

MUSTANG MATTERS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE 63RD OFFICER CANDIDATE WING ASSOCIATION

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COMMANDER'S CORNER —

Hello All Members and Friends of the 63rd Officer Candidate Wing Association

The first thing that I would like to mention is that we have a new member of the Association -- OCS Class 60B. They recently had a class reunion and voted to join the Association. The new Class Commander is Al Coles (acoles@cfl.rr) and their Class Communicator is Don Wilkinson (Raptor37@att.net) This is the ninth class to join our association.

It is absolutely time to have your calendar blocked for our October, 2015 reunion in Montgomery. (See Tom Hansen's article on the 2015 reunion.) If any of you know of any OCS members from classes not already members of the Association, please do your duty and inform them about us.

With the reunion coming up, it is time for you to start thinking about any issues you might want brought up at the reunion. We will be having a business meeting during the reunion and that would be an appropriate time to discuss and vote on any changes, additions, or deletions that members want to bring up. (*Our Constitution states the following: Any General Assembly attendee may propose a resolution for change to the Constitution, By-Laws, or other procedures. A two-thirds majority is required for approval of a resolution to change the Constitution or By-Laws. A simple majority is needed to approve a procedural change resolution.*)

Jack Steele, 63rd OC Wing Director of Operations, (747captainjack@gmail.com/Tel). (916) 773-7880(H) and 530-490-7880(C) has volunteered to be the point of contact for any and all proposed changes. If you have any proposed changes, please send them to Jack and work with him and he will put them in a form that can be voted on by the attendees during the Business Meeting at the October Reunion.

I would also like to call attention to the fact that according to our Constitution, spouses, and children are also eligible for membership. It might be a good idea to let your spouses and children know that they are always welcome to attend our reunions and receive our newsletters.

If anyone has information about their class activities, Fred and Pat Holmes would be glad to publish it in the next newsletter. Please forward any information you would like to see in the newsletter to them at f4flh@yahoo.com. "Mustang Matters" and the Wing/Class Communicators are the glue that keeps our Association functioning. Thanks, Fred and Pat.

I would also like to thank our Chaplain for the new section on memoriams. I believe this is a very important function of our organization, and I would like to encourage all of our Class Commanders and Class Communicators to advertise this program on a regular basis.

— JERRY NOLAN, 63A

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.



Also, we have White OCS ball caps for \$20, OCS Patches for \$10 and Lapel pins for \$5.

You can send your orders, with your Class Number, and a check or money order made out to "Tom Hansen" to the following address:

97D Chinook Lane, Steilacoom WA 98388.

— TOM HANSEN, 63B

FINANCIAL REPORT —

Statement of Income October 1 - 31, 2014							
	Balance Sept 1, 2014	Interest	Income Contrib.	Other	Expenses	Transfers	Balance Sept 30, 2014
Savings Account	\$1,649.01	\$0.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,649.15
Checking Account	\$67.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$67.46
9 Month CD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$1,716.47	\$0.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,716.61
Expenses October 1 - 31, 2014							
Date	Check #	To:	Amount	Purpose	Status		
No Expenses in October							
Allocation of Funds October, 2014							
	Reunion	Memorial Fund	General Fund	Total			
Savings Account	\$750.00	\$300.00	\$599.15	\$1,649.15			
Checking Account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$67.46	\$67.46			
9 Month CD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Total	\$750.00	\$300.00	\$666.61	\$1,716.61			

– JOE SCARLETT, 63B

2015 REUNION MONTGOMERY/MAXWELL-GUNTER JOINT BASE AL – Details and registration information are included in this newsletter.

– TOM HANSEN, REUNION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

FROM THE CHAPLAIN —

Just a reminder to all OCS Alumni regarding our desire to remember our fallen comrades. I would ask each individual graduate to make themselves aware of the passing of any of our members. If you will then notify your Class Communicator or Class Commander so they might pass this through channels to enable the Chaplain's office to render a suitable memorial/dedication. As you can see, this newsletter contains four obituaries; one from over two years ago. I will attempt to contact a survivor for any memorial/dedication they might still desire. Again, I depend on each of you to make our memorial program the best it can be.

Thanks and Blessings to all,

– FRED HOLMES, 63-B/C

IN MEMORIAM – DONALD GRABLE

Donald Grable, a 62B classmate in the 3rd Squadron, passed away on 1 April this year. While none of us in the Thundering Third can recall interfacing with Don after graduation and subsequent schooling at Keesler AFB, we remember him as a quiet, focused OC who had a positive attitude toward the Air Force career ahead. Sadly, we are advised by his son, Keith, and daughter-in-law, Keya, that Don died alone at his home in Kettering, Ohio, and that there was no service or memorial following his death as his family had no immediate knowledge of his passing. The first class members of his OCS Squadron who have been contacted, therefore, regard our classmate as a successful OCS graduate and commissioned officer deserving of remembrance. Farewell, Don. May you rest in peace.

