

C-7A Association

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Reunion Flyer

July 2012

C-7A Caribou Association's 23rd Reunion
Holiday Inn (302-747-5050)
Dover, DE 19901
October 17th – 21st, 2012

Place: The Holiday Inn, 561 N. DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE (302-747-5050) will be headquarters for Reunion 2012. The hotel has 135 rooms, free high-speed internet access, free guest parking, and space for parking of RVs.

Hotel Reservations: Group room rate is \$102.60 (includes taxes). Reservations may be made now. Specify "C-7A Caribou Association" when making your reservation. **To get the group rate, your reservation must be made by 9/17/12.** Hotel reservations are your responsibility and are not included in any fees paid with reunion registration. Rate good from 15-22 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: The historical averages for October are highs of 69° F., lows of 48° F., and 3.3 inches of rain.

Transportation:

By Car: The hotel is on US 13, North DuPont Highway.

By Commercial Air: The hotel is 69 miles from the Philadelphia airport (PHL) and 86 miles from the Baltimore-Washington airport.

Rental cars are available at both airports, shuttles at PHL.

Two events are near the hotel and most attendees will have a personal or rental car at the reunion, so we plan to *car pool* to these events.

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 at the reunion table. 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 hot items.

The **War Room** is smaller than usual, but will accommodate 200 people. It will be set with tables to sit around and catch up with old acquaintances. It will open at 3:00 PM on 17 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.

Memorial Retreat

On Thursday, we will travel by bus and ferry to Cape May, NJ for a special retreat ceremony honoring our 39 brothers who fell in Vietnam.

As sunset approaches each evening during the summer, the small parking lot at Sunset Beach begins to overflow. There are minivans and SUVs and Harley-Davidsons with POW flags. There are tour buses, local seniors, parents with small children, old men with VFW or American Legion hats.

For nearly 40 years, they've come – 200 or 300, sometimes 400 a night – for Marvin Hume's solemn flag-lowering ceremony that each evening honors a deceased veteran.

When his audience is in place, Hume comes over the loudspeaker, and in a voice now raspy with age, asks everyone to stand, remove their hats, and face the flag. When the crowd is quiet enough, a tape of Kate Smith's rousing "God Bless America" is played, then "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Before the music, Hume encourages all veterans to salute the flag. This is all said with such gentle sincerity, no one dares not comply. It is not just the appeal of old-school patriotism; it's the source of the flags themselves.

"During the sunset ceremony, we say a little bit about the veteran. It's

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Wednesday, 17 Oct:

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

Thursday, 18 Oct:

0700-2400 War Room open
 0800-0900 Memorabilia room open
 1030 Depart by bus for memorial retreat at Sunset Beach
 2030 Arrive back at hotel from memorial retreat

TBD Dinner on your own

2100-2200 Memorabilia room open

Friday, 19 Oct:

0700-2400 War Room open

0800 *Car pool* to AMC Museum to visit museum and tour Dover AFB
 TBD Return by *car pool* to hotel
 1800-1900 Memorabilia room open
 1900 Plated dinner in hotel

Saturday, 20 Oct:

0700-2400 War Room open
 0800-1000 Memorabilia room open
 0900-1000 1st Annual Caribou Bowl in War Room (prize to winning unit)
 1000-1130 Business Meeting
 1300 *Car pool* to visit AMC museum
 1500 Dedication of memorial bench
 1600 Return by *car pool* to hotel
 1630 Group pictures
 1800 Social Hour

1900 Banquet buffet at hotel

Sunday, 21 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 2012 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.

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.

Thursday Retreat

On Thursday, we will leave the hotel by chartered bus for the afternoon retreat and memorial ceremony at Sunset Beach, Cape May, NJ. Buses depart at 1030 for the one hour drive to Lewes Point, DE, the ferry landing. The ferry trip across Delaware Bay to Cape May Point, NJ takes 1:30. Sandwiches and drinks are available on the ferry. Time permitting, we may make a short stop in Camp May Point before going on to Sunset Beach.

The retreat and memorial ceremony at Sunset Beach have been arranged with Marvin Hume and his family to recognize the sacrifices of our 39 brothers lost during the Vietnam War.

After the ceremony, our buses will retrace the route back to the hotel. Arrival in Dover will be at 2030.

Dinner on Thursday evening will be "on your own." A list of restaurants near the hotel will be included in the registration packet.

