



# EXPLORER'S GAZETTE

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## Old Antarctic Explorers Association

### 4th National Reunion

Pensacola, Florida 5–7 November 2008

The Gulf Coast Group of the Old Antarctic Explorers Association (OAEA-GCG) cordially invites you to join us for the 4<sup>th</sup> National OAEA Reunion. We're confident that we have chosen the premier place to stay in the Pensacola area—the Hilton Pensacola Beach Gulf Front Hotel. Our first priority is to ensure that your visit will be a memorable, safe, and happy one.

**Date:** Wednesday, 5 November through  
Friday, 7 November 2008.

**Registration fee:** \$135 per person  
(registration form enclosed)

**Point of Contact:** Les Liptak  
850 492 1666  
[lcliptak@cox.net](mailto:lcliptak@cox.net)

**Mailing address:** OAEA 2008 Reunion  
5220 Choctaw Avenue  
Pensacola FL 32507 USA

**Venue:** Hilton Pensacola Beach Gulf Front  
(Formerly The Hilton Garden Inn)  
12 Via de Luna Drive  
Pensacola FL 32561  
1 866 916 2999

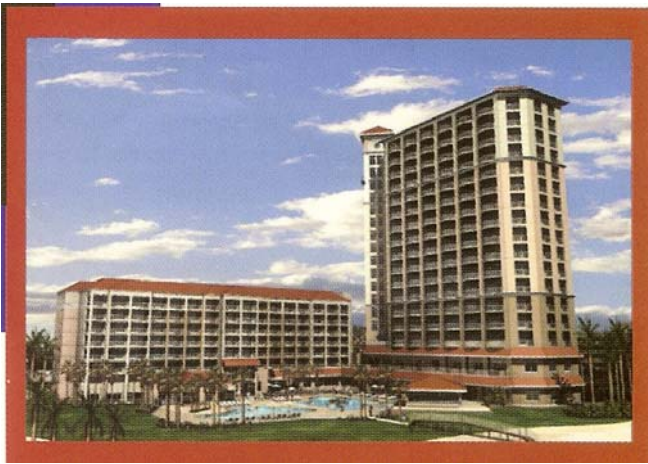
<http://www.pensacolabeachgulffront.hilton.com>



**Hotel Reservations & Rates:** Room reservations are the responsibility of the attendees. 150 rooms have been blocked for the OAEA in the Hilton Pensacola Beach Gulf Front. The hotel is located in the heart of Pensacola Beach, Florida and overlooks the Emerald waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Pensacola Regional Airport is less than 30 minutes away, while water sports, shopping, and exciting nightlife are within walking distance. All official gatherings and meetings will occur on this property. The room rate, \$129 per night for Gulf Front rooms and \$109 per night for Sound Side rooms, is comparable with other hotels/motels in the area for this time of year. When making reservations, be sure to mention the reunion code: **OAE**. **Rooms are limited, so book early to get the room of your choice.** Rates cannot be adjusted at check-in or checkout for guests who fail to identify their affiliation when making reservations. The special OAEA room rate is available from 3 through 13 November, subject to room availability, so come early and stay late.

### NOTICE – NOTICE – NOTICE

Make your hotel reservations now because Pensacola is a Snow Bird destination in the winter. Reservations after 5 October 2008 will be on a space available basis and reunion rates cannot be guaranteed.



## Hilton Amenities

- Renovated/Expanded in 2007
- Restaurant and Sushi Bar
- Beach Bar & Grill
- Starbucks Cappuccino & Espresso
- Indoor & Outdoor Pools with Sauna & Whirlpool
- No Pets Allowed
- Complimentary High-speed Internet Access
- Fridge, Microwave, Coffee Maker in all Rooms
- Health/Fitness Center On-Site
- Hairdryer, Iron/Ironing Board in all Rooms
- Dry Cleaning/Laundry Pickup
- Free Local Phone Calls
- Safe Deposit Box available at Front Desk
- Evening Room Service
- A separate dedicated OAEA parking area

