

**** AIR WEATHER ASSOCIATION 2012 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM ****

1 – 5 August 2012 in Omaha, Nebraska

Reunion Headquarters: **The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Downtown Omaha**, 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 *3 July 2012.* 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 3 July to:

AWA Reunion, Don Farrington, 4149 Silver Hill Court, Snellville GA 30039-6978

POSTMARK YOUR REGISTRATION BY 25 June 2012 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FREE HOTEL ROOM (2 nights) 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.

AWA REUNION & AFW 75th ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

ACTIVITIES (see newsletter below for details): **(HOW MANY x \$\$\$ = \$TOTAL)**

Wednesday, 1 August 2012 -- arrival day for many –

2:00 pm – AWA Hospitality room in DoubleTree Hotel Ak-Sar-Ben Room opens for check-in and meeting old and new friends.

Thursday, 2 August 2012

8:15 am – Buses begin loading at Hotel for trip to Offutt AFB for 75th Anniversary of Air Force Weather program; return 5:00 pm

Program at Air Force Weather Agency Headquarters: 9:00 am – 10:45 am and continues after lunch ~ 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm.

11:00 am Lunch at Offutt AFB Patriot Club **or on your own** – please make your selections (enter # of each)

_____ Roast Strip Loin of Beef, _____ Marinated Chicken Breast, _____ Vegetarian; _____ not attending luncheon

Charges: Bus trip from DoubleTree Hotel to Offutt AFB and return _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

Lunch at Club: Beef/Chicken: ___ x \$15.00 = \$ _____ + Vegetarian ___ x \$11.00 = \$ _____ = \$ _____

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

Complimentary Shuttle buses may be available to/from casinos in Council Bluffs, IA. Please indicate how many _____ would

be interested in taking the shuttle bus. You can sign up for specific departure times when you check-in at the AWA reunion registration desk.

Friday, 3 August 2012

9:00 am – Golf Tournament at Tara Hills – Shotgun start - Captain’s Choice - includes all fees and lunch _____ x \$45.00 = \$ _____

Member handicap _____; Spouse or Guest handicap _____ Box lunch choice #: _____ Turkey; _____ Ham/cheese

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Bus tour to Strategic Air & Space Museum (lunch at museum on your own) & city _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

6:00 pm Social Hour & 7:00 pm 75th AF Weather Anniversary Banquet - DoubleTree Hotel Ballroom _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____

Please make your selections (enter # of each)

_____ 6oz. NY Strip Steak _____ Baked Salmon _____ Chicken Parmesan _____ Vegetarian Meal

Saturday, 4 August 2012

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Bus tours to various Omaha area attractions. Please check those you are interested in:

_____ Henry Doorly Zoo; _____ Lauritzen Gardens; _____ City tour for those not seeing it on Thursday; _____ Old Market area;

_____ Kimball Theater Pipe Organ Concert (2 hrs). Based on the number of attendees interested, tours will be arranged and payment collected at the reunion. Estimate bus cost \$15 per person and some attractions charge a small entrance fee.

5:30 pm Social time & 7:00 pm AWA 25th Anniversary Buffet Dinner – DoubleTree Hotel Ballroom _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____

Sunday, 5 August 2012

Since breakfast is included in the room fee, attendees can meet in the Hotel restaurant before departing.

Scheduled AWA reunion activities adjourn thereafter.

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

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

Check or money order number:

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. To enter Offutt AFB on Thursday, a military ID (active duty or retired) is required or your date of birth (DOB) and driver's license # and State of issue have to be given in advance. Please write in those below if you don't have a military ID to show at the gate. [Sample: DOB: 1945 Dec 31 Lic#: A249768 VA]

Member _____	Spouse _____
DOB: _____ Lic#: _____	DOB: _____ Lic#: _____
Guest _____	Guest _____
DOB: _____ Lic#: _____	DOB: _____ Lic#: _____

If you wish, please choose tablemates for the Friday evening banquet and Saturday evening buffet. 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 _____. Hotel reservation information is in the newsletter. Please make your reservation by 9 July 2012 to guarantee a room at AWA reunion discount rates. Cancellation deadline for reserved rooms is 24 hours prior to 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 all 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 20 July 2012. Send cancellation notices to the Reunion Organizer Don Farrington by phone at: (770) 985-2240 or e-mail: Cdfcsf@aol.com. Cancellations received after 20 July, but by 30 July will be honored **IF** the space can be sold to a member on the space available list. **FOR REUNION CANCELLATION NOTICES AFTER 28 July 2012 and during the reunion time frame,** please telephone Kevin Lavin at (434) 989-2174 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, VISORS AND SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Caps and visors will be embroidered with the name "Air Weather Association"
 Shirts will have an Air Force Weather 75th Anniversary emblem.