Carl G. O'Berry (Lt. Gen - USAF Retired)
63rd OCWg. Association Director At Large
Class Commander, OCS Class 62B

(Lt. Gen. O'Berry was Donald Grable's Officer Candidate Commander at Lackland AFB, Texas in 1961)

**IN MEMORIAM – COL. THOMAS CRAWFORD, USAF (RET.)
OCS CLASS 62-B**

Thomas “Tom” Crawford was born in New York City, NY to James and Sheila Crawford on November 3, 1934 and passed away September 24, 2014 in Sacramento, CA.

Due to Tom's laser focused work ethic, his accomplishments were many. After receiving two master's degrees Tom decided to attend law school for two years at McGeorge School of Law. Tom enlisted in the United States Air Force in February of 1953. In 1961 he was selected for Officer Candidate School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He flew as a navigator on EB-66s at Tahkli Air Base, Thailand, until 1967 flying 102 combat missions. In May 1968 he was assigned to the AFPRO General Dynamics Plant at Fort Worth, Texas as an F-111 series acceptance Weapons Systems Officer. In 1985 Tom was a part of the Air Attaché in Lima, Peru and also the Defense Attaché from 1986-1988. As a Master Navigator, Tom had over 3,000 hours of flying time. His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with nine oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal and two Good Conduct Medals. He was promoted to Colonel in June 1982 with date of rank of 24 December 1981.

Tom also enjoyed spending time volunteering at several organizations including the RCIA at St. Mary's Church, the cardiology clinic at Mather VA Hospital and the supervisory committee for Mather Credit Union. Among his secular accomplishments, his most favored would be that of his family. Tom is survived by his devoted wife of 58 years, June; his six children; twelve grandchildren and a great granddaughter.

**IN MEMORIAM – COL. REYNOLD J. “TOM” THOMPSON, USAF (RET.)
OCS CLASS 63-B**

Reynold J. "Tom" Thompson, 74, of Plant City, Florida, entered into eternal rest on October 14, 2012. He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force having retired as a Colonel after 30 years of service and a contractor for the defense industry as the USAF Facility Manager for the Korean Combat Ops Intel Center (KCOIC) at Osan AB.

His distinguished military career began when he enlisted in September 1956 and served as Personnel Specialist at Tachikawa AB, Japan and Travis AFB, CA until 1962. At this time he was selected for OCS at Lackland AFB, TX. Following Data Processing School at Sheppard AFB, TX, he was assigned to Moody AFB, GA as Base Data Processing Officer, after which he attended Squadron Officer School and was later selected as Wing Outstanding Junior Officer for 1966. After a tour in the Office of Aerospace Research (OAR) in Arlington, VA., he attended Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA, then on to USEUCOM, in Stuttgart, Germany. After serving as Wing Comptroller at KI Sawyer AFB, MI, he went to HQ, PACAF, (Hawaii) and as a newly selected O-6, he became the PACAF Automatic Data Processing (ADP) Single Manager. June 1982 found him at Yokota AB, Japan as Comptroller, then Vice Wing Commander. This was followed by a two-year stint as Base Commander at Osan AB, ROK beginning in 1984. (SPECIAL NOTE – He spent his last year at Osan working for Wing Commander Colonel Chuck Link who graduated OCS Class 63-D and is now retired MG Link.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years Grace H. Thompson; four children; and four grandchildren.

Interment with full military honors was at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

**IN MEMORIAM – MAJ. LAWRENCE COLEMAN “LARRY” DUVALL, USAF (RET.)
OCS CLASS 62-B**

Lawrence Coleman Duvall (Larry), 76, of Huntsville passed away on Saturday, April 26, 2014. Larry was a resident of Huntsville for the past 34 years. He was an active member of Whitesburg Baptist Church and Gideons International. Larry was born on 17 June, 1937 in Franklin County, Kentucky. After High School, Larry entered the US Air Force in 1955 and served in Southeast Asia from 1972-1973. He retired from the AF in 1975 and after completing college went to work for the US Army as a civil servant until 1999 and then retired with over 40 years of government service.

Larry is survived by his wife of 30 years, Greta Eslinger Allen Duvall; four children, nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

63rd OFFICER CANDIDATE WING ASSOCIATION REUNION

OCTOBER 8 – 12, 2015

***EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA***

“SCHEDULE OF EVENTS”

Thursday, Oct 8

Arrivals and Registration, 11-5PM
Hospitality Room, 6:30-11:30PM

Friday, Oct 9

Officer Training School Tour w/ Lunch), 9AM – 4PM
Late Arrivals & Registration, 4PM – 5PM
Welcome Reception, 6 – 8PM
Hospitality Room, 8 – 11:30PM

Saturday, Oct 10

Tour Enlisted Research Center Museum, 9AM – 11AM
with River Cruise Luncheon, 12-1:30PM
Hospitality Room, 2 – 11:30PM

Sunday, Oct 11

Association Business Meeting/Elections, 9 – 10:30AM
Class Meetings, 10:30-11:30AM
Afternoon Free Time/Wine Festival on River’s Edge
Farewell Banquet, 6-9PM
Hospitality Room, 9PM - ????

