



## Herzo Base 20<sup>th</sup> Annual National Reunion

Our 2017 Herzo Base National Reunion will be held in Jacksonville, Florida from September 22 to September 24, 2017. The hosting hotel will be:

**Jacksonville Marriott Hotel**  
**4670 Salisbury Road, Jacksonville, FL 32256**  
**Telephone (904) 296-2222**

Make your reservations via telephone at **(800) 962-9786** or **(904) 296-2222** and identify yourself as a **Herzo Base Survivor**. If you wish to make a reservation online, use the following link: [Book your group rate for Herzo Base Survivors](#)

(You will know that you are on the correct web page if you see the words **HERZO BASE SURVIVORS** at the top of the page. You can also connect from this page to the hotel website to view some photos of the hotel by clicking the "Hotel Website" link.)

The discounted Survivor room rate for our reunion is \$105.00 plus 13% city and state tax for a total of \$118.65 per night. While it is not expected, if the city or state tax rate changes before the Reunion, the room rate will change accordingly.

Note that the room rate includes a complimentary hot breakfast buffet each morning in the hotel restaurant. Our group normally sponsors a private brunch on the last day of the reunion, and this year the hotel will provide a heavily discounted private buffet. Since our group will not pay full price for the buffet, we are able to reduce by \$10.00 per person the amount of the "activity fee" which is paid by each attendee to support reunion activities.

A limited number of handicap rooms are available, some with roll-in showers. To reserve one of these, we encourage you to make your reservation promptly, keeping in mind that reservations can be cancelled without penalty up to 6:00 p.m. on the scheduled day of

arrival. To reserve one of the handicap rooms, call our contact at the hotel, Mary Waite, at 904-279-8345.

Other amenities provided to our group by the hotel:

- Complimentary wireless internet connectivity in your hotel room
- Complimentary self parking
- The discounted Herzo room rate is available 3 nights before and 3 nights after the reunion dates (so long as there is space available at the time of your reservation).

**Reunion Cost** – As in previous years, attendees will pay an “activity fee” which covers the Friday afternoon reception, Sunday morning brunch, printing of Directories, reunion “giveaway” items, printing costs, postage and other miscellaneous reunion costs. As mentioned earlier, the activity fee this year will be reduced by \$10 per person to **\$70 double/\$50 single**. (This fee is non-refundable, at the option of the committee, so long as the reunion is held.)

### **[Itinerary in Brief](#) (see details below for all events):**

#### **Thursday, 9/21/2017:**

**5:45 PM to 10:45 PM – Optional Early Bird Special – Bus travel to the Alhambra Dinner Theater in Jacksonville for dinner and live performance of “Dixie Swim Club” starring Morgan Fairchild**

#### **Friday, 9/22/2017:**

**Noon to 4:30 PM – Registration and Reception**

**6:00 PM to 6:45 PM – Cocktail Social**

**6:45 PM to 10:30 PM – Banquet**

#### **Saturday, 9/23/2017:**

**9:30 AM to 4:45 PM - Optional daytime bus tour to St. Augustine—see details below**

#### **Sunday, 9/24/2017:**

**8:00 AM to 10:30 AM – Breakfast buffet and “farewells”**

### **[Itinerary Details:](#)**

#### **[Early-Bird Dinner Theater](#)**

**Thursday, September 21 – 5:45 PM to 10:45 PM**



Bus boarding for theater will begin at 5:30 PM at the Hotel.

- For those arriving at the reunion early and who wish to participate, we will provide transportation to the Alhambra Dinner Theater for dinner and a performance of “The Dixie Swim Club” starring Morgan Fairchild
- Package Price: \$72.00 per person (covers transportation, dinner and show, and includes tax and gratuity).

Note: We have reserved 56 seats for this activity, so if demand exceeds this number it could be necessary to turn away some people. If you would like to ensure a seat, please send in your sign-up form early.

