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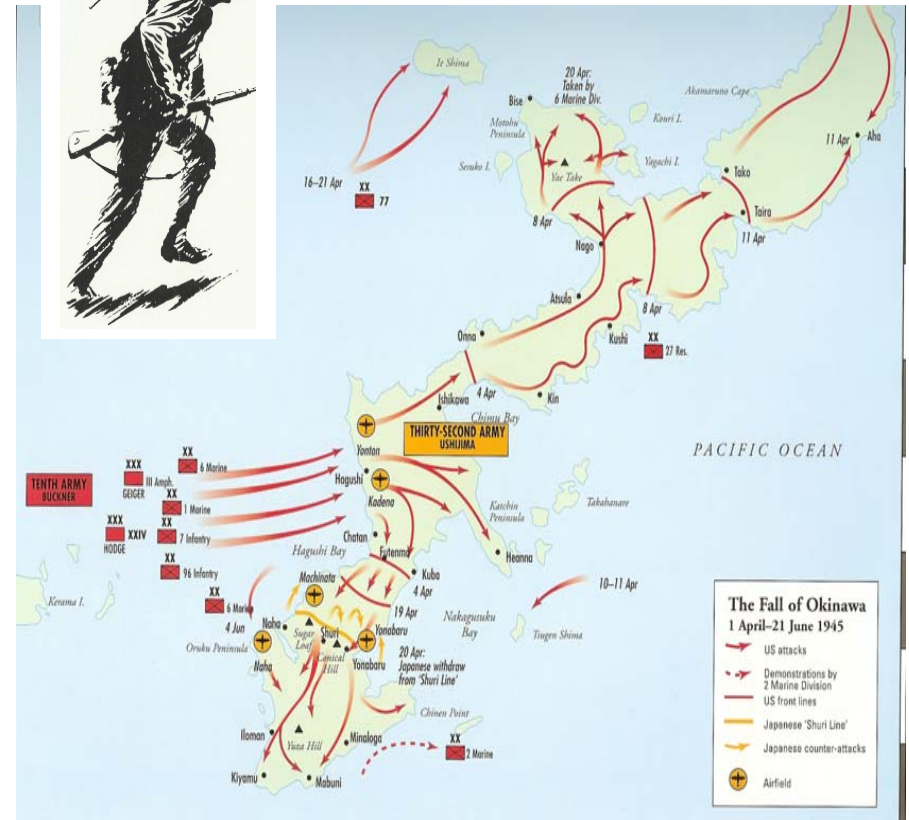
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Valor Tours, Ltd. presents...

Battle for Okinawa Tour

67th Anniversary

June 15 to 22, 2012



Escorted by Glen Williford

Cornerstone of Peace Memorial

Okinawa
Colorful...Fascinating...
Hospitable...

But in 1945 American soldiers, sailors and marines didn't quite see it that way...The U.S. wanted Okinawa as a springboard for Japan. Securing it would cost the U.S. more casualties than had been incurred in the taking of any other island in the Pacific during WWII.

The U.S. Army 10th Support Group Commander, Torii Station will host our group for the Army's birthday Ball during our visit to Okinawa.



2010 Veterans at ceremony



Glen Williford in the Philippines

We have asked experienced tour director, Glen Williford, to escort this tour. Glen is a long-time America military historian. He recently published books on the military defenses of Pearl Harbor and New York City, and his new book "Racing the Sunrise: Reinforcing America's Pacific Outposts, 1941-1942" was just published this year. He has also undertaken writing and researching projects for the National Park Service. Glen serves on the committee and is one of the founders of the Coast Defense Study Group. In addition to American coast defenses, his other primary military interest is the Pacific during WWII. He has traveled extensively to many of the battlefields of this theater and has traveled with and escorted tours for Valor Tours, Ltd. many times, including the 60th Anniversary of the Atomic Mission to Guam, Saipan and Tinian in August 2005.



Left: Ken Dolan, 96th Infantry Division, 383rd Regt. M Co., retracing his steps on Okinawa.
 Above: Previous group at Stone Lion.

Application form – Okinawa Battle tour

June 15 to 22, 2012

Mail to: Valor Tours, Ltd., 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, Calif. 94965
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Name _____
 (as it appears on your passport)

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Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone (days) _____

I/we wish to reserve _____ spaces on this tour. Enclosed is my/our deposit in the amount of \$ _____ (\$500 per person) in the form of a check _____, or American Express account _____ exp _____

WWII service information, i.e. unit served, history buff, family member or other reason for taking tour _____

Areas of interest on Okinawa _____

I am traveling alone and wish a: single supplement
 twin share with another tour member.
 smoking non smoking

Special needs, requirements (wheelchair at airport, dietary, etc.) _____

Please arrange domestic flights from/to _____ to coincide with tour departure and return at San Francisco.

I/we will arrange our own domestic air.

