

IWO JIMA ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (IJAA)

72ND ANNIVERSARY IWO JIMA REUNION OF HONOR



**Join
us on the
Black Sands
in 2017!**



IWO JIMA ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

72nd Anniversary Battle of Iwo Jima

Reunion and Historical Symposium
15 - 19 February, 2017 - Oceanside, CA

Reunion of Honor Tour
20 - 27 March, 2017 - Guam and Iwo Jima

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Dear Iwo Jima veterans, families and friends:

In March 2002, the 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps, General "Jim" Jones, USMC was so impressed by the solemn feeling of warrior brotherhood expressed by the American and Japanese survivors on Iwo Jima that he decreed the Joint Reunion of Honor would become an annual event.

In March 2005, General "Mike" Hagee, USMC, 33rd Commandant, flew all night from Washington, DC to be with the veterans and their families on the anniversary.

In March 2010, the 34th Commandant, General "Jim" Conway, USMC, joined us for the 65th Anniversary, General "Jim" Amos, USMC the 35th Commandant attended in March 2014 and last March the 36th Commandant General "Joe" Dunford, USMC joined IJAA on Iwo for the historic 70th Anniversary in 2015 again strengthening the importance of this event for Marines of all eras. Since space is restricted on this "Reunion of Honor", (because we have to charter a civilian jet aircraft from Guam to Iwo Jima), you are **STRONGLY** encouraged to get your registration in the mail just as soon as possible. You can change your mind later. However, once the seats are gone, they're gone!

We personally look forward to seeing all of you on the "Black Sands" in March 2017. You will NEVER forget the feeling of awe when the plane sets down on Motoyama Airfield #2, on Iwo Jima. It is an indescribable experience!

Sincere fraternal regards,

L.F. "Larry" Snowden
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IMPORTANT NOTE: More and more **sons and daughters**, as well as other relatives and friends of Iwo Jima veterans, are joining our ranks. We want you to know that you are **MOST WELCOME!**

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**LEFT:
COMMANDANT
"JOE" DUNFORD
WITH SECNAV
"RAY" MABUS AT
THE 70TH
"REUNION OF HON-
OR" CEREMONY.
RIGHT:
COMMANDANT
"JIM" CONWAY**



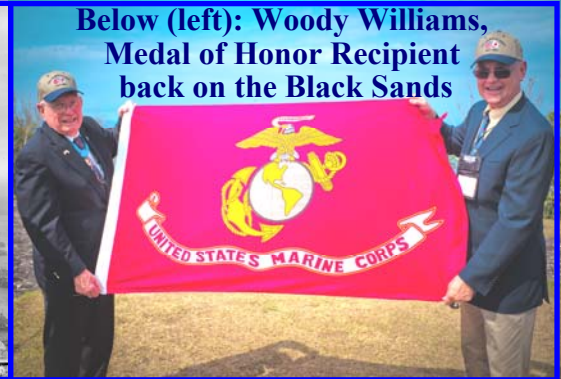
WITH A YOUNG MARINE DURING THE 65TH RETURN. *IJAA is proud to have Military Historical Tours (MHT) as our travel Partner since 1995.*

RETURN TO IWO JIMA

Early in the morning we will depart Guam for a day-long Memorial Tour and Observance on Iwo Jima. Upon arrival, you will be met by the official U.S. and Japanese Government delegation consisting of representatives from the Armed Services. (We will land on the site of Motoyama airfield #2.) After visiting Mt. Suribachi and the scene of the famed flag raising captured by Joe Rosenthal on 23 Feb 1945. Afterwards, Veterans and their families will gather above the landing beaches to conduct Memorial Services at the Anniversary Monument. These services, conducted by dignitaries and Veterans of the United States and Japan, will remember and memorialize those young men who gave their lives during the savage campaign for the island. Following a box lunch, we will continue touring the island to include the landing beaches. Late in the day we will return to the airfield where this historic day began, to gather one last time in friendship and camaraderie on the sacred soil of Iwo Jima.



