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WASHINGTON D.C. REUNION - FINAL REMINDER JULY 22nd DEADLINE APPROACHING!

Reunion Reservation Form

Form must be received by July 22nd!

*Use the form printed in this newsletter
and mail to the Treasurer*

Because vendors must be contacted with accurate counts, please mail your form in time for it to reach the Treasurer by July 22nd.

There can be no exceptions.

Room Reservations

**Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Old Town Alexandria**

Call 877-504-0047 or 703-548-6300

Use Group Code: SAC ACCA Reunion-Code N1V

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the reduced rate of \$139/night (includes breakfast). Remaining rooms will be cancelled after July 22nd.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it's June 1, 2012 and we have 83 days till the Washington D.C. reunion set for 22-26 August 2012. To date, we have 25 people signed up or have booked a room to attend and I'm hoping that with this newsletter those who have been waiting will get their reservations

2012 Reunion

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in. The hotel still has rooms available; the cost is \$139 which includes breakfast. If you're flying in, no need for a rental car as the hotel runs a shuttle to National Airport and to Old Town Alexandria and the nearby METRO train. What follows is what we have planned for you while you're here. These events are pretty much set but, as with all things, they may change a little. So, here goes...

Wednesday evening we start with our first event, the Social Meet & Greet. We will have heavy hors d' oeuvres and a pay-as-you-go bar. This is a great ice breaker, a chance to see old friends and to make a few new ones.

Thursday, we are off and running. We will take a bus

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short bus ride out to the newest of the Air & Space museums, the Udvar-Hazy. This is a chance for the plane buffs to see and explore the many examples of our air history which includes the Enola Gay and the Space Shuttle, Discovery. Lunch is on your own at the museum. We'll leave there in the early afternoon to ride the bus into Washington D.C. It will take us to the newly restored World War I, World War II, Vietnam and Korean Memorials. After a short return to the hotel to freshen up, we'll take a brief ride to Joe Theisman's Restaurant in Alexandria.

On Friday, you'll need to decide what it is you want to see. You have two options. First up is a tour of Mount Vernon, the home of President George Washington. At Mount Vernon, you can visit the Mansion, more than a dozen original structures, Washington's Tomb and nearly fifty acres of his extensive plantation. The estate also includes a working blacksmith shop and the George Washington Pioneer Farmer site, a 4-acre demonstration farm with a reconstructed slave cabin and 16-sided treading barn.

Your other option is a visit to the Air Force Memorial. The Air Force Memorial is a national place of pride, reverence and remembrance located just outside the Nation's Capital in Arlington, Virginia. It is dedicated to the Men and Women of the United States Air Force and its Heritage Organizations. The Memorial was given to the nation during its formal dedication on October 14, 2006 (see photo on the back cover). Then, its off to the Iwo Jima Memorial. The Iwo Jima Memorial, also known as the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, honors the Marines who have died defending the United States since 1775. From there, it's indoors where we go for a tour of the Pentagon. The tour lasts for approximately 60 minutes (walking) and follows a route that is approximately one and one-half miles in length. Each tour includes the mission of the Department of Defense and each of its branches of service and visits numerous displays that highlight and depict significant moments in military history.

After the Pentagon tour, we'll head over to Pentagon Row with a selection of eating establishments from which to choose before we make our last tour stop of the day which is Arlington National Cemetery, America's premier military cemetery - a national shrine - a living history of freedom - where dignity and honor rest in solemn repose. From Arlington Cemetery we will go back to the hotel.

Friday night is dinner is on your own but as I >>>>

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Washington D.C. Aug 22-26, 2012

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mentioned earlier, the hotel runs shuttles to the Old Town Alexandria area which has a variety of restaurants and shops for your evening's pleasure. It's a friendly city to walk around. One additional item for your consideration; at 8:00 PM the Air Force Memorial will host a USAF Band Concert featuring the Concert Band and the Singing Sergeants.

