

2020 REUNION INFORMATION PAPER #3

a/o 19 DEC 2019

SUBJECT: 11/547 ENGINEER BATTALLION ASSOCIATION (EBA) JOINT 2020 REUNION

TO: MEMBERS OF THE 11TH & 547TH ASSOCIATIONS

1. REUNION AGENDA:

A. Thursday, 1 Oct 2020:

- 1) Arrive at the Beach Cove Resort. Hotel Check-In at 4 PM.
- 2) Registration and "Meet and greet" reception in the Hospitality Suite at 5 PM.
- 3) Refreshments & "heavy" hors d'oeuvres in the Hospitality Suite from 6 to 11 PM.

B. Friday, 2 Oct 2020:

- 1) Board motor coach at 9 AM for trip to Georgetown, SC.
- 2) Joint Memorial Service at the Georgetown VFW Post & Veterans Memorial.
- 3) Re-board bus for Georgetown historical tour (10:30 AM – 12 noon).
- 4) Lunch on your own in Georgetown historic district & boardwalk.
- 5) Re-board bus at 2 PM. Return to Myrtle Beach via Pawley's Island & Murrells Inlet.
- 6) Dinner (5 PM) at Joe's Bar and Grill. (\$25 each incl. tip, menu TBD).
- 7) See the #1 show in Myrtle Beach at the Alabama Theater at 7 PM.
- 8) Return to Beach Cove Resort at 9 PM
- 9) Hospitality Suite opens until 11 PM.

C. Saturday, 3 Oct 2020:

- 1) Morning:
 - a) Separate Association Business Meetings (9 AM to noon). Locations TBD.
 - b) Spouse activity (TBD) from 9 AM to noon. All spouses & guests welcome.
- 2) Afternoon:
 - a) Veteran briefings/discussions re: WW2, Korea, Vietnam, OIF/ (1 – 2 PM)
 - b) Open time for individual activities to explore Myrtle Beach including:
 - 1) The Boardwalk.
 - 2) The Sky Wheel.
 - 3) Family Kingdom Amusement Park.
 - 4) Broadway at the Beach.
 - 5) Aquarium.
 - 6) Plantation tours.
 - 7) Golf and /or putt-putt courses
 - 8) Relaxing poolside or on the beach.
- 3) Hospitality Suite opens from 2 PM to 11 PM.

D. Sunday, 4 Oct 2020:

- i. Morning: Open for religious services.
- ii. Afternoon: Free time, open for individual activities.
- iii. Evening (5PM): Group photos (location TBD).
- iv. Banquet & Auction (6 – 9 PM) in Beach Cove Resort Banquet Room.

E. Monday, 5 Oct 2020: Hotel check out & departure.

2. HOTEL:

A. The 2020 reunion in Myrtle Beach will be held at the **Beach Cove Resort:**

- 1) This property consists of 300+ privately owned condominiums whose rentals are managed by the Resort.
- 2) The resort property has multiple pools & hot tubs and provides direct access to a wide, sandy beach.
- 3) Info and photos are available at the resort web site: <https://www.beachcove.com>
- 4) All units are 'suites' with separate bedrooms and kitchen/family rooms and balconies that front the beach.
- 5) Each suite is equipped with a full size refrigerator, 2-burner cook top, microwave oven, pots, pans, plates and utensils.
- 6) NOTE #1: 2-bedroom suites have only one bathroom.
- 7) NOTE #2: There are a limited number of handicap accessible suites which should be reserved as soon as possible.

B. ROOM RATES:

- 1) A 1-BR Suite is \$103.04/night including taxes, resort fee and parking.
- 2) A 2-BR Suite is \$181.44 including taxes, resort fee and parking.
- 3) NOTE: Since each suite is fully equipped (see above) the room rates do not include breakfast to give you the option to prepare your own. Those who desire can add a full service hot buffet for \$10.95/person/day.

3. REGISTRATION.

A. REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

- 1) Final prices for the banquet, activities and transportation are being developed.
- 2) As soon as costs and menu options have been finalized we will publish a REUNION REGISTRATION FORM, hopefully not later than February, 2020.

B. HOTEL REGISTRATION

- 1) We have blocked a total of 25 rooms at the Beach Cove Resort.
- 2) These rooms will be available at the negotiated rate and guaranteed for up to 3 days prior to and 3 days after the reunion for those who want to come early or stay late.
- 3) Any rooms not reserved by 1 Sept 2020 will be released.
- 4) You can make HOTEL reservations now as follows:
 - 1) By Phone:
 - a) Call 1-800-331-6533. Select Option 2 then select Option 1.
 - b) Ask for "11th & 547th Engr Bn Reunion" and specify the type room desired.
 - 2) Online:
 - a) Go to www.beachcove.com, and select "book",
 - b) Enter arrival and departure dates, number of people and group code 573980.
- 5) Cancellations, if necessary, must be made at least 1 week prior to your scheduled arrival date. **PLEASE CONTACT ME TO MAKE YOUR CANCELLATION TO INSURE THAT YOU ARE NOT CHARGED IF YOU MUST CANCEL.**

4. GROUP ACTIVITY (FRIDAY, 2 OCT 2020)

- A. A day trip by motor coach to [Georgetown, SC](#), aka 'Little Charleston'.
 - 1) Georgetown provides a beautiful historical environment of oak lined streets encompassing 50+ antebellum mansions, art galleries and antique shops.
 - 2) It is alive with history and small town commerce and southern charm.
 - 3) Here you can tour Winyah Bay, visit the Hopsewee or Hampton Plantations, the Kaminski House Museum or The Rice Museum.
 - 4) Ref: <https://www.historicgeorgetownsc.com/>
- B. The first stop of the day will be at the Veterans of Foreign Wars for a joint 11th & 547th [Memorial Service](#) at the Veterans Memorial.
- C. Back on the bus, tour Georgetown with a stop or two at historically significant sites.
- D. At noon, exit the bus in the center of town to stroll down Main Street, visit the many shops and museums and stop for lunch at one of the varied eateries along the way.
- E. At 2 PM, board the bus for our trip back to Myrtle Beach via the fishing villages of Murrells Inlet and Pawley's Island.
- F. Stop at the hotel to freshen up before dinner then board the bus for a quick (5 minute) trip to Joe's Bar & Grill for dinner (menu & prices TBD).
- G. After dinner (about 6:30) it's back on the bus to the Alabama Theater (show at 7 PM).
- H. After the show, bus back to the hotel.
- I. The Hospitality Suite will be open until 11 PM.

5. PLANNING MILESTONES:

- 1. JAN 2020: Complete final reunion plans with costs and detailed agenda.
- 2. FEB 2020: Issue Reunion Registration Form.
- 3. AUG 2020: Registration Forms with payment due.

6. QUESTIONS / INFORMATION NEEDED:

- 1. Please send me an email (myoldarmy@gmail.com) with an indication of your intent to attend the Myrtle Beach 2020 reunion. NOTE: This is NOT A COMMITMENT but should represent a better than average likelihood that you plan to attend.
- 2. Please use this email address to submit questions about the reunion. I will be happy to address any concerns you might have, answer any questions about the agenda or provide additional information regarding Beach Cove Resort facilities, amenities, rooms, activities, transportation, etc.

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