Prowler Reunion 2020 Information Update

Brian Hinkley continues to lead a cadre of volunteers putting together a fun Prowler Reunion 2020 gathering of Navy/Marine/Air Force Prowler aircrew, maintenance and administrative personnel plus civilians who supported the Prowler in Pensacola, Florida April 22-26, 2020. EA-6A / EA-6B veteran Col Joe “Bagwan” Burgin USMC (ret) is now serving as the Prowler Reunion 2020 Deputy. The Reunion cadre has a monthly phone call the 1st Tuesday of every month to discuss and update planning for each of the Reunion events. Brian is looking for additional volunteers to assist in the planning and execution of the 2020 Prowler Reunion. If you are willing to assist, please contact Brian Hinkley at brian.hinkley@aecom.com. Please pass the word to others to ensure they are aware of the 2020 Reunion and where to get additional information.

The 2020 Prowler Reunion Headquarters will be the Pensacola Grand Hotel. Blocks of rooms have been reserved and are currently available for attendee booking. The Pensacola Grand Hotel will give Prowler Reunion attendees a discount rate of $119/night. 110 of 175 rooms have been reserved to date. The attendee must identify themselves as a “PA Reunion Attendee” and use the words “EA6” when calling the following phone number: (850) 433-3336. Attendees cannot book Prowler Reunion room reservations through the hotel website.

NEW – The Reunion Committee has finalized times and pricing of Reunion events in coordination with Armed Forces Reunions (AFR). The website for online registration and for mail in registrations is now open. Attendees upon arriving at registration at the Pensacola Grand in April will receive a swag bag with some items to commemorate their Reunion participation. Current paid Prowler Association (PA) members as of April 2020 will pay a registration fee of $75. Please ensure your registration will be current through at least April 2020. When you log-on the PA Website, your membership expiration date is at the top of the page. A non-paid PA member or non-member will pay a registration fee of $100 (which means they have joined the PA as a paid member for a year. It doesn’t get any better!) This registration fee policy is very similar to other Naval Aviation Association Reunion fees.

The lead-in slide has a Reunion 2020 Schedule of events. Many of the events will have transportation available for selection for those attendees without a rental car or other transportation.

Important Note: Reunion attendees with a valid DOD ID will be able to get on base by showing their DOD ID and rental car agreement. NAS Pensacola Security Office
requires that all persons over the age of 16 without a valid DOD ID must submit for a background screening when attending an event on base (such as Blue Angel Practice, Naval Aviation Museum visit and Prowler Association Banquet, TRAWING 6 Tour and Golf Tournament). SECNAV 5512/1 Form must be filled out with guest’s last name, first name, middle name and DOB. The form must state the event attending with the location and time and the sponsor’s name. The form must be filled out and signed by each person attending the event.

**Wednesday (April 22nd)**

**NEW** - Registration will be available at Pensacola Grand Hotel from 9:00 to 11:00 AM & 2:00 to 6:00 PM.

Observing Blue Angel Practice will be available at the National Naval Aviation Museum starting at 11:30 for a cost of $5. The practice lasts about 50 minutes. There will be golf cart transportation to/from parking for those who have difficulty walking. The Blue Angels normally come to the Blue Angel Atrium at the Naval Aviation Museum post practice to sign autographs and answer questions.

* A replica of the Cubi Bar with lots of squadron plaques and memorabilia in the Museum is an excellent place to have lunch after the Blue Angel Practice. An optional lunch voucher can be purchased for $12.50 when registering.

* After lunch, attendees may want to tour the National Aviation Museum either on their own or with a guide.

* Optional roundtrip trolley shuttle transportation is available for $27. Shuttles begins at 9:30 AM.

**Reunion Meet & Greet Reception** – Pensacola Grand Ball Room – 4:00-6:00 PM – Cost $15 with Cash bar. Dinner on own after mixer.

**Thursday (April 23rd)**

Hospitality Room Open (Grand Hotel Ballroom) – 9:00 to 11:00 AM coffee and donuts provided while they last.

Registration continues from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

**Tours**

* **Naval Aviation Museum Tour (no cost)** – 12:00 to 16:00 PM; Optional roundtrip trolley shuttle transportation is available for $27 departing at 9:30 AM. Attendees can also purchase an optional lunch voucher for $12.50 that can be used in the Museum Cubi Café.

* **TRAWING 6 Briefing/Simulator Tour (no cost)** – 2:00 to 4:00 PM (limited to 1st 60 registrants). 3 attendees will get a 15-minute simulator ride plus briefing and tour of
TRAWING 6 hosted by the Wing Commander. Optional roundtrip trolley shuttle transportation is available for $27. Trolley leaves at 1:00 PM.

Evening Reception 5:00-7:30 PM – Ballroom at the Pensacola Grand; Heavy Hors d’oeuvres will be provided with a cash bar. Dinner on own after reception if desired.

Hospitality Room Open – 10:00 PM to 12:00 midnight

**Friday (April 24th)**

Hospitality Room Open (Grand Hotel Ballroom) – 9:00 to 11:00 AM coffee and donuts provided while they last.

Tour – TRAWING 6 Briefing/Simulator Tour (no cost) – 9:15 AM to 12:30 PM; 30 attendees will get a 15 minute simulator ride plus briefing and tour of TRAWING 6 hosted by the Wing Commander. Optional roundtrip trolley shuttle transportation is available for $27. Trolley leaves at 9:00 AM.

Ladies Bunco Tournament in Hotel Ballroom – 11:00 AM-1:00 PM for a cost of $20.

Golf Tournament at NAS Pensacola A.C. Read Golf Course – 12:00 to 5:00 PM for a cost of $70. Limited number of club sets. Attire is collared shirts and no jeans. Soft spikes only. Select your foursome on the registration form if you have preferences.

Flight Jacket Social – Seville Quarter at Phineas Phogg’s in downtown Pensacola – 5:30-9:30 PM. Wear your flight Jacket. Hors d’oeuvres will be provided between 6:30 to 8:30 PM with a cash bar. Dinner on own afterwards if desired. This will be a great opportunity to mingle and catch up with friends and squadron mates. Optional roundtrip trolley shuttle begins at 5:30 PM for a cost of $12.

Hospitality Room Open – 10:00 PM to 12:00 midnight

**Saturday (April 25th)**

Hospitality Room Open (Grand Hotel Ballroom) – 9:00 to 11:00 AM coffee and donuts provided while they last.

Prowler Memorial Service – Pensacola Memorial Park – 9:30 to 10:00 AM Cost of $10 includes roundtrip trolley shuttle transportation. Trolley begins at 9:00 AM

Prowler Association Membership Meeting – 10:30 to 11:00 AM – Pensacola Grand Hotel

Active Duty Panel – 11:00 to 12:30 PM – Pensacola Grand Hotel

Pensacola City Tour – 1:00 to 4:00 PM – Includes trolley transportation from Grand Hotel departing at 1:00 PM for a cost of $34.
Prowler Reunion 2020 Banquet – National Naval Aviation Museum – Cost for dinner is $48 (entrée choice sliced London broil or chicken marsala). Optional round trip bus transportation is available for $33. Bus transportation leaves for dinner at 5:15 PM. Buses start returning to hotel at 9:00 PM. Last bus leaves at 9:30 PM.

* Cash Bar Reception – 6:00 PM
* Dinner is served – 7:00 PM  Seating to be assigned

Hospitality Room Open – 10:00 PM to 12:00 midnight

**Sunday (April 26th) – Farewells and Departures**

Note 1: The schedule of events leaves time for squadron gatherings to take place during the week.