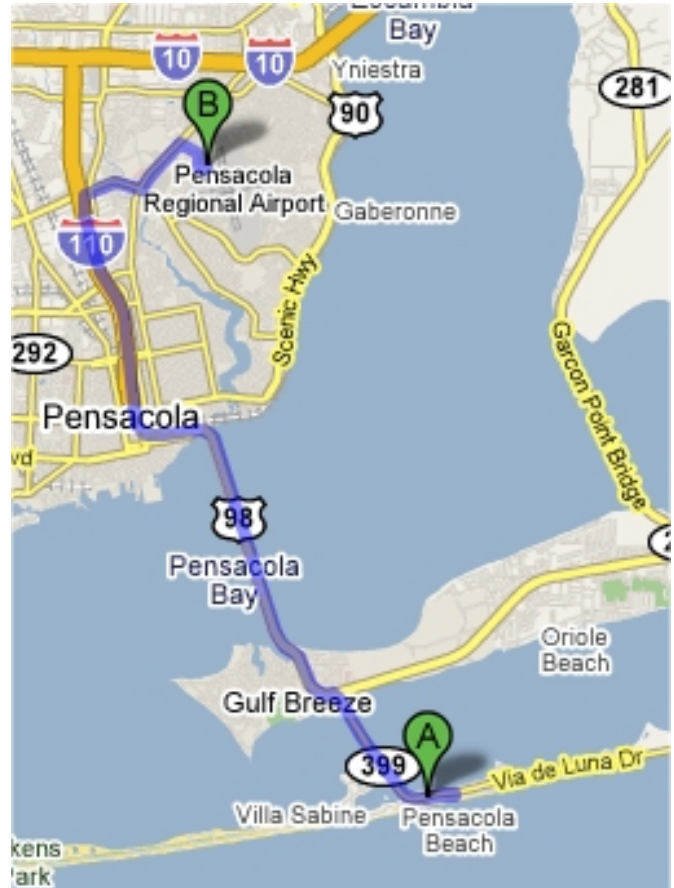
## DIRECTIONS

**From Pensacola Regional Airport**—Distance from hotel: 13 mi. Drive time: 21 min.

- Exit Airport and stay on Airport Blvd to N 9th Avenue
- Turn Left on N 9th Avenue - follow N 9th approximately 4.2 mi
- Turn Left on E Chase Street toward Gulf Breeze/Beaches - go 0.6 mi
- Turn Left on Bayfront Parkway (US-98 E) - go 0.3 mi
- Continue to follow US 98 E - go 4.8 mi
- Take ramp onto Gulf Breeze Parkway (CR-399 E) toward Pensacola Beach/Fort Pickens - go 0.8 mi
- Continue on Pensacola Beach Blvd (SR-399 E) (Portions toll) - go 1.2 mi
- Arrive at the center of Pensacola Beach,
- Hilton Gulf Front Hotel directly on beach to the right

**From I-10** —Exit I-10 on Highway 110 South

- Go ten miles to Pensacola Bay.
- Turn left on Bayfront Drive crossing the Bob Sykes Bridge.
- Then go East on Via De Luna Drive passing the beach ball water tower on the right.
- The hotel is 0.5 miles ahead directly on the beach.



*Map from I-10 and Airport to Reunion Hotel*

## TRANSPORTATION: PENSACOLA REGIONAL AIRPORT



**AIRPORT POC:** If you have any questions regarding air travel, please contact Belinda Zephir by phone at 850-436-5000 or email at [bzephir@flypensacola.com](mailto:bzephir@flypensacola.com) or toll free: 888-853-7449.

**OAEA Information Table:** The Reunion Committee will have an information table at the airport, located at the bottom of the escalators leading to the baggage claim, to answer questions regarding ground

transportation and rental car location. Members of the OAEA GCG will man the table to meet and greet reunion arrivals. The POC for all transportation is Chuck Minerman. Contact Chuck at: 850 497 9254, or (cell) 850 454 6752, or [cminerman@msn.com](mailto:cminerman@msn.com).

**Ground Transportation:** Beach Bum Trolley provides deeply discounted transportation in 10-passenger vans to and from the airport to the hotel. Reservations can be made by telephone at: 850 494 2270, or online at: <http://www.beachbumtrolley.com>.



Beach Bum Trolley offers a wide variety of tours to places such as the National Museum of Naval Aviation, Historic Downtown Pensacola, Pensacola Pub Tour, Fishing, and Golfing Tours. Prices range from \$12 to \$150 per person.