### **The Friday Afternoon Reception – when our reunion officially begins!**

Check in and get your Name Badge, a 2017 Herzo Directory, Final Itinerary, Drink Tickets, Visitor Welcome Bag, List of area restaurants, shopping, etc. AND a special **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion lapel pin**. (Our initial order of 100 pins will be given to the first 100 Survivors who sign up and then attend the reunion.) Herzo vets who did not attend the 2012 through 2016 reunions will receive a commemorative ASA baseball cap. Then renew friendships, make new ones, eat some large pretzels with brown mustard, enjoy a variety of drinks and watch the DVDs showing scenes from Herzo and previous reunions. Be sure to bring your Herzo scrapbooks and other mementos to be displayed in the **Memorabilia Room**.

**Friday Evening Banquet:** The cost of the dinner buffet (including fish, chicken and beef) will be \$43.00 per person, which includes the 22% service charge and 7% sales taxes. If you desire a vegetarian entrée or a diabetic dessert, please note this on the sign-up form.

(We are often asked about a “dress code” for the banquet. The answer is that there is no dress code. If you would like to dress similarly to the majority of people who will attend the banquet, then we recommend “business casual” dress for both men and women. You can check with Al Navarro or Ed Geisler if you have any other questions.)

### **SATURDAY ACTIVITIES:**

**You may optionally choose the daytime tour, as described below:**

#### **A Day in Historic St. Augustine, Florida**

**Saturday, Sept. 23 - 9:30 AM – 4:45 PM** (Bus boarding will begin at 9:15 AM at the Hotel)

- A professional tour guide will meet the group dressed in period costume. The tour covers 450 years of colorful history: the Ponce de Leon discovery, the pirate days



of Sir Francis Drake, the Spanish and English colonial years, and the Victorian Flagler era. We tour all the major sites and stop at the Castillo de San Marcos, the fort that was never captured in battle. St. Augustine was also the first winter resort for the rich and famous during the Gilded Age. Hear how Henry Flagler built the most opulent hotels of the day and turned the city into the “Newport of the

South.” The second stop will be at the Venetian Renaissance gem of the Flagler Memorial Church. Your guide creates an interactive tour atmosphere which is fun for everyone.

- Drop-off after tour in the St. Augustine historic district for lunch on your own (our guide will make some lunch recommendations).
- After lunch, free time on St. George Street in the St. Augustine Historic District.
- Meet the rest of group at 3:45 PM for bus transport back to the hotel. Buses depart St. Augustine at 4:00 PM.
- Cost - \$50.00 per person (including taxes and gratuities).

## **PACKAGE NOTES:**

- Any guests requiring special arrangements (dietary, physically disabled) must make us aware of their needs in advance, otherwise, we will not be able to guarantee that they will be accommodated. Those guests with physical disabilities should have someone traveling with them to assist physically. The Tour Company and motor coach drivers will not accept responsibility for lifting guests in and out of coaches.
- We have not scheduled any activities for Saturday evening. However, we will provide a list of restaurants close to the hotel and help facilitate car-pooling for those who wish to go out locally for dinner. Another option, of course, is dinner in the hotel restaurant which is open for dinner from 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

**Following are links to the web sites of some Jacksonville and St. Augustine attractions. You may wish to arrive before September 22<sup>nd</sup> or depart after September 24<sup>th</sup> in order to visit some of these attractions.**

### **Some Jacksonville Attractions:**

“Visit Jacksonville” website: [Explore our site before you explore our city](#)

“Visit Jacksonville” 2<sup>nd</sup> website: [What You Don’t Know about Jax](#)

“Only in Jax” website: [An #OnlyinJax Kind of Experience](#)

Things to Do in Jacksonville: [Discover #JaxCulture](#)

Where to Eat in Jacksonville: [Take a Bite Out of Jax](#)

Restaurants in Downtown Jacksonville: [Chow Down in Downtown](#)

Nightlife in Jacksonville: [Enjoy a Cocktail or two](#)

Breweries in Jacksonville: [Hop on the Jax Ale Trail](#)

Shopping in Jacksonville: [Let’s Go Shopping](#)

Ground Transportation in Jacksonville: [After you land](#)

“Visit Jacksonville” Ground Transportation website: [Getting Around](#)

