



# Savannah: Someward Bound

## 47th Annual 8th AFHS Reunion

### October 27-31, 2021

Savannah...filled with beauty, mystery, and history. She has it all. So much in fact, we've scheduled three (3) tours to help you see and experience as much as possible in the Hostess City!

Our first tour on **Thursday morning, October 28<sup>th</sup>**, will explore some of the more 'unfamiliar places' you may not have seen before during a past visit. We'll take a look outside the Historic District and visit lesser known but beautiful neighborhoods such as Ardsley Park and Victory Drive. Also visit the tranquil area of Isle of Hope to see beautiful Antebellum Homes situated along the beautiful yet quaint, Bluff Drive. This area is where they filmed "Glory"

On **Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**, we will be guests of the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force. It is one of the finest

museums in the US—the only one dedicated to the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force! For many of you, this will be a "coming home." A time of reflection and remembrance.

Often referred to as "soul stirring", the "Mighty Eighth" is an incredibly emotional experience



throughout every inch of the more than 90,000 sq ft under roof. Stroll through the contemplative Memorial Gardens and wind your way into the Chapel of the Fallen Eagles. Modeled after a Gothic English village chapel, be sure to

enjoy the exquisitely hand-crafted stained-glass windows and the beauty of the antique furnishings. Imagine young airmen attending Sunday services on occasion, and the comfort they experienced.

The Roger A. Freeman Eighth Air Force Research Center is dedicated to promoting research on Eighth Air Force history and to expanding its priceless collection of over nine thousand books significant to the history of the Eighth Air Force as well as original manuscripts, photographs, artifacts, works of art, oral history interviews and personal accounts.

The John H. Woolnough Library serves as the research center's reading room. Of special interest is the research center's collection of Eighth Air Force volumes, including all the published group histories. Most of these books are shelved in the John





# NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MIGHTY EIGHTH AIR FORCE

H. Woolnough Library.

Manuscript highlights include original diaries and letters as well as over 62,000 previously unpublished photographs.

Of course, the centerpiece exhibit of the Museum would have to be the B17-G, named appropriately, “*City of Savannah*”, and currently undergoing extensive restoration by an incredibly talented team of volunteers in the Combat Gallery.

Be sure and order a delicious box lunch from Miss Sophie’s (check your registration form). You’ll be able to enjoy it in the Museum’s beautiful Colonial Group, Inc., Art Gallery. The Art Gallery displays paintings from the world’s leading aviation artists. Currently, the “Permanent Collection Exhibit” selected by guest curator, Keith Ferris, features 64 paintings by artists from around the world who specialize in aviation subjects.

Founded in 1733, Savannah is one of America’s finest preserved cities and considered a jewel of the south. During our final tour on



*Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>*, you will enjoy a comprehensive, completely narrated guided tour of one of the largest National Urban Historic Landmarked Districts in the United States. You will be transported through more than 287 years of American history. Ride along cobblestone paved streets beneath moss-draped



beautiful squares, romantic riverfront and abundance of true southern charm. Your driver will then take you to City Market—a wonderful pedestrian area downtown filled with quaint shops and eateries—for a leisurely lunch on your own. Your driver will then



oaks and experience the “Old South” with her stately mansions,

pick you up and return you to the hotel by 3:00pm.



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## REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

### STOP!

#### ◇ RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM ***FIRST!***

The reunion hotel has a liberal cancellation policy—in the event you are unable to attend the reunion, you will be able to cancel your reservation without penalty within 48 hours of your scheduled check-in time. However, if you wait until the last minute to book your room reservation, you may not receive the reunion rate or rooms may no longer be available at the reunion hotel. Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that our vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less a \$5 processing fee.

*Canceling your hotel reservation does NOT cancel your reunion activities.*

#### ◇ COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out the registration form completely.

- ⇒ Fill out your name as you wish it to be on your name tag—and for any others registering with you. The principle attendee **MUST** be a current member of the Society to register for the reunion. You may JOIN and/or RENEW directly on the registration form. If you are a WWII veteran, and/or affiliated with a bomb or fighter group, please indicate which group.
- ⇒ **ALL meals are priced separately**—Breakfast buffet begins Thursday, Oct 28th —Sunday, Oct 31st. Be sure and select your entrée if you plan on attending the Saturday evening gala.
- ⇒ There are three [3] tour options available during the reunion. Please read the information [here in this issue] on each tour and then make your selection on the form.

