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Spring 2009

WASHINGTON DC REUNION

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

24 SEPTEMBER (THURSDAY)

- 1200 - 2200 Registration
- 1400 - 2400 Hospitality Suite
- 1800 - 2100 Buffet/Unit Events

25 SEPTEMBER (FRIDAY)

- 0800 - 1800 Registration
- 0900 - 1500 Tour - Udvar - Hazy Air & Space Museum
- 1000 - 1500 Tour - Mount Vernon
- 1000 - 2400 Hospitality Suite
- 1530 - 1730 Board Meeting
- 1800 - 2000 Hyatt Dinner Buffet (Hosp. Suite Closed During Buffet)

26 SEPTEMBER (SATURDAY)

- 0900 - 1500 VIP Veterans Tour
- 1000 - 1530 Hospitality Suite
- 1530 - 1700 Membership Meeting
- 1800 - 2300 Gala Banquet, Guest Speaker, Dancing

27 SEPTEMBER (SUNDAY)

- NLT 1200 Hotel Checkout

REUNION OVERVIEW

The Washington, D.C. Reunion will be held 24 - 27 September at the Hyatt Dulles Hotel in Herdon, VA. The hotel is located adjacent to Dulles Intl. Airport at 2300 Dulles Corner Blvd. Our reunion rate of \$109 (plus tax) includes free airport shuttle to and from Dulles, free parking and breakfast for 2. Reservation info is on the Registration Form. For those who want to spend extra time in the area, the reunion rate is available one day before (23 Sept.) and one day after (27 Sept.) the reunion. Tours include the Udvar-Hazy Museum, Mount Vernon and a VIP Veterans tour of major D.C. attractions. Our guest speaker will be General Tony McPeak



ANY CHALLENGE

ANYTIME

ANYWHERE

REUNION TOUR EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, 25 September

Tour Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum

This is the newest facility of the National Air and Space Museum and is located at Dulles International Airport. The museum has over 80 aircraft and dozens of space artifacts on display, including the *SR-71 'Blackbird'*, *B-29 Superfortress 'Enola Gay'*, *Space Shuttle Enterprise* and the *Concord*. You can walk among the artifacts on the floor and view hanging aircraft from elevated walkways. Many of the air and space items are on display for the first time in a museum setting. This museum is truly awe inspiring. The museum café is available for lunch on your own.

Friday, 25 September

Alternate Tour to Mount Vernon

You will make a pilgrimage to the home of America's greatest founding father, George Washington. Mount Vernon was the beloved home of George and Martha Washington from the time of their marriage in 1759 until General Washington's death in 1799. He worked tirelessly to expand his plantation from 2,000 acres to 8,000 and the mansion house from six rooms to twenty-one. Mount Vernon is the most popular estate in America. You will have ample time to visit the Mansion house, and more than a dozen outbuildings including the slave quarters, kitchen, stables and greenhouse. Don't miss the *Ford Orientation Center* and the new *Donald W. Reynolds Museum*. There are many options for lunch on your own at Mount Vernon, and there some unique shops located on the estate.

Saturday, 26 September

VIP VETERANS TOUR

Board your luxury motor coach for a very special day. You will begin the day at the new Air Force Memorial. Dedicated in 2006 the Memorial features three stainless steel spires that soar skyward, the tallest reaching a height of 270 feet, the Memorial's design is truly representative of flight and the flying spirit of the Air Force. After allowing plenty of time to visit the Air Force Memorial you will then have the opportunity to visit some of the other famous memorials in Washington including the new *Pentagon 911 Memorial*, *WW II Memorial*, *Korean Memorial* and the *Viet Nam Memorial*. Lunch will be on your own at a suitable location, followed by an informative "windshield" tour of DC with several photo stops along the way. Some of the sights that you will see include the *White House*, *Capitol Hill*, *The Senate*, *Ford Theatre*, *Watergate*, the *Kennedy Center*, the *Washington Monument* and much more, as time permits. Don't forget your camera!