I/we need a hotel room at San Francisco Int'l Airport for the nights of: _____

I/we would like to stopover in Taipei on the way home for _____ nights. (We can arrange airport/hotel transfers, hotel and tours.)

I/we have read and understand the terms and conditions set forth in this tour brochure.

 Signature

 Date

Reservations and Final Payment

Reservations can only be held with a deposit of \$500 per person accompanied by the Application form. Deposits can be made by sending check or Money Order payable to Valor Tours, Ltd., or with your American Express card information. VISA and MASTER CARD are not accepted. While we recognize the convenience and other advantages of using credit cards, they do carry administration fees, which we would have to add to the cost of our tours. We choose not to do this. Final payment is due by March 15, 2012. Reservations deadline is 30 days prior to departure or first come, first served. Space limited. Valor Tours, Ltd. does not recommend that children under the age of 12 participate on this tour. Passport required. Visas and inoculations are not required.

Cancellations and Changes

If Valor Tours, Ltd. receives cancellation more than 60 days prior to departure your deposit is fully refundable. Cancellations received between 90 and 30 days prior to departure will result in loss of deposit. Cancellations received within 30 days of departure and “no shows” are non refundable. Refunds may take up to 30 days to process. Cancellation charges also apply to additional travel arrangements made prior to and after the tour such as domestic airfare. If flight changes are requested after airline tickets are issued, revision fees will apply. Emergency travel insurance is included in tour cost, however cancellation/trip interruption coverage is not, but can be added for additional premium. Call for quote based on age. Tour cost based on minimum of 10 participants.

Airline services and seating

Tour cost includes round trip economy class air travel via China Airlines from San Francisco. China Airlines has wide-body 747-jet service between San Francisco and Taipei with 3 + 4 + 3 seating. Smaller aircraft is used between Taipei and Okinawa. Upgrade to business class available for additional fare. Call for rate. Valor Tours, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute airlines should schedules or increased airfares warrant it. Frequent flyer awards cannot be used toward the purchase of the air segment of this tour, but can be earned. It is the responsibility of the passenger to obtain these awards. China Airline’s Dynasty Flyer frequent flyer club works in cooperation with Delta Airlines. Every attempt will be made to accommodate your seating requests aboard the aircraft. However, Valor Tours, Ltd. cannot guarantee seating assignments made by the airlines or airport staff.

Baggage allowance

We recommend one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person, please. Porterage for one bag per person is included in the tour cost, however there may be times when you will be responsible for your baggage, so it is to the benefit of the passenger to travel light. Passengers are responsible for carry-on bags, purses, camera bags, briefcases, etc. No responsibility is accepted for loss or damage to baggage, or any of the passenger’s belongings. Limited baggage insurance is included in the tour cost.

Disabilities

Any personal disability requiring special attention should be reported to Valor Tours at the time of reservation. Valor Tours will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled tour participants, but is not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants and other independent suppliers. Motor coach companies and other carrier employees may not physically lift participants or assist them on or off conveyances. A qualified companion must accompany persons requiring such assistance. Be advised that foreign countries do not have the disabled and handicapped laws that Americans enjoy here at home.

Itinerary subject to change. Revisions can be made to accommodate the needs of participating Veterans and family members. Valor Tours reserves the right to substitute the hotel with a hotel of similar or better quality.

ITINERARY - order of sights may be changed around to accommodate local conditions, ceremonies, etc.

Friday June 15

Depart San Francisco Int’l Airport at 1:05am via China Airlines flight #3 non-stop with in-flight entertainment and meal service.

Saturday June 16 (D)

Arrive Taipei 5:30am...connect to China Airlines flight #120 departing Taipei 8:30am, arriving Okinawa 10:55am. Our Okinawan hosts meet us and we transfer to our hotel with an orientation tour of Naha along the way. Group invited by the Commander, 10th Support Group to attend the Army Birthday ball at Butler Officer’s Club, USMC Camp Foster. Overnight Hotel JALCity Naha, our HQ’s for the duration of visit to Okinawa.

Sunday June 17 (B, L)

Tour of Shuri Line Outer Defenses, Cactus Ridge, Kakazu Ridge Battle Park, Tombstone Ridge, Urasoe Mura Escarpment Park (Hacksaw Ridge), Needle Rock. Stop for a buffet style lunch. Continue exploration of Shuri Outer Defenses in the afternoon.

Monday June 18 (B, L)

Tour Shuri Line Inner Defenses. Sugar Loaf Hill, Zebra Hill, Dick Hill, Flat Top Hill, Oboe Hill and Tom Hill, location of Japanese artillery fire control bunker. Lunch at the Seamen’s Club. Continue in the afternoon restored Shuri Castle and site of Japanese 32nd Army Underground HQ’s (no entry), then onto Charlie Hill and Conical Hill before returning to hotel.

Tuesday June 19 (B)

Full day trip to the Motobu Peninsula and ferry to Ie Shima (Ernie Pyle Memorial), great view from the Pinnacle. Nakamura House or Nakagusuku Castle. Return to Naha.

