

TLC BROTHERHOOD'S "BROTHERS ON MY MIND" IN ATLANTA

There is almost too much to tell about this year's annual meeting and reunion. In keeping with our goal of keeping the cost low we have managed to get full breakfasts included with amazingly low hotel room costs, no parking fees at the hotel, and all rooms equipped with refrigerators and microwaves! And on Friday all noon meals will be provided by Chick-fil-A if you take a tour.

Program

Thursday, Sep 23rd

Noon: Registration in the Nipa Hut

Dinner: Sandwiches and chips in the Nipa Hut with speaker Roger Graham, author of "Nimrods"

Friday, Sep 24th

Morning: Optional tours to Lockheed, Chick-fil-A HQ, and downtown Atlanta

Late afternoon: Mac Thompson on his years in Thailand and Laos

Dinner: Hilton Signature Buffet

After dinner: The famous TLCB Auction!

Saturday, Sep 25th

Morning: TLCB, Inc. annual meeting

Lunch: Special World War II guest panel, with Hilton sandwiches and accompaniments

Evening: TLCB Banquet with guest speaker Jack Shaw.

Banquet dress: "business casual" preferred.

Sunday, Sep 26th

0900: Full memorial service led by TLCB Chaplain Deborah Stein and BGen/Chaplain Douglas Lee, US Army. Service will include color guard, music, readings of names and personal remembrance opportunities.

Tours:

We plan on three tour options on Friday morning, all returning by mid-afternoon.

Tour L is to the Lockheed Martin aircraft factory at Dobbins AFB in Marietta. This plant is home to the C-130J Super Hercules transport and the F-22 Raptor air dominance fighter. The Marietta site is also responsible for the avionics and engine modernization programs for the C-5 Galaxy strategic transport, as well as P-3 Orion program operations, including the new wing production line. The tour itself is about 1½ hours and lunch will be box lunches provided by Chick-fil-A.

Tour C is to the impressively modern and efficient headquarters of Chick-fil-A. It will be a delight for both men and women. The founder of Chick-fil-A, Truett Cathy, is an unusual, philanthropic man who came home from the Army and started his first restaurant in 1946, founded Chick-fil-A, Inc. in the 1960s, and with God's help, he and his sons have grown his business into one



of our country's largest food chains. First you will visit the extensive antique and classic car collection, his and those on loan, in his storage barn. Then you will go to the beautiful, woodsy headquarters campus, where there are many delights to see, taste, and experience. You will enjoy a wonderful lunch buffet (not regular Chick-fil-A fare), complete with fruit, salad, entrées of the day, and dessert choices, provided by Chick-fil-A at no charge in their spacious guest cafeteria. You'll see even more cars, including the Batmobile and some motorcycles! Enjoy the nostalgia of a walk through Truett's original Atlanta restaurant setting with its memorabilia. Throughout, there are wonderful paintings, 250 beautiful Remington bronze statues and even some exquisitely carved ivory.

Tour A (tentative) will be an escorted, pay-as-you-go tour to attractions in downtown Atlanta, including options such as the famous Georgia Aquarium (largest single tank in the world), Coca Cola's fabulous "World of Coke" display, CNN studios, Centennial Park Olympics site, Underground Atlanta, and other options.

The tours to Lockheed and Chick-fil-A will cost a nominal bus fee (max of \$15 each) and the downtown tour will be by public transit (MARTA). There may be discounts on admission to the World of Coke and Georgia Aquarium.

Speakers

Our World War II Panel will be comprised of Val Archer who was a Tuskegee Airman, Dutch Van Kirk who was the navigator of Enola Gay when it bombed Hiroshima, and Helen Denton who was Gen Eisenhower's clerk and typed the general orders for the invasion at Normandy. All are known to be excellent speakers. The panel will be moderated by our own professor Jim Closs. *Be thinking about questions for the panel.* Let's make sure this worthy group enjoys a good turnout!

The banquet speaker is Jack Shaw, aka "Raven 42" and mentioned frequently in the Christopher Robbins book "The Ravens" about FACs in Laos. Shaw also flew the F-117 Stealth fighter long before its existence was public knowledge.

Roger Graham was an A-26 Nimrod navigator and wrote the fascinating book, "Nimrods." He has loads of stories to tell.

Our own Mac Thompson is coming all the way from Bangkok to tell about Laos during the Secret War, helping Lao refugees after the war, and going back to Laos on behalf of TLCB Assistance.

What is the Nipa Hut?