2011 San Antonio Reunion

Crow Wilson reports that all is on schedule for our reunion in San Antonio scheduled for 26- 30 October 2011. We have booked the Holiday Inn that is on the River Walk. Golf is back on the activities list for this reunion. We have been given a tax exempt status which should save us some bucks.

20th Fighter Wing Association

2009 WASHINGTON D. C. REUNION

Thursday, 24 September – Sunday, 27 September, 2009

CELEBRATING THE 82nd ANNIVERSARY of 20th FIGHTERS

PERSONAL DETAILS

(Please fill in and return, whether or not you can make the reunion, so we can update our membership data base)

Last name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I. _____

Nickname: _____ Rank: _____ Spouse: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Squadron or Unit of assignment: _____ Dates: _____

I am coming to REUNION 2009 _____ I will not attend REUNION 2009 _____

EVENT REGISTRATION (Write number of participants in each box)

EVENT	DAY	#	COST	TOTAL
Basic Registration		See Notes	\$53 ea	
Informal Buffet Dinner	Thu	See Notes	\$33 ea	
Tour-Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum	Fri	See Notes	\$40 ea	
Alternative Guided Tour-Mount Vernon	Fri	See Notes	\$49 ea	
Hyatt Dinner Buffet	Fri	See Notes	\$34 ea	
Guided VIP Veterans Tour-Major D.C. Attractions and Memorials	Sat	See Notes	\$49 ea	
Banquet (See Notes)	Sat	See Notes	\$58 ea	
		I wish to add my <i>tax-deductible</i> donation to the 20 th Fighter Wing Association's Aerial Achievement Award		
TOTAL ENCLOSED				

Registrations must be received NLT Aug. 29th. Please register sooner rather than later so we can plan meals and buses.

Make CHECK PAYABLE TO: "20th Fighter Wing Association" (Sorry, no credit cards.)

Mail completed form with check to:
20th Fighter Wing Association
 50628 N. 292nd Ave.
 Wickenburg, AZ 85390-2584

HOTEL REGISTRATION: A block of rooms has been reserved at the **Hyatt Dulles Hotel**, 2300 Dulles Corner Boulevard, Herndon, VA 20172. Make reservations directly with the Hotel Reservation Dept. at 1-800-233-1234 or 703-713-1234. Mention "20th Fighter Wing" to get the group rate of \$109 per night (plus taxes). Credit card is required. Hotel's cut-off date for group rate is September 11th. **PLEASE BOOK HOTEL NOW**, even if attendance is uncertain!! You may cancel later, if necessary.

I have made my hotel reservations: _____ I will stay someplace else: _____

REUNION VOLUNTEER: Registration Desk _____, Hospitality Suite _____, Other _____

INFORMATION AND NOTES ON MEMBERSHIP AND REUNION REGISTRATION

Membership: If you wish to become a member of the 20th Fighter Wing Association, you can do so by going to our website (www.20fwa.org), click on "Membership" and download the membership form. Fill out the form and follow the instructions for mailing and dues payment. You have an option to send in your information and pay dues via the internet. In that case, you should click on the application link and follow the instructions for submitting your information and paying your dues by credit card. If attending the reunion, you need to submit your membership form prior to sending in the reunion registration form. If you do not have access to the internet, you can contact Denny Schaan (702-458-5643) and request a membership form be sent to you.

Reunion Registration: On the reverse side of this page is the registration form for the Washington, D.C. Reunion. If you are a current member, you should follow the normal process of filling out the form and sending it in as per the instructions. If you are viewing this as a result of visiting our website, you can click on "Reunion" and page through until you find the registration form. This form will be slightly different than the form in the newsletter. You can download and print out this form and send it in with your check. To register on line, you should click on the link at the top of the page. First, fill out the pre-scripted and pre-addressed e-mail and send it. Next, click on the pay link to enter the shopping cart PayPal account. Make sure you enter the number of people attending each event. Fill out the credit card information (PayPal is a secure site) and submit.

