

C-7A Caribou Association



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Reunion Flyer

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C-7A Caribou Association's 18th Reunion Holiday Inn Riverwalk (888-615-0726 or 210-224-2500) San Antonio, TX 78205 September 6th – 9th, 2007

We have an exciting reunion planned in the Alamo City on the world famous San Antonio River Walk! It is an easy stroll to many activities along the banks of the river, shaded by giant cypress trees and accented by lush tropical greenery. The banks of this lovely retreat are lined with sidewalk cafes, shops, galleries, and clubs. View the activities along the banks from a river cruise or just walk around and enjoy a cool drink or dine at one of the many restaurants along the way. Enjoy anything from nachos to a 4-star meal. At night, the clubs overflow with music, dancing, and many other activities. Dozens of ethnic groups have given the city a multi-cultural legacy so there is a great variety of world cuisines to sample, including Texas BBQ and many other unique Tex-Mex menu items. As you stroll along the river enjoy the sounds of jazz, reggae, Tejano, county-western, and the many Mariachi bands that frequent the restaurants. The reunion registration (see page 3) covers your banquet dinner and snacks, soda, beer, and wine in the War Room.

General Information

War Room: The "War Room" will be stocked with snacks, soda, wine, and beer throughout the reunion and coffee and donuts in the mornings. The War Room will be locked during off-hours for safekeeping of "show and tell" articles brought to the reunion, but use some discretion about what you leave there, as the hotel accepts no responsibility.

Transportation: San Antonio International Airport is about 20 minutes by cab (fare is \$20) or shuttle to the hotel. A car is not needed unless you wish to explore and tour beyond the downtown area. If you drive, parking is available at the garage attached to the hotel (special rate of \$10 per day) with easy direct elevator access, or \$8 per day at nearby public parking. After you get to the hotel, there is a downtown trolley system that for 50 cents will take you just about anywhere in the downtown area. If you fly in, a rental car won't be needed if you come on Thursday and depart on Sunday. Avis and Hertz have downtown locations if you want to tour the beautiful Texas hill country before or after the reunion.

Restaurants: There are many restaurants within walking distance and along the River Walk.

Attractions: A visit to the Alamo is a must for everyone. There is no admission fee to walk around the grounds and listen to frequently scheduled talks about the history of the Alamo. The talks are provided by volunteers from the "Daughters of the Republic of Texas" who relate the events of the 13-day siege and the final fall of the fortress. El Mercado, La Villita, the Rivercenter Mall, and many other downtown area shops provide a unique shopping experience within easy walking distance. El Mercado is the largest Mexican market place outside of Mexico. La Villita is a picturesque village of artisans' workshops, galleries, and boutiques representing the multi-cultural flavor of San Antonio.

The Institute of Texas Cultures is on the Hemisphere Plaza grounds along with the Tower of the Americas where you can ride up to the observation deck overlooking the city or just walk through the gardens and the fountains around the base of the tower. The IMAX Theatre is in the River Center Mall. The Buckhorn Saloon and Museum on Houston Street is very close to the hotel and offers group discount rates, which could include a BBQ lunch with the Museum admission. There is so much to do and see along the Riverwalk and so little time in the short three days of the reunion.

There are many other attractions and tours available for anyone wishing to extend their vacation and arrive early or stay a day or so longer than the scheduled reunion period. The San Antonio Missions tour and a day long tour to the city of Fredericksburg to visit the The National Museum of the Pacific War (the Admiral Nimitz State Historic Site) are available if anyone wishes to extend their stay in San Antonio. Our Reunion Registration Form will include a survey question on these tours for a Sunday, 9 September trip. If there are enough requests we will assist in setting up the tours for those wishing to stay the extra

day. Other attractions in the San Antonio area include Sea World, Splashtown, Six Flags Fiesta Texas, the San Antonio Zoo, Witte Museum, and more. We will have an information desk to provide driving, walking, and public transportation information to other attractions. For some of these, there will be discount admission coupons available. Our information desk can also help to coordinate trips for our members who have transport and are willing to take other members along to visit the attractions. **Memorabilia Orders:** Memorabilia items will be displayed in the War Room so members can place orders. Most items will be immediately available at special, reduced cost. Hours of operation will be posted.

Schedule of events

Thursday: On the 7th floor of the Holiday Inn Riverwalk, a Caribou Crew will welcome you and assist you with Association Registration. A cool drink of beer, soda, or wine will be available in our War Room at the end of the hall on the 7th floor. Our Reception starts at 6:00 pm in our War Room with hors d'oeuvres. Welcome and opening remarks will be at 8:00 pm.

Friday: Donuts, tea, and coffee in the War Room from 7-10 am. Socialize in the War Room or enjoy the activities along the Riverwalk. The War Room will close at 11 pm.

Saturday: Donuts, tea, and coffee in the War Room from 7-9 am. The business meeting for members will be from 9-11 am. From 11 am to 4 pm, socialize in the War Room or have lunch at one of the restaurants on the Riverwalk. Pictures will be taken from 4:30 to 6 pm. Social/Cocktail Hour from 6-7 pm. Dinner from 7-9:30 pm. Drinks will not be available in the War Room during the Banquet, but there will be a cash bar for those desiring drinks during the Banquet. Socialize in the War Room after the banquet. Soft drinks, beer, and wine will be available until the War Room closes at 11 pm.

