



AIR WEATHER ASSOCIATION

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Air Force Weather Reorganized

To help celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Air Force Weather (AFW) in 2012, AWA members along with many active duty AFW personnel joined together to publish an update of the historical report presented at the 50th Anniversary in 1987 (*Air Weather Service: Our Heritage 1937-1987*). George Coleman took the initiative to lead in updating the history and published a final draft of *Air Force Weather: Our Heritage 1937-2012* for presentation at the 75th Anniversary Celebration in Omaha. He continued to update the history as information was received from members and other readers and published a revision distributed at the AWA 2014 reunion in Charleston SC. That 2nd Edition dated 1 March 2014 is available to all on the AWA website at <http://www.airweaassn.org/reports/AFW37-12/AFW3712.pdf>. Readers are welcome to comment & suggest additions to airweaassn@aol.com to make the history more complete.

At that AWA 2014 reunion, Mr. Ralph Stoffler, the Acting USAF Director of Weather, briefed of possible organization changes directed by the Secretary of the Air Force. A press release explaining the changes <http://www.12af.acc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123442027> was published and on 27 March 2015 the Air Force Weather Agency was re-designated the 557th Weather Wing. Colonel William J. Carle, AFWA Commander assumed command of the new 557th Weather Wing on that day. The AWA website has more information on the reorganization and the 557th Weather Wing plans <http://www.557weatherwing.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-150325-016.pdf>.

On 3 September 2015, Mr. Ralph O. Stoffler was named Director of Weather, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Headquarters United States Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, DC moving up from the designation of Acting Director. Mr. Stoffler has accepted the AWA Directors' invitation to give a "report to the stockholders" at the 2016 AWA reunion.

AWA REUNION 2016

Plan now to join many other AWA members, their spouses and guests for the next biennial Air Weather Association reunion, **Wednesday 27 April to Sunday 1 May 2016 in San Antonio, Texas**. The reunion hotel will be the **Drury Plaza Hotel San Antonio Riverwalk** at 105 South St. Mary's Street, San Antonio, TX 78205.

Please reserve hotel rooms by **April 6, 2016** to obtain the AWA Reunion discount daily rate of \$115 + tax (currently 16.75%) for single/double; \$125 + tax for triple; or \$135 + tax for quad accommodations. The discounted room rates will be available 3 days before and after the reunion period.

Make room reservations by phone at Drury Plaza Hotel reservations 1-800-325-0720. Be sure to mention the AWA group number: **2246665**. Room reservations can also be made online at website: <https://druryhotels.com/bookandstay/newreservation>. On the upper left click on 'enter group number'. Enter **2246665** and click on 'verify group number'. The AWA information will pre-populate, but you can override the dates to your specific arrival and departure dates.

Guestroom rate includes a daily hot breakfast, 5:30 pm Kickback® (hot food/cold beverages), free wireless Internet access, and soda and popcorn from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm every night. Valet parking is only \$10.00 per car, per night. Your reservation confirmation may state \$21 for valet parking, but the AWA contract is for \$10. If you have any issues at hotel check in, please let the AWA reunion organizers know. Room cancellation policy is by 6:00 pm the day of arrival.

Local AWA members who will commute during the reunion can park at the Drury Plaza for \$10 per car, per day. They can also purchase the 5:30 pm Kickback® for \$9.99 per day at the Hotel registration desk.

[The Drury Plaza Hotel](#) has direct access to the San Antonio Riverwalk and offers a fitness center, heated outdoor rooftop pool/whirlpool and indoor pool/whirlpool.

Taxi transportation from the San Antonio airport to the Reunion Hotel will be \$25-\$30. There is also a Go Shuttle which departs every 15 minutes and costs \$19 one way or \$34 round trip per person.

If problems with room reservations occur, please e-mail Tom Accola at taccola@cfl.rr.com or call him at 321-544-3107 (cell).

AWA REUNION 2016 Agenda

During the reunion period, all attendees are most welcome to enjoy the hotel amenities and the AWA hospitality room, enjoy the many tours available throughout the greater San Antonio area and/or choose the optional planned group tours shown in this agenda and on the reunion registration form (pages 7-8).

Wednesday, 27 April 2016 – Primarily the arrival day for most attendees.

The AWA reunion registration and information desk opens at 3:00 pm in the AWA hospitality room, FRIO III, on the Riverwalk level of the Drury Plaza Hotel. [NOTE: The AWA desk will be open each day. All reunion attendees staying at the hotel or commuting need to check-in at the AWA desk as soon as possible to confirm their registration and receive their nametags and welcome packet. A bulletin board will be nearby to post messages, activity changes and general information.]

