

C-7A Caribou Association

14th Annual Reunion Flyer

June 2003

C7A Caribou Association 2003 Reunion

Nov 5th – 8th

Radisson Airport Hotel
Charleston, SC

Tours – Tours – Tours

Early November is a perfect month for touring historic Charleston.

We will have an airlift mission-briefing luncheon followed by a tour of a C-17 at Charleston AFB on Thursday, Nov 6th. We will make a BX run for anyone wanting that before returning to the hotel. Contracted busses will be used to expedite security processing to get on the base for those who don't have their own POV with a current military base ID on it and for those who want the convenience.

On Friday, Nov 7th we go downtown to do historic Charleston. Each bus will have a professional tour guide for the first hour and half to and through Charleston. We will offer many tour or event options after the bus tour. Our first stop will be at Liberty Square. At Liberty Square there are 3 major events from which to choose. 1. Charleston's new aquarium; 2. IMAX Theater; and 3. Tour of Fort Sumter. We have blocked 120 seats on a SpiritLine cruise ship that will take you to Fort Sumter – where the Civil War began. If this doesn't stoke your pipe, your forth option is to remain on the bus that will proceed to the downtown market area where you can get some of the best seafood as well as other cuisine. Then spend the afternoon on walking or carriage tours or window shop. Later, everyone including those who did the Liberty Square events will be offered a bus ride to The Citadel campus. There you may have the Citadel Campus and view the cadet dress parade. After the parade everyone will be bussed back to the hotel.

On Saturday, Nov 8th you may either take a plantation tour of the Middleton Place Plantation where you will have lunch or you will be offered another half day downtown Charleston and return after lunch. The Middleton Place entrance fee and walking tour is \$15 or less, depending on the size of our group.

Other tours that are available on an individual basis include harbor cruises, plantation tours and a trip to the nearby old Navy base where there is an old civil war submarine that was recently raised.

Transportation

This year's reunion will be great because of the convenient transportation. Those who come by airlines won't need to rent a car. The Radisson hotel provides courtesy shuttles from the airport and to restaurants in the vicinity. If you arrive a couple of days early the hotel will coordinate for convenient inexpensive transportation to get around. We have busses contracted for the 3 main days of tours for our group. The bus schedule is setup in a way that provides options and flexibility. The bus schedule and activities are as follows:

Thursday, November 6, 2003

0945- 0950 Board commercial transportation (probably 2 small busses)

0955- Depart the Radisson hotel

0955-1005 Arrive @ the CAFB gate where Public Affairs personnel will clear us through with the security police

1010-1015 En route to the Charleston Club

1015-1130 Welcome & Wing Mission Briefing given by Wing CC or CV

1130-1230 Lunch at the Charleston Club

Only groups of 40 are allowed on the flight line at one time. Also, Charleston AFB limits the total size of our group to 80. Therefore at 1230 the entire group of 80 will divide into 2 groups of 40. If we find that only about half the group of 80 want to go to the BX, then that group of 40 will be taken via a military bus to the BX while the other group of 40 is taken via military bus to the guided tour of the C-17. Those who don't have military ID cards will be signed-in by members

who have ID cards.

Each group will have about 45 minutes on the flight line. After the first group that tours the C-17, they will be returned by military bus to the commercial bus and taken directly to the Radisson hotel (unless the majority want to go to the BX).

The transportation schedule will look like this:

For the 40 people going first to the flight line to tour the C-17 —

1230- 1235 Board USAF bus and proceed to the flight line

1245-1330 C-17 Static for 1st group of 40

1330- 1335 Board USAF bus

1335- 1340 Enroute to commercial bus

1340- 1345 Transfer from USAF to commercial bus

1345- 1400 Return to Radisson hotel (unless the majority of this group wants to shop at the BX before returning to the hotel)

