

## Delta Birddog Reunion 2009

The committee met in Nashville on 20 June 09. Members attending:

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Items discussed:

- 221<sup>st</sup> website – Monte discussed the website content. He will update to reflect who has registered for the reunion. He will coordinate with Doc Jennings to reflect the same information on the 199<sup>th</sup> website.
- Hank reported the number registered: 221<sup>st</sup> – 23, 199<sup>th</sup> – 3, Unknown – 4, Guests – 19, for a total of 49. This is a poor response so far. Monte will coordinate with Doc to publish a comment on both websites to ask members planning to attend, to please register now. It is difficult for the committee to plan activities and produce a budget without more accurate numbers. E-mails to this effect will be sent to all members we have contact information on.
- Hank passed around sample mugs and license plates each attendee will receive. George Cook did an outstanding on these. Hank also passed out some decals each will receive. Bob Preble had these made, and again, an outstanding job. In addition to these three items, each person will receive a 2009 Delta Birddog coin.
- Advertising – Don Smith passed out a list of several organizations he has advertised with – an impressive list. If members of either unit read anything related to the military, they should find reunion information.

- Committee members are encouraged to arrive Wednesday afternoon to assist in setup. Don Loftis will handle refreshments.
- **Thursday, 15 Oct** – Maps, mementos, history, etc. – Monte/Don Smith      Banners – Don Modica    Tape, pins, etc. Woody (coordinate w/ hotel)
- Name Tags – Bill Poor will have the bulk of these done prior to arriving. He will also bring his laptop and printer for any additional requirements at registration.
- Individual pictures – Monte Caylor will again set up a camera in front of the large map of the Delta for individual and group pictures.
- Goody Bags – Woody
- Flowers – One for each lady – Don Loftis
- Additional laptops to show member CD's – Don Modica, Woody
- Registration Table Operation – Wives (Expect another great job!)
- Welcome Reception in Dining Room – Heavy Hors d' Oeuvres – Don Loftis & Woody
- Projector & Speakers & Screen to show member CD's – Woody
- Coordinate member CD's – Bill
- We will provide 2 drink tickets per person for wine & beer at our expense. Woody will coordinate with hotel for these. We need to advise attendees to use these for alcohol only – please purchase soft drinks separately; otherwise, we will be paying wine prices for colas.
- **Friday, 16 Oct** – Sam Givhan will coordinate for two 12 passenger vans for today and Saturday. Two members, to be determined, will be designated as drivers and to pick up and return vehicles. If possible, set up return at 1400 or later on Sunday.
- Monte and Doc need to include activity deadlines on websites, and we need to include these on any correspondence mailed:
  - Fishing –NLT 01 September (Min. \$100/per. 5 hrs) – Hank / Monte
  - Naval Museum – NLT 01 October - Sam
  - Golf – At registration on Thursday – Jim McGraw
  - Shopping – At registration – Hank / Monte    (Woody – strip map and shopping brochures in Goody Bags)
- For those not participating in any of the tours – socializing with comrades. After lunch, we plan to have separate unit meetings for an hour or two, followed by a joint two hour meeting.
- Banquet – Changed from Saturday night. Bill recommended tonight since we have a full day planned for Saturday. This gives us more time at Sky Ranch, and no need to rush back to the hotel. Woody will check with the hotel for this change. (Done – Peggy Moravec OK'ed)

- Banquet Speaker – Woody will call “Bud” Day’s office. He is a well known ex POW and has been very active in military and veteran affairs for decades. (As of this writing, Hank has already been in contact with Col. Day’s office. He will keep us posted.) If we are unable to get him or someone from his office, we decided to call on unit members as we did at the last reunion. This went well.
- Master of Ceremonies – Hank
- Color Guard – Woody has already confirmed the Navarre JROTC .
- Elevate podium – Woody coordinate with hotel
- Group Photo – Woody will check with local professional
- Program – Bill
- **Saturday, 17 Oct** – Sam Givhan has been in continued contact with Sam Dawson at Sky Ranch. The bulk of the coordination has been completed, and things are moving along well.
- Food & drink - Sam has arranged for a catfish fry provided by family members/friends. He will handle food and drink at Sky Ranch.
- Transportation – Sam has reserved one 55 passenger bus for use Saturday, plus the two already mentioned 12 passenger vans.
- 219<sup>th</sup> Headhunters are having their reunion the same weekend at Ft. Rucker. They have been invited to Sky Ranch on Saturday to participate in the cookout and rides. Each member will be charged \$15 for the noon meal.
- Tent & Portalets – Sam will coordinate for a large tent & at least 2 portalets to handle the expected large group.
- Boombox – Don Modica
- Projector & laptop to show member CD’s at Sky Ranch – Woody
- Screen – Hank CD’s – Bill
- Army Aviation Heritage Foundation – Bill has already coordinated with these folks. They are looking forward to coming down again. When we send out the schedule of events, we need to include the cost for helicopter rides: \$50.00 per person for approximately 15 minutes. This is very reasonable for their costs to maintain and fly these aircraft. They are set up for Master Card and Visa on site.
- Ride coordination at Sky Ranch (Release forms, lists, etc.) – Hank
- Saturday night at hotel – Pizza, beer, wine, etc. – Don Loftis
- **Sunday, 18 Oct** – Memorial Program – Don Modica
- Designated drivers return rental vans. – TBD
- Depart for home.
- Certificates of Appreciation – Bill/Hank Everyone is encouraged to provide them with names, addresses, etc. of deserving individuals.

## Delta Birddog Reunion 2009 Schedule

Thr., 15 Oct ---	10 AM – 5 PM	Registration & Hospitality Open	Hospitality Suite
	5 PM – 7 PM	Welcome Reception Heavy Hors d' Oeuvres	Dining Room
	7 PM – 10 PM	Hospitality Open	Hospitality Suite
Fri., 16 Oct ---	9 AM – 5 PM	Hospitality Open Dinner on your own	Hospitality Suite
	- 2 PM	Fishing Trip, Golf Shopping, Museum	TBD
	6 PM - 7 PM	Social	Dining Room
	7 PM – 9 PM	Reunion Banquet	Queen Palm Rm
Sat., 17 Oct ---	9 AM -	Depart Hotel for Sky Ranch	
	10 AM – 4 PM	L-19, UH-1 Rides	Sky Ranch
	11 AM – 1 PM	Catfish Cookout	Sky Ranch
	4 PM -	Depart Sky Ranch for Hotel	
	5 PM – 6:30 PM	Separate Unit Meetings	TBD
	7 PM -	Pizza, beer, wine	
Sun., 18 Oct ---	9 AM- 10 AM	Memorial Service	Dining Room
	12 PM	Check Out	