

**8<sup>th</sup> AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REUNION**  
**AUGUST 18 - 23, 2009**  
**MILLENNIUM HOTEL – CINCINNATI, OHIO**

**Tuesday, August 18**

2:00pm - 6:00pm **Early Bird Registration open**

**Wednesday, August 19**

8:00am - 10:00am **Reunion Registration open**

9:00am Memorabilia/Gathering Room & PX opens

10:45am - 2:30pm LUNCH CRUISE (description follows)

1:00pm - 8AFHS Board Meeting

2:00pm - 6:00pm **Reunion Registration open**

**Thursday, August 20**

7:00am - 8:30am Continental Breakfast

8:00am - 10:00am **Reunion Registration open**

9:00am - 10:30am Unit Advisory and Chapter & Unit Development Meeting

12:30pm - 10:30pm U.S. AIR FORCE MUSEUM & DINNER (description follows)

3:00pm - 6:00pm **Reunion Registration open**

**Friday, August 21**

7:00am - 8:30am Continental Breakfast

8:00am - 9:30am **Reunion Registration open**

8:00am - 9:30am Individual Group Meetings

9:45am - 3:45pm WRIGHT PATTERSON / U.S. AIR FORCE MUSEUM (description follows)

10:15am - 3:15pm MUSEUM CENTER / NEWPORT ON THE LEVEE (description follows)

1:00pm - 3:30pm WWII POW Round-table

3:00pm - 6:00pm **Reunion Registration open**

4:00pm - 5:30pm Next Generation Meeting

6:00pm - 7:00pm 8AFHS Cash Bar Reception

7:00pm - Rendezvous Dinners and 'Hangar Flying'

**Saturday, August 22**

7:00am - 8:30am Full Breakfast Buffet

9:00am - 11:00am General Membership Meeting

11:15am - 12:00pm Medical Advisory Seminar: *Pearls*, by Dr. Brown

1:00pm - 4:00pm CITY TOUR (description follows)

1:00pm - 3:30pm Roger A. Freeman Symposium: *"COURAGE OVER FORTRESS EUROPE"*

5:30pm - 6:00pm **Reunion Registration open**

6:00pm - 7:00pm 8AFHS Cash Bar Reception

7:00pm - 8AFHS Gala Banquet

**Sunday, August 23**

7:00am - 8:30am Continental Breakfast

8:00am - 8:45am Worship Services

9:00am - 8AFHS Annual Board Meeting

## **REUNION HIGHLIGHTS**

### **LUNCH CRUISE**

Wednesday, August 19

Break up the day and sail away. Climb aboard for a two-hour cruise featuring games, entertainment, and a delicious buffet. Enjoy all of the sights of the Ohio River while relaxing with friends.

**10:45am board bus, 2:30pm back at hotel**

**\$65/Person includes bus, escort, and lunch cruise.**

### **U.S. AIR FORCE MUSEUM & DINNER**

Thursday, August 20

What a day it's going to be! Our destination is Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. We have special permission not only to tour the Presidential Hanger where former Presidential Aircraft reside, but also the rarely seen Restoration Center. The Memphis Belle and Swooze are currently here being restored, and we'll get a sneak peak. Then we'll head to the United States Air Force Museum, "where the eagles rest." This museum is adjacent to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world. First, we'll gather in the auditorium for a brief service. Exhibits, including approximately 200 aircraft and missiles, tell the story of aviation development from the days of the Wright brothers to the Space Age. This will be a special evening, as the museum will be closed to the public. Rails will be down on a P-51 and P-47; you'll have platform ramps going up to a B-17 and B-24. You'll get up close and personal with these familiar aircraft. A cash bar will be available before dinner. General Metcalf will speak and the Band of Flight will perform. After dinner, you may reboard a bus heading back to the hotel, or spend a few more minutes in the museum. Last bus reboards at 9pm. **Notes:** This is a long day with a lot of walking. Please be casual and comfortable. A photo ID is required for this tour, and non-US citizens must provide their passport number and birth date with event registration. Children must be at least 12 years old to take part in the restoration tour. The restoration and Presidential Hanger tour are limited to the first 300 people registered.

