

**** AIR WEATHER ASSOCIATION 2006 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM ****

10 – 14 May 2006 in Omaha, Nebraska

Reunion Headquarters: **The DoubleTree Hotel**, 1616 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102; (402) 346-7600

Name of AWA Member: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Telephone No.: _____

ALL MEMBERS WANTING TO ATTEND MUST MAIL IN THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT POSTMARKED BEFORE *20 APRIL 2006.* Please complete both sides of this form, fill out your check or money order made payable to "AWA Reunion" covering all fees, and mail both by 20 April to:

Air Weather Association Reunion, Don Farrington, 3201 Lenox Road NE Apt 7, Atlanta GA 30324-2648

**** POSTMARK YOUR REGISTRATION BY 8 APRIL 2006 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FREE HOTEL ROOM DRAWING ****

DO YOU OR YOUR GUEST(S) HAVE ANY DISABILITY OR DIETARY NEEDS THAT REQUIRE SPECIAL ATTENTION? Please inform us on a separate piece of paper and submit it with this form.

REUNION PROGRAM

BASIC REUNION PACKAGE: (HOW MANY x \$\$\$ = \$TOTAL)

10 – 14 May 2006: **EVERY ATTENDEE HAS TO SELECT THIS PORTION OF THE PROGRAM**

Hospitality Room (daily) + Registration fee + Friday and Saturday evening dinners _____ x \$75.00 = \$ _____

On Friday evening, a (casual) buffet dinner with many choices will be provided.

On Saturday evening, a seated banquet dinner will be provided – please make your selections (enter # of each)

_____ London Broil (Beef) _____ Alaskan Halibut (Fish) _____ Chicken Picatta _____ Vegetarian Meal

SCHEDULE & OPTIONS TO ADD TO BASIC REUNION PACKAGE (please see more detailed information in the AWA Newsletter and in your unit/squadron association newsletters as applicable):

Wednesday, 10 May 2006 -- mainly an early arrival day -- 3:00pm AWA Hospitality room in DoubleTree Hotel Ak-Sar-Ben Room opens for early check-in and meeting old and new friends. Hospitality room will open by 8:00am daily Thursday through Saturday.

Thursday, 11 May 2006

8:15am – 12:30pm Tour to Offutt AFB via bus to see STRATCOM and AFWA (80 max) [*priority: ___] _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

12:45pm – 5:00pm Tour to Offutt AFB via bus to see STRATCOM and AFWA (80 max) [priority: ___] _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

5:00pm – 11:00pm during this period buses will shuttle to/from Harrah's Casino in Council Bluffs, Iowa _____ x free

Please indicate how many will take the shuttle bus. You can sign up for specific departure times when you check in at AWA registration desk.

Evening – separate Unit/Squadron Association dinners at hotel or local restaurants (Contact Your Unit Chairperson)

Friday, 12 May 2006

8:15am – 12:30pm Tour to Offutt AFB via bus to see STRATCOM and AFWA (80 max) [priority: ___] _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

9:30am – Golf Tournament at Tara Hills – Shotgun start - Captain's Choice - includes all fees and lunch _____ x \$42.00 = \$ _____

Member handicap _____; Spouse or Guest handicap _____

12:45pm – 5:00pm Tour to Offutt AFB via bus to see STRATCOM and AFWA (80 max) [priority: ___] _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

6:00pm Social Hour & 7:00pm Buffet Dinner (casual) – DoubleTree Hotel Grand Ballroom – part of Basic Reunion Package

Saturday, 13 May 2006

9:30am – 1:30pm Bus tour of City and tour of Strategic Air & Space Museum (100 max) [priority: ___] _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

11:00am – 3:00pm Bus tour of City and tour of Strategic Air & Space Museum (100 max) [priority: ___] _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

5:00pm Social Hour & 6:00pm AF Weather Heritage Banquet – DoubleTree Hotel Grand Ballroom – part of Basic Reunion Package

Sunday, 14 May 2006

8:00am – 11:00am Breakfast Buffet in DoubleTree Hotel Ak-Sar-Ben Room (attend anytime in the 3-hr period) _____ x \$14.50 = \$ _____

Scheduled AWA reunion activities adjourn thereafter.