3:00 pm Free Soda & Popcorn for AWA registered hotel guests. Ends at 10:00 pm.

5:30 pm Kickback® for AWA registered hotel guests; \$9.99 for others. Fresh, hot food, beer, wine, mixed drinks, soft drinks. Ends at 7:00 pm.

Evening: Dinner on your own. AWA hospitality room will be open until 10:00 pm.

Thursday, 28 April 2016:

6:00 am Complimentary hot buffet breakfast begins on the 1st floor by registration for AWA registered hotel guests; ends at 9:30 am.

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

[Bus and tour group numbers available caused AWA reunion organizers to split tours out over three days. The registration form asks attendees to show their priorities. Attendees will be placed on the tours in turn as their

registration form arrives at the AWA reunion address and based on the priorities chosen.]

8:00 am Bus begins loading outside the Drury Plaza on the St. Mary's street entrance for the trip to **Lackland AFB**. Tour includes a coin ceremony (part one of basic training graduation), windshield tour of the base, tour of the C-5's. Lunch can be purchased on your own at the dining facility. Return to the hotel around 2:00 pm.

9:00 am Bus begins loading outside the Drury Plaza on the St. Mary's street entrance for a historic **City Tour** of downtown San Antonio. Sights include Spanish Governors Palace, Guenther House in the King William Historic District, the Japanese Sunken Gardens, and Hemisfair Park. Photo stops will be included and the tour will end at Market Square El Mercado for shopping and lunch as time permits. Return to the hotel around 1:00 pm.

12:00 pm Bus begins loading outside the Drury Plaza on the St. Mary's street entrance for a **Mission Tour**. Stops will include Mission Valero (The Alamo) which began as a Catholic mission and Mission San Jose, also known as the "Queen of the Missions" and is the largest of the missions. Return to the hotel around 4:00 pm.

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Golf outing time is set aside. Attendees are asked on the registration form to state their interest. Further plans will then be completed and members will be informed.

3:00 pm Free Soda & Popcorn for AWA registered hotel guests. Ends at 10:00 pm.

5:30 pm Kickback® for AWA registered hotel guests; \$9.99 for others. Fresh, hot food, beer, wine, mixed drinks, soft drinks. Ends at 7:00 pm.

Evening: Reunion attendees and others may wish to have dinner with friends, in unit/squadron alumni groups or along a number of Riverwalk restaurants. AWA hospitality room will be open until 10:00 pm.

Friday, 29 April 2016:

6:00 am Complimentary hot buffet breakfast begins on the 1st floor by registration for AWA registered hotel guests; ends at 9:30 am.

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

8:00 am Bus begins loading outside the Drury Plaza on the St. Mary's street entrance for the trip to **Lackland AFB**. Tour includes the graduation parade, tour of the F-16's, and a tour of the Airman Heritage Museum. Lunch can be purchased on your own at the dining facility. Return to the hotel around 2:00 pm

8:15 am Bus begins loading outside the Drury Plaza on the St. Mary's street entrance for the trip to **Fredericksburg and the Nimitz Museum**. A 2-hour drive will take you along scenic Hill Country back roads. There will be time to explore the Admiral Nimitz Museum and walk the couple of blocks to town for shopping, wine tasting and lunch on your own. Return to the hotel around 4:00 pm.

3:00 pm Free Soda & Popcorn for AWA registered hotel guests. Ends at 10:00 pm.

5:30 pm Kickback® for AWA registered hotel guests; \$9.99 for others. Fresh, hot food, beer, wine, mixed drinks, soft drinks. Ends at 7:00 pm.

Evening: Part of the basic reunion package -

Due to the Hotel Kickback®, a separate social hour is not scheduled.

7:00 pm AWA reunion Texas Barbecue buffet dinner in the Drury Plaza Hotel – San Antonio Ballroom. Buffet will include beef brisket, pork spare ribs, chicken and many sides.

Saturday, 30 April 2016:

7:00 am Complimentary hot buffet breakfast begins on the 1st floor by registration for AWA registered hotel guests; ends at 10:00 am.

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

8:15 am Bus begins loading outside the Drury Plaza on the St. Mary's street entrance for the trip to **Fredericksburg and the Nimitz Museum**. A 2-hour drive will take you along scenic Hill Country back roads. There will be time to explore the Admiral Nimitz Museum and walk the couple of blocks to town for shopping, wine tasting and lunch on your own. Return to the hotel around 4:00 pm.

