

A Reunion to Remember 2021 B-26 Marauder Historical Society

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Barksdale Air Force Base is steep in history. At the start of World War II, Barksdale was the largest airfield in the United States and the B-26 Martin Marauder was a large part of its history.

We chose Barksdale AFB and the Shreveport/Bossier City area for this year's reunion because of our Marauder men and women. Forty crew members were trained there every month from 1942 through 1945. B-26 pilots would pick up their new planes and crews before heading overseas to fight in WW II.

We will be spending a day on the base learning the history of the B-26 Marauder shared with Barksdale AFB. Barksdale is now home to the B-52 (Buff) MHS is honored to be involved with the naming of a B-52 "Flak Bait II" and will visit this plane as well on our tour.



We will be visiting the American Rose Association Memorial Gardens. Then we will float down the Red River on a river boat, learning the vast history of the area.

Please join us this year for a reunion that you won't forget. You will have the pleasure of visiting with our 1st generation men, and learn about their stories and experiences at Barksdale Air Force Base, and see where your father, grandfather or uncle trained in the past. We can't wait to see everyone there!

2021 BARKSDALE REUNION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, 30 September -- Pre-Reunion optional dinner

No-host Early Arrivers' dinner at the local restaurant, Ralph & Kacoo's

Friday, 1 October -- Renewing Acquaintances Day

MHS Board of Directors Meeting
 Registration Desk Opens
 Hospitality/ MHS Store Opens
 Evening Welcome Reception at Hotel



Sunday, 3 October -- Education Day and Banquet

First-Generations Panel
 Post-Generations Panel
 Pat Rogers, David Pawski, Pat Robinson - Restoration Panel
Lunch in Hospitality Room. MHS Store open
 Barksdale and Flak-Bait II video
 Jan Dewild – WWII Recovery Team
 Harold Jenson – How to archive
 Ron Bolesta – In My Father's Footsteps
 Amy Russ – Historian of the 307th



Saturday, 2 October -- Adventure Fun

American Rose Center Tour
 Riverboat Tour
Lunch on the go, provided by MHS
 Hospitality/MHS Store reopens upon return to the hotel
 Book Signing - 2:45pm
Dinner on your Own
 Happy Marauder Birthday – 7:30pm
 Cake
 Birthday games
 Airplane race
 Who's who game
 Fun for All!



Banquet

Reception – 5:30pm
 Honor Guard Missing Man Ceremony
 Opening remarks by President and Reunion Chair
 Keynote Speaker by Lieutenant Colonel Bowman
Dinner
 Raffle
 Silent Auction
 Hospitality Room open after banquet



Monday, 4 October -- Barksdale Air Force Base

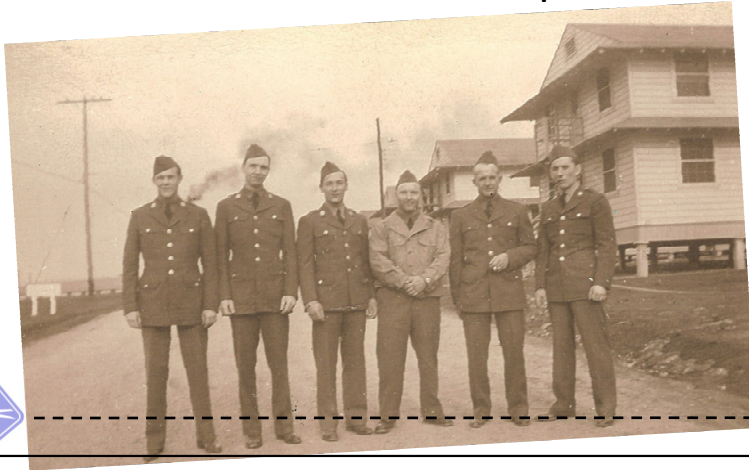
Visiting Barksdale Air Force Base and Flak-bait II
Museum tour and wreath presentation
Visit Flak-Bait II , pilot and crew chief.