Commemorative AWA Caps and Shirts: If you completed an order on back of form, please list total cost here also: \$ _____

ENCLOSE CHECK or MONEY ORDER payable to "AWA Reunion" for GRAND TOTAL of: \$ _____

* Priority blocks above are to show your 1st and 2nd choices on similar tours. If your 1st choice is full, you will be assigned to your 2nd choice.

Please complete this side of the Registration Form also and make yourself a copy of both sides for your continued reference.

Print names below as you would like them shown on your reunion NAME BADGES:

Member _____ Spouse _____

Guest _____ Guest _____

If you wish, please choose tablemates at or before the reunion for Friday evening buffet and Saturday evening banquet. If you wish to be seated with a specific unit/group, please place a check mark on the choices below or write-in a name or unit.

Open Seating Singles 15 & 20 WS 17 WS 18 WS RECON (AWRA) WRITE-IN

Are you staying at the Reunion hotel? (Check): Yes _____ No _____. Please call in your reservation to the DoubleTree Hotel Omaha (1-800-222-8733 or 1-402-346-7600) by 24 April 2006 to guarantee a room at Air Weather Association reunion discount rates of \$79 plus tax for Deluxe King or Deluxe Double Queen rooms. Cancellation deadline for reserved rooms is up until 4:00pm of the day of arrival.

To help the reunion committee plan ahead for your arrival, please indicate your travel plans here.
Anticipated arrival date/time at hotel to check in/register at reunion desk _____ .
For the following questions, please check appropriate spaces:
Arriving via Air at Omaha ____ then, rental car ____ or free hotel shuttle ____.
Arriving via RV/Motor home ____; Bus/Train ____; or Car ____.
Local area resident commuting by car ____ . Staying with local friends and commuting by car ____.
Do you have special transportation and/or housing requirements (please also inform the hotel when making your reservation)? Yes ____ Requirements are: _____

AWA REUNION REGISTRATION CANCELLATIONS ARE FULLY REFUNDABLE IF NOTICE IS RECEIVED BY 6 MAY 2006. Send cancellation notices to the Reunion Organizer Don Farrington by phone at: (404) 816-0872 or e-mail: Cdfcsf@aol.com. Cancellations received after 6 May, but 72 hours before any reunion activity for which you hold a reservation, will be honored **IF** the space can be sold to a member on the space available list. The reunion committee will not broker the sale of cancellations nor accept add-on/exchanges of optional tours at the reunion. However, the committee will refund the total costs of the AWA dining function(s) if cancellation notice is received by the committee at the hotel not later than 72 hours prior to the function. **FOR REUNION CANCELLATION NOTICES AFTER 6 MAY 2006**, please telephone the DoubleTree Hotel at (402) 346-7600 and leave a message for Don Farrington or e-mail: AirWeaAssn@aol.com.

*****DISCLAIMER*****

The Air Weather Association, its directors and committee members are not liable for any damages, injuries or inconvenience incurred to reunion attendees. The AWA volunteer directors & committee members have arranged the reunion and events solely for the enjoyment of AWA members and their spouses and guests. When you submit this form for registration you agree to be held personally responsible for damages and injuries resulting from your, your spouse or guest's actions.

COMMEMORATIVE AWA CAPS AND SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Caps and short-sleeve golf shirts will have a special logo embroidered on them showing "Air Weather Association".

How many caps ____ x \$8 = \$ _____ Cap is low-profile golf style, white, one size fits all.

How many white shirts ____ x \$17 = \$ _____. List # per size: Sm (34-36) ____; Med (38-40) ____; Lge (42-44) ____; Xtra Lge (46-48) ____; XX Lge (50-52) ____

How many tan-khaki shirts ____ x \$17 = \$ _____. List # per size: Sm (34-36) ____; Med (38-40) ____; Lge (42-44) ____; Xtra Lge (46-48) ____; XX Lge (50-52) ____

Total cost of caps & shirts: \$ _____ (Enter cost on front page of form at third last line to add into GRAND TOTAL.)

For further information, please contact Don Farrington at (404) 816-0872 or e-mail: Cdfcsf@aol.com or Kevin Lavin at (434) 296-2832 or e-mail: AirWeaAssn@aol.com

AIR WEATHER ASSOCIATION

****Serving the Present – Remembering the Past – Air Force Weather****

NEWSLETTER

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AWA REUNION 2006

Join many other AWA members, their spouses and guests for the next Air Weather Association reunion. **It will be held 10-14 May 2006 in Omaha, Nebraska.** The Air Force Weather Agency (AFWA) headquarters is at Offutt AFB just south of Omaha and we will join with AFWA members to celebrate our heritage at a number of events. The Commander of AFWA is Colonel John M. Lanicci and he welcomes us all to Omaha.

