

# C-7A Caribou Association



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Reunion Flyer

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## C-7A Caribou Association's 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion Ramada Beach Plaza Resort, Fort Walton Beach, FL October 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Place:** The Ramada Beach Plaza Resort, 1500 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548 will be headquarters for Reunion 2014. The hotel has 219 rooms, free high-speed internet access, free guest parking, and space for parking of RVs. Room amenities include: in-room safe, coffeemaker, refrigerator, cable TV with free HBO, electronic door locks, pillow-top bedding, work desk, hair dryer, iron and board, wake up service, and room service.

**Hotel Reservations:** Reservation number is 800-874-8962. Group room rate (including taxes) is \$109.89 for a standard room, \$120.99 for a courtyard room, \$143.19 for a pool-side room, or \$176.49 for a beach front room. Identify yourself as being with the "C-7A Caribou Association" when making your reservation. **To get the group rate, your reservation must be made by 9/15/14.** Hotel reservations are your responsibility and are not included in any fees paid with reunion registration. Rate is good from 13-21 Oct. Discounted rate for breakfast buffet is \$9.95.

**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:** Mid October temperatures range from the mid 40's at night to the low 70's during the day, with 4.5 inches of rain during

the month.

**Ground Transportation** from the airport, Northwest Florida Regional Airport, to the hotel is 10 miles.

Recommended services are:

**AAAA All Florida Transport Shuttle:** \$25 for 1-2 persons + \$5 for each person up to 5, by minivan. Jerry is **eager to serve vets – TO BE MET**, call 850-855-5736 **IN ADVANCE** with date/time/flight.

or

**C2 Transportation Shuttle:** 850-225-3909 (Chris), \$25 per trip + \$5 per additional person up to 5, most vehicles are 5 passenger vans.

**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 *hors d'oeuvres* from hotel catering.

**The reception is not the evening meal. Be considerate of others and take only an appropriate serving of items for yourself to make sure that everyone gets their share.**

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 15 October and close at midnight, and then be available from 7:00 AM to midnight on Wed. through Saturday, 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.

**The Garden Cafe** serves up fine dishes for breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day. In a lovely, window-surrounded setting, you can dine on delicious fare for every meal. For breakfast, enjoy the famous Malted Belgian Waffles, three-egg omelets customized with your favorite fillings, and New Orleans-style beignets. Lunch favorites include a wide array of sandwich favorites, Po Boys, and authentic seafood gumbo. At dinner, the seafood couldn't be better, and there are plenty of *a la carte* options, too.

**Wednesday, 15 Oct:**

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

**Thursday, 16 Oct:**

0700-2400 War Room open  
 0900 Bus to 1<sup>st</sup> Special Operations  
 Wing air park and Air Force  
 Armament Museum  
 0900 Bus for Ladies to tour Wesley  
 House and Silver Sands Mall  
 1600 Return by bus to hotel  
 TBD Dinner on your own  
 2100-2200 Memorabilia room open

**Friday, 17 Oct:**

0700-2400 War Room open  
 0800 Bus to Naval Aviation Museum  
 1200 Lunch on own at Museum  
 1630 Return by bus to hotel  
 1800-1900 Memorabilia room open  
 1900 Buffet dinner at hotel

**Saturday, 18 Oct:**

0700-2400 War Room open  
 0900-1000 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Caribou Bowl  
 in War Room (prize to winning unit)  
 1000-1130 Business Meeting  
 1200-1300 Lunch on-your-own  
 1300-1400 Memorabilia room open  
 1630 Group pictures

1800 Social Hour  
 1900 Banquet at hotel

**Sunday, 19 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 2014 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.

## Armament Museum

On Thursday, 16 October, we will go by chartered bus to the 1<sup>st</sup> Special Operations Wing air park at Hurlburt Field and the Air Force Armament Museum at Eglin AFB. See <http://www2.hurlburt.af.mil/photos/mediagallery.asp?galleryID=809> and <https://www.afarmamentmuseum.com/specops.shtml> for details of the exhibits and aircraft at these two locations.

## Ladies Tour/Shopping

While the men are visiting the air park and Armament Museum on Thursday, the ladies may elect to go on a guided tour of Wesley House at Eden Gardens State Park and shopping at Silver Sands Premium Outlets.