At every reunion we have a space where brothers and sisters can meet casually, look at auction goods and BX merchandise, chat, snack and drink, and generally hang out. In our DC reunions this was always called the Nipa Hut, named for the little grass houses of the Philippines (and a famous hotel at Pattaya Beach in Thailand). This year the Nipa Hut will feature the usual open bar (pay once at registration) and especially good snacks, and we think you will find it warm and charming.

We look forward to hosting you in Atlanta!

The Atlanta Reunion Committee

New Raffle

2 Tickets to anywhere!

Thanks to our shopkeeper, Bob Pruiksma, his employer, AirTran, has donated a “good for a year” pair of round-trip tickets to anywhere in their domestic system. AirTran did this to help TLCB raise funds for Assistance. As with the Sisterhood Quilt Raffle, tickets are \$2 or ten for \$20. What a deal! Make as many copies of the enclosed sheet of tickets as you need. Or fill in one and we’ll complete as many as you pay for!



BX Announces Reunion Shirt



Brothers on My Mind. 2010 Reunion logo will appear on the back of the reunion pocketed t-shirts in dazzling color. See the *TLCB website* for a full-color view, as well as planned menus and other reunion details.

Reunion Hotel Information

Hilton Garden Inn Atlanta Airport/Millennium Center
2301 Sullivan Road, College Park, GA 30337

Reservations: Ask for *TLC Brotherhood rate*.

Phone: 1 (877) 782-9444

Rates: Standard king or queen \$72.00 plus tax (13%)
King junior suite \$92 plus tax
More than 2 guests, \$10 each per night

Price includes full, hot breakfast buffet

Microwave and refrigerator in each room

Room block availability guaranteed until 9/02/10

To get TLCB rate on “shoulder dates,” you must call Wendy Smallwood at (404) 766-0303.

Transportation: Free airport shuttle every 30 min., 22 hours per day.

Rosie Wheatley’s Quilt Raffle

The city of venue for the 2010 TLCB reunion, Atlanta, Georgia, is a city steeped in Civil War history. With that in mind, this year’s raffle quilt will replicate the “log cabin” pattern of Civil War vintage, and Rosie will construct it from authentic reproduction fabrics of that era. Finished dimensions will be approximately 60” x 80” – large enough to cover a standard or queen size bed. In keeping with the reunion theme, “Brothers on My Mind,” it will be a memory quilt. The preserved memories will solely honor our brothers in arms. As always, this will be a one-of-a-kind work, skillfully fashioned with tender, loving care – a treasure you would proudly display in your home.

The quilt label on the back will bear a list of the names of our TLCB brothers who have passed away since the TLCB first came together. We will reserve the remaining space on the back of the quilt for remembrances of brothers who our members specifically wish to honor. Brothers so honored may be veterans of our war, including members of Air America. He or she may be a veteran of any war – anyone who is part of the brotherhood of veterans, past or present, living or deceased - your old hooch mate, a special C.O., your best drinking buddy, or someone you may not have known at all, but someone whose service you wish to honor. This “brother” might be your father, mother, an uncle, aunt, or a cousin.

Remembrances: Each remembrance we include on the quilt is \$5. Each is inscribed by hand on the quilt backing. Buy as many remembrances as you like. Rosie suggests no more than 40 characters per line, up to five lines per remembrance. You may purchase six to ten lines for an additional \$5. (Up to five lines is \$5; six to ten lines is \$10.) As an example remembrance:

In Loving Memory Of
Kenton “Phil” Wheatley
Sergeant, U.S. Army Air Corps
753rd Bomb Squadron, 8th Air Force
World War II

Yours need not follow above specific format, but limit each line to 40 or fewer characters.

Raffle Ticket Information: Buy hundreds if you like! Only one ticket will win, but the more you buy, the greater your chances of winning, and the kids will enjoy a greater benefit. Your sheet of 10 raffle tickets is in this issue of the MEM. Tickets are \$2 each, \$20 per sheet. Fill in the requested information or use address labels. *Want lots of tickets the easy way?*

- Provide the requested information once on the sheet.
- Indicate how many tickets you want.
- We will enter and print the information for you, saving you time and writer’s cramp.

Quilt Raffle and Remembrance Payment

- Make your check payable to The TLC Brotherhood, Inc, in the amount to cover raffle tickets and remembrances.
- PRINT “Raffle Quilt” in the MEMO line of your check and indicate how many tickets you wish to buy.
- On an index card or separate sheet of paper, legibly PRINT or type the desired wording for your remembrances.
- Mail your check, your remembrances, and raffle ticket sheet(s) to: **TLCB, P.O. Box 343, Locust Grove, GA 30248**

Every dollar we raise by this project goes to the TLCB Assistance Fund, in the name of our brothers, to aid the needy children of the land we came to love so long ago.