#### ◇ MAIL IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM

Once you have completed your registration form, please total up the amount owed and include a check, money order, or complete the credit card information on the form, payable to the **8th AFHS** and mail to:

**8th AFHS  
68 Kimberlys Way  
Jasper, GA 30143-4769**

Or you may **SCAN** your registration form [*if paying by credit card*] and **EMAIL** to:  
**ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org**

**ALL** registration forms **MUST** be received by **October 10, 2021** in order to guarantee your place.  
If you have any questions or problems in completing your registration, please contact:

**Debra Kujawa  
Managing Director  
8th AFHS  
912-748-8884  
ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org**

**ALL reunion information and forms are available on our website: [8thAFHS.org](http://8thAFHS.org)**



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**HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION**

**(800) 285-0398**

or **ONLINE** registration on our website: **8thafhs.org**

(Reference '8th Air Force Historical Society' for group rate)

*Hotel has a 48 hour cancellation policy*

**Location: 100 General McIntosh Blvd., Savannah, GA**

Stay in the heart of historic Savannah, Georgia, at Marriott Savannah Riverfront. Explore the warmth and beauty of Georgia's oldest city from our riverfront location, with many top attractions, shops and restaurants just a short stroll away. Treat yourself to a massage at our premier day spa, work out in the 24-hour fitness center or go for a swim in our seasonal outdoor pool. Enjoy traditional Southern breakfast options at Blue, our delightful restaurant overlooking the riverfront, or enjoy cocktails and a light meal in the Atrium Bar. If a meeting, conference or social event brings you to our hotel, our contemporary indoor and outdoor venues, custom catering and outstanding service are available to help create an impressive gathering. At the end of the day, retreat to your room or suite and enjoy plush bedding, room service and Wi-Fi access while you take in views of the Savannah River or downtown. No matter what brings you here, we look forward to making your visit to Savannah remarkable.

**Parking**

Self-parking has been discounted to \$25 per day per vehicle. There are two [2] electric charging stations available.

**RESERVATION INFORMATION**

**Group Name:** *8th Air Force Historical Society*

**Reunion Dates:** October 27-31, 2021

**Rate:** \$180+13% (tax) +\$6.00 (City & State occupancy fees) Total per night: \$209.40

Rates are offered 3 days prior and 3 days post reunion based on availability.

**Cut off Date:** 9/27/2021

**Cancellation Policy:** All reservations have a 48 hour cancellation policy, or attendee will be charged one night room rate plus tax.

**WHEELCHAIR RENTALS**

**ScotAround:** (888) 441-7575 or ScotAround.com

**\*\*HOSPITALITY SUITES\*\***

The 8th AFHS is pleased to announce that we are again offering **HOSPITALITY SUITES** to groups. However, due to restrictions on alcohol in the hotel, **SUITES** will be "**JUNIOR**" **SUITES**—sleeping rooms @ **\$230++ per night**. The number of suites is limited, so we ask that you reserve your suite as soon as possible. **This is also a sleeping room, so just an additional \$50 above the group rate.** Suites are located on various floors throughout the hotel. *Two bedroom suites are also available for larger groups to share space.*

In order to **RESERVE** your suite,

please call **Jamie Walker** ASAP for details:

**(912) 373-2036**





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## Marriott Savannah Riverfront, Savannah, GA

### October 27-31, 2021

#### Wednesday, October 27

1:00pm — 6:00pm	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>
6:00pm — 7:00pm	Complimentary Welcome Reception, followed by dinner on your own
7:00pm — 9:00pm	8th AFHS Board Meeting
7:00pm — until	Hospitality Suites remain open throughout reunion

#### Thursday, October 28

7:30am — 8:30am	American Breakfast Buffet
8:00am — 12:00pm	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>
9:30am — 12:00pm	<i>"The Other Savannah"*</i>
1:00pm — 6:00pm	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>
2:00pm — 3:30pm	<i>"Learn from the Past...Journey to the Future"</i> — UK Speakers: Emily Charles, Hattie Hearn, Suzie Harrison, Jeff Hawley, & Paul Bellamy—with Q & A
3:45pm — 5:00pm	<i>"Honoring Their Service"</i> Gary Webb—Webb Military Museum
6:00pm — 9:00pm	Cash Bar Open
7:00pm — 9:00pm	Buffet dinner and program: <i>"The 8th—Beyond the Legacy"</i> LTC Steve Bolton, Garrison Commander, Hunter Army Air Field ( <i>subject to the needs of the US military</i> )