Saturday will be our business meeting, election of officers and our Memorial Service. Once they are over you should have plenty of time to tour other attractions in D.C. before the banquet.

Finally, we come to our banquet. The speaker will be Mr. Peter Verga who is a long time friend and champion of the airborne mission. Mr. Verga is the Chief of Staff and Senior Career Official for the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and serves as the first assistant to the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. He is responsible for oversight of security cooperation policy implementation, technology security policy, detainee policy and missing persons and prisoners of war issues.

Mr. Verga is a retired U.S. Army officer with over twenty-six years of service, including combat operations in Vietnam from September, 1969 to November, 1971. Prior to retirement from active service, he served as the Deputy Director for Emergency Planning in the Office of the Secretary of Defense where he was responsible for a variety of special and sensitive activities and interagency matters regarding emergency preparedness and wartime continuity of government policy and on the White House staff as Special Assistant to the Assistant to the President for Management and Administration, advising on a variety of matters including continuity of government and sensitive emergency plans and programs in direct support of the President. This followed duty as Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Operations of the White House Military Office and in the Operations Directorate of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Mr. Verga has been awarded the Presidential Ranks of Distinguished Executive and Meritorious Executive and has been awarded three Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Awards and the Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award. During his military service his awards included, among others: the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, four Bronze Star Medals, the Purple Heart, three Defense Meritorious Service Medals, twenty-one Air Medals and the Presidential Service Badge.

Well, that's it... the whole reunion plan from start to finish. I hope you look it over and come out to join us. These reunions take time to plan in order to get the right mix of things to see and do. Here in D.C. we had so many

mix of things to see and do. Here in D.C. we had so many to pick from that it was pretty hard to narrow down the list but I hope you'll agree that we have made some good choices.

As I have said before, this is the time that our association gets together to meet old friends, make some new ones and to remember those that are no longer with us. I hope to see you there.

EC-135C RESTORATION

As you recall, Fred Kemp's devoted efforts to have an EC-135C restored and made accessible to the public, first at the Strategic Air & Space Museum in Nebraska and then at the Pima Air & Space Museum (PASM) in Tucson, Arizona, have encountered major road blocks.

Presently, the feasibility of placing a 1/16 scale model of the aircraft's communications and battle staff compartments inside the PASM is being studied. Fred has been in contact with a company in New York that is able to make museum quality large-scale models and has indicated that they can construct a model of this type.

He has also discussed this possibility with the Executive Director of the PASM, Yvonne Morris, where an interest has been expressed, depending on the size and if there are "some interactive components with it. For example, if it is prewired for audio and light displays."

The early projected costs of this endeavor would be beyond the capabilities of this organization. Therefore, the SAC ACCA Board has written a major corporation for consideration of sponsoring such a project.

A discussion of Fred's efforts at the reunion's business meeting in Washington D.C. in August is anticipated. Your **input** is earnestly **requested** as to this proposal. Please contact any member of the Board with your comments.

Folded Wings
(Belated Notice)

MSgt Robert M. Stemock
June 2, 2010

2012 REUNION HOTEL

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Old Town Alexandria

Dates

August 22-26, 2012

Reservations

877-504-0047 or 703-548-6300

Group Identification Code

SAC ACCA Reunion-Code N1V

Reservation Cut-off Date

July 22 , 2012

Web Site

www.hioldtownalexandriahotel.com

Reunion Room Rate

\$139.00/Night (includes breakfast)

This rate will be honored 3 days
before/after the official
reunion dates based on
availability of the hotel.

Additional Information

Daily Parking Fee: \$20.00

Free Shuttle to/from
Reagan International Airport
and Old Town Alexandria.





