please come!

NHVA Reunion: Savannah, Georgia, September 9 - 13, 2009

Make your reservations NOW !!

Reunion Overview

We sincerely hope that we will see all of you in Savannah! The more the merrier!

The reunion hotel is **Hilton Garden Inn, Savannah Historic District**, located between City Market and River Street. Rates start at \$149.00 per night for a double room, and will be valid from 3 days before the reunion through 3 days after. Full breakfast is included. The **last date to book a room** at this price is **August 1, 2009**. For reservations call 1-912-721-5000 or 1-877-245-8854 and mention "Navy Helicopter Veterans Association".

Some Area Attractions

- River Street (One block)
- City Market (1/2 block)
- Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum
- Roundhouse Railroad Museum (7 blocks)
- Telfair Museum of Art (4 blocks)
- Bonaventure Cemetery
- Savannah Belles Ferry
- Antebellum mansions and historical buildings: Green-Meldrim House, The Mercer House, Owens-Thomas House, Andrew Low House Juliette Gordon Low birthplace, Lucas Theatre, Davenport House Museum, more . . .
- Forsyth Park and Fountain (beauty and elegance)
- Tybee Island Lighthouse Museum
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Fort Pulaski National Monument
- Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum

For More attractions, see:
www.SavannahVisit.com

**SEE YOU
IN
SAVANNAH !**



Highlights and Planned Activities

Wednesday, September 9:

- 3:00 p.m. Registration, Hospitality Room

Thursday, September 10:

- Trolley Tour of Savannah, with on/off privileges
- Dinner at Paula Deen's The Lady and Sons

Friday, September 11:

- Buffet Dinner at hotel
- Savannah Theatre: Hooray for Hollywood

Saturday, September 12:

- Business Meeting
- Riverboat Dinner Cruise (music entertainment)

Sunday, September 13:

- Depart after breakfast

General

- Hospitality Suite
- Free hot breakfast with hotel stay
- Enjoy time on your own:
Hop on/off the trolley to see more of Savannah; explore Savannah attractions within walking distance; take a bicycle-powered pedicab; take a horse-drawn carriage; play golf.



Officers / Contacts

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Trolley Tour of Savannah

The tour is a 90 minute uninterrupted narrated tour, with unlimited on/off service following the tour. Trolley stops throughout the historic district allow you to conveniently get out to shop or sightsee. The trolley operates from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Journey through old Savannah, along the waterfront, and throughout the Historic District. www.oglethorpetours.com

Paula Deen's The Lady and Sons

Join us for some good Southern style home cooking at the restaurant made famous by Paula Deen's popular cooking shows on the Food Network, and by their good home cooking. See March newsletter for menu.

www.ladyandsons.com

www.savannahriverboat.com

Savannah Theatre: Hooray for Hollywood

Enjoy a dazzling, two hour musical production in the refurbished c.1818 Savannah Theatre. It's a Salute to 100 years of music from the silver screen and pays tribute to the greatest musical movie moments of all time, from the Golden Age of Hollywood as well as today's Blockbusters. www.savannahtheatre.com

Savannah Riverboat Dinner Cruise

A newly remodeled riverboat slowly takes you down the Savannah River while you enjoy a gourmet buffet dinner. Then, enjoy a show performed by one of the riverboat entertainers. Venture to the third deck and enjoy the calm Savannah evenings with amazing sights and sounds of this historic city. See March newsletter for menu.

NAS Lakehurst

Navy Lakehurst Historical Society (www.nlhs.com) is dedicated to preserving the distinguished heritage of Naval Air Station Lakehurst. Although NAS Lakehurst will forever be remembered as the site of the Hindenburg disaster, many other significant events have taken place there. Between 1921 and 1961, NAS Lakehurst operated as a Lighter Than Air Center for rigid airships, and became the Nation's first trans-Atlantic international airport. Today, the massive Hangar One is a registered historical landmark. Nearby is the Airship Information Center, a little museum packed with artifacts and memorabilia, and the Hindenburg Memorial, marking the site of the 1937 crash. After the decline of airship travel, Lakehurst focused on helicopters in the 1940s through the 1960s, and was home to the Navy's first helicopter squadrons. In 1946 the U.S. Navy Development Squadron 3 (VX-3) moved to Lakehurst and began testing, research, and training with Sikorsky and Bell helicopters. On April 1, 1948, Helicopter Squadron One (HU-1) was commissioned as the first operational Navy helicopter squadron. Helicopter Utility Squadron Two, (HU-2) was established there in 1948. Today, Naval Air Engineering Station (NAES) Lakehurst (aka Navy Lakehurst, www.lakehurst.navy.mil) is the northeast's largest naval aviation installation and home to the Naval Air Systems Command as well as 23 joint and interagency commands. Due to increased security, access to base is limited. All requests for base tours need to be made in writing at least two months in advance. Refer to this web site: (www.cnic.navy.mil/Lakehurst/Programs/FleetFamilySupportProgram/index.htm).