**Car Rental Information:**

You can check car rental savings offered by your airline of choice, or contact



Enterprise for special OAEA Rental Car rates:

Take advantage of *Enterprise Rent-a-Car's* 5% discount by visiting [Enterprise Rent a Car www.enterprise.com/car\\_rental/deeplinkmap.do?bid=002&cust=55R5228](http://www.enterprise.com/car_rental/deeplinkmap.do?bid=002&cust=55R5228) or 1-800-rent-a-car (736-8222). Promotional code for the OAEA: 55R5228, PIN: ANT.

**RV Parking:** There are no RV parking facilities on the grounds of the Hilton. RV parks and campgrounds in the vicinity of the Hilton are limited and anyone planning on driving an RV to the reunion should take this into consideration and plan accordingly.

**IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER**

The Reunion Committee has adopted the following policy to limit Reunion attendance in the event that space limitations are exceeded:

- Only dues paid members of the OAEA, and their registered guests, will be permitted to attend OAEA reunion events.
- Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first served basis.
- A membership application form is provided for non-members. **Please complete and mail separately to the address at the top of the application with a check made payable to OAEA.**

**ADDITIONAL HOTEL INFORMATION**



**Hilton Gulf Front Hotel**  
Local Tel: 850 916 2999  
12 Via de Luna Drive  
Pensacola Beach, FL 32561

[www.pensacolabeachgulffront.hilton.com](http://www.pensacolabeachgulffront.hilton.com)

The contract room rate is for either single or double occupancy. The hotel will charge your credit card for one night if you are a no-show and did not cancel. You have 72 hours prior to scheduled arrival to change/cancel reservations without the penalty of being charged one night room and tax. Check-in after 4 pm and checkout time is 11 am.

The Hilton is now featuring suite accommodations in the new 17-story tower. Choose from two (\$249) or three-bedroom (\$349) suites. All suites look directly over the Gulf of Mexico and feature private balconies.

**AREA ATTRACTIONS & THINGS TO DO**

Attendees who want to enhance their historical or cultural knowledge of the area may want to consider visiting one or more of the following points of interest:

- *Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Squadron:* The homecoming air show will be on. 15–16 November at NAS Pensacola. There will be a practice and autograph air show on 5 November. <http://www.blueangels.navy.mil>
- National Naval Aviation Museum. NAS Pensacola, FL. <http://www.navalaviationmuseum.org>
- USS *Alabama*. Battleship Park, Mobile, AL
- Fort Pickens, Gulf Breeze, FL (**CLOSED**)
- Fort Barrancas. NAS Pensacola
- The Zoo. Gulf Breeze, FL
- Greyhound Track. Pensacola, FL
- Air Force Special Ops Memorial Air Park and Medal Of Honor Walk Of Fame, Hurlbut Field, Fort Walton Beach, FL
- NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center Museum. Hancock County, MS
- US Navy Seabee Museum. CBC Gulfport, MS
- Air Force Armament Museum. Eglin AFB, Fort Walton Beach, FL
- Greater Gulf Coast Arts Festival [www.ggaf.org/](http://www.ggaf.org/)
- Gaming Casinos. Biloxi, MS
- The Wall South, Veterans Park. Pensacola FL
- Tanger Outlet Mall. Foley, AL

**EVENTS**

After hotel room check-in, follow signs for directions to the Reunion registration/check-in area. The primary OAEA gathering area will be in three Hospitality

rooms located on the hotel ground floor. These areas will be exclusive OAEA territory and the place to be for information dissemination, socializing, merchandise sales, and for sharing memorabilia. Here you can rejuvenate memories and renew friendships with old shipmates, coworkers, and acquaintances. Cruise books, VHS tapes, DVDs, CDs, books, magazines, photos, and more are welcome—anything you want to share. Space for displaying memorabilia will be limited therefore anyone who will require space for displaying large items should contact Jim O’Connell no later than 1 October. Members of the Reunion Committee and other volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and offer other assistance. They may be recognized by the official reunion logo that will be displayed on their shirt or ball cap.

Each attendee will receive a Welcome Aboard bag that will include a detailed Schedule of Events, list of registered attendees, information on Pensacola, Florida and Biloxi, Mississippi, and other assorted goodies.

Throughout the entire reunion, there will be vendors available for the purchase of reunion souvenirs and the committee anticipates individual member displays of Antarctic artifacts will also be available for viewing. There will also be representatives of local businesses representing ground transportation and special local civic events

Wednesday’s events will include registration, an OAEA Officer’s meeting, and leisure time for looking up old friends. The day’s events will be an evening of socializing that includes serving of hors d’oeuvres and live entertainment with a cash bar set up.

