

49th Annual 8th AFHS Reunion

Ontario, CA

October 18-22, 2023



Thirty-five miles northeast of Los Angeles, Ontario is known as the “gateway to Southern California.” The city has its own international airport and is near L.A. attractions, Palm Springs, Disneyland and other theme parks, as well as the mountain resorts of Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear. While in Ontario, visitors can shop for antiques, find bargains at Ontario Mills shopping center, tour Graber Olive House, have fun at Scandia Amusement Park and visit the local Museum of History and Art.

It takes its name from the Ontario Model Colony development established in 1882 by the Canadian engineer George Chaffey and his brothers William Chaffey and Charles Chaffey. They named the settlement after their home province of Ontario.

While Ontario will serve as the home base for our reunion this year, you might consider arriving a day or two early or staying over a couple of extra days to enjoy all that Ontario and the surrounding area has to offer!

**Thursday, October 19, 2023 tour:
Board at 8:15am depart~8:30am
Tour is all-inclusive:
admission and LUNCH!**

March Field Air Museum

At March, they like to say, “It’s an airshow every day!” And they’re right!

Explore humanity’s reach for the skies, and the pivotal role of Riverside’s historic March Field in the development of flight. See early aircraft including the 1903 pioneer which launched the era of powered flight, World War II bombing icons and Cold War fighters, an



MQ-1 Predator, and more. There is truly something for everyone in your family at the March Field Air Museum.

March Field Air Museum displays nearly 80 historic aircraft spanning nearly 100 years of aviation history. Their collection includes examples ranging from the frail fabric covered bi-planes of the First World War, to the sleek jet fighters of today, from the rugged helicopters of the Vietnam period to the futuristic unmanned aerial vehicles of tomorrow’s battlefields.

More than five decades after its development, the sleek, futuristic Lockheed SR-71 “Blackbird” remains the fastest air-breathing, manned aircraft in the world. Designed by Lockheed engineers assigned to the Advanced Development Program under the leadership of Kelly Johnson, one of the twentieth century’s most inspired aircraft designers, the SR-71 filled a desperate need for reliable

strategic reconnaissance during the Cold War. The

Blackbird’s unique design evolved from the challenges of meeting the goal of operating beyond the range of interception in both speed and altitude. In 1976, more than ten years after its first flight the SR-71 set two world records for its class with a speed of 2,193.167 mph and an altitude of 85,068.997 feet.

Next stop on our tour:



Planes of Fame Museum

The story of the Planes of Fame Air Museum (*borrowed from their website*) is the story of one man’s vision.

Ed Maloney knew that protecting our aviation history was important. At a time when very few shared his foresight, he understood the need to preserve, inspire, educate, and honor the legacy of what was then an industry less than half a century old.

Today, his vision is reflected in

the extensive collection of the Planes of Fame Air Museum, comprising aircraft and artifacts that might have been lost forever. His vision lives in the roar and thunder of rare war-



birds flying overhead to the delight of millions. Moreover, his vision perseveres through the efforts of our volunteers and staff to make the experience of each visitor to the Museum unique and memorable.

The Planes of Fame Air Museum collection now numbers close to 160 aircraft. The majority of these are maintained in pristine condition and are on display throughout the Museum. At the heart of the collection are the warbirds of the Second World War. These include aircraft from all sides of the battlefield. We enter the jet age with examples from the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and several important test aircraft of the period.



**Friday, October 20, 2023 tour:
Board at 8:45am–depart at 9:00am
Tour is all-inclusive:
admission and LUNCH!**



Palm Springs Air Museum

The Palm Springs Air Museum is a living history museum dedicated to educating the public about the role Air Power played in preserving American liberties and way of life. The Museum preserves, exhibits, and flies aircraft from World War Two, Korean War, Vietnam War and the Global War on Terror. A good portion of the aircraft in the collection are in flyable condition.

In addition to flyable and static aircraft, the Museum uses permanent and temporary exhibits, related artifacts, artwork, and library sources to perpetuate American History.

Many of their docents are veterans and are willing to share their experiences and sacrifices for the education of future generations.

**Saturday, October 21, 2023
Board at 10:45am–depart 11:00am
Enjoy lunch on your own!**

L A Farmer's Market & Hollywood Highlights

Fred Beck & Roger Dahlhjem wanted to build a "Village" at the corner of 3rd & Fairfax where local farmers could sell their fresh fare. E.B. Gilmore agreed to give it a go. In July 1934, a dozen farmers and a few other merchants parked their trucks at the corner of 3rd & Fairfax and sold their fresh produce from the back of the trucks.

By October 1934, mere months after it opened, farmers and merchants, including restaurants, grocers and service providers, were moving into permanent stalls and the new Farmers Market was so popular that its founders staged a celebration, the first Fall Festival at Farmers Market.