For the second group of 40 who want to do the BX and the C-17 tour —

1230- 1235 Board USAF bus and proceed to the BX

1245- 1330 Shopping at the BX

1330- 1335 Board USAF bus

1335- 1345 Enroute to flight line

1345- 1430 C-17 Static

1430- 1435 Board USAF bus

1435- 1440 Enroute to commercial bus

1440- 1445 Transfer from USAF to commercial bus

1445- 1500 Return to Radisson hotel

Friday, November 7th, 2003

0945 Board busses

1000 depart Radisson

1000 - 1130 guided bus tour of Charleston

1130 drop off at Liberty Square for Ft Sumter tour, Aquarium & IMAX

1145 drop off downtown

1415 pickup at Liberty Square

1440 pickup/drop off downtown

1500 drop off at Citadel

1640 pickup of all downtown people

1700 pickup at Citadel

1730 arrival at the Radisson

Saturday, November 8th, 2003

One or 2 busses for:

0900 depart Radisson

0930 drop off downtown Charleston

1330 pickup from downtown Charleston

1400 arrive Radisson

One or 2 busses for:

0900 depart Radisson and take to Middleton Place

Gardens and return to Radisson by 1400

Registration

The registration fee is \$5 less than it was for members last year. It will be \$15 per person and will cover administrative costs, heavy hors d'oeuvres at Thursday evening's welcome reception, door prizes and other surprises. We encourage everyone to arrive NLT Wednesday, Nov 5th.

War Room

Our War (Hospitality) Room is large (2,100 square feet). It is on the first floor near the hotels lobby. Since it is large, we will use it as a multipurpose room, for reunion registration and gathering place for war stories. This War Room will be open for registration beginning Wednesday afternoon. It will be open each evening until our banquet on Saturday. It will be stocked with drinks that will be offered for \$1 each. The price of each drink will just cover the cost of the drink and good supply of snacks.

Welcome Reception

Thursday evening we will have a welcome reception in the War Room with quite a spread of hors d'oeuvres that should suffice for dinner for most.

Banquet

Our Saturday night banquet will follow a business meeting and group pictures in the afternoon. The choice of entrée is listed on the registration form. At this point we are not planning on a high profile speaker or long drawn-out program. We feel that what most want is to get together and talk about the days in the Caribou.

Value

All events that you sign-up for on the registration form are inclusive of tax and gratuities. Therefore there will be no tipping on group arranged events and busses. The price that you pay is the Association's negotiated group cost that will in most cases save you money as compared to your individual walk-up rate. The cost of \$74 per night for your room at the Radisson hotel is not inclusive of taxes, however.

General Schedule of Events

Wednesday, November 5th

War Room opens at 1400 for reunion registration & socializing until 2300

Thursday, November 6th

Day at Charleston AFB with mission briefing and aircrew tour of C-17.

Evening – Welcome Reception in War Room

Friday, November 7th

Day of tours downtown Charleston (see Tours section

for schedule of events)
War Room Open in the evening

Saturday, November 8th

Morning to Middletown Place Plantation through lunch
or,
Morning downtown Charleston through lunch
Business meeting - 1415
Group pictures - 1630
Cocktail hour - 1730
Banquet - 1830
War Room Open - after the banquet

Note: The times may be changed slightly but they will be announced and posted. Also, there will be

information about additional ideas for touring in the War Room's registration desk.

Radisson Hotel Reservations

The Radisson hotel will hold a block of rooms for us until October 7, 2003 at 1500 hours. You are responsible for making your room reservation as described on the registration form. After this time any rooms remaining in the block will be released for public sale. Any individual calling after the 30-day release date will be sold on a space available basis at the group rate. The discounted group rate is valid five days before and after the reunion dates. Check-in time is at 3:00 p.m. and check-out time is at noon. Extensions can be made in advance if available.



**15th Annual C-7A Caribou Association Reunion
30 Sep - 3 Oct, 2004
Midland-Odessa, Texas**

Mark this date on your calendars. It is the proposed date for our 2004 Caribou reunion.

Tiny Malm, [457th, 1970] will be the reunion host. He is already making plans and developing programs for our 15th reunion. The reunion theme will be centered on the Commemorative Air Force (formerly Confederate Air Force) Museum and Air Show on Saturday and Sunday. All of us Air Force guys and wives won't want to miss this excellent opportunity to see the wonderful Museum and air show.

Our reunion hotel will be in Odessa, TX with shuttle busses for all tours and to the airshow. Rental cars shouldn't be required. The airfield is between Odessa and Midland.

