

C-7A Caribou Association



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Reunion Flyer

July 2013

C-7A Caribou Association's 24th Reunion DoubleTree Suites (206-575-8220) Seattle, WA 98188 October 9th – 13th, 2013

Place: The DoubleTree Suites, 16500 Southcenter Pkwy, Seattle, WA 98188 will be headquarters for Reunion 2013. The hotel has 219 rooms, free high-speed internet access, free guest parking, and space for parking of RVs. Every room is a two-room **suite** with living room/parlor, pull-out sofa bed, phone, coffee maker, refrigerator, and TV.

Hotel Reservations: Group room rate is \$111.28 (includes taxes). Call 206-575-8220. Group code is "C7A" when making your reservation. **To get the group rate, your reservation must be made by 9/18/13.** Hotel reservations are your responsibility and are not included in any fees paid with reunion registration. Rate is good from 6-15 Oct.

Hotel Check-In: The check in time is 3:00 PM or later. Unless the hotel is full the night before, some rooms may be available a little earlier in the afternoon.

Weather: Early October temperatures are in the mid to high 50's with 3.3 inches of rain during the month.

Transportation:

By Car: The hotel is 4 miles from Seattle-Tacoma Airport, on Southcenter Parkway, just east of IH 5.

By Commercial Air: The hotel provides complimentary airport shuttle service runs between 6:00 AM and 11:00 PM. Call the hotel when you arrive at the waiting areas at Island # 1 or Island # 3 **only**, located one floor above baggage claim. Cross

over the sky bridge, go down one floor to floor # 3. Call the hotel from the island. Return shuttle to the airport can be scheduled with front desk.

The Association will provide bus transportation for three off-site tours (Museum of Flight, City Tour for the ladies, and tour of Boeing plant).

Reunion Registration: Register for the reunion by mailing your completed form and check made out to the C-7A Caribou Association to Pat Hanavan, 12402 Winding Branch, San Antonio, TX 78230-2770. Upon arrival, pick up your name tag and registration packet in the War Room.

If you do not pre-register, every effort will be made to accommodate last minute arrivals, but we cannot guarantee the availability of an event due to varying prior-notice requirements. Reunion check-in is from 1400-2100 in the War Room. For those who arrive later, find the War Room and someone will take care of you. If you arrive before noon, come on in and help us set up!

Reception: In the War Room, from 1800-2000. Our usual snacks, supplemented with a few other items.

The **War Room** will be set with tables to sit around and catch up with old acquaintances. It will open at 3:00 PM on 9 October and close at midnight, and then be available from 7:00 AM to midnight on Wed. through Sat. and from 7:00 AM until

10:00 AM on Sunday.

Exception:

During periods when reunion attendees are away, e.g., tours, the War Room will be closed (locked up) unless an Association volunteer agrees to act as War Room monitor. The Caribou Association – not the hotel – will be responsible for War Room security throughout the reunion.

Shopping: The hotel is across the street from Southcenter/Westfield Shopping Center where there are more than **140 stores**. In the Center or nearby are over **50 restaurants**, banks, a theatre, and many other services and amenities.

Pool and health club: The hotel has complimentary indoor pool and health club facilities for guests to exercise, relax and unwind. In addition to the Swimming Pool and Health Club Facilities and Equipment, the hotel also offers two Racquetball Courts, a Sauna, and a Spa Tub.

Dining in hotel:

- **Cyber Café:** Coffee, Espresso, drinks, pastries, fruit, and more. Opens at 5:30 AM.
- **Northwest Landing Restaurant:** Full service restaurant for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- **Atrium Lounge/Bar:** In the evenings, relax and enjoy an inviting atmosphere.
- **In-Room Dining:** In-room dining services are available.

