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Escape to Pensacola – November 5-9, 2017

There are few places better to be in November than a resort on the beautiful white sand beaches of Pensacola. The Dykstras, Geiermanns and Stones spent a day there last weekend, visiting the hotel, banquet restaurant, and historic downtown area. Not being inclined to say or write much, I've decided to fill this issue of the Times with photos taken during our visit. If you already KNOW you'll be coming to the 2017 reunion, please skip to the last page and make your hotel reservation. If you have NOT yet decided to come, first look at the pictures and THEN skip to the last page and make your reservation.





Our Hospitality Suite at the hotel

View of Gulf Coast and hotel pools from balcony of Hospitality Suite



Memorial Service site at Veterans Memorial Park in Pensacola

Banquet room at Hemmingway's Restaurant, Pensacola Beach





Three local beauties



Old Town Pensacola
Saenger Theatre,
restaurants and
shops

Park in downtown
Pensacola





O'Riley's Irish Pub,
downtown Pensacola

Jackson's Steakhouse,
downtown Pensacola



Preview of Reunion Activities

Sunday, November 5

Arrive and check into hotel

Meet and greet in Hospitality Suite

Monday, November 6

Naval Aviation Museum private tour

Lunch at Cubi Bar Cafe

Blue Angels practice show (possibly)

Tuesday, November 7

Driving tour of downtown Pensacola

Memorial Service at Veteran's Memorial Park

Lunch at McGuire's in Pensacola

Blue Angels practice show (possibly)

Wednesday, November 8

Dolphin cruise and box lunch on an old Navy launch

Annual meeting and auction at hotel

Banquet at Hemingway's in Pensacola Beach

Thursday, November 9

Farewells and check out of hotel

Hotel, Activities and Meal Costs

HOTEL

On page 7 you will find instructions for making your hotel reservations. The room choices and rates are as follows:

Sunday through Thursday nights: **\$99** for the Sound side, or **\$109** for the Gulf view side.



We have a few rooms set aside for stays three days before and after the reunion. Rates for those days are: Friday and Saturday: **\$129** and **\$139** for Sound side and Gulf view side, respectively.

Most rooms are double queens, but a few king bedrooms are available on a first-come-first-served basis. If you want a king-sized bed, that's your incentive to book early. Cancellations may be made without penalty up to three days before the reservation start date.

MEALS

Breakfast is not included in the hotel rate, but a few generous culinary volunteers will be providing some special breakfast treats. If you want to contribute something, please let us know.

Lunches are included in the group activities fee of **\$170**, which you will be asked to pay by October 1st. That fee covers all lunches, entry fees, transportation, tours and banquet, and is fully refundable if you sign up and then are unable to attend. Three dinners are on your own.

OTHER

Hotel transportation to and from the airport is **\$35** for 4, plus \$5 each for the 5th and 6th person. This rate is from Mr. Freddie, a retired Marine Vietnam vet. Hotel parking is free. Uber is available for \$20.

MAKING RESERVATIONS WITHIN A GROUP BLOCK ONLINE

GROUP NAME: USS Savage Reunion 2017

GROUP CODE: SAV

DATES: November 2 - 12, 2017

INDIVIDUAL RESERVATION DEADLINE: October 3, 2017

Property Location and Reservation Information

Holiday Inn Resort Pensacola Beach Gulf Front
14 Via de Luna Drive
Pensacola Beach FL 32561
1.855.373.7271 Ask for “Group Reservations”

Amenities: Directly on the Gulf of Mexico this property offers a restaurant, bar, fitness room, indoor and outdoor pools, two hot tubs, sundries shop & complimentary business center. All guest rooms feature a microwave, refrigerator, coffeemaker, hairdryer, iron & ironing board, safe, DVD Player, 32” Flat screen HDTV and complimentary Internet access.

Online Reservations

Website: www.holidayinnresorts.com/pensacolabeach

- Enter your dates that you would like to stay
- In the left hand column you will see a link that says “Have a Group Code”
- Click that link and then enter the group code **SAV** into the box
- Click on the “Check Availability” key – this will populate the available rooms to be booked
- Choose your room type and click “Book Now”
- Enter your information as requested in order to guarantee your room request

WELCOME! We look forward to having you stay with us.

Holiday Inn Resort Pensacola Beach Gulf Front