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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE 63RD OFFICER CANDIDATE WING ASSOCIATION

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COMMANDER'S CORNER: I'm happy to say our association membership efforts took a big jump when Class 62D requested to formally join the association, and it was approved by our Board of Directors. Paul Kelley, with some assistance of Gary Kent and Chuck Ulmer, located about 35 of his classmates and they agreed to join our Wing Assn.

Additionally, about 18 of them indicated a desire to attend our DC Reunion in October. Paul is both the 62D rep on the Board of Directors and their Class Communicator, and can be reached at 703-451-0301 or vet1nam@cox.net. Dave Mason also got

items in the MOAA website and USAF Retiree Newsletter that generated several inquiries from other classes and individual OCs. Our list of OCS Class contacts now totals 30 ranging from 43A to 63D, 5 of which are now active in our Assn. The events, optional tours and sign-up info for the October Reunion is included in this newsletter. We have a great location and room rate for a DC reunion, and we are working on some fairly unique tours, one to the CIA Headquarters & Museum (max of 30 US citizens, and it may require a day early arrival) and another for a dedicated group tour of the White House (max of 50 people), so sign-up early to get on those events. A key event will be a Memorial Service remembering our deceased classmates at the spectacular new AF Memorial. We can't confirm a Golf Tournament time and place as of yet, but let us know if you are interested in playing. Additionally, like we did in Tucson, we are offering a tour of the recently remodeled/renovated Mount Vernon for those willing to stay over another day. If you are not quite sure of attending yet, I suggest you go ahead and sign-up for the hotel now, as you can always cancel out up to 24 hours before the start of the reservation. The Reunion Registration process will be handled by Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. this year. Due to the location, meals, fees and taxes have driven up our registration costs somewhat, but I think the overall program we are offering will help to offset that aspect. Looking forward to seeing you all in DC this October.

Tom Hansen, 63B

FINANCIAL REPORT - We currently have \$3,525 in the bank, \$1,000 for reunion up front expenses, \$1,882 for memorial project fund and \$643 in our general operating fund. What we spend for reunion expenses, we can expect to be recovered from reunion registration payments. Once the Lackland AFB Memorial benches are completed and installed this Spring, we will have about \$900 final payout for that project, leaving slightly more than \$600 for the Lackland Heritage Museum project. Bottom line is that we are in good shape.

MEMORIAL PROJECT UPDATES: The completion of the two OCS benches for Lackland's Memorial Park was delayed due to the company's owner dying, and his son having to deal with several employee issues. However, they are now scheduled to be completed by the end of March, and the Civil Engineers are preparing the site for their installation sometime in April. Regarding the Lackland Heritage Museum project, we have a display case and walled enclosure in place but containing only a few artifacts on display. The current game plan is to install an electronic picture frame showing a series of OCS photos, and to mount a series of charts on the walls outlining the program and its successes. Anyone with additional OCS items for possible display should contact Dorian de Wind at 512-301-5143 or ddewind@austin.rr.com, and additional ideas and/or helping hands should be passed to Bob Karre at 210-659-2578 or robertkarre@sbcglobal.net

Bob Karre, 63C

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63rd OFFICER CANDIDATE WING ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 9 – 13, 2009

DOUBLETREE CRYSTAL CITY – ARLINGTON, VA (DC AREA)

Friday, October 9

12:00pm - 5:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**
TBD - TBD Golf Tournament
1:00pm - 5:00pm CIA TOUR (description follows) (may require arrival one day prior)
2:00pm - 5:30pm Hospitality Room open
6:30pm - 8:00pm Welcome Reception
8:00pm - 11:00pm Hospitality Room open

Saturday, October 10

TBD am TBD WHITE HOUSE TOUR (description follows)
8:30am - 12:00pm CITY TOUR (description follows)
1:15pm - 5:15pm STEVEN F. UDVAR-HAZY CENTER (description follows)
2:00pm - 11:00pm Hospitality Room open
6:30pm - 10:30pm CAPITOL STEPS SHOW (description follows)

Sunday, October 11

7:30am - 3:30pm USAF MEMORIAL / OTHER MEMORIALS (description follows)
4:00pm - 11:00pm Hospitality Room open

