

BLACK WIDOW REUNION INFO, TAMPA, JULY 3,4 AND 5TH..

Ok! For those going to the unofficial gathering of the gaggle of Black Widow crew members and significant others and/or fans and/or roadies and/or any gunslingers looking for tips from some professional door gunners..

Thanks to the lovely and exciting [Susanna Madden](#) we now have some awesome rooms set aside for only \$99 per night.. or you can upgrade to a suite for \$119 and/or a full kitchen suite for \$129 per night.. at the Hampton Inn & Suites at: 8210 Hidden River Pky Tampa, 33637 Please make your reservations asap (after the papers are signed) at: (813) 903 6000 Tell them you want the rooms set aside for the Black Widows.

And for the record, they have a free shuttle to the Hard Rock Casino.. (They wanted \$319 a night).. There is a breakfast and dinner bar.. which I think is free and the shuttle also will take us to the Veterans Park where we will have a free Pavilion and access to the actual aircraft that most of us flew in Vietnam.. Tail number 562...

So far the names of those that have indicated they will be in attendance are: [Ron Riley](#), [David Miller](#), [John L Nordenstrom](#), [Bob Spradlin](#), [Richard and Barbara Green](#), [Michael and Leslie Green](#), [R Nicholas](#) and [Pat Palarino](#), [Bill May](#) and [Edie May](#), [Dennis Smalley](#), [Lee Over](#) (possibly), [Lee Swanson](#), [Bobbi Laird Hampel](#), [Joy lone](#), [Norma Minardi Cohen](#). (Any additions to this list will be provided as updates come in.)

I have talked with a number of others that have indicated they may attend also.. If you would like to attend, you are ALL welcome even if you just want to come and get some autographs from some bad asses.. Just let me know so we can make sure everyone gets a room.. and a Nickel beer.. /s/Larry Moak

Tentative Scheduling

The above from Larry Moak needs to be expanded to include some contact info... With his agreement, I'm going to put together a tentative schedule to insure that we all have the chance to meet on Day One.

Barbara and I will arrive on the 3rd at about 1PM. We are staying at the Hard Rock Hotel because of an offer they made that we could not refuse. Anyone who cares to meet us there, will find us in the Casino!! (My phone is 386-288-8007).. Larry Moak says he will meet us there and his phone is (228) 380-0017. Maybe Bill May also phone (386) 503-6868. (Anyone else want to add their phone numbers??)

We will depart the Hard Rock and attempt to arrive at the Hampton Inn at approximately 6:30PM (depending on traffic, which is always a son of a gun.) We can all decide where we'd like to eat at that time.

On the 4th, with the guidance of Bill May, those interested can take the shuttle from the Hampton Inn to the Veterans Park mentioned above. We will meet at the Hampton Inn for breakfast at 8AM... Hopefully we can depart for the Veterans Park around 9AM (or a tad later. Shuttle runs from 8AM to 9PM).... We will meet again at the Hampton Inn at approximately 6:30PM to decide where all want to go for dinner. (If there is free time between the Veterans Park and that time, we could all head over to the Hard Rock to have Moak give us a lesson on how to ALWAYS win a roulette. (Or so he says!)

Breakfast at the Hard Rock on the 5th, The Rise Resturant serves a great breakfast, if that is agreeable to all. Let's plan that for 8AM and all meet at the front registration desk. There is a lot of construction going on inside the hotel, so we may have to ask for directions to find the registration desk, depending on which entrance one uses. Hopefully someone will come up with an adventure for the 5th to somewhere in Tampa.

Barbara and I will be departing on the evening of the 5th, heading home, which is a 3 hour drive from Tampa, but with any luck the team of May and Moak will provide entertainment, as they have been known to do, for the hard core party-down folks that attend.

3 July – 1PM to 6PM - Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. Several good places to eat there. Hard Rock Café is LOUD.

3 July – 7PM to whenever – Hampton Inn for meet and greet, and figure out where we want to eat.

4 July – 8AM at Hampton Inn for breakfast, then depart for Veterans Park for a number of hours.

4 July - Any free time between Veterans Park and meeting for dinner will be spent at the Hard Rock Casino...

4 July – 6:30PM meet at Hampton Inn for dinner arrangements/suggestions.. Group decides what to do for rest of evening

5 July – 8AM - Meet at Hard Rock for breakfast. (Meet at registration desk) Will discuss what all want to do for the rest of the day. There's a lot to see at the Hard Rock... the ladies will love the shops and most of us will want to "get even" after losing earlier. *Smile*

**Any suggestions re what to do will be welcomed. Even though the Black Widows never run out of great WAR STORIES to the great enjoyment of their wives and guests! LOL.