Thursday’s events will include late registration and coffee and breakfast pastries followed by a general assembly that will include a memorial service, a guest speaker presentation, and a general membership meeting. The afternoon will be free for general socializing and live entertainment and a cash bar will be available in the evening.

Friday’s events will also start with coffee and breakfast pastries and be followed by another OAEA Officer’s meeting and an afternoon of leisure socializing. The evening will be centered on a banquet supper; drawings, live entertainment, cash bar, and dancing for those that are up to it.

On Saturday we will have to bid farewell. There will be coffee and breakfast pastries available and the reception area will be open until 1200 noon for final farewells.

Please let the POC, Les Liptak, know when your plans are firm, but not later than 1 October. The Reunion Committee needs to know numbers for planning purposes.

The total cost of the meal, including sales tax, and gratuity is included in the Registration fee. Any attendee requiring a special dietary menu should contact the POC prior to 1 October. Attire is optional. We also plan to hold a raffle as part of our banquet supper. Donations suitable for the raffle will be appreciated. It is desired that donated items be related to the Antarctic, but any appropriate item will be welcome. Remember, one person’s “white elephant” may be exactly what another person is looking for!

### REUNION MERCHANDISE

The reunion committee will be selling merchandise featuring the 2008 Reunion logo. Ball caps, polo and T-shirts, coffee mugs, and other items will be available at a reasonable price. Pam Landy is the 2008 Merchandise Chairman and will operate the merchandise booth.

### VENDORS

The 2008 OAEA Reunion has determined that only OAEA members will be authorized to sell their merchandise at the reunion. Any member desiring to sell merchandise should contact the Vendor/Merchandise Coordinator, Billy-Ace Baker not later than 1 October. Billy-Ace can be contacted at [upizauf@aol.com](mailto:upizauf@aol.com) or 850 456 3556.

## ABBREVIATED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

On Wednesday, 5 November, attendees first check-in at the front desk and unload luggage in their room, then follow the signs to the OAEA Registration area in the foyer. Check-in with one of the Reunion Committee volunteers and pick-up your Welcome Aboard bag(s). The three Hospitality Rooms will be the primary OAEA gathering places throughout the Reunion.

<b>Wednesday 5 Nov:</b>	9 am–	Memorial Service	8 am–11 am	Officers Meeting
8 am–4 pm		Guest Speaker	4 pm–10 pm	Cash Bar
8 am–10 pm		Break	4:30 pm–6:30 pm	Memory Book photos
1 pm–4 pm		General Membership Meeting	6 pm	Banquet Supper
4 pm–10 pm				Live Entertainment
5 pm				
	Noon–10pm	Cash Bar	<b>Saturday, 8 Nov:</b>	
		Live Entertainment	6 am	Coffee & Pastries
<b>Thursday 6 Nov:</b>	<b>Friday, 7 Nov:</b>		6 am–Noon	Socializing
6 am	6 am–	Coffee & Pastries	11 am	Hotel Check-out time
8 am–Noon	6 am–2 pm	Socializing		





**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**4<sup>th</sup> National Reunion**  
**of the**  
**Old Antarctic Explorers Association**  
**5-6-7 November 2008**



**OAEA Member:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nametag to read:** \_\_\_\_\_  
name

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
street city state zip code

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Antarctic Experience:** Members, please give a very brief summary, including year/season & Winter-Over seasons, dates of cruise visits, activity/command/ship names, etc, to be used on your nametag: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse / Guest:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nametag to read:** \_\_\_\_\_  
name  
 (Note: If necessary use the back of this form for additional names)

**Number of people attending:**   #   at \$135 per attendee ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 This fee includes the Banquet, Reception Rooms, and Welcome Aboard Bag reunion mementos.

