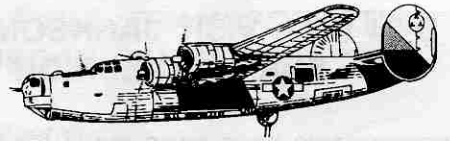


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-16th PRE-REUNION REVIEW

## 449TH LOSES TWO OF ITS GREATEST WARTIME LEADERS

Colonel Jack Randolph, former 449th Bomb Group Commander and President Emeritus of the 449th Bomb Group Association and the Honorable Lloyd Bentsen, former 716th Squadron Commander died during the past several months. Colonel Randolph, in addition to his outstanding leadership of the 449th during World War II, with his beloved wife Nellie, was the "sparkplug" of the 449th Bomb Group Association and missed very few of the Reunion meetings. Lloyd Bentsen, probably the most famous 449er, had a long and distinguished career as a U.S. Senator and in several top positions in the Executive Branch of the Government. The obituaries of these two great men, as printed in local newspapers, are as shown below:

### **Ventura**

#### ***Jack L. Randolph***

Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Jack L. Randolph passed away in his home in Ventura on June 20, 2005, at the age of 95. His wife, Nellie, and sons, Jack Jr., and Edward, were at his bedside.

Col. Randolph was born in Warrenton, Ore., on Sept. 9, 1909, to Frank and Lucy (Lindley) Randolph, the oldest of seven children.

Col. Randolph was in the first class to graduate from Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, in 1931. It was known then as "The West Point of the Air." He served in the Air Force for 31 years during World War II in Italy with the 15th Air Force. He was commander of the 449th Bomb Group Heavy. He was awarded the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, several Bronze Stars and other medals and citations. Col. Randolph was the last surviving bomb group commander of World War II in the 15th Air Force.

After he retired, he worked for Abex Corp. in Oxnard as quality control manager for 12 years. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, a daughter, two sons, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a local hospice in Col. Randolph's name.

Services at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside Calif., are pending.

## SQUADRON C.O. BENTSEN

Lloyd Millard Bentsen died on Monday 23, 2006, at the age of 85. After flying 50 missions with the 449th, he returned to Texas, becoming a judge, then a congressman, then a senator and finally Treasury Secretary under President Clinton. Clinton credited Bentsen with reducing the federal deficit, providing vital economic aid to Russia and insuring Senate approval of the North American Free Trade Agreement. The funeral service was attended by Reese Mathiew of the 449th as well as former President, Governor Rick Perry and Senators John Kerry, John Cornyn and Kay and Bailey Hutchison. His wife, Beryl Ann had cared for her husband after two debilitating strokes. The above story was written in the Austin American Statesman.

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## GOLF OUTING THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007

Elegantly crafted by renowned golf course architect Arthur Hills, Windsor Parke Golf Club is the premiere 18 hole championship golf course in the Jacksonville area. The course, which features sculpted, rolling fairways, strategic bunkering and dramatic elevations that are typical of a Hills layout, has the distinction of being selected as one of the top 100 golf courses in the state of Florida.

*Price: \$43.00 per person (after noon)*

*\$48.00 per person (am tee times)*

*Includes greens fees, cart fees, range balls and taxes. Based upon a guaranteed minimum of 16 participants.*

## B-24 WILL VISIT JACKSONVILLE FOR 16th REUNION

Arrangements have been made for the Collins Foundation B-24 to visit the Jacksonville area during the 449th Bomb Group Association 16th Reunion. The B-24 will be available at the Amelia Island Municipal Airport from 1200 on January 19th until the evening of January 21st. Fernandina Beach/Amelia Island is about 45 minutes by auto/bus from the Wyndham Hotel. We have arranged with our tour agency (Active Escapes) to incorporate a visit to the B-24 with a tour of Fernandina Beach and Amelia Island on Saturday, January 20th. A description of the inclusive tour may be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Of course, 449th Members can plan their own transportation anytime during the B-24's availability. Also, the Collins Foundation would be pleased to accept your reservation for a flight on the B-24 while the aircraft is in the Jacksonville area. You may contact the Collins Foundation at 800-568-8924 if you are interested in scheduling a flight.

## VETERAN'S MEMORIAL WALL, JACKSONVILLE CITY TOUR ANHEUSER-BUSCH BREWERY TOUR THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007

### Proposed itinerary\*

|          |                               |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| 12:45 pm | Meet in hotel lobby           |
| 1:00 pm  | Depart hotel/Commence tour    |
| 3:00pm   | Tour concludes                |
| 3:30 pm  | Arrive Anheuser-Busch Brewery |
| 5:00 pm  | Return to hotel               |

### Your tour includes:

- Jacksonville City and Cultural Tour
- Expert regional tour guides
- Deluxe transportation
- Active Escapes representative available during all activities
- All taxes, gratuities and coordination

This unique two hour tour of Jacksonville, the "River City" will highlight the defining sites of its history and cultural downtown locations. Commencing at

the waterfront Jacksonville Landing, our guide will trace the city's roots to its origin as "Cowford". Learn of the Timuquan Indians, the area's first inhabitants and French and Spanish colonization 55 years before the Pilgrim's landed in the New World. The historic neighborhood of San Marco will give the visitor a view of beautiful homes along River Road and its shopping district will be our location for lunch. Modern points of interest include the Jacksonville Veteran's Memorial Wall in downtown Jacksonville. This Memorial Wall is unique in that it lists the veteran's of Duval County that have died during wartime service by the high schools in which they attended.

The Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour features an open air gallery overlooking the floor of the Brew Hall, Which offers an excellent step-by-step look at the all-Natural Budweiser brewing process. You will marvel at the speed and efficiency of the bottling and canning operations. Midway through the tour, relax in the Hospitality Room over complimentary tastings of the popular beers.

## ST. AUGUSTINE HISTORIC TOUR FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2007

### Proposed itinerary:\*

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 8:45 am  | Meet in lobby                                |
| 9:00 am  | Depart hotel                                 |
| 10:00 am | Arrive St. Augustine/Commence tour           |
| Noon:    | Tour concludes                               |
| Noon:    | Lunch (on your own) in the historic district |
| 2:30 pm: | Depart St. Augustine                         |
| 3:30 pm: | Arrive hotel                                 |

\* All times are estimated and may be subject to change.

### Your tour includes:

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
  - Expert regional guides
  - Active Escapes representative available during all activities
  - Admissions to all attractions being toured
  - All taxes, gratuities and coordination
- \$48.00 per person (based upon a guaranteed*

*minimum of 50 participants per motorcoach)*

## **AMELIA ISLAND TOUR AND SHOPPING**

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2007**

#### Proposed itinerary:\*

8:45 am Meet in lobby  
 9:00 am Depart hotel  
 10:00 am Arrive Fernandina Beach, Amelia Island via The Buccaneer Trail, Commence historic district tour  
 Noon: Lunch (on your own) in historic district  
 1:00 pm Free time for shopping on Centre Street  
 3:00 pm Depart Amelia Island  
 4:00 pm Arrive hotel

\*All times and prices are estimated and may be subject to change.

#### Your tour includes:

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Expert regional guides
- Active Escapes representative available during activities
- Admissions to all attractions being toured
- All taxes, gratuities and coordination

Discover the beauty and history of Amelia Island, Florida. Located just 45 minutes north of Jacksonville lies an oasis of nature and a very interesting history. Your tour will actually start shortly after the departure from the hotel as we explore the "Buccaneer Trail" on our transit to Amelia Island. The "Buccaneer Trail" takes us through maritime forests along the ancient route of Timucuan Indians, Spanish, French and English explorers.

The tour will proceed to the historic village of Fernandina Beach where we will be met by a local writer who will provide a very informative and entertaining tour of this historic village.

Our lunch will be in the historic district which has a number of dining options. One of these is The Florida House, the oldest surviving hotel in the state of Florida dating back to 1857. The Florida House is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. There you can dine on a delicious "Southern Home Style Lunch" that will leave the participants extremely satisfied.

Afternoon shopping on Centre Street will be yet another highlight of this memorable outing.

## **CECIL FIELD TRANSPORTATION**

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2007**

#### Proposed itinerary:\*

9:15 am Meet in lobby  
 9:30 am Depart hotel  
 10:00 am Arrive Cecil Field  
 10:00 am B-24 static display  
 Noon: Catered Lunch at Cecil Field (optional)  
 1:00 pm Depart Cecil Field  
 1:30 pm Arrive hotel

\*All times are estimated and may be subject to change.

#### Your tour includes:

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Active Escapes representative available during all activities
- All taxes, driver gratuities, fuel service charges and coordination

*Catered lunch option will be a separate cost*

## **PRIVATE RIVER CRUISE AND LUNCH**

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2007**

Your private river cruise charter will be a one of a kind tour of Florida's First Coast Waterways. Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of an old time paddleboat, The Lady St. Johns, as we explore the pristine rivers of Northeast Florida. During the charter your group will dine on a delicious lunch.

The cruise will commence and end in downtown Jacksonville on the majestic St. John's River. The St. John's is one of two major rivers (the other being the Nile) in the Northern Hemisphere that flows to the North.

#### Proposed itinerary:(Times subject to change)

10:45 pm Meet in lobby/depart hotel  
 11:00 am Cruise departs  
 1:00 pm Cruise returns

#### Your tour includes:

- Two hour river cruise
- Active Escapes representative available during activities
- 3 course lunch on the ship
- All taxes, gratuities and coordination

Price: \$40.00 per person (based on a minimum of 50 participants)

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|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| 55 - "Brother Men Who Fly" .....  | \$10.00 |
| 14 - 449th Caps .....             | \$15.00 |
| 2 - History Books #4 .....        | \$35.00 |
| 47 - Planes of the 449th .....    | \$9.00  |
| 18 - Bumper Stickers .....        | \$2.00  |
| 8 - 716th Shoulder Patches .....  | \$2.50  |
| 31 - 717th Shoulder Patches ..... | \$2.50  |
| 26 - 716th Clutch Pins .....      | \$2.50  |
| 15 - 717th Clutch Pins .....      | \$2.50  |
| 48 - 719th Clutch Pins .....      | \$2.50  |