**12:30pm board bus, 10:30pm back at hotel**

**\$75/Person includes bus, escort, dinner, and facility charges.**

### **WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB - U.S. AIR FORCE MUSEUM**

Friday, August 21

For those who couldn't make it yesterday – or for the history buffs that need more time, the buses are headed back up to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio for a 'no-frills' tour. You'll have free time to tour the United States Air Force Museum, "where the eagles rest." This museum is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world. Once inside, exhibits, including approximately 200 aircraft and missiles, tell the story of aviation development from the days of the Wright brothers to the Space Age. There is a cafeteria for lunch on your own.

**9:45am board bus, 3:45pm back at hotel**

**\$45/Person includes bus and escort. Lunch and IMAX on your own.**

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### **MUSEUM CENTER / NEWPORT ON THE LEVEE**

Friday, August 21

Board bus for the Museum Center, located at Union Terminal, and tour the Cincinnati History Museum. It traces the growth of the Queen City and other cities in general since the late 18th century. The Omnimax Theater takes movies to new heights, depths, and widths. Through special technology, the Omnimax gives you the feeling of being in the picture, so you can experience every scene, every motion, with eye-opening clarity. Featured film: TBA. On your own, and for a nominal fee, you may also visit the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History. After the museum, continue on for lunch on your own at Newport on the Levee. Choose between eateries and several full-service restaurants at this waterfront entertainment and dining complex.

**10:15am board bus, 3:15pm back at hotel**

**\$46/Person includes bus, guide, and admissions. Lunch on your own.**

## **WWII P.O.W. ROUNDTABLE**

**A HISTORICAL ROUNDTABLE AND DISCUSSION FOCUSING ON THE ALLIED P.O.W. EXPERIENCE DURING WWII.**

Friday, August 21

This special roundtable discussion will highlight the experiences of Allied airmen that were held as Prisoners of War in Germany during World War II. Several notable P.O.W. historians, researchers and filmmakers will be part of the distinguished discussion panel. This is a once in a lifetime gathering not to be missed.

**1:00pm – 3:30pm, at the hotel**

**Admission is included in Reunion Registration Fee**

## **RENDEZVOUS DINNERS**

Friday, August 21

Gather in your respective banquet rooms with your individual groups for dinner featuring Chicken Piccata. Units (BGs, FGs, etc.) with approximately fifty or more people in attendance will have a private room. Smaller groups will be combined with others. Think of this as your "reunion within the reunion."

**6:00pm Cash Bar Reception, 7:00pm Dinner.**

**Cost is included in both meal packages or \$39 separately.**

## **CITY TOUR**

Saturday, August 22

Board bus for a guided tour of the "City of Seven Hills," and learn the history of this river city. Drive by the Taft Museum, Riverfront Stadium, and more. See the diverse downtown architecture of Fountain Square and the Procter & Gamble Headquarters. Continue through Eden Park and Mt. Adams, from which you are offered great views of the city's skyline. Drive by the Krohn Conservatory, one of one of the largest public greenhouses in the country.

**1:00pm board bus, 4:00 pm back at hotel**

**\$36/Person includes bus and guide.**

## **ROGER A. FREEMAN MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM: "COURAGE OVER FORTRESS EUROPE"**

**COMBAT FLYING IN THE "MIGHTY EIGHTH" DURING WORLD WAR II**

Saturday, August 22

The 2009 Roger A. Freeman Memorial Symposium will be a historical examination of combat flying in the Eighth Air Force during World War II. Several "*Mighty Eighth*" veterans will take the stage and share their amazing wartime experiences with the audience. These annual Symposiums have become a traditional highlight of our Reunions and this year's subject shall be no different. It will be a memorable and emotional experience for one and all.

**1:00pm – 3:30pm, at the hotel**

**Admission is included in Reunion Registration Fee**

## **8<sup>th</sup> AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL BANQUET**

Saturday, August 22

Assemble in the ballroom for the Posting of the Colors and Memorial Service. Dinner will be a choice of Prime Rib or Salmon and the usual accompaniments. After dinner, we'll proceed with the awards ceremony and guest speaker.

**6:00pm Cash Bar Reception, 7:00pm Banquet.**

**Cost is included in both meal packages or \$46 separately.**

Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.

Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.

All tours must have a minimum of thirty people, unless otherwise stated.