SAC ACCA 2012 Reunion – Washington D.C. Summary of Agenda

Wednesday, August 22

Reunion Registration
Social Meet & Greet
Heavy hors d' oeuvres
Bar - Pay as you go

Thursday, August 23

Transportation by bus:

Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum
Lunch on your own at the museum
World War I, World War II, Vietnam
and Korean War Memorials
Dinner - Joe Theismann's Restaurant

Friday, August 24

OPTION 1:

Transportation by private automobile:

Mount Vernon (George Washington's Home)

OPTION 2:

Transportation by bus:

Air Force Memorial (Wreath laying)
Iwo Jima Memorial
Pentagon Tour (Requires walking)
Lunch on your own at Pentagon Row
Arlington National Cemetery
Dinner on your own – Shuttle available
to Old Town, Alexandria

Saturday, August 25

Business Meeting
Memorial Service
Afternoon free to tour Washington D.C.
Evening Banquet – Dress code: Casual

Sunday, August 26

Depart for home
Safe travel

INFORMATION-TOUR SITES

Air Force Memorial- Honoring the service of the personnel of the USAF and its predecessors, the Memorial is located near the Pentagon and Arlington National Cemetery. Three stainless steel memorial spires, ranging from 201 feet to 270 feet high, arc against the sky representing the image of contrails of the Thunderbirds aircraft in a classic bomb burst maneuver. There is no fourth arch to represent the missing man.

Arlington National Cemetery- Located directly across the Potomac River from the Lincoln Memorial, veterans from our nation's wars are interred there. The cemetery is divided into seventy sections covering 624 acres with twenty-seven to thirty funeral services being conducted each day. More than 330,000 American servicemen are buried here including two presidents (Taft and Kennedy). Standing on a hill, containing the remains of soldiers from WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam, is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. More than four million people visit the cemetery each year.

Iwo Jima Memorial- The memorial honors Marines who have died defending the United States since and is located near Arlington National Cemetery. The sculpture, depicting the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima in 1945, is 32-feet high set on a base made of granite inscribed with the words "In honor and in memory of the men of the United States Marine Corps who have given their lives to their country since November 10, 1775."

Korean War Memorial- Located just south of the Reflecting Pool on the National Mall, it commemorates those who served in the Korean War. Walls of black granite forming a triangle intersecting a circle contain more than 2,500 photographic images that represent the land, sea and air troops who fought in the war. Within the triangle are nineteen stainless steel statues representing a squad on patrol.

Mount Vernon- Near Alexandria, Virginia on the banks of the Potomac River is the plantation home of the nation's first President, George Washington. In addition to touring the mansion, there are more than a dozen original structures, Washington's Tomb, and almost fifty acres of the plantation for viewing.

Pentagon Tour- With 23,000 employees, both military and civilian, the Pentagon is like a city in itself and is one of the world's largest office buildings. More than one-hundred-thousand visitors take this sixty minute tour

each year that follows a route that is approximately one and one half miles in length. Numerous displays depicting significant moments in our nation's military history are seen.

Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Center- The companion facility to the National Air & Space Museum on the mall, it is located near Dulles International Airport. Together, they house the largest collection of aviation and space artifacts in the world. The Center displays aircraft on three levels affording excellent viewing for visitors. Among the planes shown are the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, the Boeing Dash 80, prototype of the 707, and the Boeing B-29 Superfortress, *Enola Gay*, which flew the Atomic Bomb mission in 1945. Inside the James S. McDonnell Space Hanger is the Space Shuttle, *Enterprise*, along with many other space artifacts including the Gemini VII space capsule and a Redstone rocket. In addition, there is an Observation Tower offering views of air traffic at Dulles as well as an IMAX Theater, flight simulators and food

Vietnam War Memorial- The memorial consists of three parts: the Three Soldiers Statue, the Vietnam Women's Memorial and the Vietnam War Memorial Wall. The stone wall is made up of two walls nearly 247 feet long, sunk into the ground with earth behind them. Each wall has 72 panels with the names inscribed in chronological order. There is a pathway along the base of the Wall where visitors may walk, read the names, make a rubbing or stop to reflect.

