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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and having enjoyed the summer. As we head into the fall this issue is intended to bring you up to speed on all that is going on with the association and the planning for our next get-together which is just around the corner. So enjoy.

It's hard to believe that the summer is over and we are only eight months away from the next reunion. This one will be a first for SAC ACCA as we team with the 4ACCS Association to hold a joint reunion with them in Rapid City, South Dakota, home of Ellsworth AFB. Our reunion planners have been working diligently with Mary Hillman, the 4ACCS representative, in coming up with some great events to see and do while at the reunion

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## **JOINT REUNION-2014 SAC ACCA & 4ACCS**

**Ellsworth AFB/Rapid City, SD  
June 25-29, 2014**

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*Folded Wings*  
*CMS Robert Truby*  
*28 April 2013*

## RESTORATION OF 63-8049

Fred Kemp has reported some encouraging news on the progress of EC-135C aircraft 63-8049's restoration at the Strategic Air & Space Museum (SASM) in Lincoln, Nebraska. This positive information is due, in large part, to his untiring efforts and strong leadership. His patience and persistence in seeing this iconic Cold War aircraft readied for display and interpretation to the public have been outstanding and all PACCS veterans owe him a great debt of gratitude.

He noted a call in July from the museum's Executive Director, Dr. Scott Tarry, that revealed their progress on a master plan, the first part of which will be funding to restore a number of aircraft including 049. In addition to some cleanup and mold remediation already accomplished on the aircraft, they plan to clean and restore the equipment inside the plane also. Fred said "their goal is to make it look as it did when it was an Airborne Command Post...to have it set up outside and allow tours to go thru it."

The fiftieth anniversary of the NIGHTWATCH mis-

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SAC ACCA members on summer 2013 visit Mary, Steve Kissinger ; grandsons, Aaron (9) and Isaac (3) PACCS Memorial Bench Natl Museum of the USAF, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

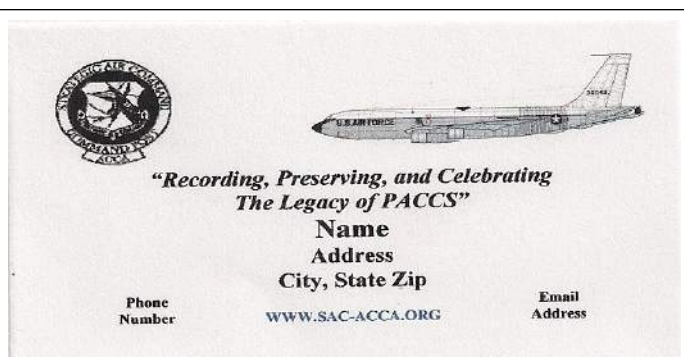
**SAC ACCA BUSINESS CARD**

*Editor's Note: As first reported in the October 2012 edition of the Flyer, Steve is still offering this service...*

Steve Kissinger will provide a "business card package" to any interested members. He says to contact him via email using the term "SAC ACCA Business Card" in the subject line: ([skissinger@wowway.com](mailto:skissinger@wowway.com)). Provide:

- Name (retired military include rank)
- Address
- City, state, zip code
- Phone number and email address

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sion was held in Omaha in late June and he noted having received a number of pictures of 049 from some of the members who attended and being “pleasantly surprised.” He could see that the plane had been cleaned up on the outside and learned that the SASM was taking tours out to the aircraft and talking about the Airborne Command Post mission and the role that 049 had played. (See the photo taken by Ed Bowman printed on the back cover.)

Fred further reported having participated in a conference call Aug. 29 with museum officials and volunteers:

Dr. Scott Tarry, Executive Dir & CEO  
Kevin Hendrix, Dir of Development  
Angela Roeber, Dir of Marketing & Public Relations  
Mark “Hambone” Hamilton, Restoration Manager  
Duane Dilts, Restoration Manager  
Dan Kirwin, Restoration Manager  
Dan Elder, Volunteer  
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Amy Walton, Volunteer

Among the items discussed, it was learned that when the mold remediation was started, mold was found in the insulation which will require total removal of the equipment. Because there are no temporary storage facilities at the museum, trailers or storage sheds will be needed or the renting of separate space. He indicated the museum is researching these aspects and will advise. Help with these costs in the form of donations will be necessary. (See the request on page 4.)

Fred also noted there was a lot of conversation about what to do with 049 once it had been restored. The plane is on loan from The National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio (NMUSAF) which does not allow aircraft leased to the SASM to be open for touring the interior. Additionally, there is a lack of space at SASM and the size of 049 precludes the possibility of it being housed inside. These points will be addressed once the mold problem has been resolved.