The reunion hotel will be **The DoubleTree Hotel and Executive Meeting Center** 1616 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102.

- It is a full-service hotel in downtown Omaha within walking distance of the Historic Old Market Area, the Joslyn Art Museum and many other attractions.
- The hotel offers complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport every half hour on the hour 5:00 am to midnight.
- The hotel will also provide a voucher at check-in to AWA reunion attendees to receive a 10% discount in the hotel restaurant - Signatures Grill.
- Complimentary parking will be available for AWA at the Central City Parking Garage on 17th & Capital. The First National Bank Garage Parking Fee will be reduced to \$4/day for AWA reunion attendees.

Please call in your reservation to the DoubleTree Hotel Omaha (1-800-222-8733 or 1-402-346-7600) by 24 April 2006 to guarantee a room at Air Weather Association reunion discount rates of **\$79 plus tax per day** for Deluxe King or Deluxe Double Queen rooms. Discount rates are also available for small suites at \$99 and regular suites at \$169. Cancellation deadline for reserved rooms is up until 4:00pm of the day of arrival.

Schedule of reunion activities planned thus far –

Wednesday, 10 May 2006 - Primarily early arrival day.

3:00pm The AWA reunion registration and information desk opens in the Aksarben reunion hospitality room at the DoubleTree Hotel. [NOTE: The AWA desk will be open each day. All reunion attendees staying at the hotel or commuting from home need to check-in at the AWA desk as soon as possible to confirm their registrations and receive their nametags and welcome packets. A bulletin board will also be nearby to post messages, activity changes and general information.]

10:30pm Hospitality room closes. Continued on Page 4

AWA Locator Database

Please help us keep the AWA database current. If this AWA mail did not have your correct address, please send us an update to include: your name, last rank held, spouse's name, mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address. Send changes to: steve_walden@msn.com or AWA, 1697 Capri Way, Charlottesville VA 22911-3534 or call Kevin Lavin at: 434-296-2832.

Thanks to Jim DeCarufel, the AWA volunteer webmaster, the AWA Web site is being updated often with news, upcoming events, member roster, and (sadly) a growing list of departures. The cost of the site server is reasonable at \$120 per year paid for by member donations. All members are invited to send news/articles for posting to AirWeaAssn@aol.com. See the Web site at: www.airweaassn.org

INVITATION TO JOIN AN E-MAIL LIST

All AWA members are invited to join the "ROWF" e-mail list. This list is used to provide news via e-mail about AF Weather people, events, and items of interest. To view the list of 350+ people and addresses already signed up, see the ROWF Web page at <http://davepace.tripod.com/rowf/>. To get on the ROWF list, send a message to AWA member Dave Pace at davidjpace@yahoo.com.

CONTRACT AWARDED TO BUILD NEW AFWA HEADQUARTERS at OFFUTT AFB

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced that the Kiewit Building Group Inc, based in Omaha, Neb., will build the new Headquarters Air Force Weather Agency facility at Offutt AFB with a ground breaking ceremony scheduled for March 24, 2006.

The \$27 million military construction contract award will include 188,000 square feet of working space and a 257-seat auditorium. Construction on the new three-story building, which will be built near the Bellevue gate, will start this spring and is scheduled for completion by November 2007.

The Air Force Weather Agency currently operates from office space created more than 35 years ago in the aging Martin Bomber Building. The challenges of maintaining the communication, environmental, and electrical systems to meet current and future mission requirements make continued operations in the old building, which was first dedicated in 1942, impractical. The new building will be a world-class facility for a world-class organization.

– AFWA/Public Affairs

Thursday, 11 May 2006:

7:30am The AWA reunion registration and information desk opens in the Aksarben reunion hospitality room.

Tours to Offutt Air Force Base – Arrangements have been made to provide four tours to Offutt AFB by bus starting at the DoubleTree hotel. We will visit the US Strategic Command and Air Force Weather Agency. Each tour can only accommodate 80 people. The registration form shows the four tours (two on Thursday/two on Friday) with an entry for your [priority: __]. If you sign up for a tour, list that as your 1st priority. Please also designate your 2nd priority in case your 1st is already sold out. Attendees will be scheduled on the tours as the registration forms are received by the reunion organizer.