A few notes:

--- The Hyatt Dulles reunion room rate of \$109 (plus Taxes) is very reasonable for the Washington D.C. area. The rate includes breakfast for two, which would cost \$38 if paid separately

--- The Basic Registration Fee covers overhead for administration, registration, hospitality suite and travel /accommodations for our Guest Speaker, 20th CC and Award winners.

--- The Thursday Informal Buffet Dinner will be held at the Hyatt in the spacious Aviator Suites with separate unit seating provided. Our Hospitality function will also be in that location. This arrangement will solve the problems of selection/coordination of suitable off-site restaurants, containing costs and the associated transportation requirements to/from off-site locations. If planning to attend the Thursday night event, please make travel arrangements to arrive soon enough to complete your check in before coming to the Hospitality suite. The buffet starts at 1800.

--- For the Banquet, make sure you indicate the number of each entrée you have selected.

--- We need your CURRENT E-MAIL ADDRESS. For a variety of reasons, people change to a different e-mail address. We can only update our files if you tell us about the change.

--- Please keep this in mind. **Reunion registration form must be received NLT 29 August and hotel reservations made NLT 11 September.** Please act now while it is fresh in your mind.

WINNERS OF THE AERIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND THE INAUGURAL FORCE MULTIPLIER AWARD SELECTED AT SHAW AFB

CAPT. BRIAN P. HEALY

Capt. Brian P. Healy personifies excellence as an aviator, officer and leader. As a Flight Commander in the 79th Fighter Squadron, he orchestrates operational training and officer development for 16 assigned and attached F-16CJ pilots. Capt. Healy represents the 20th Operations Group Commander as a Supervisor of Flying in the Combat Air Force's largest F-16 wing. Furthermore, he serves as Senior Alert Pilot in support of the wing's Air Sovereignty Alert mission. Capt. Healy's record of superior performance is punctuated by his glowing contributions in 2008 and makes him a superb candidate for the 20th Fighter Wing Association "Aerial Achievement Award."

Capt. Healy's tremendous contributions to the 20th FW mission leverage his outstanding record of fighter aviation achievement. He began his career by performing admirably in undergraduate pilot training, meriting "T-37 Top Stick" and "Order of the Daedalians" accolades. At F-16 follow-on training, Capt. Healy hit his stride by earning both the Distinguished Graduate and Air-to-Air Top Gun honors. Capitalizing on the skills that made him the 389th Fighter Squadron's Wingman of the Year for 2005, Capt. Healy has truly excelled at Shaw. While deployed to Kunsan AB in 2008, he earned an "Exceptionally Qualified" rating on his initial instructor pilot check ride. Furthermore, he was the 79th Fighter Squadron Top Gun in FOAL EAGLE, a combined Republic of Korea and US exercise. His efforts for the year culminated in winning the 20th Operations Group's Top Instructor Pilot award for the third quarter.

As flight commander, Capt. Healy expertly orchestrated 13 upgrade programs conducted by his pilots. His maturity and judgment were pivotal to the unit's success during the Fall of 2008 when the squadron performed all upgrades for newly arrived wing aviators. Additionally, Capt. Healy shined as project officer for the squadron's one month deployment to Nellis AFB, successfully deploying 16 aircraft and 185 personnel. Due to his expert planning and management, the unit flew 347 sorties, including 303 Weapons Instructor Course student red air missions and 23 incentive flights. The sorties helped propel six F-15C Weapons School students through their entire dissimilar air combat training phase. For his exceptional performance as a leader among aviators, Capt. Healy was named the 79th Fighter Squadron's Flight Commander of the Year.

A consummate tactical aviator and Airman, Capt. Healy inspires others. Throughout 2008, he had a tremendous, positive impact on the 79th Fighter Squadron's role as the primary garrison, training and air sovereignty alert unit for the wing. In doing so, he ensured Shaw pilots could succeed when facing "Any Challenge, Anytime, Anywhere".

SSGT DAWN M. SCHERBARTH

SSgt Dawn M. Scherbarth has shown herself to be an outstanding contributor in enabling the 20th Fighter Wing to accomplish the mission. Working in the 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, she has excelled in many areas. Items to be mentioned in these areas are as follows.