Very recently, a letter from Kevin L. Hendrix, SASM Director of Development, was sent to Fred along with several others. (A copy is posted on page 4.)

Ending on a positive note, Fred said there will be another teleconference in three months, the contents of which we will be advised. He concluded by saying “I personally feel that the Strategic Air and Space Museum is now actively working to get 049 restored...”

## President’s Message from page 1

ion. Yes, we will have some separate events such as our business meeting and a meet & greet but other events will be with both groups such as tours and the banquet dinner. I don’t want to steal Rod’s and Norma’s thunder so please take the time to read the reunion parts of the newsletter carefully and let’s get as many members as possible to sign up. With our friends from the 4ACCS Association, this could prove to be quite a gathering of individuals that supported the same mission.

Fred Kemp has been working hard as our representative for the restoration efforts of 8049. Thanks to his efforts the Strategic Air & Space Museum has cleaned the aircraft and taken some preventative measures to slow further deterioration until it can get inside. Fred is having regular meetings by way of telephone conferences with members of the museum as they begin the planning process to have the aircraft restored and displayed. Without Fred, I don’t think we would have been able to get this going.

Jim Bostick, our Web Designer and Manager, will be revamping the site soon. Some of the changes you will see are:

- Updating the reunion data
- Rebuilding the site moving to a cleaner, less “fancy” look that’s more-focused on content instead of glitz
- Providing a capability for the president (and maybe others) to post information to the site
- Adding additional security, especially to the guest book, to keep outsiders out, an integral part of the rebuilding work

Now, all this makes sense to Jim and I’m glad it does since he is the one who knows how to do it.

As you can see, while we only meet every other year, the Board of Directors and others are working hard behind the scenes to plan the next reunion, designing a web site that better fits our needs and preserving the last “Looking Glass” aircraft for future generations to see. So, please read over the newsletter, start now to plan on attending the reunion and encourage other members to come as well. It will be a great reunion that will be even better if you attend!

**DUES REMINDER: Your address label indicates the year paid in parentheses. It should read (14) or later. If it does not, please use the enclosed renewal form to mail the treasurer a check.**



## STRATEGIC AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

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To the Friends of EC-135C, 63-8049

I joined the Strategic Air & Space Museum in December of 2011. Since then I've had the pleasure to meet, exchange emails, or talk on the phone with those of you who flew on, supported, and hope to see the museum's EC-135C, 63-8049, restored and displayed.

After a thoughtful and deliberate review, the museum has reached a point where we are ready to seek the help of the "Looking Glass" community to begin an assessment of 049. What does this mean? The museum's restoration managers have determined that to develop an appropriate restoration plan for this historic aircraft, we must more accurately determine the current condition of the airframe. We know that there is a minor mold problem behind the interior insulation, but we also need to check for corrosion, structural integrity, and other issues. To accomplish this assessment, we must:

- Remove all interior electronics, hardware, insulation, etc.
- The mold must be removed by a professional mold removal company.
- Full inspection of aircraft to guide the development of the restoration plan.

The museum is seeking assistance from you, the "Looking Glass" community, in the following ways:

- We need volunteers who can help physically remove and catalog interior hardware.
- We need large, movable storage containers for the removed interior components for the duration of the assessment and restoration.
- We are seeking at least \$5,000 to pay for the mold removal, purchase of tools, and possible fees associated with storage of the previously mentioned interior components.

We are committed to the preservation of 049, but we want to make clear that this is just the first step of a complex, lengthy, and expensive project. At this time, there is no timeline for restoration completion.

A committee was formed to assist the museum in meeting our first goals. If you have questions or can assist with this project, please contact Fred Kemp ([FKemp8367@aol.com](mailto:FKemp8367@aol.com)), Dan Elder ([SACABNCP049@aol.com](mailto:SACABNCP049@aol.com)), Amy Walton ([awalton@connectingyou.com](mailto:awalton@connectingyou.com)), or Steve Shirley ([steves2@cox.net](mailto:steves2@cox.net)).

Thank you in advance,

Kevin Hendrix  
Director of Development  
Strategic Air & Space Museum

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Checks payable to Strategic Air & Space Museum and EC-135C or 8049 in the memo line.  
(Mailing address listed above)

# Reunion Hotel

RUSHMORE PLAZA HOLIDAY INN  
505 N. 5th Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701  
(605) 348-4000

In making your reservations for the reunion,  
use block code: **AC4**

\$145.00/night Standard/King Leisure  
\$155.00/175.00 King Executive/Plaza Suite

Hotel Web site: [www.rushmoreplaza.com](http://www.rushmoreplaza.com)



# Reunion Tours

## Mt. Rushmore Lighting Ceremony -

This tour lasts 4 1/4 hours and allows ample time for viewing, enjoying an evening meal on your own and the **Patriotic Lighting Ceremony** at the close. Following a 10-minute talk and a 20-minute film the highlight of the evening is the slow exposure of light to the monument until it is fully illuminated. A tribute to veterans follows.

