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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE 63RD OFFICER CANDIDATE WING ASSOCIATION

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COMMANDER'S CORNER — We look like we are heading for a great reunion in May with 99 people from 12 different classes either signed up for the hotel or registered for the reunion as of this newsletter. The oldest class registration is from 55B. For those who still need to register for the event, please do that as soon as possible so we can firm up the optional tours and bus requirements. As of right now the Lackland, Fredericksburg and Memorial Day tours have sufficient sign-ups, with many more registrations yet to come. The event schedule, optional tours and sign-up info for the May 2013 50th Anniversary Reunion are again included in this newsletter. **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 \$6,571.29 in our accounts, of which \$5,664.88 is dedicated to the Reunion Fund/Expenses, \$500.00 in the Memorial Fund, and \$406.41 in the General Fund.

— **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. 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 — We have one nomination for WG/CC and need at least another for WG/ CV. The other three 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.

OCS MUSEUM DISPLAY UPDATE — The following info was received from Ms Rios-Samaniego, Museum Director, 37th Training Wing, San Antonio Joint Base-Lackland AFB, TX 78236:

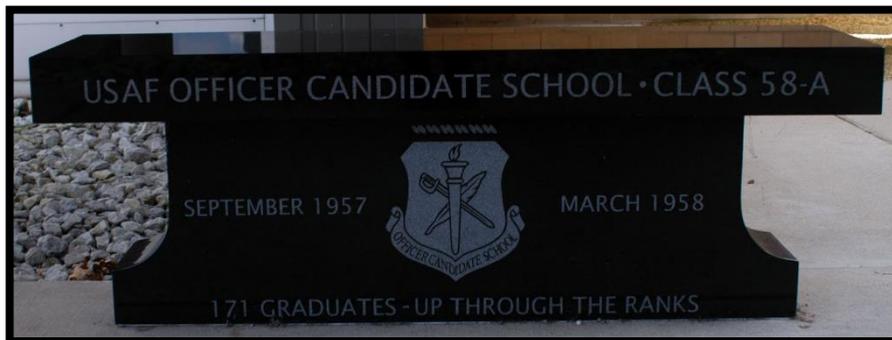
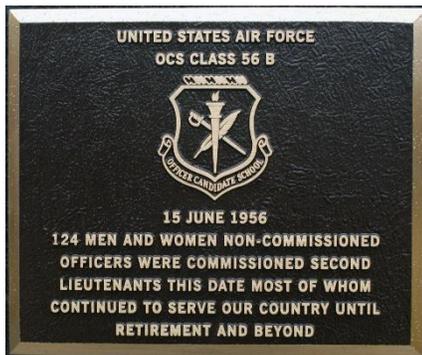
It is unfortunate that there appears to be some confusion. However, please understand that there have been many changes at the USAF Airman Heritage Museum and in the Air Force and we will do everything that we can to make this exhibit the best that it can be. We are in the process of changing the exhibits in the entire museum. This will be a slow process but following the direction of our AETC MAJCOM senior leadership, this is the direction we are heading. We are no longer the History & Traditions Museum at Lackland, but the history of the Enlisted Career Fields. Our focus is the USAF Enlisted Corps.

However, there will be an exhibit case with artifacts and photographs along with the OCS banner and label copy telling the story of the Officer Candidate School. This temporary exhibit installation will be completed by 30 April 2013. The exhibit will close on 31 December 2013.

SECRETARY NOTES — The National Museum of the United States Air Force, now displays two OCS benches (58A and 60B) and three class plaques (54B, 56B, 63C) plus the OCS Program. I am intrigued by the different OCS emblem displayed on the 54B Plaque (See Photo).

Finally, one of my Basic Training Flight buds introduced me to the project at www.bmtflightphotos.af.mil/index.asp. This is an ambitious project to gather photos of all the basic training flights from the various training bases. The indexing is a bit clumsy but a nice trip down memory lane.

— **TOM LUBBERS, 63C**



63rd OFFICER CANDIDATE WING ASSOCIATION

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.

63rd OFFICER CANDIDATE WING ASSOCIATION

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 to include our OCS display. 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 -----

63RD 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.

63rd OFFICER CANDIDATE WING ASSOCIATION

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.

63RD 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
CUT-OFF DATE IS 24 April 2013			
<u>REGISTRATION PACKAGE</u> Includes Friday Reception, Sunday Banquet, and various reunion expenses.	\$100		\$
<u>GOLF and TOURS</u>			
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 Joe Scarlett:			\$

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