How many caps ___ x \$10 = \$ _____ Cap is low-profile golf style, white, one size fits all.
 How many visors ___ x \$8 = \$ _____ Visor is low-profile golf style, white, one size fits all.
 How many white shirts ___ x \$20 = \$ _____ List # per size: Sm (34-36) ___; Med (38-40) ___; Lge (42-44) ___;
 Xtra Lge (46-48) ___; XX Lge (50-52) ___
 How many royal blue shirts ___ x \$20 = \$ _____ List # per size: Sm (34-36) ___; Med (38-40) ___; Lge (42-44) ___;
 Xtra Lge (46-48) ___; XX Lge (50-52) ___
 Total cost of caps, visors & shirts: \$ _____ (Enter also on front page of form near bottom to add to GRAND TOTAL.)



AIR WEATHER ASSOCIATION

Serving the Present – Remembering the Past – Air Force Weather

NEWSLETTER



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AWA REUNION 2012

Join many **other** AWA members, their spouses and guests at the **AWA Reunion 2012** which will also be a celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Air Force Weather and the 25th Anniversary of the formal founding of the AWA. AWA members will join with members of other weather alumni associations, current Air Force Weather and reserve component personnel, spouses and guests. All 75th Anniversary attendees are welcome to join in the AWA reunion activities.

When: AWA Reunion 1-5 August 2012

Where: Omaha, Nebraska and nearby Offutt Air Force Base, the home of the Air Force Weather Agency (AFWA) Headquarters. The reunion hotel is the [DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Omaha Downtown](#) 1616 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102

All attendees from out of town are welcome to come to Omaha early and stay late. AWA Reunion rates at the DoubleTree Hotel are being offered from 30 July to 8 August. AWA Reunion room discount rates are also offered to other Air Force Weather alumni association members and all 75th Anniversary celebration attendees.

DoubleTree Hotel room AWA discount rates:

\$94 + tax (currently 18.16%) for single or double
\$114 + tax for a triple (three people)
\$124 + tax for a quad (four people)

Guestroom rate includes daily hot breakfast buffet and omelets and cold breakfast buffet in Signatures Restaurant.

Room reservations can be made by phone to the DoubleTree Hotel in Omaha at 402-636-4913 or toll free to a central reservation system at 800-222-8733. Be sure to mention our group name: *Air Weather Association Reunion*.

Room reservations can also be made online at: http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/O/OMA-H-DT-AIR-20120730/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG. The group name, *Air Weather Association Reunion*, is already stated on that site so you won't have to add any other Special Account information unless you have other promotional information that may lead to special rates. If you are a Hilton Honors member, there is a place to provide that information.

Please reserve rooms by July 9, 2012 to obtain the AWA Reunion discount rates.

The DoubleTree Hotel offers complimentary shuttle service to/from Eppley Airport and The Old Market. Parking for registered guest automobiles at the hotel is \$7 per day.

If problems with room reservations occur, please e-mail Kevin Lavin at: AirWeaAssn@aol.com or call him at 434-989-2174 (cell).

See next page for the reunion agenda.

On 1 July 2012, celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Air Force Weather!

On 1 July 1937, The War Department transferred the responsibility for providing weather services from the Signal Corps to the Army Air Corps and the US Army Air Corps Weather Service was born. This new weather service consisted of about 280 enlisted men and 22 officers manning 40 weather stations. They were led by 1st Lt Robert M. Losey, who reported directly to the Army Air Corps Commanding General. Captain Randolph P. "Pinkie" Williams, an officer in the Army Signal Corps' Meteorological Section, is called the "Father" of Air Force Weather due to his aggressive initiatives, studies and reports that helped convince leaders to transfer the meteorological service from the Signal Corps to build the kind of weather service the rapidly growing Air Corps needed.

AWA REUNION 2012 Agenda

The program schedule is still being finalized and the organizers are counting on members registering to attend to help. The enclosed Reunion Registration Form asks for your tour interests for Saturday and please add a separate comment sheet with other suggestions if you so desire.

Wednesday, 1 August is considered the arrival day for many.

2:00 pm The AWA reunion registration and information desk opens in the Ak-Sar-Ben 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 or other locations 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.

Thursday, 2 August:

6:00 am Complimentary Breakfast begins for registered hotel guests in Signatures Restaurant; ends at 10:00 am.

7:30 am The AWA reunion registration and information desk opens in the Ak-Sar-Ben reunion hospitality room.

8:15 am Buses begin loading outside the DoubleTree Hotel on the north side for the trip to Offutt AFB where AFW 75th Anniversary activities (morning tours; lunch and afternoon presentations, and remembrances) will be held at the Air Force Weather Agency (AFWA) Headquarters. As the registration form shows, Lunch will be available at the Offutt AFB Patriot Club. Buses will shuttle attendees between AFWA and the Patriot Club for lunch. Some attendees may wish to have lunch elsewhere on their own or with friends.