JOB PERFORMANCE IN PRIMARY DUTIES

- Revamped the Equipment Maintenance Squadron fitness program; held monthly sq/ft forums and ensured resources were available for success.
- Used her visionary talent to organize the squadron move to a new facility. The move was completed with minimal downtime and zero mission impact.
- Awarded in June 2008 the "JJ Pollock Sharp" Award for outstanding duty performance and exceptional personal appearance.
- Masterminded Unit Control Center operations during two Phase II Operational Readiness Exercises and maintained Command and Control with the flight UCCs/Equip. Ops. Center.
- Led 58 Physical Training Leaders; oversaw scheduling/completion of 500+ fitness tests – The Equipment Maintenance Sqdn had a 95% pass rate.
- Led Commander's Support Staff during 3 back-to-back Air Expeditionary Force spin-ups; 8 deployments/6 locations supported for 230 passengers and 310 short-tons cargo.
- Very versatile in that she performed outside her AFSC while 2 of the 3 personnel assigned to the Cmdr Support Staff were on 6 months deployments.
- Made a key contribution to the unit's readiness by flawlessly processing 86 decorations, 355 evals, 31 referral reports and 305 medical profiles.

SIGNIFICANT SELF IMPROVEMENT

- Completed SharePoint training; learned skills necessary to administer squadron program prior to wing's implementation.
- Showed superior performance by becoming a self taught Base-Level Service Delivery Model expert and led EMS through critical Personnel consolidation transition.

BASE OR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Showed her devotion to the wing by eagerly participating in Team Shaw's 24-hour POW/MIA Run to enhance 20th FW/9th AF esprit de corps.
- Volunteered 12 hours of off-duty time for Sumter's 4th of July celebration to make it a safe and enjoyable event for 10K people.

There are other points that could be mentioned, but this list shows you why she well deserves to be selected as the winner of the 20th Fighter Wing Association Force

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

REUNION ATTENDEES In these tough economic times, we've seen our individual retirement financial resources take a big hit. How soon things recover is an unknown, but it will not happen quickly. We hope that most of our members can weather the storm and still be able to come to the reunion. Being realistic, I know that there will be those who must restrain spending and the reunion is dropped. When we booked the Hyatt for our Washington reunion, we had to project the number of rooms we would use. If the attendance is more than 20% below our estimate, the Association starts paying a penalty. We have the funds to cover a moderate short fall, but a large short fall could have us looking for some bailout funds. If we have a good turnout, we don't have to worry about this.

NEW MEMBERS An ideal way to address the question of reunion attendees is to find new members. John Piowaty, our Vice President, is in the process of doing that. John was in the 55th TFS from 1971 to 1973, so he can make contact with other members of the 20th FW from the Upper Heyford era. He has sent out many letters at this point and will be sending more after this newsletter goes out. Any help that can be given to add to his contact list would be appreciated.

TRICARE FOR LIFE (TFL) You may be aware of the potential changes to the TFL program. This program came into effect in 2003 after a lengthy effort to get the government to meet their promise of life long medial support for military retirees. Bud Day, our long term legal secretary, was a primary participant in making this happen. With a new administration in Washington, there has been generated a proposal that would greatly reduce the benefits of the TFL program. The Association is not allowed to conduct activities that are considered political. As individuals, you can do what ever you wish. I can't tell you how to react to this proposal, but I can tell you how to contact your congressional representatives and let them know how you feel about this. You can write to Senator Carl Levin, Chairman, Committee on Armed Services at United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510 and Representative Ike Skelton, Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515. You can use the same basic address for your own Senators or Congressman.

The new administration says they really support the military, this proposal says the opposite.

REUNION 2013 At the Washington reunion, we will vote on a location for the 2013 reunion. The survey we took in 2007 showed Charleston to be a popular place. Give it some thought so you'll be ready when this is brought up at the membership meeting.

REUNION PICTURES If you have some good pictures, send them to me. You can attach them to an e-mail or send them by regular mail. Make sure you identify the people in the pictures. I can use them in the Spring 2010 newsletter.

John Peebles

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