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Evening: Part of the basic reunion package -

Due to the Hotel Kickback®, a separate social hour is not scheduled.

7:00 pm AWA 2016 Reunion Banquet in the Drury Plaza Hotel – San Antonio Ballroom. Dinner entrée choices are on the reunion registration form.

Sunday, 1 May 2016:

7:00 am Complimentary hot buffet breakfast begins on the 1st floor by registration for AWA registered hotel guests; ends at 10:00 am. Attendees are most welcome to join in wishing each other safe travels until we meet again.

After breakfast, the AWA Reunion 2016 adjourns.

The reunion registration form is on pages 7-8. Please complete both pages of the form and mail it to AWA Board member and reunion chairman, Tom Accola, with a check or money order for payment of fees as soon as possible, but not later than **21 March 2016**. His address is on the form. Also, save a copy of the form for your reference.

If you need more information or want to discuss attendance at particular functions, please call Tom Accola or Al Mongeon. Their contact information is on the form. And, as usual, the AWA reunions are great opportunities for members to meet and enjoy the great camaraderie shared in Air Force Weather. If you are in the local San Antonio area, please stop by the reunion hotel even if you can't attend the scheduled events.

Help in manning the AWA check-in and information desk is also needed. If you can spend time at the desk during the reunion period, please let Tom Accola or Al Mongeon know. **If you wish to attend the reunion, but cannot attend all the scheduled dinners on the basic reunion package, please call or e-mail Tom or Al and special accommodations will be worked out.**

AWA & AFW ANNUAL AWARDS

In the spring of 2015, the USAF Acting Director of Weather, Mr. Ralph O. Stoffler, announced the annual AFW Awards. The award categories have changed from previous years. The AWA Board Chairman sent out congratulatory letters, \$100 checks and free lifetime AWA memberships as the AWA John and Barbara Collens Awards to **21 AFW individual award winners:**

AIR FORCE WEATHER AIRMAN OF THE YEAR
SrA Trevor P. Reiss, 21 OWS, Kapaun Air Station, Germany (USAFE)

AIR FORCE WEATHER NCO OF THE YEAR
TSgt Larry R. Woodson, 2 OSS/OSW, Barksdale AFB, LA (AFGSC)

AIR FORCE WEATHER SENIOR NCO OF THE YEAR
MSgt Michael W. Adcock, 35 OSS/OSW, Misawa AB, Japan (PACAF)

AIR FORCE WEATHER COMPANY GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR **1Lt John T. Radovan**, 36 OSS/OSW, Andersen AFB, Guam (PACAF).

AIR FORCE WEATHER FIELD GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR **Maj Robert T. Davenport**, 509 OSS/OSW, Whiteman AFB, MO (AFGSC)

AIR FORCE WEATHER CIVILIAN (CATEGORY I) OF THE YEAR **Mr Paul Leidig**, 335 TRS/UOA, Keesler AFB, MS (AETC)

AIR FORCE WEATHER CIVILIAN (CATEGORY II) OF THE YEAR **Mr Daniel E. Colwell**, AFWA/A8P, Offutt AFB, NE (AFWA)

AIR FORCE AIRMAN OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT **SrA Gregory S. Sheldon**, Det 4, 18 WS, Ft Campbell, KY (ACC)

AIR FORCE NCO OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT **TSgt James S. Goddard**, Det 4, 18 WS, Ft Campbell, KY (ACC)

AIR FORCE SENIOR NCO OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT **MSgt William R. Reisner**, 720 OSS, Hurlburt Field, FL (AFSOC)

AIR FORCE COMPANY GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT
Capt Caleb S. Tynes, 3 WS, Ft Hood, TX (ACC)

AIR FORCE FIELD GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT **Maj Staci N. Coleman**, Det 1, 18 WS, Ft Drum, NY (ACC)

AIR FORCE CIVILIAN (CATEGORY I) OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT **Mr Roy G. Metcalf**, Det 3, 1 WS, Ft Wainwright, AK (PACAF)

AIR FORCE CIVILIAN (CATEGORY II) OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT **Mr Brian D. Thompson**, Det 1, 1 WS, Ft Shafter, HI (PACAF)

AIR FORCE RESERVE WEATHER AIRMAN OF THE YEAR **Amn John G. Kaigler**, 5 OWF/WXF, Shaw AFB, SC (AFRC)