Buses will depart the DoubleTree Hotel at 8:15 am for the first tour to Offutt AFB and return about 12:30 pm.

Buses will depart the DoubleTree Hotel at 12:45 pm for the second tour to Offutt AFB and return about 5:00 pm.

Riverboat Casinos exist just across the Missouri River in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and on Thursday evening during the period from 5 to 11 pm, shuttle buses from Harrah's will be available to transport AWA reunion attendees to/from that casino. If you are interested, please indicate so on the registration form so that Harrah's can be informed on how many to plan for. Those selecting that activity will be given a shuttle bus schedule at the AWA reunion registration desk.

Also on Thursday evening, separate unit/squadron alumni association dinners may be scheduled at the Hotel or at local restaurants. CONTACT YOUR UNIT or SQUADRON CHAIRPERSON for more information.

11:00 pm Hospitality room closes.

Friday, 12 May 2006:

7:30am The AWA reunion registration and information desk opens in the Aksarben reunion hospitality room.

Buses will depart the DoubleTree Hotel at 8:15 am for the tour to Offutt AFB and return about 12:30 pm.

Buses will depart the DoubleTree Hotel at 12:45 pm for the tour to Offutt AFB and return about 5:00 pm.

Carpools will depart the DoubleTree hotel by 8:30 am for those registered for the **Golf Tournament at the Tara Hills Golf Course in Papillion**. A shotgun start is scheduled for 9:30 am. The \$42 fee covers green fees, carts and lunch. Golf clubs to rent are difficult to find in Omaha, please consider bringing your set or make arrangements with friends in the area to borrow clubs. Air Force Weather personnel from Offutt AFB will join in this activity as part of the Heritage events and teams will be mixed for this Captain's Choice tournament. Register early for this event; the limit will be 108 players.

Friday continued:

Evening: As part of the basic reunion package –

6:00pm – 7:00pm Social hour in the Foyer of the DoubleTree Hotel Grand Ballroom

7:00pm – 10:00pm Buffet Banquet Dinner in The DoubleTree Hotel Grand Ballroom. This is a casual banquet and a great time to reminisce with old friends and meet new ones.

11:00pm Hospitality room closes.

Saturday, 13 May 2006:

7:30am The AWA reunion registration and information desk opens in the Aksarben reunion hospitality room.

8:30am Meetings may be scheduled in the Hotel for unit/squadron alumni associations. Active duty Air Force leaders may be available to brief interested attendees on current AF Weather programs and future plans.

Tours to the Strategic Air and Space Museum and through the City will be available on Saturday. Seating is limited so please list your priorities on the registration form. Fees include the \$6 Museum admission price. The Museum has a snack bar for lunch.

Buses will depart the DoubleTree Hotel at 9:30 am for the first tour to the Museum and return about 1:30 pm.

Buses will depart the DoubleTree Hotel at 11:00 am for the second tour to the Museum and return about 3:00 pm.

Evening: As part of the basic reunion package –

5:00pm – 6:00pm Social hour in the Foyer of the DoubleTree Hotel Grand Ballroom

6:00pm AF Weather Heritage Celebration Banquet in the DoubleTree Hotel Grand Ballroom. Dinner entrée choices are on the registration form. Air Force Weather personnel from Offutt AFB will join in this activity and will arrange for a guest speaker and organize the program saluting the Air Force Weather heritage. The Night Wing group from the US Air Force Heartland of America Band will also provide entertainment.

11:30pm Hospitality room closes.

Sunday, 14 May 2006:

8:00am The AWA reunion registration and information desk opens in the Aksarben reunion hospitality room..

8:00am to 11:00am AWA Reunion Brunch will be served in the Aksarben room at \$14.50 per person.

11:00am The AWA 2006 Reunion adjourns.

The reunion registration form is enclosed. Please complete the form and mail it to AWA Board member and reunion organizer, Don Farrington, with a check for payment of fees as soon as possible, but not later than 20 April 2006.

If you need more information or want to discuss attendance at particular functions, please call Kevin Lavin at 434-296-2832 or e-mail AirWeaAssn@aol.com