

**USMA 2014 Mini-Reunion
Gulf Shores/Orange Beach, Alabama
October 17-21-2014**

Classmates: This is a tentative schedule of the things we have planned for your visit in October. We are still negotiating prices on a few things and will get a firm plan and cost to you just as soon as these issues can be resolved. In the meantime, here's some food for thought:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

(4/11/14 revision)

Friday, October 17, 2014

Welcome to Paradise! Registration opens at 1500 and closes at 1800 in the Conference Center Foyer followed by a Welcome Reception from 1800-2100. Benny Havens will open at 2100 for continued visiting.

Saturday, October 18

0900-1200 **Registration** continues in the Conference Center Foyer.

Choices for today include Bridge at the hotel; Deep-Sea Fishing; Golf; a tour of the USS Alabama in Mobile; and, a Sunset Sailing Cruise.

GOLF – PLEASE SEE NOTE FROM BEN PELLEGRINI AT THE END OF THIS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES.

1000-2400 **Bridge**, hosted by Barbara Bauschpies, will be at the hotel. Lunch is on your own at the hotel restaurant or nearby restaurants.

0700-1300 **Deep-Sea Fishing** is a six hour off-shore excursion with bait, tackle, and lunch included.

0800-1430 **USS Alabama Tour** participants should wear comfortable shoes, preferably a soft sole with closed toe and closed heel. All tours are self-guided. The main deck of the ship and Aircraft Pavilion are handicap accessible. Unfortunately, the submarine USS Drum is not, but there is a video on the submarine that runs continuously in the Aircraft Pavilion.

1600-1830 **Sunset Sailing Cruise**

1900-2200 **Benny Havens**

Sunday, October 19

Today's choices include the Class Breakfast and Class Meeting, Bridge, Golf, tour of the Naval Air Museum in Pensacola, a tour of Fort Morgan, Sunset Memorial Service, and Company Dinners.

0800 **Class Breakfast and Meeting** begin today's activities.

Bridge will follow Saturday's outline. No fishing on this day.

Golf – see note at end of this communication

1030-1430 **Naval Air Museum** in Pensacola is the featured tour for today and includes lunch at the Museum. Handicap accessible.

1300-1530 **Ft. Morgan**, site of the Battle of Mobile Bay celebrates its 150th anniversary this year. Handicap accessible.

1700 **Memorial Service** will be at Sunset on the grounds of the hotel.

Company Dinners will follow. There are many excellent choices for dinner. Suggestions will be available at registration.

Monday, October 20

NO Bridge today.

Golf – see note at end of this communication.

Other choices include a Tour of Bellingrath Gardens in West Mobile and a visit to the Mardi Gras Museum in Mobile. Then, we “Return to the 50’s” for a reception and a 50’s-style dinner at the hotel. You are **encouraged** to wear 50’s attire and bring 50’s memorabilia to share.

0700-1300 In-Shore Fishing is a six hour in-shore excursion with bait, tackle, and lunch included.

0900-1700 Bellingrath Gardens and Mardi Gras Museum. Bellingrath Gardens pathways are handicap accessible but the Bellingrath Home is not. Wheelchairs are available for rental at the Entrance Building for \$5. Additional information on handicap accessible areas is available at **251/973-2217 or 800/247-8420**

1800-1900 Reception with Cash Bar

1900-2200 Dinner/Return to the 50’s

2200-2400 Benny Havens

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO BE ARRANGED ON SITE - The following activities are close by and can be arranged on short notice with smaller groups. There will be someone available to assist you with making these arrangements.

Dolphin Cruises
Little Zoo That Could
Tanger Outlet Mall Shopping
Railroad Museum

Biloxi Casino Trip – Inexpensive Day trips to Mississippi Gulf Coast casinos are usually available on Mondays. However, local tour operators were not willing to commit this far out. They were willing to offer Charter Services for the day but our survey of classmates did not indicate that there was enough interest to make a Charter cost-effective. For those who are interested, let us know at registration and we will work with you for a Monday trip if they are available.

Golf – We are considering several excellent golf courses in the Gulf Shores area, including Gulf Shores, Peninsula, Craft Farms, Kiva Dunes, and Lost Keys (aka) “lost balls”. Target cost per round, including green fees and cart, is \$60 or less. A key to getting these rates will be the number of players. It would be helpful and appreciated if you will let Ben Pellegrini know that you plan to play as soon as possible. Also, please indicate which days - Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Phone: 251-980-1850 or pellono@gulftel.com .