**Below (left): Woody Williams,
Medal of Honor Recipient
back on the Black Sands**



GUAM • IWO JIMA



20—27 Mar 2017

Itinerary for Guam & Iwo Jima 2017

19 March Arrive Los Angeles for overnight if you want to break up trip and depart with a group on 20 March from LAX. *Allow MHT to book your airfare or arrange your own direct connections.*

Day 1 - 20 March Depart for Guam (Cross date-line, lose a day)

Day 2 - 21 March Arrive Guam. Transfer to Outrigger Guam Resort. Enjoy a traditional “Chamorro” Welcome!

Day 3 - 22 March Tour Spanish sites and visit the Gef Pa’go Cultural Village for tour and traditional Chamorran meal. Evening Free. (B/L)

Day 4 - 23 March Half the group will tour the Naval Station Guam with the War Dog Memorial as well as the Spanish influence in the southern portion of the island. The other half will visit the WWII sites mid-island including the Asan Invasion Beach, Asan Overlook and the Plaza de Espana historical sites. (B/L)

Day 5 - 24 March Today, we participate in a full day Educational-Historical Symposium on the Battle of Iwo Jima, hosted by the **Iwo Jima Association of America (IJAA.)** American Historians and Veterans will offer their perspective on different aspects of the battle, including roundtable discussions and a luncheon. Additionally, a comprehensive pre-tour briefing on “Iwo Jima Today” will be conducted. This evening is the 72nd Anniversary Reunion of Honor Banquet, with honored Guests, Veterans, and Guam Military & Civilian Dignitaries. (B/L/D)



Day 6 - 25 March Chartered IJAA 737 Flight to Iwo Jima. Upon arrival, you will be briefed on the plan for the day and proceed on your tour of the island. Please note that vehicle transportation is limited to Iwo Jima Veterans and older family members only. We will visit Mt Suribachi and the “Black Sands” landing beaches. We will attend a joint IJAA Memorial Service overlooking the landing beaches. (** *USA Passports Only permitted on charter per Japanese Immigration.* **) (B/L/D)

Day 7 - 26 March Today is a reverse itinerary of 23 March as groups switch routes. Farewell at the Pacific War Museum (Gerber Ranch.) (B/L/D)

Day 8 - 27 March Departure for home or head to Hawaiian Post Tour. (Cross International date line - gain a day)

IJAA Executive Director Shayne Jarosz with Iwo Jima and Guam Vet and longtime IJAA Media Relations Director “Cy” O’Brien on Guam.



Guam/Iwo Jima Tour Price

Basic Tour Price	\$ 3,995
<i>(Based on double occupancy)</i>	
Single Room Supplement	\$ 795
Iwo Jima Day Only	\$ 1,595
Symposium Day	\$ 50

Iwo Jima Tour Includes:

- Deluxe Hotel accommodations at the Outrigger Resort Guam
- Deluxe air conditioned motor coach transportation
- Round-trip airport transfers in Guam
- Military historical sites and battlefield tours
- **FULL DAY ON IWO JIMA, via charter jet**
- Meals as indicated in itinerary.
- ****Note:** Due to the size of this tour group Guam daily itineraries may change, but all areas will be visited. Final itineraries will be given out upon arrival in Guam.



Airfare Not Included: MHT Roundtrip Air Available Upon Request: Air Travel Price
Quotes from your hometown available approximately \$2,200 for planning purposes actual cost upon registration. These quotes available from any city



IMPORTANT NOTES

Booking Your Own Air - Requires you to provide your own airfare to Guam along with transfers from the airport to our hotel. MHT will provide all ground tour services as outlined for full tour participants, including round-trip charter air between Guam and Iwo Jima (** *There is NO Mileage accrual for Charter Flights.* **) MHT arranged airfare includes hotel transfers.

