

USS BENNINGTON REUNION
SEPTEMBER 21 – 25, 2015
HILTON PENSACOLA BEACH GULF FRONT HOTEL – PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

1:00pm – 5:00pm
5:00pm – 6:30pm

Reunion Registration Open
Welcome Reception
Hospitality Room and Ship Store –
Hours to be posted throughout the reunion.
USS Bennington Auxiliary Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:30am – 8:30am
9:00am – 3:30pm

Reunion Registration Open
NATIONAL NAVAL AVIATION MUSEUM
TOUR (description follows)
Hospitality Room and Ship Store –
Hours to be posted throughout the reunion.

2:30pm – 4:30pm

Reunion Registration Open

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00am – 2:00pm

CITY TOUR (description follows)
Hospitality Room and Ship Store –
Hours to be posted throughout the reunion.
Raffle items collected and tickets
sold following tour.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00am – 12:00pm

Association Business Meeting. *The raffle will be held following the business meeting. Specific information will be posted.*
Official reunion book portraits will be taken on Thursday afternoon. Specific time and location to be posted.

6:00pm – 7:00pm
7:00pm – 10:00pm

Reception
Dinner Banquet

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Farewells and Departures

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

NATIONAL NAVAL AVIATION MUSEUM TOUR – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Pensacola, Florida is home to the National Naval Aviation Museum, which captures naval aviation's entire heritage with over 150 planes representing the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Soar with the Blue Angels in the dazzling seven-story glass and steel atrium. The West Wing is devoted almost entirely to WWII carrier aviation and showcases a full-size replica of the USS Cabot Carrier Island and flight deck along with aircraft such as the Corsair, Avenger, and Hellcat, among others. We will view an IMAX movie at 1:00pm. Lunch is on your own in the museum with choices including soups, sandwiches, and salads.

9:00am board bus, 3:30pm back to hotel.

\$48/person includes bus, escort, and IMAX movie. Lunch on your own.

CITY TOUR – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Today's tour will highlight various areas of Pensacola. Your guide will talk about the British, Spanish and French influences of the area and point out buildings and home from both styles of architecture, as well as different time periods. You'll see the Veterans Memorial Park honoring all military veterans. It sits on a five-and-one-half acre site overlooking Pensacola Bay. Step back in time at the Historic Pensacola Village. Visit three different houses to see how Pensacola was influenced during different times ranging from the early 1800s through the turn of the century. Tour Christ Church, one of the oldest church buildings in Florida, built in 1832. Enjoy a buffet lunch at Portabello Market, located in the Pensacola Cultural Center.

9:00am board bus, 2:00pm back to hotel

\$60/person includes bus, tour guide, lunch, and admission.

Please plan to be at the bus boarding area (in front of the hotel) at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.

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

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