Those members commuting by car from home or other locations should plan on arriving at AFWA Hqs by 9:00 am for the morning tours of AFWA.

4:30 pm Buses will depart AFWA Hqs for the DoubleTree Hotel.

10:30 pm Hospitality room closes.

That evening, reunion attendees and others may wish to have dinner with friends, in unit/squadron alumni groups or at the Reunion Hotel restaurant.

The DoubleTree Hotel is a full-service hotel with fitness center, pool and dining facilities. The greater Omaha area has numerous restaurants and many are within walking distance of the hotel. The hotel also offers shuttle service to the Old Market area where a variety of restaurants and shops are available. Riverboat Casinos are nearby in Council Bluffs IA along the Missouri River.

Friday, 3 August:

6:00 am Complimentary Breakfast begins for registered hotel guests in Signatures Restaurant; ends at 10:00 am.

7:30 am The AWA reunion registration and information desk opens in the Ak-Sar-Ben reunion hospitality room. Closes at 5:00 pm.

8:00 am Carpools will depart the DoubleTree Hotel for the **Golf Tournament** (Captain's choice – best ball) at Tara Hills, 1410 Western Hills Drive, Papillion, NE 68046; (402) 592-7550; <http://www.tarahills.org>. Those commuting from other locations should arrive in time for the **shotgun start at 09:00 am**. The course has some rental clubs. Course fees, golf cart, lunch and prizes are included in the total fees as shown on the registration form.

10:00 am Buses will depart the Hotel for a tour of the Strategic Air and Space Museum in Ashland, NE. <http://www.sasmuseum.com/> Fees include the museum admission cost, but lunch at the museum will be on your own. Buses will return to Omaha at 1:30 pm and tour guides will come on board for the city tour which should conclude by 4:00 pm.

6:00 pm Social hour & check-in in the Foyer of the DoubleTree Hotel Grand Ballroom

7:00 pm AFW 75th Anniversary Banquet in the DoubleTree Hotel Grand Ballroom. Dinner entrée choices are on the registration form. Guest speaker: General (Ret.) Thomas S. Moorman Jr., son of the late LGen (Ret.) Thomas S. Moorman, the AWS Commander 1954-58. The Night Wing group from the US Air Force Heartland of America Band will provide music for dancing/entertainment.

11:30 pm Activities adjourn for the day.

Saturday, 4 August:

6:00 am Complimentary Breakfast begins for registered hotel guests in Signatures Restaurant; ends at noon.

7:30 am The AWA reunion registration and information desk opens in the Ak-Sar-Ben reunion hospitality room. Closes at 5:00 pm

9:00 am Meetings may be scheduled in the Hotel for unit/squadron alumni associations.

10:00 am Buses will be available 10 am – 4 pm to take attendees on tours to attractions in town such as the Henry Doorly Zoo; Lauritzen Gardens (Omaha's Botanical Garden on the bluffs of the Missouri River); a city tour for those that didn't take it on Thursday; the Old Market District; A 1927 Pipe Organ Concert honoring military veterans or to other attractions attendees may suggest. Please indicate choices on the registration form or on a separate comment sheet. Walking tours from the hotel are also available to the Joselyn Art Museum, the Durham Museum (Omaha's Union Train Station) and the Old Market district.

5:30 pm Social time & check-in in the Foyer of the DoubleTree Hotel Grand Ballroom

7:00 pm AWA reunion buffet dinner in the DoubleTree Hotel Grand Ballroom – to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of AWA and continue celebrating the AFW 75th Anniversary. Buffet will include beef, fish and chicken and many sides.

11:00 pm Activities adjourn for the day.

Sunday, 5 August:

6:00 am Complimentary Breakfast begins for registered hotel guests in Signatures Restaurant; ends at noon. Attendees are welcome to join in wishing each other safe travels until we meet again.

After breakfast, the AWA Reunion 2012 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 3 July 2012.

If you need more information or want to discuss attendance at particular functions, please call Kevin Lavin at 434-296-2832, cell 434-989-2174 or e-mail AirWeaAssn@aol.com.

◀ IN MEMORIAM ▶

These deceased AWA members have been reported to the Board of Directors since the Feb. 2012 Newsletter.