Monday, October 12

8:00am 9:30am Business Meeting
9:30am - 10:00am Class Meetings
11:00am - 2:45pm LUNCH CRUISE (description follows)
6:00pm Cash Bar Reception
7:00pm Banquet
10:00pm - ?? Hospitality Room open

Tuesday, October 13

9:00am - 2:30pm MOUNT VERNON (description follows) (may require stay-over an extra day)
Farewells & Departures

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$10 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

CIA TOUR

Friday, October 9

The CIA Museum supports the Agency's operational, recruitment, and training missions and helps visitors better understand CIA and the contributions it makes to national security. The Museum's collection includes material associated with the CIA's predecessor, the Office of Strategic Services; foreign intelligence organizations; and the CIA itself. The collection includes clothing, equipment, weapons, insignia, and other memorabilia that serve as tangible testimony to the Agency's history. Many of the objects the museum holds were designed and used specifically for intelligence operations. All artifacts have been declassified. Before the tour begins, you'll be given an overview of the facility, and time will be allowed in the museum store. Note: This tour must have only 30 people to run. In order for you to participate in this tour, you must provide your social security number on the registration form and carry a government-issued photo ID while on the tour. No cameras, of any type, are allowed on the tour. All people on this tour must be US Citizens.

1:00pm board bus, 5:00pm back at hotel

\$21/Person includes bus.

WHITE HOUSE TOUR

Saturday, October 10

Tentative permission has been given for a tour of the White House; although, times and details are not final. Tours typically include the East, Green, Blue, and Red State rooms along with the State Dining Room. The White House has been the home of every President except George Washington.

Note: This tour is limited to a maximum of 50 people. In order for you to participate in this tour, you must provide your social security number on the registration form and carry a government-issued photo ID while on the tour.

Times to be determined. A morning tour is anticipated in time to be back at the hotel by lunch time.

\$34/Person includes bus and escort.

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CITY TOUR

Saturday, October 10

See the sites of our nation's capital during a driving tour of Washington, D.C. Ride by the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, WWII Memorial, the Mall, Capitol Building, Washington Monument, White House, and other notable monuments and federal buildings. The tour will include a stop at one of these memorable sites.

8:30am board bus, 12:00pm back at the hotel

\$35/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.

STEVEN F. UDVAR-HAZY CENTER

Saturday, October 10

This museum, part of the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum, is dedicated to the preservation and display of its collection of historic aviation and space artifacts. Located at Washington International Dulles Airport, the facility has large aviation and space exhibit hangars. The museum currently has over eighty aircraft and dozens of space artifacts on display including the Space Shuttle "Enterprise," an SR-71 Blackbird, the Dash 80 prototype of the Boeing 707, and the B-29 Superfortress "Enola Gay." You may tour the exhibits at your own pace, but there is a lot of walking, so please wear comfortable shoes.

1:15pm board bus, 5:15pm back at the hotel

\$34/Person includes bus and escort.

CAPITOL STEPS

Saturday, October 10

The only group in America that attempts to be funnier than the Congress, Capitol Steps is a troupe of current and former Congressional staffers who satirize the very people and places that once employed them. They monitor events and personalities on Capitol Hill, in the Oval Office and other centers of power, taking a humorous look at serious issues and providing laughs for millions. Capitol Steps has become a Washington, DC institution for providing a tasteful blend of musical and political comedy.