Membership Eligibility and Dues



It's time to renew your membership for 2009. Please use the attached membership form to submit your dues. Membership in the Navy Helicopter Veterans Association is available to members and spouses of the **initial U.S. Naval Helicopter Squadrons, VX-3, HU-1 & HU-2** and to members and spouses of **all U.S. Naval Helicopter Squadrons, and Organizations that followed.** Annual membership dues for Navy veterans and spouses (spouse membership is optional) is **\$20 per calendar year per person** and dues can be paid for the current year as well as one year in advance.

Please spread the word to anyone you know who has served in a Navy helicopter squadron. **We welcome new members** into the NHVA and encourage all members and spouses to **join us at the reunion!** Check out the NHVA web site: www.navhelo.org



In Memoriam

We regret to inform you of the passing of **Dick Youmans**, Herndon, VA
Please join us in wishing
"Fair Winds and Following Seas"



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2009 Reunion Registration**



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Hilton Garden Inn Savannah Historic District - Savannah, Georgia**

--- Hotel Registration ---

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Or go to the hotel's special web site:

<http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/SAVSHGI-HRA-20090906/index.jhtml>

--- Reunion Registration ---

I (We), Will _____, Will Not _____ attend the NHVA 2009 Reunion in Savannah, September 9 – 13, 2009

How many in your party? _____ Are you staying at the hotel? Yes ** _____ No _____

Hotel Reservations Made: Yes _____ No _____

Scheduled Date of Arrival: _____ Departure: _____

**** Cut-Off Date for Hotel Reservations is August 1, 2009**

(Please Print)

Name(s): _____

Address _____ Date: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

--- Registration, Event and Membership Fees ---

Registration fee includes items indicated below, hospitality suite, snacks, drinks and other amenities.

Registration fee per person **\$135.00** x _____ persons = \$ _____
(includes Friday Buffet Dinner and Saturday Riverboat Dinner Cruise)

Thursday: **Trolley Tour** with 2-day on/off Trolley Pass **\$ 15.00** x _____ persons = \$ _____

or **Trolley Tour** with 1-day on/off Trolley Pass **\$ 10.00** x _____ persons = \$ _____

Thursday: **Dinner at The Lady and Sons:** **\$ 30.00** x _____ persons = \$ _____
(includes return transportation)

Friday: **Savannah Theatre Hooray for Hollywood:** **\$ 40.00** x _____ persons = \$ _____
(includes round-trip transportation)

Annual Dues: **\$20.00** per person: Myself: _____ + Spouse _____ = \$ _____
(complete form below)

TOTAL Remittance Amount: \$ _____

Make Checks payable to: NHVA

Send to: NHVA, attn. Earl Hoffay, 938 Satsuma Circle, St. Johns, FL, 32259

Membership Information: (Please complete name/address information above whether or not attending reunion)

(Please Print)

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Rank/Rate: _____ Squadron(s) Year(s): _____

May we share your name and contact information with the NHVA membership and on our web site? _____ **Yes, share all**

_____ Share my e-mail address _____ Share my street address _____ Share my phone number

_____ Share with the membership only (do not put on web site) _____ No, do not share any info

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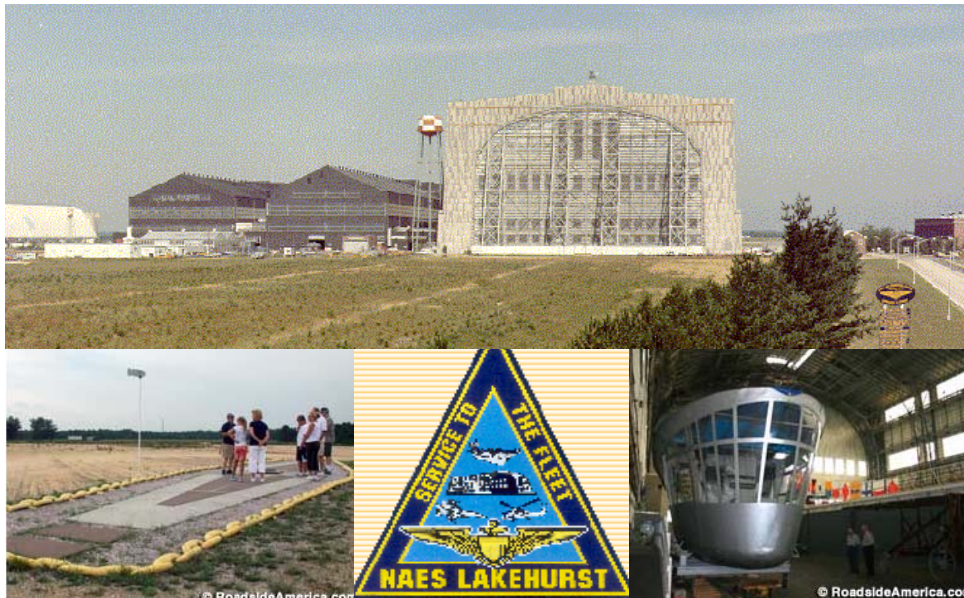
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NAVY HELICOPTER VETERANS ASSOCIATION JUNE 2009 NEWSLETTER AND REUNION REGISTRATION



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