

## NMCB FOURTEEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### THE 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REUNION NOVEMBER 5 -7, 2021 – TAMPA, FL



Alumni Members, NMCB-14 Members and Friends: -- We hope to see you all at the NMCB-14 Alumni Association 16th Annual Reunion at the Sheraton Tampa Brandon in Tampa, FL, located at 10221 Princess Palm Avenue, Tampa, FL 33610. <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tpaea-sheraton-tampa-brandon-hotel/> It is a wonderful time of year and a great opportunity to renew old friendships and make new friends.

#### **Registration Form, Fees and Check-in:**

Use the attached Registration Form to complete your registration.

The Early Registration Fee is **\$95** for NMCB-14 Alumni Association Life Members and 2021 Annual Members – and their Spouse or Guest - that register before 1 October 2021. Late Registration is **\$105**.

The Early Registration Fee for persons that are NOT members of the NMCB-14 Alumni Association [including past ANNUAL Members who have not renewed their **2021** Membership] but wish to attend the Reunion – and their Spouse or Guest - will be **\$105** per person and must be received by **1 October 2021**. The Late Registration FEE is **\$115** per person.

The Registration Fees include the Saturday Annual Alumni Banquet and the Sunday Breakfast and Memorial Ceremony.

**The registration form with payment must be received by September 30, 2021.** Registration after this date will be assessed LATE Fee Rates as noted above. Mail the form and payment to Brandi Anderson at the address indicated on the registration form. Payment may also be made via PayPal (see website). Late Registration after **1 October 2021** can be submitted as noted above or done at the Reunion Registration Desk which will be across from the hotel's check-in/reception desk.

**Reunion Check-In.** The Hotel Check-In is to the left when you come through the front entry. After checking into the hotel, you will see the Reunion Check-In desk to the right. This is where you will pick up your pre-registration packages.

**Dress for the Reunion:** Dress choice will be Casual as in the past.

#### **Hotel Reservations:**

You will find the information for your online reservation link below. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to call the Hotel at **813-623-6363**.

**NMCB 14 Alumni Association Reunion**  
**Start Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021**  
**End Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021**  
**Last Day to Book: Friday, October 1, 2021**

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Here is the link:

### [Book your group rate for NMCB 14 Alumni Association Reunion](#)

If you are unable to make an online reservation, you can call the Hotel at the number above. Ask for the *NMCB-14 Alumni Association Reunion* Group Rate of **\$105.00** (for 2 queen beds or 1 king bed – based on availability) **Plus Tax, per night**. Be sure your reservation is being credited to our organization.

Hotel will provide booking link for online reservations. We have contracted for a certain number of rooms for each night. **Cutoff date for reservations is October 1, 2021. Our group rate will no longer be in effect after that date and rooms may not be available.** These rates are honored until the cutoff date of October 1, 2021, or until all guestrooms in the requested block are consumed. Reservation requests made after the reservation due date of October 1, 2021, will be accepted on a space available basis at the prevailing rate. After October 1, all unused rooms will be automatically released for general sale.

**No Pets Allowed** (except service animals).

**Parking:** Complimentary on-site parking.

### **Directions to the Hotel**

Go to <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tpaea-sheraton-tampa-brandon-hotel/> and use their map and directions to get you to the hotel.

### **Activities and Events**

**Hospitality Room** - The Sheraton Tampa Brandon is providing us with a nice Hospitality Room. It has a refrigerator, cupboards, and a sink. Chairs and tables for snack food, cold drinks, beer, and other beverages will be available. Members are encouraged to bring snack food (cookies, candy, chips, dips, drinks, etc.). A sign-up sheet will be available for volunteers to man the hospitality room through-out the weekend.

**Silent Auction and Raffle** – The Silent Auction and Raffle(s) will include a major prize, craft items donated by the Officers and Board members, additional craft items donated by the general membership, a 50/50 drawing and a door prize. The proceeds from these events will benefit the fund for aiding the families of those KIAs and WIAs from NMCB 14 as well as current and past members of NMCB-14 and their families who need financial assistance. **All members are asked to solicit and/or provide items for the Silent Auction.** Please contact Joe Leahy at [capt1952@gmail.com](mailto:capt1952@gmail.com) with details on any items you can bring to the Reunion for the auction. And, of course, cash \$\$\$ donations are always welcome!!

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### Local Dining:

There are many restaurants within a short distance of the hotel. A complete list can be obtained at the hotel. The hotel also has onsite dining (breakfast & dinner) at their **Panfilio's Grille**. Morning is currently a Breakfast Buffet with hours from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM. The buffet consists of scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, breakfast potatoes and either waffles or pancakes and juice and coffee. The current dinner menu and hours can be found at the end of this announcement. The menu changes due to product availability. Lunch is currently not available however there are salads and sandwiches available in the Market place.