Dover AFB Tour

On Friday at 0900, we will *car pool* to the Air Mobility Command Museum to visit the exhibits and queue up for tours of the base (40 persons per bus) lasting 2-3 hours. We will visit a C-17, C-5M engine dock or the tower (also RAPCON and simulator), and the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations Center.

Final arrangements for these tours are being made by our "boots on the ground" team in Dover.

AMC Museum

Exhibits include: C-7A, C-9A, C-47A and Waco CG-4A glider, C-54M, C-119G, C-121, C-123K, C-124, C-130, C-131, C-133, C-141A and B, VC-9C, B-17G, F-101B, F-106, KC-97L, KC-135E, A-26C. The Caribou and other aircraft will be open for us.

Friday Dinner

Friday plated dinner offers choice of: Lemon Herb Boneless Chicken Breast, Sauteed Beef Tips with Peppers and Mushrooms, or Broiled Flounder with Lemon Cream Sauce. Included are tossed salad, potato or rice, fresh seasonal vegetables, dessert, rolls, butter, water, iced tea, and coffee.

Museum Visit and Bench Dedication

On Saturday, we will *car pool* at 1300 to the Air Mobility Command Museum to dedicate our memorial bench which was installed last year in anticipation of this year's reunion. The dedication ceremony will be held in the air conditioned hangar at 1500.

There will be time to visit the exhibits in the hangar and the aircraft on the ramp. This museum is smaller than the National Museum of the USAF and the Museum of Aviation at Warner Robins AFB, but its exhibits and aircraft are **high quality** and the staff and volunteers do an **excellent** job of presenting the history of the USAF.

We will return to the hotel at 1600.

Banquet Buffet

Our buffet banquet on Saturday evening will begin with a pay-as-you-go social hour at 1800, with dinner at 1900. Menu choices are **beef** (roast beef with Burgundy mushroom sauce) or **fish** (fresh filet of salmon with lemon herb butter). Included are salad, chef's choice of mashed potatoes or vegetable medley, dessert, rolls, butter, water, coffee, and iced tea.

**C-7A Caribou Association
Reunion 2012 in Dover, DE
17-21 October 2012**



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 <u>Date</u> <u>Time</u>
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: Holiday Inn

Make hotel reservations by calling 302-747-5050. Group room rate is \$102.60 (includes taxes) and is good from 15-22 Oct. Rate applies to reservations made by 17 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 2012) are Required. Other Items Optional.

Day	Time#	Tours/Events	# People	Price P/P	Total \$
Wed, 10/17	1400-2100	Reunion Registration – outside War Room at Holiday Inn		x \$25	
		C-7A Member Dues - \$10/Year (if BouTax date is less than 2012)		x \$10	
Wed, 10/17	1800-2000	Welcome Reception		Free	
Thu, 10/18	1030-1830	Bus-ferry trip to Sunset Beach, NJ for memorial retreat		x \$10	
Fri, 10/19	1100-1600	Tour of Dover AFB (car pool to AMC museum, chartered bus to base)		x \$10	
Fri, 10/19	1800-2000	Plated dinner at hotel _____ beef _____ chicken _____ fish		x \$20	
Sat, 10/20	1300	Car pool to AMC museum for memorial bench dedication and visit		Free	
Sat, 10/20	1900-2200	Reunion Banquet (buffet)		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

Memorial (from Page 1)

our way of honoring each of them.”

After the national anthem, the lone bugle notes of taps float over the beach, as Hume and members of the veteran's family lower the flag. As the flag is folded, there is respectful silence, punctuated only by bay waves rolling over the beach.

The tradition began immediately after Hume bought the Sunset Beach souvenir shop in 1973. Marvin Hume is 92 now, and winding down. Many nights, he has his daughters, Kathy and Sharon, and son, Larry P., conduct the ceremony.

“This has added so much meaning to his life,” Kathy Hume said. “To see the appreciation of the families,

to see people standing there with tears rolling down their faces, to have people come up to him afterward and say, ‘This makes me proud to be an American.’ He has made so many people happy with this and it has added so much meaning to his life.”

“It has,” he said. “This is who I am. This is my life, and, let's face it, I'm gonna die here. My kids, and grandkids, they'll keep it going.”

Marvin Hume never got a Purple Heart for the shrapnel he picked up on the beach during the Battle of Saipan. He doesn't talk much about his World War II experience. But he is a Navy veteran, and one day, his flag will fly over his beach, and he will be honored the same way.

Caribou Bowl

In the War Room on Saturday from 0900-1000, teams of 6 (recommend 2 ladies on each team) will compete in a 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).

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 23rd C-7A Caribou Association reunion is here!



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