

# REUNION OF HONOR TOUR TO IWO JIMA in cooperation with MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS, March 11 to 15, 2012

## IWO JIMA 1945

The Japanese fortified island of Iwo Jima lays half way between Japan and the American B29 airfields of Saipan, Tinian and Guam. Japanese fighters flew from Iwo Jima to harass the B29 bombers heading for Japan. Iwo Jima needed to be captured to not only prevent fighter attacks on the B29's, but to offer sanctuary for those bombers returning from Japan who were damaged in action. The amphibious assault by the U.S. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Marines were launched on February 19, 1945 on this volcanic island about eight square miles in size and comprised of volcanic ash and rock. Five days after the assault began, Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal's took a picture of the second flag raising on Mt. Suribachi, which became one of the most recognized photos of WWII. Iwo Jima proved its worth when a damaged American B29 made an emergency landing on March 4<sup>th</sup>, three weeks before the island was secured. Medals of Honor were awarded to twenty-seven Marines and sailors for their bravery at Iwo Jima, more than any other single operation during WWII.



*Ceremony on Iwo Jima during the 2010 tour.  
Photo by Dennis Covert.*

### Itinerary – subject to change

#### **March 11**

3:20pm Depart Honolulu via Continental Airlines. Cross the Int'l Date Line. Dinner in-flight.

#### **March 12**

6:50pm Arrive Guam. Transfer to Guam Outrigger Hotel. Evening free.

#### **March 13**

Full day tour of Guam including War in the Pacific Memorial and Andersen AFB (subject to permission) Banquet, briefing and overnight at the Guam Outrigger.

#### **March 14**

Early transfer to airport for chartered flight to Iwo Jima with breakfast served in-flight. Upon arrival, transport to Memorial site with time to walk the invasion beaches before ceremony begins. Following ceremony some transport will be provided. Passengers are free to walk the island. Fly back to Guam with dinner served in-flight. Overnight Guam Outrigger.

#### **March 15**

Transfer to airport. 7:10am Depart Guam via Continental Airlines, arriving Honolulu day before at 6:15pm

**Tour Cost \$3,695.00 per person, twin share.  
Single supplement \$200 extra.**

Includes round trip economy class air fare from Honolulu to Guam via Continental Airlines; Honolulu airport departure taxes; three nights hotel accommodations at the Guam Outrigger Resort; hotel taxes; round trip airport/hotel transfers; Guam airport arrival tax; full day tour of Guam; full day charter flight and tour of Iwo Jima with breakfast and dinner in-flight and box lunch on Iwo Jima; dinner and briefing at hotel night before Iwo Jima charter; services of Prof Anderson Giles as escort for Valor Tours passengers; emergency travel insurance coverage. **Optional extension to Peleliu for \$1400 per person, twin share.**