



19 January 2011

Pensacola Reunion
1 – 3 May 2011

Greetings Golden Eagles,

The 100th Anniversary of Naval Aviation celebrations are underway across the nation and our May reunion followed by the symposium will be THE grand event! Response to Central Flight's October survey letter was superb and early hotel reservations have been unprecedented. Our 150 room block has already been filled but the hotel has authorized another 15 rooms (no guarantee of non-smoking) plus 4 higher rate (\$185) suites.

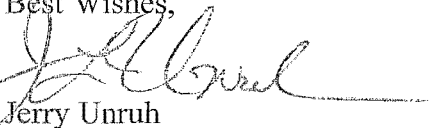
The enclosed packet is provided for you to register at your earliest convenience to facilitate our reunion planning efforts. Please return your registration and sign-up forms with payment by 15 March if at all possible.

Other than the USS William P. Lawrence (DDG-110), commissioning, which will not be ready in time, reunion events discussed in our last letter are on track. A copy of the schedule is included herein, as well as event signup forms and information sheets. In our last letter, a first time event for the ladies, Bridge/Mah Jongg/lunch at Pensacola Yacht Club, while the Eagle's are attending the general membership meeting, was mentioned. Signup is not required but an advanced call/e-mail to me at the below numbers prior to arrival is required to set up the event.

Information is provided in this mailing concerning the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation Symposium and Anniversary Celebrations. A good number of you have indicated you will stay on. All Golden Eagles will receive a detailed information package with sign-up opportunities from the Museum Foundation in early March. The symposium will be a historic event and arrangements are in work for marquee symposium panels, a Curtis Model D "Pusher" aircraft flyby (requested), War Bird flybys, USS Iwo Jima (LHD-7), Coast Guard Cutter, possible Bush family participation, Blue Angels and more!

Our reunion and the 100th Anniversary will be very special. We look forward to providing you the opportunity to celebrate Naval Aviation's heritage. The golfers will enjoy the total rebuild of the Pensacola Country Club golf course following hurricane Ivan. Our welcome reception and banquet will be first class, open bar for all events! We look forward to your arrival, renewing our friendships and enjoying a great time.

Best Wishes,



Jerry Unruh

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GOLDEN EAGLES 2011 REUNION, PENSACOLA, FL

CROWNE PLAZA PENSACOLA GRAND HOTEL

1 - 3 MAY, 2011

REGISTRATION FORM - RETURN BY MARCH 15, 2011

Golden Eagle _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Tag Names _____ / _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone number _____ e-mail address _____

Arrival Date _____ Grand Hotel yes / no _____ Other _____

Name/Address/Telephone

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME/DATE</u>	<u>COST PER</u> <u>\$\$\$ PERSON</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>NUMBER</u> <u>ATTEND</u>	<u>COST</u> <u>\$\$\$\$</u>
WELCOME RECEPTION - Hotel Ballroom Open Bar/ Heavy hors d'oeuvres	1800 SUN MAY 1	50	X	_____	_____
BUS TRANSPORTATION(NFA; Memorial Svc; Banquet)		22	X	_____	_____
GOLF @ Pensacola CC 0730 coffee/juice 0800 shotgun	MON MAY 2	60(lunch)	X	_____	_____
TOUR - Fairhope, AL 0900 depart 1430 return	MON MAY 2	55 (lunch)	X	_____	_____
TOUR -- National Flight Academy	1300 MON MAY 2 1300 TUE MAY 3	no cost	X	_____	no cost
MEMORIAL SERVICE - Atrium National Naval Aviation Museum	1700 MON MAY 2	no cost	X	_____	no cost
MEMBERSHIP MEETING Crowne Plaza Pensacola Grand Hotel	0830 TUE MAY 3	no cost	X	_____	no cost
TOUR -- Historic Pensacola 1030 depart 1500 return	TUE MAY 3	50 (lunch)	X	_____	_____
BANQUET / RECEPTION - Atrium National Naval Aviation Museum Open Bar Wine on Table	1800 TUE MAY 3	50	X	_____	_____
				Dinner choice: Beef _____ Seafood _____	
CHRONOLOG DISC (Membership Directory; Bylaws; Info)		5		(Highly Recommended)	_____
REGISTRATION (Golden Eagle only)					50
				TOTAL	_____

