

# MUSTANG MATTERS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE 63<sup>RD</sup> OFFICER CANDIDATE WING ASSOCIATION

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**COMMANDER'S CORNER** — Well, we have had a few stops and starts pulling this next reunion in May of 2013 together (50 years after the closing of the AF OCS program) primarily due to Bob Karre's increasing medical issues. Bob, who is improving, has assumed consultant status. But myself, along with Carl Conger, 63C, and two volunteers (Tom Edge and Bill Kissler) from the Austin area came together in October to make it an event to remember. Both these guys are from Class 61C, whose group is joining us for this event. We may also have a class group from the 50's joining with us this time around.

The events, optional tours and sign-up info for the May 2013 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion are included in this newsletter. Since most of us have attended one or more reunions in San Antonio, we have focused our optional Saturday tours on the "Hill Country" area north of the city. We have a great hotel location and room rate for the event. If we have enough interest in a golf outing we'll try to set something up with the Lackland Course, and for those who can stay thru Monday morning, we will be part of the impressive Memorial Day Service at the Fort Sam Huston Cemetery, where we can remember our deceased classmates. **If you are even just thinking of attending, I suggest you go ahead and sign-up for the hotel now, as you can always cancel up to 24 hours before the start of the reservation.**

Looking forward to seeing you all in San Antonio this coming May.

— TOM HANSEN, 63B

**FINANCIAL REPORT** — We currently have a total of \$2,159.08 in our accounts, of which \$1,053.37 is dedicated to the Reunion Fund, \$700.00 to the Memorial Fund, and \$405.71 for the General Fund. The next bill will be a \$600.00 deposit for the Reunion Hotel. Bottom line is that we are in good shape.

— JOE SCARLETT, 63B

**OCS CHALLENGE COIN PROJECT** — This project is designed to raise funds for our Association's future OCS Memorial projects and/or reunions. It is available to any Army Air Corps/Army AF/USAF OCS graduate or family member. The cost is \$15 which includes engraving your class number on the coin and postage, or \$10 without the engraving. The cost of engraving is slowly increasing, so if you want one engraved with your class number for the current cost of \$15, **now is the time to get it done.** You can send your orders, with your Class Number, and a check or money order made out to "Tom Hansen" to the following addresses: 97D Chinook Lane, Steilacoom WA 98388. — TOM HANSEN, 63B



**ASSOCIATION ELECTION** — At next year's reunion we will be electing our Association Officers, and Tom Hansen will not be running for re-election as Wing/CC/President. The other four officers are willing to run again, but all five positions are open for other nominations. If you are interested in nominating yourself, or someone else (they must agree to it), notify your Class Communicator or the Nominating Committee Chair, who is Chuck Ulmer, 63D, at 719-651-1266 or chulmer@aol.com.

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**MAY 24 – 27, 2013**

**HOLIDAY INN RIVERWALK HOTEL, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

***“TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS”***

**Thursday, May 23**

Arrivals and Registration, 1-5PM  
Golfers meeting in Hospitality Room, 6PM

**Friday, May 24**

Lackland AFB Tour (Graduation Parade, Museum and Lunch), 7:45AM – 2PM  
Optional Golf Tournament at Lackland Golf Course, 1:30PM  
Arrivals and Registration, 2PM – 5PM  
Welcome Reception, 6:30 – 8:30PM  
Hospitality Room, 8:30 – 11:30PM

**Saturday, May 25**

Hill Country Tours, 8AM – 4PM  
(Fredericksburg, LBJ Ranch and Museum, Wine Tour)  
Hospitality Room, 1 – 11:30PM

**Sunday, May 26**

Association Business Meeting/Elections, 9 – 10AM  
Class Meetings, 10:30 – 11:30AM  
Afternoon Free Time  
Farewell Reception and Banquet, 6 – 9PM  
Hospitality Room, 9PM – ????

