

99th Bomb Group 2006 Annual Reunion Schedule **September 24th to 28th, 2006 in Las Vegas, NV**

This is a reminder to complete and mail in your Registration for our 2006 99th Bomb Group Annual Reunion to be held in Las Vegas, NV September 24th – 28th, 2006. Henry Fouts (346th BS) has done a great job of putting together a fantastic program that everyone will enjoy. The Registration Form and information on the **Orleans Casino Hotel** where it will be held are also in this Newsletter. This year the Reunion Committee and the President of the 99th BGHS are heavily subsidizing the cost of those members attending the Reunion and thus the cost for each event per person is only \$15.00 - \$20.00, for a total of \$80.00 to attend all of the scheduled events. *Continental breakfast will be available in the Hospitality Room from 7am to 8am on Monday, and 8:00 – 9:00 am on Tuesday - Thursday.* Details for each day are provided below.

LAS VEGAS INTERNATIONAL (LAS) AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

The Orleans Hotel is about 5 miles from the Airport and there is no free Hotel shuttle. Transportation is available by **Taxi for about \$15 to \$18**, or by one of the several **Airport Shuttle Buses for \$6.00** for each person. Rental cars are available at the LAS airport and there are no restrictions for travel.

SUNDAY 09/24/06 12:00 Noon Reunion Registration from Noon to 9pm.

1:00 PM Hospitality Room opens at 1pm.

3:00 PM Hotel Room Registration and check in.

6:00 PM Ad Hoc Dinner at the hotel

7:30 PM WWII Video Presentations in one of the Hospitality Rooms

MONDAY 09/25/06 8:15 AM Nellis AFB Tour bus departs for the Home of the THUNDERBIRDS. **11:00 AM Lunch** will be provided at the Officers Club. This is one of the highlights of the Reunion. We will see several of their facilities and many aircraft, including the unmanned Predator. **NOTE: For Nellis AFB Security we are required to provide your Social Security Number to Nellis AFB prior to 09/15/2006.**

3:00 PM Bus Returns to Hotel

TUESDAY 09/26/06 10:00 AM Lake Mead Cruise Boat Tour Bus Departs for the National Park. The cruise will provide a great view of Hoover Dam and includes a film on the history. You do not want to miss this! Lunch is included.

3:00 PM Board Bus for the return trip to the Hotel.

WEDNESDAY 09/27/06 9:00 AM - 11:00AM 99th BGHS Board of Directors meeting.

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM 99th BGHS Business Luncheon We hope that all will attend to hear from our President and the Board discuss our future plans for the 99th BGHS. We will also have a special guest speak to us about his experiences.

2:00 PM until 3:30 PM New Board convenes to attend to 99th BGHS business.

3:30 PM WWII Video Presentation will be shown in one of the Hospitality Rooms.

5:00 PM Dinner on your own as members will have the opportunity to try some of the nearby restaurants and enjoy the Casino entertainment.

THURSDAY 09/28/06 Open day for any interested in other local attractions.

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Cocktail Hour

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM 99th BGHS Banquet An evening filled with music by the Carl Grove Combo, good friends, and a fine meal. Our speaker is Colonel Michael Bartlett, Commander of the 99th Air Base Wing.