## The Heart of the Hills -

This tour is 6 3/4 hours in length. Leaving the hotel in the morning the bus will travel to the **Prairie Berry Winery** located in the Black Hills. Following a stop there, it's on to **Hill City** where, you may explore the downtown area and have lunch on your own. After lunch, the group will board the **1880 Train** for a one-way ride through the countryside featuring some mining history and views of **Custer State Park**. There is a short break after arriving in **Keystone** before returning to the hotel.

## Delta-01 Launch Control Center and Delta-09 Launcher (Cactus Flat) -

On this tour you will see remnants of the **Cold War**: an underground launch control center and a missile silo. The **Minuteman System** once contained a 1.2 megaton warhead atop a solid fuel missile. Had it been necessary to launch, missiles would have been capable of reaching their targets via the polar icecap in thirty minutes. The sites are located off I-90 traveling east from Wall, SD in the Badlands National Park area.

## South Dakota Air & Space Museum -

On display at the museum are numerous aircraft including a B1B Lancer, B-52D Stratofortress and an **EC-135A, tail number 61-0262**, a PACCS aircraft of which a number of members are very well acquainted. Some of the other historic aircraft that are found there are a B-25 Mitchell, B-29 Superfortress C-47 Skytrain, and a C-54 Skymaster among the more than twenty-five airplanes on display.

## Ellsworth Air Force Base -

Home to the **28th Bomb Wing** of the Air Combat Command's Twelfth Air Force, the base is one of only two Air Force Installations that hosts the supersonic, **B1B Lancer**. A guided tour of the base will take place. (Driver license or military ID required and date of birth.)



# 4ACCS & SAC ACCA Reunion

June 25 – 29, 2014  
Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn  
505 N Fifth Street  
Rapid City, SD 57709



In June 2014, the 4ACCS and SAC ACCA will be hosting a combined reunion. For hotel reservations, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn (605) 348-4000. The Group Booking Code is AC4. These rooms must be reserved no later than May 25, 2014 to receive the special rate of \$145.00 Standard/King Leisure or \$155.00/\$175.00 King Executive/Plaza Suite. For other hotels go on line to the following web site: <http://www.visitrapidcity.com/wheretostay> or call the R C Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800-487-3223. Registration form to follow soon. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion.

**SCHEDULE of EVENTS** *(All events are for both groups unless listed as SAC ACCA)*

**WEDNESDAY – June 25**

1:00pm – 5:00pm / 5:00 pm – 9:00pm      **SAC ACCA Registration /Reception** *(Located in Salon D Room)*

**THURSDAY – June 26**

9:00am – 12:00pm      **SAC ACCA Meeting** *(Located in Salon D Room)*

12:00pm --3:00pm      **Registration** *(Salon D Room)*

6:30pm – 10:45pm      **Bus Tour – Mt Rushmore National Memorial Lighting Ceremony**  
*(On your own for meal at Mt Rushmore)*

**FRIDAY – June 27**

9:00am – 3:45pm      **Bus Tour – Heart of the Hills** *(sack lunch included)*  
*(Hill City, 1880 Train, Winery, & Keystone)*

6:00pm – 10:00pm      **Welcome Reception** *(Located in the Dakota Ballroom)*  
**w/ Open Bar and Hors D'oeuvres**

**SATURDAY – June 28**

8:00am      **Golfing** *(Tee time & location to be announced upon interest)*

7:30am – 3:30pm      **Bus Tour - Ellsworth AFB and SD Air & Space Museum,**  
*Delta-01 Launch Control Center/Launch Control Facility, and Delta-09 Launcher (Cactus Flat)*

*(Base tour requires Driver License or Military ID, and DOB – needed in advance, attach info to registration)*

5:30pm      **BANQUET** *(Located in the Dakota Ballroom)*  
6:30pm      **Social Hour**  
7:30pm      **Dinner**  
**Special Program**

**SUNDAY – June 29**

8:00am – 10:30am      **Black Hills Breakfast** *(Located in the Private Dining room)*

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**Membership Application or Annual Dues Renewal Form**

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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.  
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**EC-135C, 63-8049 at Strategic Air & Space Museum**

*Ed Bowman*