On Thursday evening there will be a welcome reception. Friday is for tours of area and airfield. Saturday is the airshow with a repeat show on Sunday. A banquet din-

ner will be on Friday night. A BBQ dinner is planned on Saturdaynight at the O-Club at the Airshow. Sunday Morning breakfast at Hotel.

Some might think that Odessa/Midland is out in the middle of West Texas. Well, that's right, but people from all over the world travel to the area to visit the CAF Museum and see the air show. It will make a great reunion destination. And Tiny says there are some really terrific West-Tex-Mex restaurants that you won't want to miss.

Tiny claims that this is the Best Air Show in the world. But of course he has a vested interest in the goings on in Odessa/Midland. He has been in the CAF since 1988, and this is his fifth year on the General Staff. He is currently Chief of Staff, and will run through the end of 2004.

Make your plans now so you won't miss the 2004 Caribou reunion.



It's Time For A Label Check

Jim Collier, our guy who keeps track of all of our vital statistics and maintains our association roster, as well as functions as Secretary, has asked that everyone do a special check of his mail label on this reunion flyer to verify that all information is correct. This is the format in which the information is laid out.

Tax	Unit	Year	Rank	Telephone	Last Name	First Name	MI	Address	City	State	ZIP	email	Checked
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Let's help make Jim's job easier by doing the following: If there are corrections, or any missing blocks of information, please forward that information to Jim. Note that the second line of your address label contains your e-mail address. If you do have an e-mail address, please forward any corrections to Jim via his e-mail address, which is found at the bottom of the registration form.

Upcoming Elections

At the next reunion we will vote for the officers, board members and ancillary positions for the next year. Although we need volunteers to fill these positions, it is important to be aware of certain requirements which are considered essential to successfully fulfill the obligations for certain positions. Each officer and board member must have a computer with a modem and be proficient in the use of e-mail, and be willing to check it often enough to keep abreast of ongoing communications.

The offices to be filled are:

1. Association President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary

4. Roster Chairman – must be proficient in database applications. In the past the secretary has always assumed this position, but it is not mandatory, hence this year, it can be an ancillary position.



A Special Invitation . . .

Each year the Caribou Association sends this pre-reunion flyer to every name on the association's roster. Its purpose is to inform everyone of the details of the upcoming reunion, as well as to encourage non-active members to come on in and join the association and participate in the association activities.

Our members are always looking for new Caribou people to join and become active members. As of June 2003 there are 1791 people on our association roster. But we only have 444 active dues-paying members. An active member is a person who has paid the \$10.00 annual membership fee (better known as the Caribou tax). And of the 1791 people on our roster, 444 of whom are active members, we generally have around 100 members plus their wives and guests attend our reunions.

We have two immediate goals. The first is to get you non-active members to become active by kicking in your

5. Newsletter editor – Publisher. Should not only be proficient in computer use, but also in desktop publication theory/operation.

6. Board Members. Must be able to assume responsibility for major projects.

It should be noted that regardless of the position for which you wish to volunteer, you should be willing to expend a considerable amount of time and effort. We need hard working volunteers, not just fence-sitters.

We need FNGs as well as experienced, seasoned people. For some of you who've been members for years, this is your chance to jump in and develop newer programs. For the new members, this is your chance to get your feet wet and bring in fresh ideas. The older, long-time members would like to relax and turn the leadership over to a new crop of leaders, so come on and volunteer and take your turn! **You are needed!!**

ten bucks. But more importantly, our second goal is to get the C-7A Caribou Association Newsletter into your hands and bring you up to date on what the association is doing, and then to entice you to join us in Charleston, South Carolina in November for our 14th annual reunion.

For those of you who use the internet, but have not visited our Caribou Association Website, www.C-7Acaribou.com, a trip there should be a very enjoyable experience. Some of the information you can view is a complete C-7A Caribou Association membership roster, all of the past newsletters, reports of past conventions, current association news, and a huge gallery of photographs of our Vietnam experiences.

To all who read this reunion flyer, and who are not active members, this is our yearly invitation for you to join us in our very special, unique organization; there is no other USAF Caribou association. Please Accept!!



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