While it grew to be a must-see destination for travelers from around the world, Farmers Market was always the favorite place for L.A. families to shop for groceries.

Hollywood and Farmers Market have been best friends for more than 85 years. During a fundraiser for the



Red Cross in 1936, many stars worked behind the counters at Farmers Market shops. Shirley Temple, the nation's top box office draw, drew a large and adoring crowd at

Brock's Candies.

Enjoy choosing among the fabulous food options for lunch or simply browse the thousands of items for sale, L. A.'s Farmer's Market has a rich colorful past and present, you won't want to miss.



After lunch and shopping you will re-board your bus for a driving tour of Hollywood. You'll also have an opportunity to see the stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre. Great stop for photos!



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REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

STOP!

◇ RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM ***FIRST!***

The reunion hotel has a liberal cancellation policy—in the event you are unable to attend the reunion, you will be able to cancel your reservation without penalty within 72 hours of your scheduled check-in time. However, if you wait until the last minute to book your room reservation, you may not receive the reunion rate or rooms may no longer be available at the reunion hotel.

Canceling your hotel reservation does NOT cancel your reunion activities.

◇ COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out the registration form completely.

- ⇒ Fill out your name as you wish it to be on your name tag—and for up to 3 guests registering with you. The principle attendee **MUST** be a current member of the Society to register for the reunion. You may JOIN and/or RENEW directly on the registration form. If you are a veteran, and/or affiliated with a bomb or fighter group, please indicate which group.
- ⇒ ALL meals are priced separately. Please note: Breakfast is on your own! Be sure and select your choice of entrée if you plan on attending the Saturday evening gala.
- ⇒ There are three [3] tour options available during the reunion. Please read the information [here in this issue] on each tour and then make your selection on the form. **Tours have limited seating and are filled on a first come first available basis.**

◇ MAIL IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM

Once you have completed your registration form, please total up the amount owed and include a check, money order, or credit card information on the form, payable to the **8th AFHS** and mail to:

8th AFHS
68 Kimberlys Way
Jasper, GA 30143-4769

Or you may **SCAN** your registration form if paying by credit card
[a 3% convenience fee will be added]
and then

—> **EMAIL** to:

ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org

ALL registration forms **MUST** be **received** by **September 23, 2023** in order to guarantee your place. If you have any questions or problems in completing your registration, please contact:

Debra Kujawa
Managing Director
8th AFHS
912-748-8884

ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org

ALL reunion information and forms are available on our website: 8thAFHS.org



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HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

(800) 222-8733

(Reference 'Air Force Historical' for group rate)

or **ONLINE** hotel reservation link on our website: www.8thafhs.org

If you have ANY problems making your reservations, please CALL me!



Location

The DoubleTree by Hilton Ontario Airport is located at 222 North Vineyard Avenue, Ontario CA, 91764 and provides the perfect setting for your visit to Southern California. Enjoy breakfast and lunch at Citrus West, their open-air restaurant, and stop by Porter's Prime Steak House for a classic dinner menu. Vineyards offers relaxed drinks, and Misty's Lounge hosts live entertainment every night. Room service is available morning to night. Enjoy the resort atmosphere in wonderfully relaxed surroundings.

Shuttle Service

For those of you flying into **Ontario International Airport**, there is complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport to the hotel. To use the shuttle **TO** the hotel, you **MUST** call for pickup:

909-937-0900 option #0

If You Drive

Overnight self-parking is \$16.75 (inclusive) per day.

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Group Name: *8th Air Force Historical Society*

Reunion Dates: October 18-22, 2023

Rate: \$179+14% = \$204.06 per night. Rates are offered 3 days prior and 3 days post reunion based on availability.

Cut off Date: 9/23/2023

Cancellation Policy: All reservations have a 72 hour cancellation policy, or attendee will be charged one night room rate plus tax.

WHEELCHAIR RENTALS

ScotAround: (888) 441-7575 or ScotAround.com

HOSPITALITY SUITES

HOSPITALITY SUITES will be offered to groups on a **first come, first reserved** basis.

The number of suites is limited, so we ask that you reserve your suite as soon as possible. Suites are located throughout the hotel, but we will post location information at the registration desk as to where each group is located!

PLEASE contact **ME** ASAP to reserve your suite!