AIR FORCE RESERVE WEATHER NCO OF THE YEAR
TSgt Ryan S. Bleyle, 5 OWF/WXF, Shaw AFB, SC (AFRC)

AIR FORCE RESERVE WEATHER SENIOR NCO OF THE YEAR **SMSgt Jana L. Brown**, 5 OWF/WXF, Shaw AFB, SC (AFRC)

AIR GUARD WEATHER AIRMAN OF THE YEAR
SrA David M. Colbert, 208 WF, St Paul MN (ANG)

AIR GUARD WEATHER NCO OF THE YEAR
TSgt Andrew J. Narog, 208 WF, St Paul MN (ANG)

AIR GUARD WEATHER SENIOR NCO OF THE YEAR
MSgt Thomas H. Williamson, 126 WF, Camp Douglas WI (ANG)

AIR GUARD WEATHER COMPANY GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR **Capt Casey J. Brown**, 208 WF, St Paul MN (ANG)

Groups:

WEATHER SQUADRON OF THE YEAR
607th Weather Squadron, Korea (PACAF)

WEATHER ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR (SMALL ACTIVITY) 36 OSS/OSW, Andersen AFB, Guam (PACAF)

The AWA Directors on behalf of all AWA members congratulate and thank all AF Weather Award winners (individual and group) for accomplishing outstanding service – *well above and beyond!*

◀ IN MEMORIAM ▶

These deceased AWA members and spouses have been reported to the AWA Board of Directors since the January 2014 Newsletter was published. Our deepest sympathy to family members and friends.

Rank	First name	Last name	State	Year
Col	Jacob P.	Accola	CO	2015
	Jane	Aird	VA	2003
LtCol	William W	Aird	VA	2012
Lt Col	Ralph W.	Allen	PA	2013
Col	Charles K.	Anderson	FL	2015
LtCol	Rhodes F.	Arnold	LA	2007
Col	Lawrence A.	Atwell	VA	2004
Sgt	William L.	Barker	IL	2009
Col	Roland	Barth	NE	2015
Maj	Robert W.	Battermann	IL	2015
Lt Col	Joseph	Bekius	VA	2015
Lt Col	Donald Larry	Best	TX	2015
Col	Joseph	Bird	VA	2007
MSgt	Robert D.	Boudreau	CO	2012
	Josie	Bradberry	VA	2015
	Michela	Brooks	FL	2005
Lt Col	Douglas M.	Brooks	FL	2015
Sgt	Frank J.	Brusca	MD	2014
	Kay	Burgmann	IL	2014
MSgt	Dan	Casey	CO	2011
	Lisa	Chapman	TX	2015
LtCol	Charles B.	Clontz	TX	2011
1Lt	Duane	Cooley	VA	2011
	Lue	Crites	NM	2011
LtCol	Frank W.	Crites	TX	2014
	Lorraine G.	Crowe	TX	2013
	Joan	Czagas	FL	2015
Col	Walter	Dale	MO	2014
SSgt	Austin L.	Davis	NY	2011
	Constance	Ditto	TX	2015
	Betty	Dorencamper	FL	2011
Sgt	Thomas	Draus	WI	2012
Col	Gene E.	Drubek	WA	2012
Col	Lester R.	Ferriss Jr	CA	2007
LtCol	Percy M.	Floyd Jr	VA	2016
	Carmen	Fowler	CA	2014
Maj	Larry K.	Gilchrist	OK	2014
Lt Col	Milton J.	Golart	OR	2015
Col	Robert M.	Gottuso	IN	2015