**Monday, May 27**

Memorial Day Ceremony, Fort Sam Houston, 8AM – 12PM  
Departures

NOTE: San Antonio local area tours can be arranged by the hotel Bellhops.

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## **GOLF and TOUR DESCRIPTIONS**

### **OPTIONAL GOLF OUTING**

**Friday, May 24**

If we have enough players (4 foursomes) interested, we will set-up some tee times at the Lackland AFB Golf Course with lunch on your own. We will provide van transport to the hotel after play is done. The course has golf club sets available for \$13. We will provide some prizes, as appropriate for the size of the group. This event will require the golfers to arrive the day before, and estimated cost is \$35 for each individual entry.

### **LACKLAND BASE TOUR**

**Friday, May 24**

The tour will start off by attending the AF Basic Training Graduation Parade, then drive by the OCS Memorial Benches on the way to the USAF Airman Heritage Museum, which was totally renovated last year. They now have the last wooden basic training barracks as part of the museum complex, but it has to be renovated and is not open as a display. If time allows, we might swing by the old OCS training location, part of which ironically, is the SP Dog training area. The only building remaining from our time appears to be OT and OC Club, which is now an NCO Academy. Then it is on to the Lackland Club for a lunch, with the golfers being dropped off at the golf course. After lunch, we will be returning to the hotel via a drive through the Old Billy Mitchell housing area, which has been renovated and hopefully now cockroach free. Cost for this tour is \$30, including lunch, and will require at least 35 individuals per bus.

### **HILL COUNTRY TOURS**

**Saturday, May 25**

The Association is providing three optional bus tours to the Texas Hill Country area north of the city:

**FREDERICKSBURG TOUR** – This tour will take you to the National Museum of the Pacific War, which includes the George H.W. Bush Gallery, Admiral Nimitz Museum and the Pacific Combat Zone display. From there you will go to Airport Conference Center for lunch in a military Quonset Hut, and don't miss going to the Officer's Club in the hotel next door. After lunch, we will let you loose on Fredericksburg's unique downtown area, before returning to the hotel by 4PM. Cost of this tour is \$38, which includes a reduced museum fee and lunch, and will require at least 35 sign-ups.

**LBJ MUSEUM/RANCH TOUR** – This tour starts at the LBJ Museum and a drive-by of the boyhood home in Johnson City, then on to Wildseed Farms (largest in US) Market Center to browse the flower beds, shops and have lunch. From there we'll go to the LBJ Ranch tour, which includes a tour of the Texas White House, after that returning to the hotel by about 4PM. Cost of this tour is \$18.00, with lunch on your own, and will require at least 35 sign-ups.

**WINE TASTING TOUR** – This tour will start with about two hours in downtown Fredericksburg perusing the shops of this unique downtown area, and getting lunch on your own. That afternoon it will visit a least two winery locations which provide tastings, shops, usually entertainment and snack food. The individual tastings generally cost \$10 for 6 different wines and you get to keep the glass. Cost of tour is \$15, with lunch on your own and also requires at least 35 sign-ups.

**Monday, May 27**

**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE** – This event is similar to what we did during the 2003 Reunion, where we will have reserved seating at the very large Memorial Service at the Fort Sam Houston Cemetery, and returning to the hotel by 12 o'clock.

\*Driver gratuities are not included in the tour prices. Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled times.

**HOLIDAY INN RIVERWALK**  
**217 N. St Mary's Street, San Antonio, TX 78205 (210) 224-2500**  
**(www.holidayinn.com/sat-riverwalk)**

Each guest room features pillow top mattresses w/triple sheeting, large cable TV, free wireless internet access, in-room coffee service, hairdryer, iron/ironing board, voice mail, AM/FM clock radio, individual climate control, and most with private balconies. The hotel offers non-smoking rooms (Double doubles or a Queen bed). They also have a fitness center and heated pool and whirlpool. There is laundry pick-up/delivery and same day dry cleaning available. The Windows on The River restaurant is open from 6:30AM to 2:00PM for breakfast and lunch and reopens at 5:30PM for dinner. Muggs Café is open from 7AM to 8PM. Also on site is the Ripples On The River Lounge.