### Local Attractions:

There will not be any group transportation offered to Downtown Tampa or Ybor City. Those wanting to car-pool to these or other locations, come to the Hospitality Suite and we will try to coordinate this.

The Hotel does have a free shuttle that can take you to the Hard Rock Casino, Veterans Memorial Park, Florida State Fairgrounds and the Brandon Mall. The Shuttle transports in a 3-mile radius and is currently on a request basis.

Here is a partial list of local attractions:

Fairgrounds	Hard Rock Casino ^
4800 US Hwy. 301 North	Veterans Memorial Park ^
Busch Gardens	Bayshore Boulevard
Q-Zar Tampa	Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park
Grand Prix Fun Center	ZooTampa at Lowry Park
Big Cat Rescue	Hillsborough River
Courtney Campbell Trail	Lowry Park
Lettuce Lake Regional Park	The Florida Aquarium
SS American Victory *	Ybor City State Museum
Tampa History Museum *	iFLY Indoor Skydiving - Tampa

\* Advance tickets for these 2 attractions may be requested via the Registration Form

^ The Hotel Shuttle can be used to get to these locations

The Alumni Association can obtain tickets for the following 2 attractions IF enough persons want to go. On the Registration Form, please indicate how many tickets you would want. The descriptions of the 2 attractions will indicate the minimum number we need to get the tickets in advance. Tickets will be paid for upon arrival at the Hotel at the Alumni Registration desk. [Note: The Hotel Shuttle does not go to these 2 attractions.]

**American Victory Ship and Museum** <https://www.americanvictory.org/> 705 Channelside Drive, Tampa, FL 33602

**Ticket Price - \$5.00, Minimum Number of Advance Ticket Orders is 10**

The American Victory Ship and Museum is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and one of only 4 fully operational WWII ships in the country. It is a true American icon and is recognized on the National Register of Historic Places. Anchor your place in American maritime history by experiencing an unforgettable voyage of discovery. Come aboard and witness virtually the entire ship including cavernous three-level cargo holds, radio and gyro rooms, hospital, galley, weaponry, steering stations, flying bridge, signaling equipment, wheelhouse, mess halls, crew cabins, lifeboats, the Captain's quarters, cargo equipment and the engine. Enjoy rare artifacts, exciting exhibits, uniforms, medals, documents, and photographs. It is all right here throughout nine decks and our 455'x109' cargo vessel.

This is a world-class, shipboard, maritime museum dedicated to honoring the men and women who built, sailed, protected, and provided service, worldwide, through the American Merchant Fleet since 1775 during times of peace and war. The American Victory Ship and Museum is a mighty beacon to veterans, active military, and its community. It transports you back nearly seven decades to when brave sailors fought the harsh seas to reach their comrades around

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the world servicing in the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard, carrying ammunition, goods, cargo, equipment, materials, and troops necessary to defend our country. As the "unsung heroes" of numerous conflicts and the military, the merchant marines experienced the highest percentage rate of casualties of any service.

**Tampa History Museum** [www.tampabayhistorycenter.org](http://www.tampabayhistorycenter.org) 801 Water Street, Tampa, FL 33602

**Ticket Price - \$10.00, Minimum Number of Advance Ticket Orders is 10**

The Tampa Bay History Center (a Smithsonian Affiliate Museum) features three floors of exhibits exploring 12,000 years of Florida history. Hit the high seas with conquistadors and pirates, stroll the brick streets of Ybor City with Cuban cigar rollers, or saddle up for a cattle drive with Florida pioneers. The History Center's hands-on exhibits and immersive theater experiences explore the history and heritage of the Tampa Bay area. The History Center is located along Tampa's Riverwalk and features waterfront dining at the Columbia Cafe and a museum store showcasing local crafts and artwork. One of Tampa's premier cultural attractions, the History Center's cutting-edge, interactive exhibits provide a fun and educational experience for visitors of all ages.

### Golf Nearby

*Tampa Palms Golf & Country Club*  
Phone: 813-972-1991

*Westchase Golf Course*  
Phone: 813-854-2331

**Tampa Trolley:** Service operates with an end-to-end running time of approximately 25 minutes. Details can be found here: <http://www.tecolinestreetcar.org>

You can also check the Sheraton website for ideas: <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/local-things-to-do/tpaea-sheraton-tampa-brandon-hotel/> [Note: Hours of operation of many facilities may differ from those posted on websites, so calling in advance is advisable.]

Here is the latest information on visits to **MacDill AFB:** <https://www.macdill.af.mil/>

*MacDill AFB Commissary*  
Building 925 2908 Boundary Blvd  
Tampa, FL, 33621  
813-828-3361  
Hours of Operation  
Daily: 0900-1900

*MacDill AFB Exchange*  
3108 N. Boundary Blvd  
BLDG 926  
Tampa, FL, 33608  
813- 840-0511  
Hours of Operation  
Mon-Sat: 0900-2000  
Sun: 1000-1800

The Commissary requires patrons to show their ID at the entrance.