6:30 pm board bus, 10:30 pm back at the hotel

\$62/Person includes bus, escort, and show

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS, continued

MEMORIALS TOUR

Sunday, October 11

The first stop will be at the newly dedicated Air Force Memorial for a special Memorial Service. Central to the design are three stainless steel spires which soar skyward. Other key elements of the Memorial include a bronze Honor Guard, inscription walls, and an open glass Chamber of Contemplation, all landscaped to create a memorial park overlooking the nation's capital. From there, it's on to Arlington National Cemetery where we'll board park service trams. Visit the Tomb of the Unknowns where you will see the changing of the guard. At the entrance of the Cemetery is the Women in Military Service for America Memorial. We'll make a brief stop here as well. Then, it's on to lunch at the Pentagon City Mall food court. Once in downtown DC, we'll stop at the WWII Memorial and a central location for people to visit the Korean War Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The WWII Memorial is the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II. The Memorial, which was established by the American Battle Monuments Commission, honors all military veterans of the war, the citizens on the home front, the nation at large, and high moral purpose and idealism that motivated the nation's call to arms. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial stands as a symbol of America's honor and recognition of the men and women who served and sacrificed their lives in the Vietnam War. Inscribed on the black granite walls are the names of more than 58,000 people who gave their lives or remain missing. Yet the Memorial itself is dedicated to honor the "courage, sacrifice and devotion to duty and country" of all who answered the call to serve during the longest war in U.S. history. Within walking distance of The Wall is the Korean War Veterans Memorial. As you approach the memorial, you will see the group of nineteen stainless-steel statues that depict a squad on patrol, evoking the experience of American ground troops in Korea. The adjacent Pool of Remembrance, black granite wall, and murals depict the extraordinary acts of heroism of those Americans who proved that "Freedom Is Not Free." If time permits, we'll include the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial.

**7:30am board bus, 3:30pm back at hotel
\$55/Person includes bus, escort, and tram.**

SPIRIT OF WASHINGTON LUNCH CRUISE

Monday, October 12

Enjoy a two-hour lunch cruise with live entertainment, narration, and a bountiful lunch buffet, onboard the Spirit of Washington. While you relax on one of the three fully enclosed, climate-controlled decks, you will cruise the historic water of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Your captain will point out landmarks – the Washington Monument, Ft. McNair, Washington National Airport, General's Row, and Old Towne Alexandria. After lunch enjoy a stroll and the fresh air on the outdoor decks.

**11:00am board bus, 2:45pm back at the hotel
\$79/Person includes bus, escort, and lunch cruise.**

MOUNT VERNON

Tuesday, October 13

The Georgian-style mansion and estate of our first president, George Washington, is just fifteen miles south of Washington. Fourteen rooms of the house are open to the public. The spectacular view from Mount Vernon's portico presents a panorama of lush green lawns extending to the Potomac River. Forty acres of manicured grounds, including Washington's Tomb, pleasure gardens and restored dependencies are available for visitors to enjoy. Your admission includes a 10% discount in the gift shop. Following the tour, enjoy lunch at the Mount Vernon Inn, featuring Beef Pot Pye, dessert, and beverage. Before heading back to the hotel, be sure to check out the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center. It features 23 gallery and theater experiences – many of them with interactive technology – that illuminate the detailed story of Washington's life, including his military and presidential careers. **Note: This is a walking tour – please wear appropriate shoes.**

**9:00am board bus, 2:30pm back at hotel
\$65/person includes bus, escort, admission, and lunch.**

Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.
Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.
All trips require a minimum of thirty people, unless otherwise stated.

**DOUBLETREE HOTEL – CRYSTAL CITY, ARLINGTON, VA
(703) 416-4100**

The Doubletree Hotel Crystal City National Airport is located at 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. The hotel is ideally situated in the Crystal City corridor just minutes from the nation's capital. Hotel vans will shuttle you to the nearby Pentagon City Fashion Mall and the Pentagon City Metro stop (subway-type system). The Metro provides transportation into the city to visit any of Washington's many world-famous museums and monuments. If you are driving, please feel free to contact the hotel directly for directions. Each guest room features cable TV with Pay Per View and games. The hotel has a fully equipped health club or treat yourself to a swim in the enclosed rooftop pool. The hotel's gift shop is located in the lobby. Best of all, Doubletree's famous homemade chocolate chip cookies will be waiting for you the night you arrive! The hotel offers handicapped accessible and non-smoking rooms, which are based on availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your reservation.

Self-parking is available in the hotel's garage for 63rd Officer Candidate Wing Association attendees at a discounted rate of \$12 per day (this does not include valet parking). Check-in time is 3:00pm, and check-out is 12:00 noon. **The Café**, serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner and has a charming atmosphere. **Window's Over Washington Restaurant**, serves dinner only on Friday and Saturday. Offering Continental and New American cuisine plus a spectacular view, **The Skydome**, a revolving rooftop lounge, is well known as one of the city's most popular nightspots. **The Lobby Bar** serves drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Room service is available.