Wednesday June 20 (B, L)

Today visits to sites requested by tour members – sites of personal interest. Subject to time and road conditions. Attend joint American/Japanese ceremony with local dignitaries.

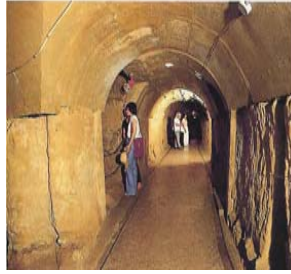
Thursday June 21 (B, L)

Today we drive to the beautiful and touching Cornerstone of Peace Monument and Park where the names of those who died in the Battle of Okinawa are etched in elegant granite walls. Continue to the Okinawa Battle Museum and Mabuni Hill where Japanese Commanding Generals committed suicide. For lunch we stop at a typical Soba Noodle restaurant. Enroute to Torii Station, stop at WWII White Beach and monument. Weapons display, Retreat ceremony with refreshments at Torii Station, U.S. Army.

Friday June 22 (B, L)

Morning tour of Southern battlefields where the Japanese Army made their last stand including Tomori Stone Lion Dog, Japanese Underground Hospital, Yaeju Dake (Big Apple) and Yuza Dake Escarpments and Kunishi Ridge. Visit General Buckner site and Brig General Easley and Col. May Monuments. Lunch at ADC Care. In afternoon visit Japanese Navy Underground HQ’s. Check out of hotel and transfer to airport for China Airlines flight #123 departing Okinawa 7:30pm, arriving Taipei 7:55pm...connect to China Airlines flight #4 departing Taipei 10:50pm, arriving San Francisco Int’l Airport 7:00pm same day. Tour ends.

Stopover at Taipei on homeward flight is possible: Sample: 3 day/2 night stopover \$450 per person twin share includes transfers, hotel, city tour, breakfasts and air stopover fee. Flights operate daily.



Far left: Atop Ie Shima during Okinawa tour in 2010.

Left: The former Japanese Naval Underground Headquarters Shelter

Comments from previous tour members:

"The tour to Okinawa was planned to perfection, was thorough, well conducted, and, all in all, a wonderful experience. I wouldn't change a thing."
 Claudius M. Easley, Jr., 1995

"We had a wonderful time. We thought it was the best organized and most closely focused tour we had ever been on."
 Mary and Ed Brubaker, 2000

"Our trip to Okinawa was most meaningful...we were very touched by the service at Torii Station...your guidance throughout the tour was extraordinary...I was happy to be with such a spirited group of Vets and their families."
 Albert Goldstein, 2001

"Everything was excellent...Valor Tours did an outstanding job of making the arrangements...Don Dencker was terrific historian guide and helper...one of the most memorable moments was seeing where my Dad fought at Kakazu West and attending the retreat ceremony at Torii Station."
 Craig Fouts, 2002

"...A privilege to return and see the changes and growth of a country that I remember as nothing but rubble and devastation..."
 Harold Bree, 2004

"...the Okinawa Battle tour in April was great. Not only were we presented with interested information, but also the exposure to Okinawan culture was fascinating. I could have spent a month there..."
 William St. Clair, 2004

"...Thanks for showing my Dad and I all the sites from the last battle. Lot's of memories. I wish Mom could have been with us, but she will at least hear our stories and see my pictures."
 Bill Cooper, Jr. 2005

"...I'm so happy to have had this wonderful opportunity to be with members of the Greatest Generation..."
 Lois Shestack and Linda Bailey, 2005

"...Thanks very much for the great tour. The narration and history provided made it exceptional..."
 Aroell Sherban, 96th Infantry Division Veteran, 2010

Tour cost \$3,500 per person, twin share **Single occupancy \$300 extra**

Includes round trip economy class air fare via China Airlines from San Francisco; U.S. Departure taxes; round trip airport/hotel transfers with baggage handling for one suitcase per passenger; six nights hotel accommodations with breakfast daily; lunches and dinners where indicated in itinerary by L-Lunch and D-Dinner; entrance fees; services of local guide/historian and driver; private coach for sightseeing and transport to ceremonies and events according to itinerary; services of Glen Williford from San Francisco as tour manager; local taxes; emergency travel insurance (description of which will be sent to each participant on deposit).

Not included are items of a personal nature such as passport fees, phone calls, meals not included in tour, foreign airport departure taxes, laundry, alcoholic beverages, tips, cancellation/trip interruption insurance coverage.



Left: Mary Brubaker Buckner sits by her fathers name on the Cornerstone of Peace Memorial on previous tour. Right: Veterans gather at Cactus Ridge on 2005 tour.

Single travelers

When a tour member traveling alone asks Valor Tours to seek a suitable roommate, we will do the best we can to oblige and find a colleague with common interests and habits. Valor Tours cannot be held responsible for incompatibility or guarantee a roommate. If a roommate cannot be found, the single supplement will apply.