### **Some St. Augustine Attractions:**

Visitor Center-St. Augustine: <https://www.visitstaugustine.com/venue/visitor-information-center>

Old Town Trolley Tours: <https://www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine>

Castillo de San Marcos: <https://www.nps.gov/casa/index.htm>

Lightner Museum: <http://lightnermuseum.org/>

Pirate & Treasure Museum: <http://www.thepiratmuseum.com/>

Fort Matanzas National Monument: <https://www.nps.gov/foma/index.htm>

St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum: <http://www.staugustinelighthouse.org/>

Fountain of Youth Park: <http://www.fountainofyouthflorida.com/>

Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine: <http://thefirstparish.org/>

### **For those traveling to Jacksonville by air:**

The hotel is some distance from the airport and does not provide a shuttle service. The hotel advises the following estimated costs for transportation from the airport to the hotel: Super Shuttle \$44 for first person, \$14 each additional person in group; Taxi \$65; Uber approx. \$55.

### **PLEASE REGISTER EARLY**

It would be most helpful to our planning and very much appreciated if you would submit your Sign-Up Form no later than **June 20<sup>th</sup>**. **This will be a big help in determining whether we have enough attendance to meet our minimum numbers with the hotel and with the tours.**

Note also that you must make a reservation with the Jacksonville Marriott Hotel no later than September 7th to reserve a room at the discounted group rate. However, if our room block should fill up prior to this date, there are no guarantees that the hotel will be able to continue to provide the discounted rate. Therefore, **Survivors/guests who plan to attend or think they MIGHT attend the reunion are urged to make reservations right away. Note that reserving a hotel room has no financial risk, as your reservation can be cancelled without penalty anytime up to 6:00 p.m. on the date of scheduled arrival.**

Rest assured that if you send us money and the Reunion is cancelled for any reason, your money will be promptly refunded in full. If you make a reservation and then find that you must cancel after September 7<sup>th</sup>, please contact Al Navarro before doing so. He might be able to make this room available to someone who signs up late and would not otherwise have a room at the discounted rate.

We urge all of you to seriously consider attending the Reunion this year, as we are not getting any younger. This will also be a special reunion for all of us because it is the **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion of the Herzo Base Survivor Group**. Whether you have attended in the past or not, you will surely enjoy renewing friendships from your Herzo days, and sharing mementos and swapping stories about the good times that we enjoyed there.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Al Navarro or Ed Geisler, as follows:

**Al Navarro – Phone 216-392-5898 or e-mail [alnavarro8@yahoo.com](mailto:alnavarro8@yahoo.com)**

**Ed Geisler – Phone 703-338-9551 or e-mail [edgeisler@attglobal.net](mailto:edgeisler@attglobal.net)**

# Sign-Up Form

## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Herzo Base National Reunion

Survivor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Amount Included</u>
<b>Activity Fee:</b> \$50 Single OR \$70 Double	_____
<b>Friday Banquet:</b> \$43 Single OR \$86 Double	_____
<b><u>Optional Thursday Early-Bird Dinner Theater – 9/21/17</u></b>	
<b>5:45 pm to 10:45 pm</b>	
\$72 Single OR \$144 Double (transportation + dinner + show)	_____
<b><u>Saturday Optional Tour – 9/23/17</u></b>	
<b>A Day in Historic St. Augustine, FL</b>	
<b>9:30 am to 4:45 pm</b>	
\$50 Single OR \$100 Double	_____
<b>Total \$'s enclosed</b>	_____

**At the Reunion You Will Receive an Updated Herzo Directory:**

Indicate which you would prefer: Hard Copy \_\_\_\_\_, CD (PDF format) \_\_\_\_\_ or an electronic copy by E-Mail (PDF format) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please also complete the following as applicable for the Friday night banquet:**

Vegetarian Entrée (s):

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ (#) for \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

Diabetic Dessert (s):

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ (#) for \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

Please mail completed form along with required monies (in check form payable to **Herzo Reunion Account**) to:

**Al Navarro**  
**P.O. Box 539**  
**New Albany, OH 43054**