#### Friday, October 29

7:30am — 8:30am	American Breakfast Buffet
8:00am — 12:00pm	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>
8:00am — 9:15am	Group Meetings
9:30am — 2:30pm	<b>National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force*</b>
1:00pm — 6:00pm	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>
3:15pm — 4:30pm	<b>WWII Vets with Q &amp; A</b>
6:00pm — 9:00pm	Cash Bar Open
7:00pm — 9:00pm	Rendezvous Dinners

#### Saturday, October 30

7:30am — 8:30am	American Breakfast Buffet
8:00am — 12:00pm	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>
8:45am — 10:15am	General Membership Meeting
11:00am — 2:30pm	<i>"Historic Savannah" (City Tour ~ lunch on your own)*</i>
12:00pm — 4:00pm	8th AFHS Board Meeting
1:00pm — 6:00pm	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>
6:00pm — 9:00pm	Cash Bar Open
7:00pm — 10:00pm	Gala Dinner and Program

#### Sunday, October 31

7:30am — 8:30am	American Breakfast Buffet
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**\*It is important that you be in the bus boarding area at least ten [10] minutes prior to the scheduled departure times. All tours require a minimum of 35 participants, unless otherwise stated. Driver and Staff gratuities ARE NOT included in the tour prices.**



**REGISTRATION FORM**  
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REGISTRATION CUT-OFF DATE IS October 10, 2021	Price p/p	# of People	TOTAL
The principal attendee <b>MUST</b> be a member of the <b>8th AFHS</b> to register for this reunion. If you are <b>NOT</b> a <b>CURRENT</b> member, <b>please pay your yearly DUES here:</b>	\$ 40	#	\$
<b>REGISTRATION FEE—ALL attendees MUST pay registration fee.</b>	\$ 45	#	\$
Registration fee for children ages 8-16 attending more than 1 function & staying at hotel:	\$ 30	#	\$
Buffet Breakfast @ \$33 per day: Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____	\$ 33	#	\$
<b>BOX LUNCHES @ \$10 per lunch FRIDAY, Oct. 29th, ONLY!!!!</b> Box lunches will be available from the <b>Mighty 8th Museum ONLY:</b> You <b>MUST PREORDER THEM HERE!</b> Please select: Ham # _____ or Turkey # _____ Vegetarian Wrap # _____	Price is per lunch per person: \$ 10	#	\$
<b><u>DINNERS</u></b>			
Thursday, Oct 28 — EVENING DINNER BUFFET Savannah Style favorites	\$ 55	#	\$
Friday, Oct 29—RENDEZVOUS DINNER Roasted Breast of Chicken and seasonal sides	\$ 45	#	\$
Saturday, Oct 30—GALA BANQUET (Please select ONE entrée)			
Filet Cut Sirloin	\$ 55	#	\$
Pecan Grouper ( <i>a Savannah favorite</i> )	\$ 55	#	\$
Vegetarian plate(s) Please indicate [number]: Thurs # ____ Fri # ____ Sat # ____	\$ 45	#	\$
<b>TOUR OPTIONS:</b>			
Thursday, Oct 28: The Other Savannah Tour—Lunch on your own	\$ 25	#	\$
Friday, Oct 29: Tour of National Museum of the Mighty 8th Air Force —round trip	\$ 15	#	\$
Saturday, Oct 30: Historic Savannah City Tour—Lunch on your own	\$ 25	#	\$
<b>Total amount payable to: 8th AFHS</b>			\$

Please PRINT. If registering a WWII veteran here, please list their name first.

MEMBER NAME (for name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

WWII Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ BG/FG Affiliation (for Rendezvous Dinner seating): \_\_\_\_\_ POW: \_\_\_\_\_ (Korea, Vietnam, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE or PERSON attending: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL GUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PH #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ PH #: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE ANY PHYSICAL OR DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD —M/C; VISA; or AmEx (**a 3% convenience fee will be added**):

CARD #: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ *Your contact information will only be shared with attendees.*

MAIL completed form with check or credit card info to: 8th AFHS ~ 68 Kimberlys Way ~ Jasper, GA 30143-4769

IF paying by credit card, you may **SCAN and email** form to: [ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org](mailto:ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org)