World War I Memorial- Also known as the District of Columbia War Memorial, it was dedicated in 1931 as a memorial to the 499 District of Columbia residents who gave their lives in the war. Efforts are underway to have the site re-dedicated as a National World War I memorial dedicated to all those Americans who served in the Great War.

World War II Memorial- Located on the National Mall at the eastern end of the Reflecting Pool, it consists of 56 pillars and a pair of arches surrounding a plaza and fountain. Two-thirds of the 7.4 acre site is landscaping and water. Each pillar is inscribed with the name of one of the 48 states in 1945, as well as the District of Columbia, Alaska Territory, Hawaii Territory, Commonwealth of the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The northern arch is inscribed with "Atlantic" and the southern one, "Pacific." More than 4 million people visit each year.



Udvar-Hazy Aviation Center



Mount Vernon



Arlington National Cemetery



Vietnam War Memorial



United States Air Force Memorial



Korean War Memorial



World War II Memorial



The Pentagon



World War I Memorial



Iwo Jima Memorial

SAC ACCA Charter Renewal

Since 1998, **Jack Gatewood** has faithfully accomplished the task of coordinating the renewal of SAC ACCA's charter with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations. Thank you Jack! Copies of the latest annual update are maintained in the files of both the Association's Secretary and the Treasurer.

PACCS Stories Requested

As noted in previous editions of this newsletter please consider writing an article about recollections or memories of your service/experiences in PACCS. Whether you send them by email or snail mail makes no difference. If you prefer, simply jot down some notes and we'll assist you with the writing and editing. Don't concern yourself with spelling and grammar. The most important thing is sharing those unique stories with the membership.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES STA- TUS

Your address label indicates the year in parentheses. It should read (12) or later. If it does not, use the enclosed renewal form to mail the treasurer a check.



**PACCS Memorial Bench
National Museum of USAF- Dayton, Ohio**

SAC ACCA Website

www.sac-acca.org

The Association's website is maintained by webmaster **Jim Bostic**, a task he has accomplished since volunteering at the Dayton Reunion in October 2008. Thank you Jim! (It should be noted that he has done this at no cost to the organization).

Available SAC ACCA Merchandise

Item #	Item Description	Item Sale Price
101	Caps, SAC ACCA	\$12.00
111	Coin, PACCS Memorial, Silver	\$ 8.70
106	Lapel Pins, SAC ACCA	\$ 4.60
103	Patches, SAC ACCA	\$ 4.80

To order, contact the Treasurer. Please make your check payable to SAC ACCA. Note that the price includes shipping.





Strategic Air Command Airborne Command Control Association

2012 REUNION - REGISTRATION FORM (Washington, D.C. - August 22-26, 2012)

Attendee Names: _____

(List all attendees: member, spouse, guest)

Make check to: SAC ACCA

Mail to: Steve Leazer, Treasurer
5669 Cahuilla Avenue
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92277-1419

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone No: _____

NOTE: MAIL IN TIME FOR FORM TO REACH THE TREASURER BY JULY 22

To obtain a **reservation** at the Holiday Inn & Suites, Old Town Alexandria, call (877)504-0047 or (703) 548-6300 (Identify your group as **SAC ACCA Reunion, Code N1V**). A limited number of rooms (20) have been negotiated at \$139/night (includes breakfast) but this **price will be cancelled after July 22** for any remaining rooms. [Hotel website: www.hioldtownalexandriahotel.com]
Reunion Registration Form must be received by July 22 NO EXCEPTIONS! Vendors will be contacted on July 23 with the final numbers that are required.