Group Size - Due to the capacity of the charter flight between Guam and Iwo Jima, space is very limited. Each registration is date stamped and processed upon receipt until the aircraft are filled. Registrations in excess of this number will be notified of their status and given the choice of cancelling or remaining on a "waitlist" until 30 days prior to departure. At this time we will return all registration deposits that cannot be accommodated.

Iwo Jima Only Tours - We receive many requests for the Iwo Jima day only. Because of the great demand we receive from those who wish to participate in the full tour from Los Angeles, we may not be able to offer an "Iwo only" option for those residing outside of Guam, Saipan, or Tinian. This ensures that every tour participant is guaranteed a spot on the flight to Iwo Jima. Those residing on Guam, Saipan, or Tinian, who are Iwo Jima Veterans, or family members, will be given first consideration for available seats on the charter flight to Iwo Jima.

PRE - TOUR SAIPAN & TINIAN

MHT'S LEGACY SERIES OF PACIFIC BATTLEFIELD TOURS 17 - 21 March 2017

Pre-Tour Itinerary to Saipan and Tinian

16 March

Arrive Los Angeles for overnight if you want to break up trip and depart with a group on 20 March from LAX. *Allow MHT to book your airfare or arrange your own direct connections.*

Day 1 - 17 March

Depart Los Angeles for Saipan (via Honolulu and Guam). (Cross International Dateline - lose a day.)

Day 2 - 18 March

Arrive Saipan in the evening with a traditional Saipan island welcome. Check into the Fiesta Resort for the duration of the pre-tour and relax for the remainder of the evening.

Day 3 - 19 March

A full day WWII history tour of Saipan beginning at the American Memorial Park Visitor Center. Next, the 2d and 4th Marine Division beaches where you can feel how exposed the Marines were to Japanese observers on Mt Tapotchau towering 1500 feet above us. Follow the progression of the battle south to Aslito/Isley Airfield. Next proceed through the infamous "Death Valley," flanked on the east by "Purple Heart Ridge" and on the west by the ever-imposing Mt Tapotchau. Following the flow of the 1944 battle northward, pass the notorious site of the mass banzai attack. End the day at "Suicide Cliff" and "Banzai Cliff," the sites of mass suicides. Here, where the battle for Saipan ended, are impressive memorials to peace. Group dinner in the evening. (B/L/D)



Day 4 - 20 March

Depart to Tinian Island for a battlefield study of this island's liberation. Marvel at the small and narrow invasion beaches where the Marine landings surprised the Japanese defenders. See pillboxes and the rusted hulk of a landing craft. Explore the now abandoned North Field, which in 1944-45 was the world's most active airfield with hundreds of B-29 bombers and tens of thousands of airmen and support troops. Visit the "bomb pits" where the atomic bombs

were loaded and see Runway Able where the Enola Gay took off for Hiroshima. Fly to Saipan late afternoon. (B/L)

Day 5 - 21 March

Participate in a moving Liberation Ceremony & wreath laying at the American Memorial Park. Each veteran will be individually honored by Saipan. Today we will also visit the CMMI museum, spanning all periods of Saipan history, as well as recovered Spanish treasure. The remainder of the day will be at leisure to take care of any unfinished shopping, take a swim, and pack for an early evening flight to Guam. After check-in at the Guam Outrigger Resort, the evening is at your leisure. (B/L)

Grotenhuis Family at the Enola Gay Bomb Loading Pit on Tinian



Saipan - Tinian Pre-Tour Price

Optional Tour Price \$ 1,795
(Based on double occupancy)

Single Room Supplement \$ 495

Pre-Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare from Guam to Saipan
- Roundtrip Airfare between Saipan and Tinian
- Deluxe Hotel accommodations on Saipan at the Fiesta Resort, Saipan located in the heart of Garapan close to the beach and nightlife.
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- Deluxe air conditioned motor coach transportation
- Round-trip airport transfers in Saipan
- Battlefield tours on Saipan and Tinian



PRE-TOUR YAP

MHT'S PACIFIC ADVENTURE DIVE ADVENTURE TOUR 14 - 22 March 2017

Pre-Tour Yap Dive Adventure Itinerary

13 & 14 Mar Mon & Tue—Depart USA for Yap cross international dateline (lose a day) arrive Yap just after midnight 15 Mar. Check into your beautiful Ocean View Room.