Sunday: Donuts, tea, and coffee in the War Room from 7-10 am.

Additional Notes

Deadlines: The deadline for registering with both the Association and the hotel is **August 1, 2007**. You must make your own hotel reservations with the Holiday Inn Riverwalk by calling 1-888- 615-0726 or 210-224-2500. Advise them that you are with the C-7A Caribou Association to get the \$95 rate (plus 16.75% occupancy tax). There is no guarantee of room availability after August 1st.

Attractions: For information about more area attractions, see <http://www.sanantoniocvb.com/visitors/attractions.asp>

The Alamo: Three block walk to where 189 defenders fell on March 6, 1836, after repeated attacks by Mexican General Santa Anna's army. The Alamo was established in 1718 as the city's first mission. The chapel and the Long Barracks are all that remain of the original fort. Hours: 9 am-5:30 pm, Monday-Saturday; 10 am-5:30 pm Sunday. Admission Free.

Rivercenter Mall: Five block walk to department stores, specialty shops, plus jewelers, stylists and famous name fashions; more than 20 dining options including four star restaurants, casual eateries, fast food favorites and tempting desserts.

Buckhorn Saloon: Two block walk. Discover more than 120 years of history.... Texas style. Marvel at two stories of the most exotic collections you've ever seen, from a unique horn collection, to cowboy memorabilia, and fish from the Seven Seas. The world's only Wax Museum of Texas History. Hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. or later, Sunday - Thursday; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. or later, Friday and Saturday. Discounts for Military with ID.

Imax Theater: Five block walk. "Alamo - The Price of Freedom," is a 45-minute docudrama about the 13-day siege and fall of the Alamo. Other IMAX features, including IMAX 3D. Shows daily from 9 am - 10 pm. Advance reservations and assigned seating are available.

Institute of Texas Cultures: Eight block walk. On the Hemisphere Plaza grounds along with the Tower of the Americas where you can ride up to the observation deck overlooking the city or just walk through the gardens and the fountains around the base of the tower.

La Villita and Market Square: Five block walk. A unique arts and crafts community with shops, working artists, restaurants and a post office. Collection of art objects, artifacts and symbols relevant to the history. This beautifully landscaped historic district offers leisurely shopping and dining Shops open daily 10 am-6 pm. **Free admission.**

San Antonio River Taxi: Taxi landing adjacent to the Holiday Inn Riverwalk. Looking for a cool ride along the River Walk? Try the Rio Taxi service. Stopping continuously at over 39 stops along our beautiful River Walk, the taxi gives you the opportunity to relax on your way to your favorite restaurant or River Walk hotspot. One way ticket \$4, all-day pass \$10.

Register now! Fill out the form on page 3 and get it in the mail with your check to:

Bill Buesking, 18520 Rustling Ridge, San Antonio, TX 78259-3641

C-7A Caribou Association Registration Form

Complete and mail this form with your registration payment by August 1st

Name of Member:		Name of Spouse or Guest:	
Mailing Address:		First Reunion? Yes No	
City:	State:	ZIP:	
Phone:	E-mail address:		
Squadron:	Vietnam Year:	Stationed At:	
Guest Name:		Address:	
Guest Name:		Address:	
Arrival Date/Time*:		Departure Date/Time*:	
Banquet entrée choice and number of each:		Beef ____ Chicken ____ Fish ____ Pasta ____ Note: Beef entrée is \$7 additional	

* If flying into San Antonio, enter your scheduled flight arrival/departure times in these blocks.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Calculate your total Registration Fees Below

C-7A Member Registration Fee	\$ 55
Spouse/Guest Registration Fee _____ x \$55	\$ _____
Annual Bou Tax (dues) unless you are paid up through 2007 or later: \$10	\$ _____
Supplement for Beef entrée (if chosen above): ____ x \$7 per person	\$ _____
	\$ _____
Total payable to C-7A Caribou Association:	\$ _____

- I would like to volunteer to help with registration.
- I would like to volunteer to help at the memorabilia order table.
- I am interested in a Sunday tour to Fredericksburg to visit the National Museum of the Pacific.

Your medical information below will allow us to assist you in the event you have a problem during the reunion. This form will be destroyed immediately after the reunion.

Medical Information	
Name:	Spouse:
Emergency Contact:	Contact Phone:
Medical Doctor:	Doctor Phone:
Medical Disabilities or Conditions:	Medicines You Are Taking Now:
Known Allergies:	

Here it comes!



Check this out! The information you need to attend the 18th Annual C-7A Caribou Association reunion is here!

While you are at it, mark your calendar for the 2008 (19th) reunion. It is scheduled for 28 September to 2 October, 2008 in Dayton, Ohio. We will dedicate the memorial bench to our fallen comrades at the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

VITAL STATISTICS: June 2007

Check your vital statistics and mailing label to insure that the information is correct.

Send changes to:

C-7A Caribou Association
Attn: Bill Buesking
18520 Rustling Ridge
San Antonio, TX 78259-3641

TODAY'S DATE

TAX YEAR	SQUADRON	ARRIVAL YR.	RANK	AREA CODE	TELEPHONE
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL			
STREET ADDRESS					
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE PLUS 4	E-MAIL ADDRESS		

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