Wednesday, 9 Oct:

1400-2100 Reunion Registration
 1500-2400 War Room open
 1500-1700 Memorabilia room open
 1800-2000 Welcome reception

Thursday, 10 Oct:

0700-2400 War Room open
 0800-0900 Memorabilia room open
 0900 Bus to Museum of Flight
 1600 Return by bus to hotel
 TBD Dinner on your own
 2100-2200 Memorabilia room open

Friday, 11 Oct:

0700-2400 War Room open
 0900 Bus to tour Boeing Plant and

Flying Heritage Collection
 0900 Bus to City Tour (Ladies)
 1600 Return from tours
 1800-1900 Memorabilia room open
 1900 Buffet dinner at hotel

Saturday, 12 Oct:

0700-2400 War Room open
 0800-1000 Memorabilia room open
 0900-1000 2nd Annual Caribou Bowl in War Room (prize to winning unit)
 1000-1130 Business Meeting
 1200-1300 Lunch on-your-own
 1300-1600 Shopping at Southcenter/Westfield Shopping Center
 1630 Group pictures

1800 Social Hour
 1900 Banquet at hotel

Sunday, 13 Oct:

0700-1000 War Room open
 0800-1000 Memorabilia room open
 Depart for home

To register for the reunion, your dues must be current, i.e., the year on the mailing label of this flyer must be 2013 or later. Bou Tax is \$10.00 per year and covers our Newsletters, Flyer mailings, web site, and memorials. To reactivate or extend your membership, include your dues in your reunion registration check.

Museum of Flight

On Thursday, 10 October, we will go by chartered bus to the Museum of Flight for a private docent tour. This museum is one of the best in the country. It holds one of the largest and most comprehensive air and space collections in the United States, rare photographs and negatives, a world-class library, tens of thousands of artifacts, and over 150 rare aircraft and space vehicles.

Aircraft holdings include: Boeing 80A, B-17F, B-29, B-52G, VC-137B, WB-47E, Canadair CL-13B Sabre, Concorde, P-40N, D.H. 106 Comet 4C, A-4F, DC-2, DC-3, Fiat G-91, V-1, Fokker D.VII and D.VIII reproductions, Super Corsair, A-6E, F-14A, F-9F8, Lear Fan 2100, Learjet 23, Super Constellation, D-21B drone, F-104C, RQ-3A Dark Star, AV-8C, F-4C, BF-109E, Mig 15, Mig 17, Mig 19, Mig 21, Nieuport 28, P-51D, YF-5A, H-21B, P-47D, Rutan Voyager, HH-53, Sopwith Camel reproduction, Spad XIII reproduction, PT-13A, Spitfire Mk.IX, Taylor Aerocar III, XF-8U-1, and Yak 9U. Apollo Command Module 007A, various Apollo engineering mockups, Space Station Laboratory mock-up, and Soyuz descent module.

Lunch on-your-own at the Wings Cafe in the museum.

Boeing Plant Tour

On Friday, 11 October, we will go by chartered bus to tour the Boeing factory in Mukilteo, WA, 25 miles north of Seattle. The facility is home to the 747, 767, 777 and 787 Dreamliner production lines.

During the tour of the world's largest building by volume (472,000,000 cubic feet or 13,385,378 cubic meters), visitors see airplanes being built for Boeing's worldwide base of airline customers.

The tour lasts 90 minutes. No still photos or video cameras are allowed on the tour. We will view the aircraft being assembled from tour balconies above the production line floor. The 787 line is fascinating – the aircraft being assembled travel along the assembly line just like an automobile production line.

Friday Buffet

Friday buffet dinner offers choice of: Shiitake Mushroom Meatloaf blended with Ground Short Rib, Veal, and Pork or Dijon-Pistachio Crusted Pacific Salmon; choice of salad; seasonal vegetables; herb roasted baby red potatoes; rolls; and warm white chocolate bread pudding with Bourbon sauce and whipped cream; coffee or tea.

City Tour

While the men are visiting the Boeing plant on Friday, the ladies may elect to go on a guided city tour.

Starting with the perimeter of Seattle, you will see the floating homes on Lake Union and the Ship Canal. Two neighborhoods are most interesting: Fremont with entertaining outdoor art and the award winning landscaping of Magnolia.

The group will travel along the waterfront to Pioneer Square; the Klondike Gold Rush Museum; the galleries; glass blowers at the Glass House Studio; flagship stores of Starbucks, Nike, and Nordstrom's; Chihuly Glass Museum; and time on your own to visit the observation deck of the Space Needle.

Lunch on-your-own at the world famous Pike Place Market.

