



1ST SPECIAL FORCES REUNION  
2011  
TAMPA FLORIDA

# ANNOUNCEMENT

1ST SPECIAL FORCES GROUP REUNION  
TAMPA, FLORIDA JUNE 17 TO JUNE 22  
**2011**

**DATE: JUNE 17, 2011 (Check-in, Friday) to JUNE 22, 2011 (Check-out, Wednesday) Total 5 Nights**

In deciding the dates, we gave consideration to the timing of the Special Forces Association Convention for those that wish to attend both. The SFA has its National Convention in nearby Orlando immediately following our 1<sup>st</sup> SFG Reunion (starting June 23<sup>rd</sup>). Travel time from Tampa to Orlando is approximately 1.5 hours via US Interstate 4.

## LOCATION:



## DOUBLETREE GUEST SUITES TAMPA BAY

This is an all-suite hotel on the water overlooking Tampa Bay in the Rocky Point area and minutes from the Tampa International Airport.

*It is near everything, but has the feeling of a resort getaway.* Nearby are the Westshore Business District, the upscale International Mall and many fine restaurants. Full information on the hotel is on line at:

[doubletree1.hilton.com/en\\_US/dt/hotel/TPARHDT-Doubletree-Guest-Suites-Tampa-Bay-Florida/index.do](http://doubletree1.hilton.com/en_US/dt/hotel/TPARHDT-Doubletree-Guest-Suites-Tampa-Bay-Florida/index.do)

*(NOTE: This is part of the Hilton Hotel Corporation for those that are enrolled in Hilton's HHonors® program)*

## ROOMS:

**All rooms are Standard King Suites at \$99.00 + taxes per night (taxes currently 12%) for double occupancy, including breakfast. Wheelchair accessible rooms are available at the same rate; however, only seven (7) rooms are available.**

Triple occupancy will be an additional \$10.00 per night, and quad occupancy will be an additional \$20.00 per night.

The suites are spacious with king beds. The separate living area includes a wet bar with mini fridge, microwave and coffee maker. Also in the living area, there are a queen sized sofa

sleeper and 32" LCD Flat Panel TV. A large desk is provided with high-speed Internet access (wired and wireless at \$9.95 per day).

The above rates are for the standard king suite, but we have also negotiated rates for upgrades. They are:

- Bay View Suites are additional \$5.00 per night
- Standard ***Double*** Suites are additional \$10.00 per night and
- Bay view Double Suites are additional \$15.00 per night.

***If you wish to upgrade, you are advised to do so as soon as possible because they are on an "availability basis" only.***

**The cut-off date for the above rates is May 7<sup>th</sup> 2011. After this date, rooms may not be available** Check-in can also be made 3 days prior to June 17<sup>th</sup> and checkout up to 3 days after the Reunion at the same rates as above. Reservations can be made on line at our dedicated site. Parking and Fitness Center are complimentary.

***BREAKFAST:***

**The "All-American" breakfast is included in the room payment.** This includes: eggs, bacon, potatoes, toast & coffee (sorry, no substitutes). Breakfast can be upgraded to the full buffet, which is quite exceptional, for an additional \$8.00 per person per day.

***HOSPITALITY RM:***

**The hospitality room is free as always. We will have our own bar with free drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic.** A buffet area outside the hospitality room will have refreshments and snacks. The hospitality room will seat approximately 70 persons at a time. Overflow can be accommodated in the pool area and hotel bar.

***RESERVATIONS:***

**The Hotel has established a "1st Special Forces Reunion 2011" website for reservations exclusively for us. You can also make reservations directly by phone.** The link to register on line is:

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/T/PAHDT-SF1-20110617/index.jhtml>

The number to make reservations by telephone is:  
813-888-8800

***Important: When calling for reservations, be sure to tell the operator you are with the 1st Special Forces Group Reunion. As stated above, you must***

***register prior to May 7th to get our rates. Cancellations can be made up to 24 hours prior to check-in.***

**SHUTTLE/MOBILITY:** Ample parking is available. Our vans and busses will be allowed to park – also free.

The Hotel will run shuttle service **from** the Tampa Airport on call from 6:00AM to 11:00PM. Shuttle **to** the Tampa Airport is hourly. The airport is approximately 10 minutes from the hotel.

Also, complimentary shuttle is available on first come basis to any location within a 3-mile radius, which covers the International Mall and many of the better (best?) Tampa restaurants.

We are arranging our own vans to augment the airport shuttle, movement around town, and movement to planned events (golf tournament, picnic, etc). Further details will be given when available. Van drivers who know the Tampa area are needed for the entire period of this Reunion.

We will have a Professional Bus Company move the attendees about the area, from the DoubleTree Hotel to MacDill AFB, (14 miles) in large, air-conditioned busses. Activities at MacDill AFB will include:

- 19 June 2011-----Golf Tournament (Bay Palms Course)
- 20 June 2011-----SOCOM Ops Center Brief
- 20 June 2011-----SOCOM Memorial Ceremony
- 20 June 2011-----SOCOM HALO DEMO – Memorial
- 20 June 2011-----Reunion Picnic at Seascapes  
Restaurant and Beach area-MacDill

Special Trips are being planned for Base Exchange and other location, for Shopping or touring, with passengers to be delivered to the Base Exchange (AAFES) – which includes the Military Clothing Store, and the Base Commissary.