The MacDill Air Force Base Outdoor and Recreation facilities and programs are open to active duty, Department of Defense civilians, reservists, retirees, and immediate family members. Some of the activities Outdoor and Recreation provides include:

- The Bay Palms Golf Complex, which was named 'Best Golf Program in the Air Force' in 2002. The two 18-hole, par 72 courses are truly a 'golfer's paradise.' One can perfect their game with the lighted practice putting green, a 24-hour-a-day lighted driving range, a practice chipping green and sand traps areas.

For more information about programs and events, contact the Outdoor and Recreation office at 813-840-6919 or on the web at [www.macdillfss.com](http://www.macdillfss.com)

**Entertainment** – Entertainment at the Saturday night dinner will be provided by **TBD**.

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### *Sheraton Tampa Brandon Entertainment Amenities*

**Swimming Pool** - An outdoor heated pool - Hours: Mon-Sun: 09:00 AM - 08:00 PM.

**Fitness Center** - Maintain your fitness between meals at the complimentary fitness center. Fitness Center is open 24/7 and you will just need your room key to get in.

### *Other Activities / Events*

**Shirts, Hats, & Jackets** – NMCB 14 Alumni Association polo shirts, ball hats, cowboy hats, and jackets will be available on site for sale in our Hospitality Room.

**President's and Vice President's Luncheon with Members and Spouses** - Spouses and Members, please join us for a luncheon at NOON on Friday to discuss financial Trusts (what they are, when or if you need one, pros & cons, etc.) and wills. This will be presented by our own Doreen Doe, attorney and surviving spouse of Russ Doe. There will also be a short presentation on making arrangements at National Cemeteries by our President. You will need to register for this event via the Registration Form.

**SPEAKING OF FOOD** - Here is a preview of this year's menus that will be served.

#### *Saturday Banquet Buffet*

- Caesar Salad and Mixed Field greens w/ Cucumbers, Croutons, Tomatoes
- Roasted Vegetable Medley
- Wild Rice Pilaf and Potatoes Au Gratin
- Entrees:
  - Lemon Garlic Breast of Chicken
  - Seared Beef Tenderloin Tips
  - Merlot Mushroom Trio
  - Vegetarian Option: Pasta Primavera w/ Spring Vegetables
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  - Florida Key Lime Tart and Chocolate Layered Cake

#### *Sunday Breakfast Buffet*

- Orange, Cranberry & Grapefruit Juice
- Coffee and Tea
- Pastries & Breakfast Breads
- Muffins, Croissants, Danishes & Bagels w/ Butter & Preserves
- Sliced Fruit and Berries
- Assorted Yogurts
- Scrambled Eggs w/ Chives
- Grilled Breakfast Potatoes w/ Roasted Tomatoes
- Sausage & Bacon

\* If you desire the Vegetarian option, please indicate so on the Registration Form

#### *Friday Member's & Spouse's Luncheon (Optional)*

- Boxed Lunch
  - Deli Sandwich (Roast Beef or Turkey) on Wheat Roll
  - Cranberry Chicken Salad on Croissant
  - Lo Carb Veggie Wrap)
- With Fresh Fruit, Chips, Cookies Bottled water & Soda

[Note: You must make your selection via the Registration Form]

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## 2021 Reunion Sheraton Tampa Brandon, Tampa, FL PROGRAM

### Thursday, 4 November 2021

1500 to 1800 Members Arrive. Check-in at Hotel Lobby  
1800 to 2200 Hospitality Room Open

### Friday, 5 November 2021

0900 to-2200 Members Arrive. Check-in at Hospitality Room  
0830 to 1130 Board of Directors Meeting  
1200 to 1330 Spouse Luncheon  
1400 to 1600 General Membership Meeting  
0900 to 2200 Hospitality Room Open

*Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner on Your Own*

### Saturday, 6 November 2021

*Visit and Tour Tampa Area*

1730 to 1830 Reception – cash bar  
1830 to 2130 Annual Alumni Banquet  
Guest Speaker: TBD  
Entertainment by Les N More

*Breakfast& Lunch on Your Own*

### Sunday, 7 November 2021

0730 to 0830 Board of Directors Meeting – Election of Officers:  
0830 to 1100 Breakfast and Memorial Ceremony  
1100 Adjourn  
Reunion Ends- - Stay around Tampa and Enjoy!

### Hospitality Room Hours

The Hospitality Room will have available beverages and snacks and NMCB 14 articles for sale. After the registration tables are closed on Thursday, late-comers can register in the Hospitality Room. The silent auction displays will also be in the room for examination and bid submittal. The room is intended as a meeting place for members to gather and enjoy the company of other alumni. Enjoy it!

Thursday, 4 NOV	1800 to 2200
Friday, 5 NOV	0900 to 1200
	1300 to 2200
Saturday, 6 NOV	1000 to 1400
	2200 to 2400