No-Host Lunch on Base

Parachute and hanging harness demonstration

Hospitality/MHS Store reopens upon return to the hotel

To get on base at Barksdale we need a copy of every attendee's Drivers License or State Issue ID and the last 4 of your Social Security Number. If you choose not to submit these you are welcome to attend all Reunion activities EXCEPT the trip to Barksdale Air Force Base on Monday October 4th.



2021 Barksdale – B-26 MHS Reunion Registration Form – October 1 - 4, 2020

Please use this registration form for up to TWO attendees. Make copies of this form to register additional individuals. Members may bring one guest at the member rate.

Name: _____ MHS Member? Y N First or Nick Name for Badge: _____

Guest Name: _____ MHS Member? Y N First or Nick Name for Badge: _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

Bomb Group _____ Bomb Squadron _____ Wheelchair or Special Assistance? Y N (describe on separate page)
Please bring necessary mobility assistance.

Please list guest contact information (address/phone/email) below if different from what is listed above:



Registration fee includes: full access to the Hospitality Suite, Welcome Reception, Lunch Saturday and Sunday, access to all scheduled Lectures and Panel Sessions, the Banquet, plus transportation and admissions during the reunion.

- PLEASE COMPLETE OTHER SIDE FOR REGISTRATION FEES -

Transportation and Hotel

The host hotel for the 2021 B-26 MHS Reunion is Lebossier Hotel & Event Center, located at 4000 Industrial Dr. Bossier City, LA. This hotel features a 24-hour fitness center, a snack bar/deli, and a 24-hour business center. Free WiFi and free self parking are also provided. Other amenities include a seasonal outdoor pool, free continental breakfast for all our MHS guests as well as flat-screen TVs in all rooms.

Rates are \$64+tax per night for single or double occupancy.

Rates are available 28 September – 6 October

This special group rate expires September 16, 2021 so book early!

Reservations are available by phone 318-747-0711

Let them know you are there for the

B-26 Marauder Historical Society Reunion



United Airlines has graciously agreed to provide a discount on regular economy, business and 1st class fares. You can book your flight online by visiting www.united.com/meetingtravel and use promo offer code **ZK73**. Or you can book by phone at 800-426-1122 with your travel agent and reference the offer code above. Not only will you receive the discount, but MHS may also earn a United benefit.!

There is no Elevator. If you cannot use the stairs make sure to reserve a ground floor room.

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| <p>By registering you understand that there will be audio and video recording and are providing consent to the use of your image/voice in these recordings.</p> | <p>Registration</p> | <p>You</p> | <p>\$295 = \$ _____</p> |
| | | <p>Your Guest</p> | <p>\$295 = \$ _____</p> |
| | | <p>Special Rate for WWII Veterans</p> | <p>_____ @ \$245 = \$ _____</p> |
| <p>(Must be <u>received</u> at MHS office by 8/06/2021 to receive this rate)</p> | | | |
| <p><i>If you are not a member of the B-26 Marauder Historical Society add \$20 and we will give you a membership for the remainder of 2021. This allows you to bring one guest at the reduced member rate.</i></p> | | <p>Non-Member please add \$20 = \$ _____</p> | |

Attendees staying in our Lebossier Hotel & Event Center room block receive discounted registration!
 If you are not staying in the MHS block at least two nights, please add the non-host-hotel surcharge, _____ @ \$50 = \$ _____ per person.

Banquet-only tickets: Name #1 _____ Name #2 _____ @ \$60 = \$ _____
 (This option is for **non-registered individuals** who want to **attend the Banquet only**)

Method of Payment

personal/business check
 Credit Card payments

REUNION GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____

Online registration available on our Website!

Fill out your entry form online & be entered into a drawing for a B-26 MHS logo item!

www.B-26MHS.org

- I am interested in joining in the no-host “early-arrivers” dinner on Thursday September 30th.
- I have submitted a copy of each attendee’s State Issued ID and last 4 of their SSN so they may be permitted at Barksdale AFB

Note: Regular and On-site registrations will be at higher rates and Single Event registration will be on a space-available basis.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION POLICY

Prior to Aug 7 - Full Refund

Aug 7 - Sep 15 - Refund less \$75 per registrant

Sorry, no refunds after Sep 15