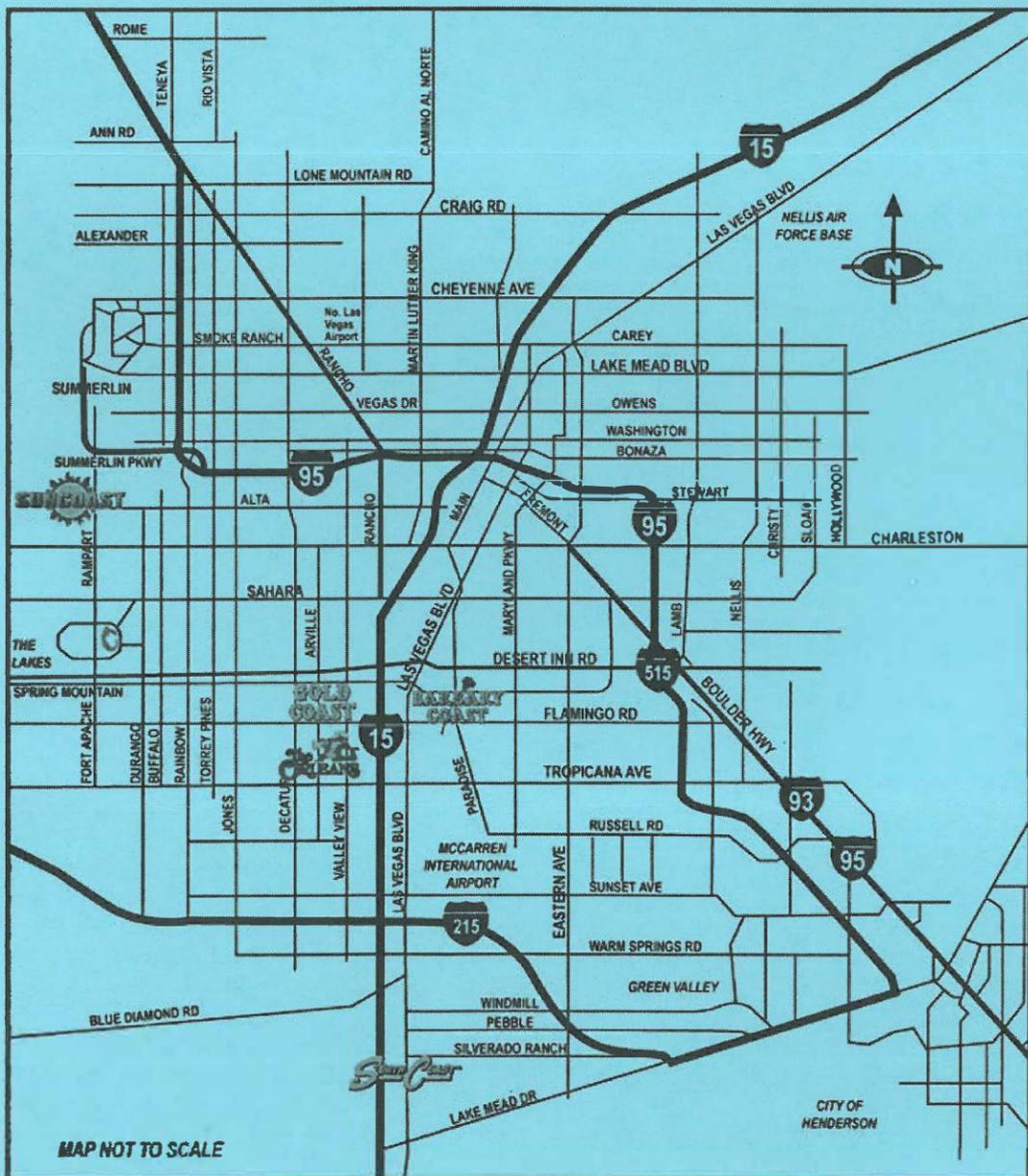
For Reunion Questions please contact Henry Fouts by e-mail HSFouts@cox.net or by phone 702-320-9784 (home), or 702-210-0023 (cell).

The Orleans Hotel & Casino
 4500 West Tropicana Avenue
 Las Vegas, NV 89103
<http://www.orleanscasino.com>

LAS VEGAS AREA MAP AND ORLEANS HOTEL DIRECTIONS

From **AIRPORT**, take Swenson Street north to Tropicana Avenue. Turn left and head west, crossing Paradise Road, Las Vegas Boulevard South (the Strip), the Interstate 15 overpass, continuing west approximately 2 miles until you reach **The Orleans** on the northwest corner of West Tropicana Avenue and Arville Road.

From **CALIFORNIA**, continue on Interstate 15 north until you reach the Tropicana Avenue exit. As you exit, turn left (west). Cross over the I-15 overpass. Continue west less than 2 miles. **The Orleans** will be on your right at Tropicana Avenue and Arville Road.