The focal point of this 161-acre park is the beautifully renovated, two-story Wesley house with its elegant white columns and wrap-around porch. The moss-draped live oaks and ornamental gardens inspire visions of hoop skirts and landed gentry. The park is part of the family estate of a wealthy Florida timber family. In 1963, Lois Maxon bought and renovated the home, creating a showplace for her family heirlooms and antiques. The house holds the second largest known collection of Louis XVI furniture in the U.S.

## National Naval Aviation Museum

On Friday, 17 October, we will go by chartered bus to tour the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola. The museum is of comparable quality to the National Museum of the USAF and the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum.

It is the world's largest Naval Aviation museum and one of the most-visited museums in the state of FL. Share the excitement of Naval Aviation's rich history and see more than 150 beautifully restored aircraft representing Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Aviation. These historic and one-of-a-kind aircraft are displayed both inside the Museum's nearly 350,000 square feet of exhibit space and outside on its 37-acre grounds.

There are biplanes of the Great War, record-setters, experimental platforms and survivors of epic aerial battles. In service, they splashed through Pacific swells, slammed down on the pitching decks of aircraft carriers, flew through hails of gunfire and blasted to the stars. The museum features over 150 beautifully restored aircraft, including rare and one-of-a-kind flying machines such as the NC-4 (first to cross the Atlantic by air), SBD Dauntless Bureau Number 2106 (a veteran

of the Battle of Midway), the Que Sera Sera (first aircraft to land at the South Pole), the last combat F-14D Tomcat, and many, many more.

The exhibits provide a closer look at people and events that shaped our history. From vintage uniforms and historic documents displayed in brilliant mahogany display cases, to dioramas that transport visitors to the World War I Western Front, Main Street U.S.A. in 1943, and the depths of Lake Michigan.

## Friday Buffet

Friday buffet dinner offers choice of: chef carved roast round of beef **or** baked amberjack, **or** oven baked chicken; mixed green salad; green beans and butter glazed carrots; assorted rolls and butter; coffee and tea; fruit trifle.

## Banquet

The Saturday evening banquet begins with a pay-as-you-go social hour at 1800, with dinner at 1900. Menu choices are **Beef** (NY Strip Steak) with twice baked potato, medley of crisp vegetables or **Fish** (broiled grouper with crab meat stuffing) with twice baked potato, medley of crisp vegetables. Included are Caesar salad, rolls, butter, iced tea or coffee, and key lime pie.

**C-7A Caribou Association  
Reunion 2014  
in Ft. Walton Beach, FL  
15-19 October 2014**



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

**Host Hotel: Ramada Plaza Beach Resort**  
**Make hotel reservations by calling 800-874-8962.** Group room rate (depends on room location) is good from 13-21 Oct.  
 Rate applies to reservations made by 15 Sep. Mention you are with the C-7A Caribou Reunion 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 2014) are Required. Other Items Optional.**

Day	Time#	Tours/Events	# People	Price P/P	Total \$
Wed, 10/15	1400-2100	Reunion Registration – outside War Room (Ambassador Room) at hotel		x \$25	
		C-7A Member Dues - \$10/Year (if BouTax date is less than 2014)		x \$10	
Wed, 10/15	1800-2000	Welcome Reception		Free	
Thu, 10/16	0900-1300	Visit to Air Force Armament Museum (chartered bus from hotel)		x \$10	
Thu, 10/16	0900-1530	Tour for Ladies to Wesley House and Silver Sands Outlets (chartered bus)		x \$10	
Fri, 10/17	0800-1530	Tour of Naval Aviation Museum (chartered bus from hotel to Pensacola)		x \$20	
Fri, 10/17	1900-2000	Buffet dinner at hotel		x \$35	
Sat, 10/18	1900-2200	Banquet (plated dinner) at hotel _____ beef      _____ fish		x \$35	
TOTAL REGISTRATION PACKAGE (Send Check)					

**Recheck the car information block (upper right corner of this page). Make sure you filled it in.**  
**Fill in all blocks in the # People column 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**



### National Naval Aviation Museum



### Wesley House

### 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 Third 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 and 70's (news, celebrities, music, TV, films).

In 2013, the 535 TAS and 457 TAS (tie) won the second 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 25<sup>th</sup> C-7A Caribou Association reunion is here!**



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