Make Check to: Golden Eagles Reunion 2011

Mail To: Golden Eagles Reunion 2011

825 Bayshore Drive

Penthouse East

Pensacola, FL 32507

RETURN ENVELOPE INCLUDED

GOLDEN EAGLES 2011 REUNION, PENSACOLA, FL

BANQUET SEATING REQUEST

Submitted by: _____

**Banquet in National Naval Aviation Museum Atrium
1900 Tuesday, May 3, 2011**

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING EAGLES AND SPOUSES / GUESTS BE SEATED TOGETHER. TABLES WILL SEAT EIGHT PEOPLE.

I HAVE COORDINATED WITH ALL THE EAGLES AND GUESTS WHO ARE LISTED BELOW AND THEY ARE AWARE WE WILL BE SITTING TOGETHER.

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Banquet seating will be at tables for eight. Those wishing to sit together will be accommodated as practicable. Be sure that all the group know they are requesting to sit together, otherwise confusion will occur. Table diagrams will be posted in the hospitality suite. Those not having requested specific seating will be able to write their names in spaces available.

**COMPLETE FORM AND MAIL TO: Golden Eagles Reunion 2011
825 Bayshore Drive
Penthouse East
Pensacola, FL 32507**

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Golf Information Sheet **Monday, May 2, 2011**

- Where:** Pensacola Country Club Golf Course, 1500 Bayshore Drive
Pensacola, FL 32507
- When:** Registration in Lobby 0730- coffee, orange juice, pastries
Tee off time – 0800 (Shotgun Start)
Pairings in Hospitality Suite.
- Transportation:** Private automobiles.
- Lunch:** Pensacola Country Club Bayview Room, 2nd deck, buffet
- after last foursome finishes - estimate about 1200.
- Prizes:** Awarded during lunch.

Eagles may make their own reservations for Friday, Saturday or Tuesday optional golf.

Playing Partners: _____

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FAIRHOPE, AL Tour Information Sheet
Tour - Monday, May 2, 2011

Where: Fairhope, Alabama; approximately 47 miles to the west of Pensacola via Highway 98.

What: Delightful town founded in 1894 by settlers from Des Moines, Iowa who established a Single-Tax colony still in existence today. The downtown area, including many of the shops, is almost entirely a Historic District. Considered an exclusive residential community serving Mobile, Alabama.

To Do: Shopping at attractive boutiques and charming shops.
Lunch at The Marriott Grand Hotel in Pt Clear, Alabama.

11 Antique Shops

10 Art Galleries

49 Shoppes of various style and merchandise, including:

Book

Jewelry

Linen

Furniture

Apparel

Restaurants

Fabric

Christmas

Imports

Culinary

Toys

Wine & Cheese

Angels

Schedule:	0900	Bus departs Pensacola Crowne Plaza Grand Hotel
	1000	Arrive Fairhope Welcome Center.
	1200	Bus departs from downtown Fairhope Welcome Center for Marriott Grand Hotel Resort at Pt Clear, Alabama for lunch. Approximately a 4 mile bus ride.
	1215	Arrive Marriott Grand Hotel Resort. Lunch in the Bay View Room overlooking Mobile Bay. Delightful surroundings and on a lovely day - a beautiful view! Great buffet! Lunch is included in the cost of the tour.
	1330	Bus departs Marriott Grand Hotel Resort
	1430	Arrive Pensacola Crowne Plaza Grand Hotel.