The Doubletree Hotel provides free shuttle service to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport from 5am until 12am. It departs the hotel every 30 minutes and proceeds to the airport to drop off and pick up passengers. It then returns to the hotel. In addition, during peak travel times – 6am-10am and 5pm-11pm, it departs & then returns every 15 minutes. Please follow the signs for ground transportation to catch the shuttle.

The hotel has limited RV parking, located behind the hotel; parking for RVs will be at the discounted group parking rate of \$25 per day. Please inform the hotel when making reservations if you will be parking a RV. For electrical hookup service, the Pohick Bay Park on the Potomac River is the closest park to the hotel, which is approximately twenty miles away, located at 6501 Pohick Bay Drive in Lorton, VA. Call (703) 339-6104 for information, reservations, and directions. Their web address is www.nvrpa.org.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheel chairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details.

Vendors and schedules are subject to change.

----- CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL -----

**63RD OFFICER CANDIDATE WING ASSOCIATION REUNION – HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
REUNION DATES: OCTOBER 9-13, 2009**

NAME _____ SHARING ROOM W/ _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

TEL. NUMBER (____) _____ ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEP. DATE _____

OF ROOMS _____ # OF PEOPLE IN RM _____ HANDICAP ACCESS _____ SMOKING _____

NONSMOKING _____ KING BED _____ 2 BEDS _____

If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned.

RATE: \$99 + tax (currently 10.25%) for up to 2 people (\$20 additional each for 3rd and 4th person).

CUT-OFF DATE: 09/08/09. Reservations received after this date will be processed on space and rate availability.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled by 24 hours prior to the day of your arrival. Adjustments to departure date after check-in, resulting in a shortened length of stay, may result in a fee.

All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit enclosed.
____ AMEX _____ DINERS _____ VISA _____ MASTER CARD _____ DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) _____

Mail to: Doubletree Hotel *ATTN: Reservations * 300 Army Navy Drive* Arlington, VA 22202
www.doubletreecrystalcity.com or Fax to (703) 416-4147. You may also call 703-416-4100 to make your reservation.

63rd OFFICER CANDIDATE WING ASSN. ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-req.com/63ocw. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before September 8, 2009. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. All new registrations accepted at the reunion will be charged a \$10 onsite processing fee.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: 63rd OCW

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Check # _____	Date Received _____
Inputted _____	Nametag Completed _____

	Price Per	# of People	Total
CUT-OFF DATE IS 9/8/09			
REGISTRATION PACKAGE			
Includes Friday Welcome Reception, Monday Banquet, and various reunion expenses. Please select your entrée choice(s) for the banquet:			
SLICED TOP ROUND OF BEEF	\$100		\$
CHICKEN PICCATA	\$100		\$
TOURS			
FRIDAY: CIA MUSEUM TOUR (max 30 US Citizens)	\$21		\$
Please choose one of the following two tours:			
SATURDAY: WHITE HOUSE TOUR (max 50 people)	\$34		\$
SATURDAY: CITY TOUR	\$35		\$
SATURDAY: UDVAR-HAZY CENTER	\$34		\$
SATURDAY: CAPITOL STEPS SHOW	\$62		\$
SUNDAY: USAF MEMORIAL / OTHER MEMORIALS	\$55		\$
MONDAY: LUNCH CRUISE	\$79		\$
TUESDAY: MOUNT VERNON	\$65		\$
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.			\$

PLEASE PRINT NAME FOR NAMETAGS
 FIRST _____ LAST _____ CLASS _____
 SPOUSE & GUEST NAMES (IF ATTENDING) _____
 STREET ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PH. NUMBER (_____) _____ - _____ EMAIL _____ @ _____
 HOW MANY IN YOUR PARTY ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING GOLF ON FRIDAY? _____

IF YOU'VE REGISTERED FOR THE CIA OR WHITE HOUSE TOUR, PLEASE FILL IN THE TABLE BELOW FOR EACH PERSON:

FULL NAME (FIRST, MI, LAST)	DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YY)	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____
 (Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? YES NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (_____) _____ - _____

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program.
CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays). Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code.
 Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.