15 Mar Wed—Recovery day to sleep in and enjoy the beach. (B—

Breakfast)

16 Mar Thur—Today we commence our dive package with two dives of Sakura Terrace, O'Keefe Passage, Stonehenge or Telegraph Reef. (B)



17 Mar Fri—Today we dive to see the Mantas as we travel to the Valley of the Rays after a drift dive from Goofnuw Mini-wall plus a dive at Paaw Reef or Lighthouse Pass. (B)

18 Mar Sat—Today we hit the southern dive sites of Yap Caverns, Lionfish Wall, End of the Land or Eagle's Nest available for our dive adventures. (B)

19 Mar Sun—Today we head for the Philippine Sea and a drift dive in Mi'l Channel to Manta Ridge and Bay. Finish at Yap Corner with its oceanic gray sharks. (B)

20 Mar Mon—Today we finish our dive package with a trip to the Magic Kingdom or the Spanish Wall. The afternoon will end with Fan Dancer with the channels lost munitions or Crescent with its hammerheads. (B)



21 Mar Tue—Today we take the Island Tour. After a leisurely start to the day, we see the sites of Yap including the WWII Japanese Zero & Betty Bomber as well as the US planes recovered on the island. We will also see the cultural charms of Yap including the Stone Money and native village and ceremonies. End the day with a Beach BBQ (B/

BBQ Dinner)

22 Mar Wed—Morning departure for Guam to join main body at Outrigger Resort or depart for home.



Yap Dive Adventure Pre-Tour Price

Yap Pre-Tour (Based on double occupancy)	\$ 1,995
Non-Diver Rooming w/Diver	\$ 695
Single Room Supplement	\$ 455

Pre-Tour Includes:

- Ocean View Accommodations - Manta Ray Bay Resort
- 5-Day Dive Package—2-Dives a day
- Medical Evacuation Insurance
- Tax and roundtrip airport transfers
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Free Internet
- Services of experienced Tour Leaders

POST TOUR - HONOLULU & PEARL HARBOR

MHT'S LEGACY SERIES OF PACIFIC BATTLEFIELD TOURS

27 - 30 MARCH 2017

Enjoy 4 Nights & 4 Days at the Outrigger
Reef Waikiki Beach Resort

RELAX AND ENJOY THE SUN AND HISTORIC WWII SITES
ON HONOLULU!

Post Tour: \$ 1,295

(Based on double occupancy) Single Room Supplement: \$ 425



27 March - Depart Guam for Honolulu, HI.

26 March - (Cross International Dateline - gain a day.) Arrive Honolulu early evening and check into our Ohana Reef Waikiki Hotel. Dinner on your own.

27 March - After breakfast we depart for the Arizona Memorial. While there we also visit the USS Bowfin and the Submarine Museum. After lunch we tour the USS Missouri and Ford Island. (B/L)



Veterans on the Battleship USS Missouri



USS Arizona Memorial

28 March - After breakfast, we head for the "Punchbowl", the National Cemetery of the Pacific. From there we head to Ford Island to have lunch and visit the Pacific Aviation Museum. (B/L)

29 March - Day of leisure. After breakfast enjoy a fun filled day on Waikiki Beach or sightseeing in downtown Honolulu. Late checkout. Leave Hawaii on an evening flight. (B)

