

EDWARDS 2014 REUNION
September 17-19, 2014
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Greetings,

The Edwards 2014 Reunion will be held on Wednesday, September 17 through Friday, September 19. It will be centered at the Holiday Inn in Palmdale, the host hotel for the 2010 reunion. The schedule of events will be as follows:

Wed., Sep 17	6 PM	Mixer in the hotel bar with hors d'oeuvres and no-host bar
Thurs., Sep 18	8:30 AM-3:30 PM	EAFB bus tour, lunch and museum visit
Thurs., Sep 18	6 PM	Social and dinner at the Holiday Inn
Fri., Sep 19	9 -11 AM	NASA Palmdale Air Operations facility tour
Fri., Sep 19	1 - 3 PM	Blackbird Air Park tour
Fri., Sep 19	12 PM	Golfing package at Antelope Valley Country Club

We are working to make this reunion a memorable experience for all who attend and as with past reunions, we are inviting those folks who were involved in Flight Testing at Edwards AFB during the 50's, 60's, 70's and the 80's.

Complete the attached Registration Form and send it to us as soon as possible, but **NLT Jul 1, 2014**. Your response is important to our planning effort to provide accurate attendee estimates for the banquet (space is limited), Edwards AFB tour, NASA Palmdale tour, etc. If you have email, send Tom Henderson an email at tandbhenderson@verizon.net so we have a record of your email address. We also request that you provide this information to Edwards friends and co-workers you maintain contact with who may have not received a prior announcement.

Reunion Registration. If you plan to attend, complete the attached Registration Form. Select the activities you plan to attend. Include **\$20.00 per person** payment for the lunch during the Edwards AFB tour (if attending) and **\$40.00 per person** for the dinner with your completed Registration Form. Mail the completed Registration Form and the payment to: **Edwards Reunion, P.O. Box 5151, Lancaster, CA 93539.** Make your check payable to **Edwards Reunion.**

Hotel Lodging. Lodging accommodations for our Edwards 2014 Reunion attendees will be at the Holiday Inn in Palmdale. The address is 38630 Fifth Street West, Palmdale, CA 93551, near the corner of Palmdale Blvd and 5th St. West. We have made block-room arrangements with the hotel for Sep 15-21 at the special rate of **\$89/night plus tax** for a king bedroom or a 2-queens bedroom or **\$129/night plus tax** for a suite.

Call the Holiday Inn directly at (661) 947-8055 to make your reservations. Be sure to inform the reservation desk that you will be attending the **"Edwards 2014 Reunion"** to receive this special rate. For a link to Holiday Inn online registration with additional hotel information, see our web site www.edwardsreunion.org. Directions to the hotel can be found on their website.

Mixer. The Holiday Inn is also graciously providing a mixer for all reunion attendees on September 17 beginning at 6:00 pm. The mixer includes special hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar for attendees. All reunion attendees are encouraged to attend the mixer to greet old friends and co-workers.

Edwards AFB Tour. EAFB buses will take us on a guided tour of the flightline on Thursday, Sep 18. The tour will include selected plane-side briefings on current programs undergoing testing at the 412

Test Wing. A pre-tour 412 TW briefing is in the works. Wear comfortable, close-toed shoes and minimal jewelry. Bottled water and light snacks will be provided on the buses. Lunch will be in the Banquet Room of Club Muroc. The cost of \$20 includes service charge/gratuity.

Transportation to the "Century Circle" parking lot at the west gate (Rosamond Blvd.) of the base will be by POV and car pooling will be necessary. EAFB buses will pick us up there at 8:30 AM. If you have special needs for the bus (walker, wheel chair, oxygen, service dog, etc.), call Tom Henderson at 805-493-4033.

Edwards AFB security requires the information on the registration form be provided for all tour participants in advance. Photo Identification (Driver's License, Military/Civilian ID card, etc.) will also be required.

Social and Dinner. The social and dinner will be held in the Holiday Inn banquet room and will begin at 6:00 pm with a no-host bar. Dinner will be served around 7:00 pm. The entrée selection will be wild Alaskan salmon, filet mignon, chicken cordon bleu or eggplant parmesan. Tea or coffee and a choice of desserts will be included. The cost of \$40/person includes tax and gratuity. Be sure to select your entrée on the Registration Form.

NASA Palmdale Facility Tour. This will be a walking tour of the facility and research aircraft/vehicles. The facility is located at 30th Street East and Rancho Vista Blvd. (Avenue P). Transportation to the facility will be by POV. NASA Security will require the information listed on the Registration Form in advance. Photo Identification (Driver's License, Military/Civilian ID card, etc.) will also be required. Wear comfortable, close-toed shoes and minimal jewelry.

Blackbird Air Park Tour. This will be a walking tour of the park and the static aircraft displays. Transportation to the park will be by POV. The park is located at Rancho Vista Blvd. (Avenue P) and 25th Street East. We expect to see in-flight/historic videos of the aircraft displayed and hear stories from Bill "Flaps" Flanagan. There are no security requirements for this park. Wear comfortable shoes.

Golf Package: For those who will not be attending the Blackbird Air Park tour, a golf package will be available at the Antelope Valley Country Club. The cost will be \$40/golfer which includes a cart. Again, be sure to indicate on the attached Registration Form if interested. Rental golf equipment is available. You will pay for the golfing at the Country Club. For additional information contact Dick Hildebrand at rhilde1@msn.com or 661-526-3723.

There are no events planned for Friday night.

Again, your response to this letter by July 1 is critical to our planning activities because space is limited. Registration information and related updated reunion information will be posted on our website at www.edwardsreunion.org. If you have any questions, please call me at 805-493-4033 or email me at tandbhenderson@verizon.net.

Looking forward to seeing you,

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