Call or email ASAP:

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REUNION SCHEDULE

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Wednesday, October 18

8:00am — 5:00pm Reunion Registration open
6:00pm — 7:00pm Welcome Reception, followed by dinner on your own
7:00pm — 9:00pm 8th AFHS Board Meeting
7:00pm — until Hospitality Suites remain open throughout reunion

Thursday, October 19

7:30am — 8:30am Breakfast on your own*
8:00am — 5:00pm Reunion Registration open **TBD****
8:30am — 4:30pm **March Field Air Museum & Planes of Fame Museum ~ Includes Lunch**
6:00pm — 9:00pm Cash Bar Open
7:00pm — 9:00pm Buffet dinner and program: **Greg Stathatos ~ B-17 Archaeology Founder**

Friday, October 20

7:30am — 8:30am Breakfast on your own
8:00am — 5:00pm Reunion Registration **TBD**
7:45am — 8:45am Group Meetings
9:00am — 4:00pm **Palm Springs Air Museum ~ Includes Lunch**
6:00pm — 9:00pm Cash Bar Open
7:00pm — 9:00pm Rendezvous Dinners

Saturday, October 21

7:30am — 8:30am Breakfast on your own
8:00am — 5:00pm Reunion Registration **TBD**
8:45am — 10:15am General Membership Meeting
12:00pm — 4:00pm 8th AFHS Board Meeting
11:00am — 4:30pm **L. A. Farmer's Market & Hollywood [Includes Grauman's Chinese Theatre]**
6:00pm — 9:00pm Cash Bar Open
7:00pm — 10:00pm Gala Dinner and Program ~ **Col Erik L Aufderheide, USAF AFRC 452**

Sunday, October 23

7:30am — 8:30am Breakfast on your own

****Breakfast is NOT included in our reunion package...please check times with hotel.***

*****TBD Registration may be closed during the time scheduled
for certain tours and/or group meetings.***

Please pick up registration packets at your earliest convenience.

***It is important that you be in the bus boarding area**

at least ten [10] minutes prior to the scheduled departure times.

All tours require a minimum of 45 participants, unless otherwise stated.

Staff gratuities ARE included in the tour prices ~ Please remember to tip your driver!



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REGISTRATION CUT-OFF DATE IS September 23, 2023 (NO refunds on cancellations past this date)	Price p/p	# of People	TOTAL
DUES: The principal attendee <i>MUST</i> be a CURRENT member of the 8th AFHS to register for this reunion. If you are NOT CURRENT , or a member, please pay your yearly dues here:	\$ 60	#	\$
REGISTRATION FEE (non-refundable): EVERY attendee MUST pay registration fee	\$ 45	#	\$
<u>DINNERS</u>			
Thursday, Oct 19: Dinner Buffet ~ Chef's delightful favorites welcoming you to California!	\$ 60	#	\$
Friday, Oct 20: Rendezvous Dinners—Rosemary Infused Chicken & all the trimmings!	\$ 55	#	\$
Saturday, Oct 21: GALA Banquet (Please select one entrée per person)			
Grilled Flat Iron Steak (beef) with red wine jus de veau and sides	\$ 55	#	\$
Pepper Crusted Salmon (seafood) with amazing sides	\$ 55	#	\$
Vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, etc—Please indicate type: Thurs ___ Fri ___ Sat ___	\$ 55	#	\$
TOUR OPTIONS: <u>LUNCH INCLUDED</u> on Thursday & Friday!			
Thursday, Oct 19: 8:30am-4:30pm ~ March Field Air Museum & Planes of Fame ~ Includes LUNCH*	\$ 44*	#	\$
Friday, Oct 20: 9:00am-4:00pm ~ Palm Springs Air Museum ~ Includes LUNCH*	\$ 60*	#	\$
Saturday, Oct 21: 11:00am-4:30pm ~ L A Farmer's Market & Hollywood ~ <u>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN!</u>	\$ 40	#	\$
Total amount payable to: 8th AFHS			\$

Please PRINT. If registering a veteran, please list their name, first. **MAXIMUM of FOUR [4] persons per registration form!**

MEMBER NAME (for name tag): _____ WWII VETERAN? _____

BG/FG Affiliation (for Rendezvous Dinner seating) 351st BG Post WWII Veteran: _____ (Branch of Military): _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DAYTIME PH #: _____ EMAIL: _____

SPOUSE or GUEST #1: _____

GUEST #2: _____ GUEST #3: _____

ADDRESS if different from above: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DAYTIME PH # if different from above: _____ EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PH #: _____

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WILL BE USING A WHEELCHAIR ON TOURS: _____ NEED HYDRAULIC LIFT?: _____

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD — M/C; VISA; or AmEx (**a 3% convenience fee will be added**):

CARD #: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Your contact information will only be shared with attendees.

MAIL completed form with check or credit card info to: 8th AFHS ~ 68 Kimberlys Way ~ Jasper, GA 30143-4769

IF paying by credit card, you may SCAN and email form to: ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org

Questions? PLEASE CALL: (912) 748-8884