Rank	First Name	Last Name	Year
Capt	Paul	Barnett	2010
SMSgt	David E.	Bayless	2010
Lt Col	Linden O.	Bricker	2006
Sgt	Frederick W.	Burton II	2011
SMSgt	Jimmie	Christie	2011
	Barbara	Collens	2012
Maj	Donald L.	Commons	2011
CWO 4	George G.	Coulter	2001
TSgt	George W.	Cusick	2011
PFC	John Thomas	Dutro Jr.	2010
Cpl	Noice E	Eastman	2011
	Yvonne	Eddleman	2011
Sgt	Charles F.	Fegely	2012
SMSgt	Robert D.	Force	2007
Col	Samuel F.	Freeland	2007
Lt Col	Joseph M.	Garber	2011
SSgt	Edwin E.	Hankins	2008
	Olive	Harvey	2002
Maj	Roland F.	Harvey	2009
Sgt	Ray D.	Henson	2009
CMSgt	Donald K.	Johnson	2010
Lt Col	Edward E.	Jordan Sr.	2007
Col	Robert L.	Kane	2012
SSgt	Aaron	Kaplan	2011
LtGen	Glenn A.	Kent	2012
BGen	Leo A.	Kiley	2006
MSgt	John	Korzeniewski	2009
TSgt	Roger	Krites	2012
SSgt	James A.	Kuhn	2012
Maj	Raymond E.	Leis	2011
Lt Col	Robert K.	Lockwood	2012
SSgt	Paul F	Luedtke	2008
SSgt	Robert E.	Midkiff	2009
SMSgt	Roger C.	Minter	2009
Lt Col	Tunis D.	Morrow	2011
Sgt	Donald	Neely	2012
	Stella	Olivola	2008
MSgt	Pete	Otter	2008
Lt Col	Nelson L.	Petersen	2011
MSgt	Robert	Potts Jr.	2009
CMSgt	Richard H.	Prewitt	2012
Col	James M.	Priest	2011

Sgt	William E.	Rodman	2011
CMSgt	George	Ruzich	2008
Col	David W.	Saxton	2012
MSgt	Walter P.	Schwartz	2009
Lt Col	Earl A.	Shaefer	2010
	Margaret	Shaefer	2008
	Catherine A.V.	Smith	2011
MSgt	Charles H.	Stoner	2007
	Beverly	Tinker	2012
Lt Col	Clarence E.	Vicroy	2010
	Eileen Y.	Vicroy	2005
Col	Robert W.	Vincent	2005
SSgt	Dr. Jimmy M.	Walker	2007
Lt Col	Eugene A.	Welenteichick	2011
A2C	Herbert E.	Werner	2011
MSgt	Kenneth	Williams	2011
Lt Col	John L.	Wolfe	2010
Maj	Clarence F.	Wolters	2010

Sad news on the loss of an AWA founder.

Barbara Jean Wesbrook Collens died April 27, 2012. Her husband, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) John W. Collens III, reported last August that Barbara had a stroke and full recovery wasn't expected. She eventually went home from the hospital and she and her husband recently moved to Pointe Morino in Cameron Park, CA.

Barbara was born on December 29, 1925 to Charles A. and Mary M. Wesbrook of Chico, CA. She attended Chico High and Chico State College. She is survived by her husband; daughter, Janet Durant; son, Paul Collens and Janet's twin daughters. Services were private.

Barbara's adult years were with her husband of 66 years at various military bases and retirement to California. She was very active in the veterans' affairs of the Second Bombardment and Air Weather Associations and in support of the local BPOE (Elks Lodge). She often talked about great experiences in her Air Force family and the many friends she gained especially in Air Weather Service and Air Weather Reconnaissance assignments. Maj. Gen. Collens commanded the 9th Weather Reconnaissance Wing, 1973-74 and was Commander, Air Weather Service, 1974-75. At the time of the 50th Anniversary of Air Force Weather in 1987, John and Barbara Collens and others discussed keeping in better touch

with Air Force Weather personnel. Later that year they formally founded the Air Weather Association with camaraderie amongst all who identify with Air Force Weather as a goal. Their untiring and unselfish work resulted in a large all-volunteer membership, biennial reunions and outreach "to care for our own." When they retired from leading the AWA, the board of directors named the annual AWA awards, The AWA John and Barbara Collens Awards. These are presented each year to the outstanding individual Air Force Weather personnel chosen by the USAF Director of Weather.

Thank you Barbara!

AWA Locator Database

Please help us keep the AWA database current. If you have any changes to your name, last rank held, spouse's name, mailing address, telephone number or 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.

We also have a long list of lost members on the AWA Web site: <http://www.airweaassn.org>. If you know anyone on the list, please ask them to send in their current information or let us know about them.

Web Site News

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.

All members are invited to send news/articles for posting on the Web site to AirWeaAssn@aol.com.

View the Web site at: <http://www.airweaassn.org>. In the section on Reports you will find many publications on the history of Air Force Weather including the 50th Anniversary reports. Reports for the 75th Anniversary will also be posted when available. The AWA Newsletters are also posted on the site as are photos from previous reunions, membership application forms and much more.

Also join Air Weather Association on Facebook and Air Force Weather on LinkedIn.