CMSgt	Harold W.	Greenlee	IA	2015
Lt Col	Clarence C.	Hardin	NC	2013
	Sandy	Harra	IL	2015
	Lois	Harsh	CO	2014
LtCol	Franklin R.	Hartranft	NE	2016
SSgt	Donald R.	Hawkes	NY	2013
CWO4	Jimmy P.	Hayes	CO	2013
CWO4	Whitmal	Hill Jr	VA	2011
Maj	Richard F.	Himebrook	NM	2014
SMSgt	John W.	Holmes	HI	2014
MSgt	Richard R.	Hoopes	CA	2006
Maj	Ted C	Jafferis	KS	2015
Col	Charles O.	Jenista	AZ	2015
Lt Col	William H.	Johnson	MO	2015
	Carol	Klein	CO	2014
Major	Joseph M.	Kovac, Jr.	CO	2015
Capt	Charles A.	Leshner	PA	2014
CMSgt	Curtis M.	Lord	FL	2013
Sgt	Richard M.	Luxner	MA	2014
SSgt	Charles F.	MacDonald	WA	2014
LtCol	David H.	MacFiggen	VA	2014
Col	John T.	Madura	FL	2014
	Jenny L.	Mazzella	CO	2013
A1C	Richard	McQuown	PA	2014
Lt Col	Donald S.	McReynolds	CO	2014
Col	Castor	Mendez-Vigo	GA	2014
CMSgt	Herbert L.	Moore	CO	2014
SSgt	Chuck	Nevins	KS	2013
Col	Morris H.	Newhouse	TX	2015
Col	Lewis J.	Neyland	CO	2015
SMSgt	Willis B.	Owings	MS	2015
Lt Col	Sherwood	Obermeyer	FL	2012
MSgt	Wolfgang	Perl	NE	2015
	Elizabeth	Pinder	FL	2015
MSgt	Robert F.	Pipes	TX	2016
Lt Col	Robert D.	Prochaska	CO	2014
Col	Douglas	Purdy	FL	2014
Col	Bernard	Pusin	TX	2014
	Elinor	Pusin	TX	2014
SSgt	James W.	Reel	NC	2014
MSgt	Donald R.	Robinson	AR	2015
Lt Col	Ralph	Ruyle	FL	2014
CWO4	Lawrence F.	Sanders	GA	2014
Lt Col	Leonard N.	Starr	CA	2013
Col	Jack	Suits	NC	2014

Col	Paul F	Twitchell	MA	2015
Capt	Charles F.	Van Rossum	NE	2014
LtCol	Russell A.	Ver Nooy	MA	2008
Col	Eugene D.	Wallace	CA	2014
Lt Col	John B.	Walls	WA	2015
Col	Frederick B.	Walters	TX	2015
	Maryanne	Waylett	VA	2015
LC-R	Erling M.	Weiberg	MN	1998
	Carol	White	AR	2015
	Lawana	Wilkins	AZ	2014
Col	Curtis M.	Winstead	WV	2015
Capt	Richard A	Wohlman	CO	2014

Please report departures to the AWA Locator, Steve Walden, at steve_walden@msn.com or contact any AWA Director. Obituaries submitted will be posted on the AWA website www.airweaassn.org in the Departures section.

AWA MEMBERSHIP

AWA is an all-volunteer, nonprofit Veterans association. Lifetime membership is still only \$9.00 and we've been averaging about 100 new members per year for a total now of over 5,600 (present and past). Membership is open to civilian and military personnel who serve, or have served, in a USAF/USAAF weather unit including aerial reconnaissance or a weather training unit, regardless of AFSC/MOS, and to the surviving spouse. Membership is Lifetime; no annual dues. **Please recruit new members.**

The membership applications can be copied from the AWA website at www.airweaassn.org or contact an AWA Director and applications will be sent to you.

Please also help 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. The AWA Board of Directors also needs help in finding lost members. The list is posted on the AWA website. If you know anyone on the list, please ask them to send in their current information to steve_walden@msn.com or let Steve or other Directors know about them.

Costs of printing/mailing and lack of many volunteers causes most AWA information to be passed via the website and e-mail. David Pace has a Google Group "ROWF" that AWA members can request joining to receive more e-mail info. See <http://rowf.info> to learn more about it.

AWA WEBSITE NEWS

Thanks to Jim DeCarufel, the AWA volunteer webmaster, the website www.airweaassn.org is being

updated often with news, upcoming events, member roster (for member's only), and sadly a growing list of departures. In the section on Reports you will find many publications on the history of Air Force Weather. The AWA Newsletters are also posted on the site as are photos from previous reunions, application forms and much more.

All members are invited to send news/articles for posting on the website to AirWeaAssn@aol.com or jimdecarufel@yahoo.com. Also, contact Jim if you need the username and password to view the member roster.

AWA is now on Facebook with Kevin Lavin, Joseph Tabaco and Jim DeCarufel as administrators. Join us at www.facebook.com/airweaassn. Also join Air Force Weather on linkedin.com.

AWA Board of Directors

Currently, the members of the all-volunteer AWA Board of Directors are:

Kevin Lavin

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Jim DeCarufel

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The AWA Board needs more members to include replacements for Chairman and others retiring. Please volunteer by e-mailing any Director. We'd greatly appreciate hearing from you soonest. Voting in new Directors will occur at the AWA Reunion.

