

MARCH FIELD AIR FORCE MUSEUM

“Off We Go into the Wild Blue Yonder, Climbing High into the Sun, Down We Dive Spouting our Guns of Thunder, at a Boys give ‘um the Gun!”

Those words were the inspiration for the Army Air Corp pilots and crews that fought valiantly in WW2 and subsequent wars. The history of March Air Force Base goes back some 90 years ago when the US Army Air Corp was just being formed, it was the training base for many bi-plane pilots and the jumping off place for the DOTTLITTLE Raiders, HQ of the largest SAC Wing of B-52's, 452nd Troop Carrier Wing and Refueling Wing. Today, it is an Air Force Reserve Training Base and USAF C-17 Cargo Wing HQ.

The March FIELD MUSEUM is a tribute to those air crews and their accomplishments and history. On display are over 70 US Air Force/NAVY aircraft, WW2 German and Japanese, and Soviet Block aircraft on display. March is also home to one of the only 2 flying B-29 bombers of WW2.

Our tour of the museum will begin at MIMI's CAFÉ in Tustin, 17th and 55 FWY. Take-off time is 0930 and will proceed via a defined route through the foothills of Corona, Perris, and end at the March Field Museum. Lunch to be determined. We have a choice of a Picnic or The MISSION INN, PORTILLO's, RIVERSIDE FOOD LAB, PROMENADE Food Spots?

EVENT DATE: MAY 15, 2021, START TIME:0930

START LOCATION:

MIMI's CAFÉ, TUSTIN, 17th St. and the 55 FWY

Museum Location: VAN BUREN BLVD. and I-215 Exit, Moreno Valley

Museum Hours: 0900-1700 hrs.

Museum Tour Cost: \$20 go to Groupon for discount tickets \$13/2 Adults

RSVP to RALPH GIDWITZ: ralph@mindspring.com, (310) 310-3991

March field, Air force MUSEUM

Route Instructions for MARCH FIELD AIR FORCE MUSEUM TOUR

1. Left turn out of the MIMI's Parking Lot
2. Right onto the 55 FWY NORTH towards RIVERSIDE
3. Merge onto HWY 91 East Bound
4. Exit at GREEN RIVER RD.
5. Continue GREEN RIVER RD.
6. Merge onto FOOTHILL PARKWAY
7. Continue FOOTHILL PARKWAY
8. Right turn onto LINCOLN AVE., becomes UPPER DR.
9. Continue EAST UPPER DR.
10. Right turn onto MASTER DR.
11. Left turn onto EAGLE GLEN PARKWAY, becomes CAJALCO RD.
12. Continue CAJALCO RD., East bound
13. *LAKE MATHEWS on your left side*
14. Continue CAJALCO RD. EAST
15. Left Turn I-215 FWY NORTH
16. EXIT onto VAN BUREN Blvd., follow signs to museum!
17. VAN BUREN BLVD/ MARCH FIELD AIR MUSEUM is on your right.
18. Gather at front of Museum Entrance.

PICNIC LUNCH, other Options

Route to Picnic area FAIRMONT PARK, City of Riverside

1. Enter I-215 FREEWAY at VAN BUREN BLVD. North bound toward RIVERSIDE
2. CONTINUE I-215 toward City of Riverside
3. Pass HWY 91/60 Interchange
4. Continue HWY 60 North bound
5. Exit MARKET STREET, left turn, under bridge FAIRMONT PARK is right in front of you
6. Look for Jaguar Flags around lake area (TBD) parking/picnic
7. **OPTIONAL ENDING- MISSION INN for lunch, patio, Mexican Garden*
8. ***Riverside Promenade at the Mission Inn, several restaurants, RIVERSIDE FOOD LAB***, PORTILLO'S CHICAGO STYLE DELI, Simple Simons Bistro, TAMALES FACTORY, Bella Trattoria, GRAM'S BBQ, Retro Taco, Coffee Bean, Antonious Pizza Cafe*

****Old Citrus packing house converted into a multi-restaurant complex with at least 10 different food style restaurants- Asian, Hispanic, Middle Eastern, BBQ, American, Italian*