



Photo/Alan Yamamoto

The Atlantic Ocean view seen from balcony outside the hospitality room of Ramey's Punta Borinquen Resort.

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bar and 50/50 raffle. Event tours also start from there. The annual business meeting and final banquet are also in the room—and so is the silent auction.

The hospitality room opens for registration at noon, March 12.

**Activities will provide** a mix of business, fellowship, food and fun, said Gail Arana, who helped plan the event. There are two tours. One tour is to the Arcibo Observatory and the other to U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen. There are also lunch and dinner outings on the agenda.

**The schedule allows** for plenty of free time, Arana said. “We have some options for things people can do during down times.”

The activities are not on the event agenda. But, they are “kinda planned, though not set in stone,” she said. They’ll only take place if there is enough interest.

“We’ll know more by reunion time, but a beach tour and horseback riding are on the list,” she said.

Here’s the list of free-time activities to consider:

- Visit to Ramey “FHA,” Tropical Acres, housing area
- Visit to Aguadilla

- Visit to Rincon
- Tour of local beaches
- Tour to Lufthansa’s Lockheed C-121 “Connie” Constellation aircraft restoration site

- Visit to Ramey museum’s new “storage locker” home

On March 15, there will be a gathering in the hospitality room for people to swap Ramey stories, make a presentation, share a Ramey tale or two, or pass around old photos.

“Whatever gets folks talking and remembering their Ramey days,” Arana said. “It was a big hit at Fort Walton Beach, so we added it to the 2019 agenda. Just bring photos, slides or a presentation for the chat.”

Lanier said, “Our agenda is pretty firmed up. But glitches happen—so there could be tweaks before March, though we don’t expect any.”

**It’s not too late** to sign up; the registration form is on Page 7. Fill out the form and mail it in with your check. Or go to the association website, [www.rameyafb.net](http://www.rameyafb.net), fill in the form and pay with PayPal.

“Come to Ramey with us,” Lanier said. “We’re going to have a great time.”

## 2019 Ramey reunion agenda

The reunion is at Ramey’s Punta Borinquen Resort. The hospitality room there is, as in past reunions, the event hub. All breakfasts, meetings and other activities are held there. And it’s where attendees register and from where tour buses depart. Here’s the event schedule. Remember that it may change.

### Tuesday, March 12, 2019

- Noon-5 p.m. Check in/registration at hospitality room; pick up welcome packet
- 5-8 Reception; open bar and hors d’oeuvre

### Wednesday, March 13, 2019

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast in hospitality room
- 8:30 Depart for Arcibo Observatory
- 10 Observatory tour
- Noon Depart for lunch at local restaurant
- 12:30 p.m. Arrive at restaurant
- 2 Return to Ramey (stop at La Granja Guajataca)
- 5 Hospitality room open bar
- 6 Dinner in hospitality room

### Thursday, March 14, 2019

- 8 a.m. Breakfast in hospitality room
- 9 Depart for U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen tour
- 12 Lunch at air station or local restaurant
- 1:30 Depart for visit to Porterfield House
- 2 Return to hotel, free time
- 5 Hospitality room open bar
- 6 Dinner at local restaurant

### Friday, March 15, 2019

- 8 a.m. Breakfast in hospitality room
- 9 Free time
- 2 Presentation/story telling time in hospitality room
- 5 Hospitality room open bar
- 6 Dinner in hospitality room or local restaurant
- 8 Silent auction

### Saturday, March 16, 2019

- 8 a.m. Breakfast in hospitality room
- 9 Business meeting; elections; board meeting
- 11 Free time or optional tours
- 5 Social and open bar
- 6 Final banquet

## Don't forget about the silent auction

Bring items to reunion; proceeds go to museum fund

Don’t forget about the silent auction. It raised \$1,802 at the 2017 Fort Walton Beach reunion. All donated funds go to the Borinquen Field-Ramey Air Force Base Museum fund.

“We’re looking for auction donations,” Ramey Air Force Base Historical

Association President Joyce Lanier said. “We’ll take just about anything.”

Members who bring auction items must take them back if no one bids on them. For questions or more details, call Lanier at (309) 698-9695, or email her at [mrzip@mtco.com](mailto:mrzip@mtco.com).