Monday, Oct 12

Hyundai Factory Tour, 9 – 11:30AM
Departures

NOTE: All tours are optional events

63rd OFFICER CANDIDATE WING ASSOCIATION REUNION

2015 ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. **Hotel Reservations must be made separately and are not included in this application form.** 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 September 17, 2015. 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 _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS 17 September 2015	Price Per	# of People	Total
REGISTRATION PACKAGE Includes Friday Reception, Sunday Banquet, and various reunion expenses.	\$100		\$
OPTIONAL TOURS			
FRIDAY: OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL TOUR with Lunch	\$40		\$
SATURDAY: ENLISTED RESEARCH CENTER Museum & Lunch Cruise	\$40		\$
MONDAY: HYUNDI AUTOMOBILE FACTORY TOUR	\$20		\$
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 _____ @ _____

NEXT REUNION LOCATION PREFERENCES _____

BANQUET MEAL CHOICES STEAK _____ CHICKEN _____

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 permit, 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.

63rd OFFICER CANDIDATE WING ASSOCIATION REUNION

2015 OPTIONAL TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

OTS TOUR, MAXWELL AFB

Friday, 9 October

We will spend the day on Maxwell AFB visiting the USAF Officer Training School (OTS) with a lunch at the Maxwell Club. The mission of OTS is to produce motivated officers of character who embody the American warrior ethos and are culturally aware, expeditionary minded and prepared to lead. It is the flexible commissioning program for the AF because it has the capability to quickly increase or decrease annual officer production. The school staff consists of more than 150 full-time active duty, AFRes and ANG members. OTS is a Group level command with three squadrons and one ANG Detachment. Its programs consist of Basic Officer Training (BOT) for college graduates to be commissioned 2Lts, Commissioned Officer Training (COT) for health professionals, judge advocates and chaplains who have received direct commissions to 2Lt thru Lt Col. OTS also hosts AF Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets during their summer Field Training encampments. The school has two academic buildings, four dormitories, a dining facility, physical conditioning center, parade field and track and sports fields. Additionally, it maintains an AEF training garrison, a 200 acre field training area, a high ropes course, confidence course and two expeditionary assault courses.

ENLISTED RESEARCH CENTER MUSEUM, GUNTER ANNEX and RIVER CRUISE LUNCH

Saturday, 10 October

The USAF Enlisted Heritage Research Institute on Maxwell-Gunter AFB has a small but excellent museum which covers a myriad of enlisted personnel career fields and their contributions to the success of the world's premier Air Force. At the entrance, a display features an interactive, animated Airman. The surrounding grounds have many memorial stones and equipment displays. After touring this unique museum area, we will return to downtown Montgomery's riverside for a one hour narrated lunch cruise on the Harriott II Riverboat. You will travel back in time to days of the historic paddle-wheel boats meandering along the scenic Alabama River.

HYUNDAI AUTO FACTORY TOUR

Monday, 12 October

Experience over 1,000 Hyundai vehicles made daily by 2,700 Alabama Team Members. Enjoy a guided tram tour while wearing safety glasses and a headset. Spectacular robotics throughout the overall production line, and I was especially impressed by the ones that were placing the seats in the vehicles. If you haven't observed in person today's modern auto production lines, this tour is well worth taking.

EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL
300 Tallapoosa St, Montgomery, AL (334) 269-5055
(www.embassysuitesmontgomery.com)

The hotel offers suites consisting of a private bedroom with two double beds or a king bed and a separate vanity/dressing area, a separate living room with sofa bed and a well-lit dining/work table. The kitchen provides a wet bar, microwave, refrigerator and coffee maker. There are two telephones with voice mail and computer jack as well as two remote TVs with complimentary premium channels. Internet is available for \$9.95 + tax a day, or free if you join HONORS.com. Every morning there is a complimentary full hot breakfast buffet with a Chef on site for cooked-to-order omelets. There is also a daily, complimentary evening reception from 5:30PM – 7:30PM including light snacks, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. They also have a business center, fitness center and heated pool and whirlpool. The Montgomery Grill Restaurant is open for lunch and dinner, and room service is also available.

For those driving to the reunion, the hotel is easily accessible from both I-65 and I-85. Self-parking at \$10.00 plus tax per day is available in the hotel's parking lot. There is discounted parking in the City Parking Deck on Molton Street directly behind the hotel for \$8.00 plus tax per day. The hotel provides a free shuttle to and from the hotel to the airport.

Hotel check-in time is 4:00PM, and check-out is 11:00AM. Group rates are available two days before and after the arrival dates shown, based on availability. Call toll free 1-800-362-2779 or contact the hotel directly at 334-269-5055 or the web address above. If you have any problems registering call Triniece Davis at 334-551-4038 or email triniece.davis@jqh.com.

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

63RD OFFICER CANDIDATE WING ASSOCIATION REUNION – HOTEL RESERVATION INFO
REUNION DATE: October 8-12, 2015

NAME _____ RESERVATION CODE: **63W**

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: \$93.00, plus tax, for up to 2 people

CUT-OFF DATE: September 17, 2015. 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 _____



63RD OFFICER CANDIDATE WING ASSOCIATION

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Be sure to visit the web site at www.usafocsalumni.org