**NOTE:** The Registration fee does not include hotel accommodations, which are payable direct to the hotel.

**SURVEY:** 1. Mode of transportation: Flying \_\_\_\_\_; Driving \_\_\_\_\_; Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Where will you be staying: Hilton \_\_\_\_\_, Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. How did you find out about the reunion: OAEA Mailing: \_\_\_\_\_; Word of Mouth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Media: Name of Publication: \_\_\_\_\_



Do you or your guest(s) have any disability or dietary need that requires special attention? \_\_\_\_\_  
if necessary, continue on the back of this form

Enclose this completed form with a check payable to: **OAEA 2008 Reunion** not later than 1 October 2008  
 Mail to: OAEA 2008 Reunion  
 5220 Choctaw Avenue  
 Pensacola, FL 32507

*If you are not an OAEA member please complete and mail the enclosed membership application to the address on the application form. Your OAEA membership fee will require a check payable to "OAEA".*

## Application for membership in the Old Antarctic Explorers Association, Inc.

*Please print or type all information, enclose a check or money order in U. S. dollars for your total and submit to*

**OAEA, 4615 Balmoral Drive, Pensacola, FL 32504**

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

(If Commemorative Membership, enter submitter information in this section – deceased OAE information to be recorded below)

<b>Last Name</b>		<b>First Name</b>			<b>Middle Int.</b>	
<b>Mailing Address</b>		<b>City</b>		<b>State</b>		<b>Zip Code</b>
<b>Telephone Number</b> ( )	<b>E-mail address (type or print legible please)</b>			<b>Nickname</b>	<b>Country</b>	

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION – Please read the following

- Add \$2.00 to all dues for a one-time enrollment fee
- All dues payable in U. S. Dollars – Check or money order only, no electronic transfers please
- Annual dues at \$10.00 per year – Initial registration between 1 Jan and 30 Jun will expire June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.
- Members that require international mailing from the US please add 20% surcharge for international mail charges
- Commemorative Memberships require no dues or enrollment fee. However, a tax-deductible donation to help defer administrative costs would be appreciated. Donations in the name of Memorial Members are also gratefully accepted.

<b>Lifetime dues based upon age of member at closest birthday</b>	Birthdate
81 and above - \$5.00	
76 to 80 inclusive - \$10.00	56 to 60 inclusive - \$75.00
71 to 75 inclusive - \$20.00	51 to 55 inclusive - \$90.00
66 to 70 inclusive - \$40.00	46 to 50 inclusive - \$100.00
61 to 65 inclusive - \$60.00	45 and below - \$110.00
<b>Amount Submitted</b>	
Dues +	Enrollment Fee + Donations = Total
	\$2.00

- **Regular Members**
  - Men or Women**—who worked on or visited the Antarctic Continent, and/or offshore islands or aboard ship in Antarctic waters for any legitimate purpose. Including U.S. Coast Guard personnel and U.S. Navy or Royal New Zealand Navy personnel who served on any of the Ocean Station Vessels that participated in Operation Deep Freeze.
  - Widows/Widowers or Surviving Children**—of any deceased individual who would, if living, be eligible for membership.
  - Commemorative Members—Deceased Men and Women** who, if living, would be eligible for Regular Member status
  - Memorial Members—Men and Women** who were killed or died in Antarctica. Members of Operations Highjump and Deep Freeze who were killed or died in Antarctica are automatically inducted into the OAEA as Regular Members.
- **Associate Members—Men and Women**—who do not qualify for regular member status but who believe in and desire to support the goals of this association.

### TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP APPLIED FOR

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Regular</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Associate</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Commemorative</b> — <i>Indicate OAE Name and Date of Death ( if known) below</i>
<b>Length of Membership</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lifetime</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Annual</b>	

### ANTARCTIC EXPERIENCE/INTEREST INFORMATION

Status (Circle one) (If military indicate rate/rank) Civilian / Military    Rate/Rank _____	Country if other than US
Activity assigned to	Approximate dates assigned

- Provide a brief description of your involvement or interest in Antarctica (attach separate sheet if necessary)
- If applying for membership as a widow or widower of a deceased OAE, please include deceased OAE's Antarctic history.
- If submitting for Commemorative Membership indicate deceased member's Antarctic Experience if known

**Please check below if applicable (authority will be assumed if not checked)**

\_\_\_ I do not authorize release of my mailing address and telephone number information to the general membership  
 \_\_\_ I do not authorize release of my e-mail address to Topica.Com (e-mail mass mailer system used for OAEA for membership messages) and desire membership communications via 'snail mail'

Signature	Date
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### For OAEA processing

Membership Number Assigned	Recorded in register	Registered with Topica.Com	Comments/Application Source 2008 Reunion Gazette 03/06/08 Web Site	
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