Great Program for the Commemoration of the Allied withdrawal from Berlin

In Autumn 1994 the former occupying powers were discharged from Berlin – in two separate ceremonies for the soviet Army and the Troops of the Western Allies. On September 8th 1994 the Gatow Airfield was transferred from the Royal British Air Force to the German Air Force. The Military Historical Museum Airfield Gatow, the General Steinhoff Barracks and the BERLIN-PATROL© will initiate numerous activities. The main activities will take place within the Museum, especially with the Flugplatzfest (fly in of historic aircrafts), The Day of the Reserve-troops and with program points within the city and surrounding Brandenburg.

**Do. 04.Sept.2014 (Arrival day)**

from 15:00h Arrival of the registered participants with their vehicles in the BERLIN-PATROL© camp within the Militärhistorisches Museum Flugplatz Gatow (MHM). Briefing, set up camp, catering, free driving to recommended points of interest. Presence of Berlin Historical Clubs.

**ATTENTION:** access by vehicle to the camp will only and always be possible through the main gate of General Steinhoff Kaserne, Kladower Damm 182, 14089 Berlin – only for registered participants! The camp will be located on the grounds of the MHM – access over the grounds of the Barracks. The route within the Barracks will be marked with signs – Instructions and orders by Military Police have to be followed immediately. The German driving rules (STVO) have to be followed at any time. Buckle up in vehicles with the proper equipment!

20:00h Welcome address by the Commander of the MHM, get together, driver briefing for next day.

**Fr. 05.09.2014 (Divided-City Day)**

08:00 – 09:00h Drive to former Airport Tempelhof, Gate 11 (opposite U-Bahn station Paradestrasse) Environmental Zone (U)

09:00 – 12:00h Gathering of the vehicles near hangar 8 (Security Area), exclusive tour in the stock-building of the Allied Museum, through the airport installations and bunkers by guides and former military personnel.

12:00h – 19:30h Proceeding to points of interest in the former sectors of Berlin on an individual basis or in small groups. A list and recommendations will be provided in the camp by Thursday.

20:00h – 22:00h Get together in the camp – driver briefing. Briefing for Flugplatzfest on Sat./Sun. Observation of Pyronale in the Olympic Stadion from the Gatow runway.

**No driving in camp after 20:00h. Access through Barracks Main Gate Kladower Damm 182.**

**Sa. 06.09.2014 (Day of Choice)**

**Notice:** on Saturday and Sunday the MHM opens for the „Flugplatzfest“ for the public from 10:00 – 18:00h. Up to 25.000 visitors are being expected and a broad program is being offered. Therefore BERLIN-PATROL© participants will have the choice to stay in the camp / museum or:
09:00 – 10:30h Excursion to the former USSR Military Headquarter Bunkers in Zehrendorfer Straße 12, 15806 Zossen (Bunkercity) Total distance app. 150 km through Berlin and Brandenburg. Central guarded parking.

11:00 – 15:00h
b) Garrison Museum: The use in Imperial Time, Weimar Republic and the Third Reich
c) Guided tours through bunkers in groups (1,5 – 2 Std.). We will hold a separate survey among participants for preferences by e-mail. There could be extra fees for entrance or access.

15:00 – 16:00h Drive to Soviet War Memorial, Berlin Treptow

16:00 – 17:00h Visit of the Memorial. Alternatively or after this visit the participants can drive to points of interest on their own. A list of points of interest will be displayed.

Until 20:00h Return of the vehicles to the MHM. Pyronale in the Olympic Stadion to be watched from Gatow runway.

So. 07.09.2014 (Allied Times Picknick during Flugplatzfest)
During the opening hours of the Flugplatzfest the BERLIN-PATROL© camp will be accessible for visitors and the vehicles present (not on tour) on display in front of Hangar 3. The Camp crew will be present all day. Driving on the museum grounds is prohibited for security reasons – special permits to be issued by the Commander of the Museum or Military Police only.

10:00h – 18:00h BERLIN-PATROL© camp in the MHM Flugplatz Gatow – public – free admittance
a) 10:15h Flag ceremony by former members of American and British Units in Berlin
b) 10:00h Display of BERLIN-PATROL© vehicles, awards and little souvenirs for the participants in coordination with the program by MHM
c) Snacks und beverages available – otherwise self catering
d) Consistent information stands of the participating historical societies

Appr. 14:00h Fly Out historical planes
Alternatively: Individual drives to point of interest into Berlin or surrounding Brandenburg. All traffic through Main Gate.

18:00h MHM closes for the general public. Only registered participants may stay. Get together with other exhibitors.

22:00h Tabs

Mo, 08.09.2014 (Departure Day – Change of Command)

Until 12:00h Departure from the MHM grounds.

Appr. 14:00h Handing over Camp site to Museum command – Debriefing Team

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