Banquet Buffet

Our banquet on Saturday evening begins with a pay-as-you-go social hour at 1800, with dinner at 1900. Menu choices are **beef** (top sirloin), **Chicken** Oscar, or **fish** (lemon seared Pacific salmon). Included are salad; seasonal vegetables; potato, rice, or pasta; sponge cake with fresh whipped cream and strawberry preserves; water, coffee, and tea.

**C-7A Caribou Association
Reunion 2013 in Seattle, WA
9-13 October 2013**



Member Name:		IMPORTANT!!! Will you have a car? (circle one below) no personal rental
Member Street Address:		
City:	State: Zip: Phone:	
Cell Phone:		First Reunion?
Email Address:		Yes No
Bou Year	Bou Unit:	Arrival Date Time
Desired Name for Your Name Tag:		
Spouse or Guest #1 Name for Name Tag:		
Guest #2 Name for Name Tag:		
Guest #3 Name for Name Tag:		Departure Date:

Host Hotel: DoubleTree Suites
Make hotel reservations by calling 206-575-8220. Group room rate is \$111.28 (includes taxes) and is good from 6-15 Oct.
 Rate applies to reservations made by 18 Sep. Mention "C-7A" to get the group rate.
Calculate your Total Registration Fee below and send your check made out to "C-7A Caribou Association."
Note: Reunion Registration and Association Dues (if not current for 2013) are Required. Other items are Optional.

Day	Time#	Tours/Events	# People	Price P/P	Total \$
Wed, 10/9	1400-2100	Reunion Registration – outside War Room		x \$25	
		C-7A Member Dues - \$10/Year (if BouTax date is less than 2013)		x \$10	
Wed, 10/9	1800-2000	Welcome Reception		Free	
Thu, 10/10	0900-1700	Guided tour of Museum of Flight		x \$13	
Fri, 10/11	0900-1700	Tour of Boeing Plant and Flying Heritage Collection [limited to 100 persons]		x \$23	
Fri, 10/11	0900-1700	City Tour (Ladies) [limited to 50 persons]		x \$20	
Fri, 10/11	1900-2030	Buffet dinner at hotel		x \$36	
Sat, 10/12	1900-2200	Plated dinner at hotel _____ beef _____ chicken _____ fish		x \$36	
		TOTAL REGISTRATION PACKAGE (Send Check)			

Fill in # People in all blocks above.
Make check payable to "C-7A Caribou Association" and mail with this registration form to:
Pat Hanavan, 12402 Winding Branch, San Antonio, TX 78230-2770
Contacts for Pat: pathanavan@aol.com or 210-479-0226

Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Phone: _____

I volunteer to help with registration, War Room, memorabilia shop, message center, etc. Please contact Pat Hanavan.
KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

Reunion Speakers

Several speakers are lined up for the reunion.

Our banquet speaker is Debbie Jennings, a docent at the Museum of Flight and a renowned authority on the Women's Air Service Pilots (WASPs) of WW II. She knows many of the surviving WASPs and regularly attends their reunions and events.

After the Friday tour of the Boeing plant, a Boeing 787 test pilot will share his experiences in flying the 787.

At the Friday buffet, Trish Beckman, a Vietnam veteran, will speak about her experience as a flight test engineer at Edwards AFB and a

flight test navigator for Boeing.

Before the Friday buffet, Phillip Jennings, a Marine veteran and CIA pilot, will share his experiences of the Vietnam War. He is the author of *The Politically Incorrect Guide to the Vietnam War*. He will have signed copies of his book for sale.

Notice!!!

The car information in the upper right corner of the registration form on page 3 is **VERY IMPORTANT** in completing our reunion planning. Please, make sure you complete this item before you send in your registration.

Caribou Bowl

In the War Room on Saturday from 0900-1000, teams of 6 (recommend 2 ladies on each team) will compete in the Second Caribou version of the G.E. College Bowl of the 60's. Questions will be based on T.O. 1C-7A-1; T.O. 1C-7A-2; the tests given at CCTS; wing and squadron histories; and general knowledge from the 60's, (e.g., news, celebrities, music, TV, films).

In 2012, the 458th TAS won the first Caribou Bowl.

Business Meeting

On Saturday, the Business Meeting will be from 1000-1130 in the War Room.



Check this out! The information you need to attend the 24th C-7A Caribou Association reunion is here!



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