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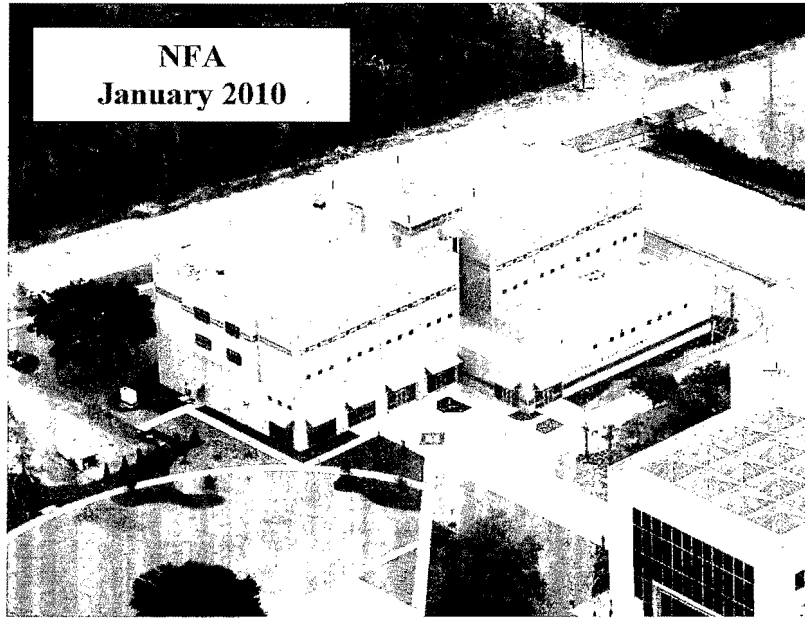
HISTORIC PENSACOLA Tour Information Sheet Tour – Tuesday, May 3, 2011

- Where:** Pensacola, Florida and surrounding environs
- What:** County seat for Escambia County, Florida. Center of activity in Escambia County with many businesses, restaurants, major port facility and HOME OF NAVAL AVIATION.
- To Do:** Walking tour of Old Seville Square including Old Christ Church, Restored home, and Museum.
Riding tour of Seville, North Hill and Downtown Sections of Pensacola.
Lunch at Pensacola Beach
Gulf Islands National Seashore tour including Fort Pickens.
- Schedule:**
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| 1030 | Bus departs Pensacola Crowne Plaza Grand Hotel for Olde Seville Square. |
| 1035 | Arrive Olde Seville Square for walking tour of Old Christ Church, a Restored home, and Pensacola Museum. |
| 1150 | Bus departs Downtown Pensacola for Pensacola Beach. |
| 1215 | Arrive Pensacola Beach. Lunch is included in the cost of the tour. |
| 1315 | Bus departs for Gulf Islands National Seashore tour, stopping at Fort Pickens for walking tour of Fort. |
| 1430 | Bus departs Fort Pickens for Pensacola Crowne Plaza Grand Hotel |
| 1500 | Arrive Pensacola Crowne Plaza Grand Hotel. |

National Flight Academy

www.NationalFlightAcademy.com

According to the 2006 Program for International Student Assessment Survey, United States students scored lower than the world average in the subjects of science and math. Our nation now ranks in the bottom one-third of all industrialized countries. Many students even question the relevance of math and science in their daily lives. In the midst of one of the most demanding periods in history, America's youth must be ready to compete globally and lead in the technological future.



To address this problem, the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Inc. has developed an innovative program that incorporates aviation as the motivating force in an intense and fun educational environment. The National Flight Academy (NFA) will be the world's premier destination experience in which the excitement and wonder of aerial flight ignites and flames our youth's passion for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

Based at Naval Air Station Pensacola, the "Cradle of Naval Aviation," NFA is a 5 ½ day interactive experience in which participants fly the latest simulators in real-time, real-world missions. When not "flying", students are called upon to plan and execute squadron missions involving homeland security, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief; engineer aircraft design and perform operational changes to meet mission objectives; and explore the

diverse worlds of flight, from lighter-than-air to emerging space travel technologies. Individual and team performance is measured through specific achievement and immediate feedback provided by in-depth debriefings. Participants attain flight designations by demonstrated knowledge corresponding with accredited STEM requirements at various grade levels.

The NFA Experience couples the latest in digital, multi-sensory media, virtual world game play and simulation technologies with the latest dynamic teaching methods of core STEM concepts. As a member of a flight squadron, each learner engages in increasingly challenging, story-driven experiences in which they solve real-world problems in a fast-paced, immersive environment. Simulations test individual knowledge and skills, as well as group and team performance in topics ranging from basic three-dimensional physics and motion, to more advanced subjects of engineering, aeronautical structures and propulsion systems.