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost Each</u>	<u>Total</u>
Weds, Aug 22	Registration Fee (Member only)	<u>1</u>	x \$15.00	<u>\$15.00</u>
	Social: Heavy hors d'oeuvres	_____	x \$35.00	_____
Thurs, Aug 23	Bus Fee	_____	x \$32.00	_____
	Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum Lunch (on your own) at museum World War I, World War II, Vietnam and Korean Memorials	_____		_____
	Joe Theismann's Restaurant (Menu-over)	_____	x \$32.00	_____
Fri, Aug 24	<u>OPTION 1</u> Mount Vernon (Washington's Home)	_____	x \$15.00	_____
	<u>OPTION 2</u> Bus Fee Air Force, Iwo Jima Memorials Pentagon Tour (Requires walking) Lunch (on your own) at Pentagon Row Arlington Cemetery	_____	x \$22.00	_____
	Dinner (on your own) Shuttle available to Old Town Alexandria	_____		_____
Sat, Aug 25	Banquet at Hotel (Choose one for each guest)	_____		_____
	Herb Rubbed Chicken, Thyme Glaze Sauce	_____	x \$47.60	_____
	Seared Salmon, Lemon Dill Butter Sauce	_____	x \$48.00	_____
	Beef Sirloin Sauteed Mushroom, Cabernet Demi Glace	_____	x \$58.00	_____
	("Prices include a 21% Taxable Service Charge and 95 Tax")	TOTAL	\$ _____	_____

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JOE THEISMANN'S **RESTAURANT**

Dinner Party Menu

Chicken Penne Pasta

spinach, mushrooms, feta cheese in a roasted red pepper cream sauce

Chicken Louisiana

andouille sausage, shrimp, onions and peppers, cajun cream sauce

Maryland Crab Cakes

pan-fried with French fries and cole slaw

Chicken Romano

Topped with ham and mozzarella, with a sun-dried tomato cream sauce

Eggplant Parmesan

linguini and marinara sauce

Broiled Fresh Salmon Filet

with steamed spinach, rice and beurre blanc

Fresh Idaho Rainbow Trout

herb crusted and sautéed, topped with chive aioli

Grilled Filet Mignon

with mashed potatoes and vegetables

Grilled Pork Chops

served with mashed potatoes and homemade applesauce

Strawberry Cheesecake or Chocolate Brownie

All entrées are served with freshly baked bread caesar salad, dessert, coffee or tea.

\$25 per person

\$32 with tax and gratuity



**Strategic Air Command
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Membership Application or Annual Dues Renewal Form

Name: _____ Spouse's name: _____
(Last, First, Middle)

Rank/Title: _____ Branch of Service: _____ Status: _____
(Active, Retired, Other)

Mailing Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ Email address: _____

Indicate your affiliation with PACCS, ACCS: [Organization - Duty - (Dates)] Examples: [22nd ARS - IP (74-82)], [34ARS - BO (63-66)], [HQ SAC - ABS (69-71)], [2nd ACCS - In-flight Maint (69-72)], [55th SRW - Staff (72-73)], [(4th ACCS - Crew Chief (74-76)], [AEAO/40ADIV (74-76)], [SAC Hq - Planner (88-90)].

Amount Enclosed:

_____ Initial Fee (\$10.00) _____ Annual Dues (\$15.00) Year(s) _____ Reinstatement (\$10.00)

If paying annual dues, please indicate for what year(s) you are enclosing payment. The current paid year for your dues will be found in parentheses on the mailing label of your most recent newsletter.

New memberships require the payment of the initial fee and dues for the year (\$25.00). Dues are for the period 1 Jan through 31 Dec and are due the first day of January (\$15.00) each year. A reinstatement fee, plus current dues, is due for inactive members who wish to reactivate their membership after an absence of two years or more (\$25.00).

Please indicate your preference regarding the publication of your name and address on membership rosters which may be provided to the membership of SAC ACCA.

I authorize: _____ Name, U.S. Mail and Email addresses on ACCA rosters to the general membership.
_____ None of the above to be published on ACCA rosters to the general membership.

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Fly-by, USAF Thunderbirds, Dedication of Air Force Memorial, October 14, 2006
(Photo, W. Curtis)