**** AIR WEATHER ASSOCIATION 2016 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM ****

April 27 – May 1, 2016 in San Antonio, Texas

Reunion Headquarters: **Drury Plaza Hotel San Antonio Riverwalk**, 105 South St. Mary’s Street,
San Antonio, TX 78205; (210) 270-7799

Name of AWA Member: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ **Telephone No.:** _____

ALL MEMBERS WANTING TO ATTEND MUST MAIL IN THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT POSTMARKED BEFORE *21 MARCH 2016.* Please complete both pages of this form, fill out your check or money order made payable to “AWA Reunion” covering all fees, and mail all by 21 March to:

AWA Reunion, Tom Accola, 2504 Tuscarora Court, West Melbourne, FL 32904-8089

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 PROGRAM

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

Apr 27 – May 1, 2016: **EVERY ATTENDEE HAS TO SELECT THIS PORTION OF THE PROGRAM**

Hospitality Room (daily) + Registration fee + Friday and Saturday evening dinners _____ x \$110.00 = \$ _____

On Friday evening, a Texas Barbecue Buffet dinner with many choices will be provided.

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

_____ Sliced TriTips (Beef) _____ Seasonal White Fish _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu _____ Vegetarian

SCHEDULE & OPTIONS TO ADD TO BASIC REUNION PACKAGE (please see more detailed information in the AWA January 2016 Newsletter and in your unit/squadron association newsletters as applicable):

Wednesday, 27 April 2016 -- arrival day for most -- 3:00pm AWA Hospitality room in Drury Plaza Hotel FRIO III (Riverwalk level) opens for attendee check-in and meeting old and new friends. Hospitality room will open by 7:30am daily Thursday through Saturday.

Thursday, 28 April 2016

8:00am – 2:00pm Tour to Lackland AFB via bus (30 min/50 max) [*priority: _____] _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

9:00am – 1:00pm City tour via bus (30 min/50 max) [*priority: _____] _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____

12:00pm – 4:00pm Mission tour via bus (30 min/50 max) [*priority: _____] _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____

1:00pm – 5:00pm Golf – Please indicate if you are interested; info will be sent to you via e-mail or phone _____

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

Friday, 29 April 2016

8:00am – 2:00pm Tour to Lackland AFB via bus (30 min/50 max) [*priority: _____] _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

8:15am – 4:00pm Tour to Fredericksburg/Nimitz Museum via bus (30 min/50 max) [*priority: _____] _____ x \$45.00 = \$ _____

7:00pm Buffet Dinner (Texas Barbecue) – Drury Plaza Hotel – San Antonio Ballroom – part of Basic Reunion Package

Saturday, 30 April 2016

8:15am – 4:00pm Tour to Fredericksburg/Nimitz Museum via bus (30 min/50 max) [*priority: _____] _____ x \$45.00 = \$ _____

9:00am – 1:00pm Mission tour via bus (30 min/50 max) [*priority: _____] _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____

12:00pm – 4:00pm City tour via bus (30 min/50 max) [*priority: _____] _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____

7:00pm Banquet Dinner – Drury Plaza Hotel – San Antonio Ballroom – part of Basic Reunion Package

Sunday, 1 May 2016

Since breakfast is included in the room fee each day, attendees can meet in the hotel breakfast area before departing.

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, 2nd and 3rd choices on similar tours. If your 1st choice is full, you will be assigned to the next open choice.

Please complete this page of the Registration Form and make yourself a copy of both pages 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 for the 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 ____ Hotel reservation information is on page 1 of this January 2016 newsletter. Please make your Drury hotel reservation by 6 April 2016 to guarantee a room at AWA discount rates. You MUST tell the hotel our Group number 2246665 to get the rate. Cancellation deadline for reserved rooms is 6 pm the day of arrival.

To help the AWA 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 statements, please check all appropriate spaces relating to your travel:

Arriving via Air at San Antonio _____ then, rental car _____ or shuttle/taxi _____

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 18 April 2016. Send cancellation notices to the Reunion Chairman Tom Accola by phone at: (321) 544-3107 or e-mail: taccola@cfl.rr.com. Cancellations received after 18 April and during the reunion time frame will be honored **IF** the space can be sold to a member on the space available list. The reunion committee will refund the total costs of the AWA Friday and/or Saturday evening dinner functions if cancellation notice is received by Tom Accola not later than 72 hours prior to those functions.

*******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's 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 with the name "Air Weather Association"

How many caps ____ x \$10 = \$ _____ Cap 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 & shirts: \$ _____ (Enter also on front page of form near bottom to add to GRAND TOTAL.)

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