For those driving to the reunion, discounted self-parking at \$8 a day is available in the hotel's parking lots and there is RV/Motor coach parking available at \$65/day. Please advise the hotel sales manager, Debbie Zaeske, when making reservations for parking an RV. From the airport there is a GO Airport Shuttle for \$18 one way, or taxi \$28, either of which will take you to the hotel.

Hotel check-in time is 4:00PM, and check-out is 11:00AM. Group rates are available three days before and after the arrival dates shown, based on availability. Call toll free 888-615-0726 or contact the hotel directly at 210-224-2500 Ext 580 or 525; ask for Lisa or Lindsay. If you have any problems registering call Debbie Zaeske at 210-272-1514 or email debbie.zaeske@ihg.com.

----- CUT HERE IF MAILING RESERVATION TO THE HOTEL -----

**63<sup>RD</sup> OFFICER CANDIDATE WING ASSOCIATION REUNION – HOTEL RESERVATION INFO**  
**REUNION DATES: May 23–27, 2013**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RESERVATION CODE: **Officer Candidate School Reunion**

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TEL. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ DEP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# OF ROOMS \_\_\_\_ # OF PEOPLE IN RM \_\_\_\_ HANDICAP ACCESS \_\_\_\_ KING BED \_\_\_\_ 2 DOUBLE BEDS \_\_\_\_

If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned.

**RATE:** \$95.00, plus tax, for up to 2 people

**CUT-OFF DATE:** April 24, 2013. Reservations received after this date will be processed on space and rate availability.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled by 24 hours prior to the day of your arrival.

All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit enclosed.

\_\_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_\_ DINERS \_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_ MASTER CARD \_\_\_\_ DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON CARD \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** A group booking link will be provided separately through the Class Coordinators for reservations to be made via the internet.

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## ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to Joe Scarlett in the form of check or money order, and indicate on the **For** line "OCS Reunion". Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before April 24, 2013. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis.

63<sup>RD</sup> OC Wing Assn, Attn: Joe Scarlett  
161 El Dorado Lane  
Colorado Springs, CO 80919

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
Inputted \_\_\_\_\_ Nametag Completed \_\_\_\_\_

	Price Per	# of People	Total
<b>CUT-OFF DATE IS 24 April 2013</b>			
<b><u>REGISTRATION PACKAGE</u></b> Includes Friday Reception, Sunday Banquet, and various reunion expenses.	\$100		\$
<b><u>GOLF and TOURS</u></b>			
FRIDAY: GOLF OUTING (Rental clubs available for \$13)	\$35		\$
FRIDAY: LACKLAND BASE TOUR w/Lunch	\$30		\$
SATURDAY: FREDERICKSBURG TOUR w/Museum and Lunch	\$38		\$
SATURDAY: WINE COUNTRY	\$15		\$
SATURDAY: LBJ MUSEUM and RANCH TOUR	\$18		\$
MONDAY: MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE	\$10		\$
Total Amount Payable to <b><u>Joe Scarlett:</u></b>			\$

PLEASE PRINT NAME FOR NAMETAGS:

FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE and GUEST NAMES (IF ATTENDING)  
\_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PH. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

HOSPITALITY DRINK PREFERENCES \_\_\_\_\_

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

*(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)*

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS?  YES  NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ PH. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

For cancellations prior to the above cut-off date, you will receive a full refund. Cancellations after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that vendor commitments and guarantees will, and will be processed 2-4 weeks after the reunion. Remember canceling your hotel reservations does not cancel your reunion activity costs.

**CANCELLATIONS SHOULD BE MADE TO JOE SCARLETT AT: (719) 593-9468 or <jscarlett60@comcast.net>.**



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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Be sure to visit the web site at [www.usafocsalumni.org](http://www.usafocsalumni.org)**