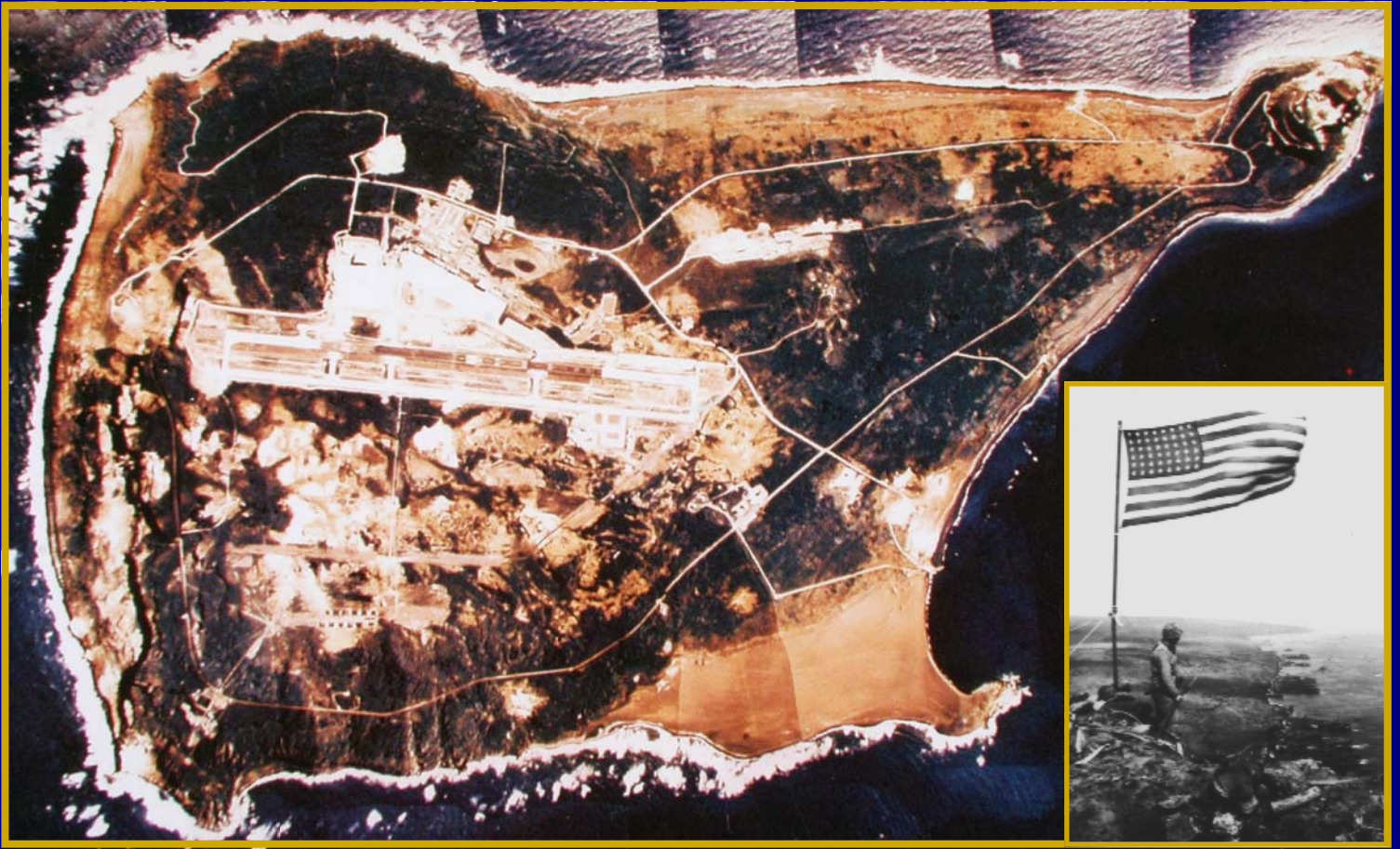


30 March - Arrive in the USA this morning.

OPTION: Add 1 to 7 additional days in Honolulu to see the sights or enjoy the beaches on your own. Call the office for details.



Waikiki Beach & Diamond Head



**IJAA RETURNS THE VETERANS OF IWO JIMA
TO THE "BLACK SANDS"
JOIN THEM FOR THE 72ND ANNIVERSARY**