The same engaging scenarios used at NFA Pensacola will be available through NFA On-Line. Students around the world can log on and take part in some of the same drills and exercises used by participants at NFA Pensacola. At a distance, teachers will use on-line workbooks and curriculum guides developed by the National Flight Academy to lead today's and tomorrow's youth in individual and team exercises, in which the fantasy of flight drives real-time problem-solving that requires the use of STEM knowledge. NFA Pensacola and NFA On-Line will set the standard for advancing evolutionary educational models to motivate student interest, deliver compelling learning environments and continuously measure real-time performance.

Not only will the National Flight Academy inspire interest in STEM concepts and educate the next generation of high-wage earners, but it will also be a driving force in regional economic development and job creation. The immediate economic impact to the Pensacola area is in excess of \$30 million. Over 500 employment opportunities were created during the construction phase alone. Families from around the world will converge along the Gulf Coast, increasing local tourism and revenue.

To date, the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Inc. has raised all of the money necessary for the construction of the NFA facility. Funding is still needed to equip the classrooms, laboratories, dining and living accommodations. You can help to make the National Flight Academy vision become a reality by making a contribution to the Foundation. In the process, you will help prepare America's youth to compete in the increasingly technological world of the 21st century.

Naval Aviation Symposium May 4-6, 2011

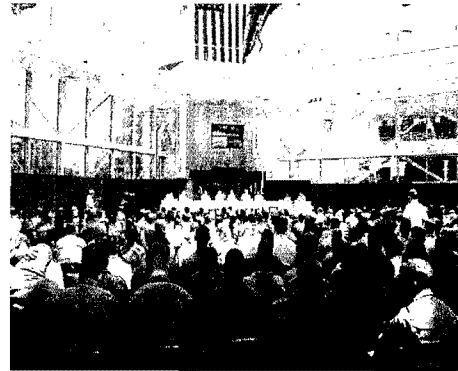
Since 1987, the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation has hosted its Naval Aviation Symposium each May in Pensacola. The Symposium series average nearly 3,000 guests annually, including active and retired flag and general officers and executives from the aerospace industry, as well as young naval officers, sailors and Marines undergoing aviation training in Pensacola. Activities include presentations and panel discussions, a golf tournament, luncheons, and a banquet.

The Foundation in conjunction with the local Navy/City of Pensacola Centennial of Naval Aviation (CoNA) organization is setting a high bar this year as we celebrate our rich heritage. At 0830 the morning of Wednesday 4 May the Blue Angels will practice over Pensacola Bay with show-center near USS *Iwo Jima* moored at the Allegheny Pier. National media is expected to record the event which will include war bird fly-bys. That afternoon the Foundation will hold a golf tournament at the A.C. Read course. Both of these events are open to the public.

Thursday 5 May is a day full of presentations and panel discussions. The day begins at 0845 with "Decades of Development" which covers the period 1920-1940, and is followed by "The War Years" presentations on the Battle of Midway and Battle of the Atlantic.

Our luncheon speaker is noted author and speaker Alvin Townley, who explored the world of naval aviation in his soon to be published book, *Fly Navy*.

After lunch the Naval Helicopter Association discusses the introduction of helicopters to the sea services and how they became indispensable. This is followed by a panel discussion on the long (and bloody) transition of jet aircraft to the fleet and Cold War issues over several decades.



That evening is our banquet also held in the Atrium. We are in contact with nationally known military, entertainment, and political personalities to speak after dinner.

The following morning at 0900 we will christen the visionary National Flight Academy which is followed by our marquee panel "Naval Aviation and Diplomacy" featuring ADM Joseph Prueher and other noted combatant commanders and diplomats to explore what naval aviation does for the United States and why it is important. After the naval aviation awards luncheon with speaker to be determined, the symposium will end with a panel of active duty flag officers from the three sea services, "Naval Aviation Issues and Answers," where we will hear about the issues affecting naval aviation today and answers to questions from the floor. This panel is led by the "Air Boss," VADM Allen Myers.

All these events are open to the public and are deconflicted with local CoNA events. The Foundation will provide sign-up package information to the Golden Eagles, and once you receive your registration form please indicate that you are a Golden Eagle and your seating preference with other Golden Eagles by name.

The symposium website may be found at:

<http://www.navalaviationmuseum.org/NewsAndEvents/Symposium2011.aspx>