99th Bomb Group 2006 Annual Reunion REGISTRATION

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The Orleans Hotel & Casino
 4500 West Tropicana Avenue
 Las Vegas, NV 89103

Reservations 1-800-675-3267, www.orleanscasino.com

There are rooms held for the 99th Bomb Group at a rate of \$60.00 per night plus 9% tax. The Casino is about 5 miles from the Las Vegas International airport (LAS). Airport Shuttle is about \$6 per person or Taxi is \$15 to \$18. Continental breakfast will be served each morning Monday through Thursday in the Hospitality Room from 8 to 9 am. **Call The Orleans Hotel & Casino Room Reservations 1-800-675-3267 directly to make your room reservations identifying yourself as attendees of the 99th Bomb Group Historical Society.** Reservations must be received by **August 24, 2006** in order to ensure a room at the group rate. There is a Bowling alley, Movie Theater, gaming areas, and several full service Restaurants serving Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, and room service. Additional detailed information for the Reunion schedule will be in the next newsletter. **For Reunion Questions, contact Henry Fouts by e-mail: hsfouts@cox.net or by phone at 702-320-9784 (home) or 702-210-0023 (cell).**

99th BGHS 2006 Annual Reunion Registration Form

Please complete and mail this **99th BGHS 2006 Reunion Registration Form** with your check payable to our Treasurer, **Jerry Buckingham 99th BGHS** (Phone: 870-257-5535) at the address provided below.

	Per Person	Number of people	Total
Registration (Noon – 9pm Sunday 9/24/06)	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
*Nellis AB Tour (9am – 4pm Mon 9/25/06)	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
Lake Mead Tour (9am -4pm Tues 9/26/06)	\$20.00	_____	\$ _____
Luncheon Meeting (11am -1pm Wed 9/27/06)	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
Banquet (6:00 – 10pm Thursday 9/28/06)	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
GRAND TOTAL			\$ _____

Send check to: **Jerry Buckingham**
20 Flathead Drive
Cherokee Village, AR 72529

Your name: _____ Spouse or Friend: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State Zip: _____ Squadron: 346 347 348 416

- *For Nellis Tour, Please answer if you were:**
1. Prisoner of War (POW) Yes _____ No _____
 2. Interned overseas in a neutral country Yes _____ No _____
 3. Your Military Rank: _____ Grade O6 or above: _____
 4. For Base Security Nellis Requires we provide your **Social Security #** _____

Questions or Comments: _____

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE NOTE: _____ **Wheelchair** _____ **Walker**

We will try to provide the above so please let us know in advance what you might need.
 Special Note: Our special "thank you" to Henry Fouts for being such gracious host.

99th BGHS 2006 REUNION TOURS

Here is some additional information about the bus trips to assist you in planning, and getting this form back to us ASAP (but certainly no later than September 15th). We need accurate numbers to finalize arrangements.

- 1) **Nellis Air Force Base Tour:** This is one of the highlights of the Reunion and we hope all of you will sign up for this tour. Nellis Air Base is the home to the USAF Thunderbirds precision flight team and you will visit their Museum. Another special fact is that Nellis AFB is the home of the 99th Air Base Wing which has a special relationship to the 99th BG and they look forward to make your visit truly remarkable. A Buffet lunch will be provided at the Officers Club. There is always plenty of action at Nellis and it should provide an excellent opportunity to see some of today's frontline combat aircraft.
- 2) **Lake Mead Tour:** This boat tour of Lake Mead will give you a great view of the Hoover Dam and the natural beauty of this National Park. For those of you have Golden Passports bring them with you and help the 99th BGHS save a few dollars. Once again Lunch will be included and there will also be a movie depicting the history of the Colorado River, the building of the Hoover Dam and the build up of Lake Mead.
- 3) **Surprise.** (You will have to show up to find out!)

Make sure you don't miss out on the fun. Mail this completed form (other side) with your check, to Jerry Buckingham, **TODAY !!!** We'll see you in Las Vegas at the **2006 99th BGHS Annual Reunion!!!!!!...**

TWO Final Reminders: 1) Walking will be kept to a minimum on the tours, with lots of places to sit down. 2) The trips, luncheon and banquet, etc., are being heavily subsidized (with the blessing of your Directors), and are bargains that everyone should take advantage of. So, no excuses... **SIGN UP NOW!**

99th BGHS – 2006 Reunion
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