# **SCHEDULE**

***(More activities are being explored and prepared. Updates will be passed to all – as these become available)***

**FRIDAY JUNE 17**      **Arrival and Check-in from 1200**  
**Hospitality Room will be open 1200 to 2400**  
**Reception 1900 to 2100**

The reception will be pool side with a **Cash Bar** provided by the hotel and snacks

**SATURDAY JUNE 18** **Hospitality Room 1800 to 2400**  
**(Events are still being planned for this day)**

**SUNDAY JUNE 19**      **Hospitality Room 1000 to 2400**  
**JASON T. WOODWORTH GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**0630 to 0700: Assemble at Club House – Breakfast Buffet will be served.**

**0730: Briefing from Golf Pro and Tournament Organizer Mr. Fred Dibella**

**0800 to 1200: Tournament**

**Fee Per Person: \$50.00**

**Includes Buffet Breakfast at the Clubhouse**

The course is located in the southern portion of MacDill AFB, home of Special Operations Command (SOCOM) and 14 miles from the hotel. It is on the scenic Tampa Bay and one of the best courses in the entire region. Transportation to and from the hotel will be provided. A separate information package will be sent with full details concerning this Jason T. Woodworth Golf Tournament as we get closer to the Reunion date.

**MONDAY JUNE 20**      **DAY AT MACDILL 0900 to 1700. Transportation to and from hotel and around the base will be provided. Activities include:**

**SOCOM UNCLASSIFIED BRIEFING 0900 to 1030**

The SF men will move to the briefing facility for a special presentation for the 1st Special Forces Group Reunion about US special operations around the world. This is a top-class briefing and should not be missed. ***A second wave of transportation will depart the hotel to give the ladies the option to arrive for the following events, the Memorial Service and picnic.***

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE 1100 to 1200**

The Memorial Service to honor those who have departed to FOB Skyward at the Special Operations Command Memorial on MacDill Air Base. This is an impressive and hallowed site and uniquely fitting for us to pay tribute to those who have gone before us. Arrangements are in the works for the SOCOM HALO Demo team to participate with a ceremonial jump into the Memorial grounds. The ceremony is being planned and more details to follow.

***For more information on the SOCOM Memorial check on line at: [www.somf.org](http://www.somf.org)***

### **PICNIC 1230 to 1700**

We will have the MacDill AFB beach area on beautiful Tampa Bay for our picnic. There are two cabanas and a beach restaurant, as well as a Marina. The details are still being planned for the picnic at this time and an update will be sent when available.

### **Hospitality Room 1700 to 2400**

***TUESDAY JUNE 21*** Hospitality Room 1000 to 2400

### **BANQUET 1830 to 2230**

The banquet will be at the Rusty Pelican, only a few minutes from the hotel. As you can assume, it is in a picturesque setting on Tampa Bay and the restaurant, itself, is perfectly suited for a banquet. Transportation will be provided to and from the hotel.

***WEDNESDAY JUN 22*** Hospitality Room 1000 to 1200  
Check Out

**REMINDER**

*The Special Forces Association convention starts the next day, Wednesday June 23rd. It is about an hour's drive from Tampa to Orlando. Map Quest directions will be provided for those planning to drive there.*

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**A VERY SPECIAL THANKS**

***We wish to express our most sincere appreciation to Special Forces Association Richard Meadows Chapter LX in the Tampa, FL AO. Thanks so much for your contribution in making this Reunion work properly. Your cooperation is exemplary. You are our fine SF brothers.***

**Please understand that as of the day of this printing - 26 July 2010, planning is ongoing. Upgraded on 18 January 2011 – planning is still ongoing, but coming together.**

For Info on Tampa, FL or concerning this Reunion please call:

Billy Waugh at 813.777.1756 or  
Ray Calafell at 813.871.3890

**1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) Reunion 2011**

17 June – 21 June 2011

Hosted by Chapter LX, Special Forces Association

**FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT DOUBLETREE GUEST SUITES**

3050 NORTH ROCKY POINT DRIVE WEST

TAMPA, FLORIDA

**RESERVE ON LINE**

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/TPARHDT-SF1-20110617/index.jhtml>

**Remember: Suites are \$99 plus tax including standard American Breakfast; access suites are the same price; bay views are \$5 more per night. Upgrade to full buffet breakfast is \$8 more per night.**

**OR RESERVE BY TELEPHONE**

1 (813) 888-8800

***Be sure to say that you are attending the 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Group Reunion to get your special room rate. Don't delay: you must make reservations prior to 07 May 2011 or we lose the rooms.***

***You can cancel reservations up to 24 hours before arrival for full refund. Thereafter, you will be charged.***

# REUNION EVENT REGISTRATION

The following information will be used for nametags, so PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Guest Tag(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Full Registration Includes: Reception, Picnic, Hospitality Room w/Lunch, Soft Drinks, Mixed Drinks Beer (except at picnic – no bottles allowed), Snacks and Banquet.  
**\$120.00 per person prior to 01 May 11. After 01 May 11 it is \$140.00 per person**

Limited Registration:

Reception Only                      Number of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Picnic Only                              Number of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Only                            Number of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality Rm Only                  Number of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:**    \$50.00 per player includes: Buffet Breakfast, Cart and Greens Fees, Goody Bag and Prizes. Meet in front of Hotel for bus transportation to Bay Palms Golf Course on MacDill AFB. Make sure you have valid Military ID with you to gain access to the Base. Buses will depart from the front of the Hotel @ 0600 on day of the Tournament - XXXXX

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Players \_\_\_\_\_ X \$50.00 each = TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send Check to:  
**1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Group Reunion 2011**  
105 South Armenia Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33609-3307

**Make checks payable to: 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Group Reunion 2011**