



# AIR WEATHER ASSOCIATION

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



## NEWSLETTER

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### AWA & AFW ANNUAL AWARDS

Each April, the U.S. Air Force Director of Weather announces the winners of the Air Force Weather (AFW) Annual Awards for the previous calendar year. That announcement of the 2007 AFW Awards is in the message below. The Air Weather Association (AWA) also provides special recognition to the individual winners. These are honored with the AWA John and Barbara Collens Award for outstanding leadership.

Major General (Ret) John W. Collens III, the 15th Commander of the Air Weather Service, formally founded the AWA in 1987. He and his wife Barbara led the association to many successes including supporting fund raising efforts for individual and group causes (caring for our own), organizing AWA reunions every two years and growing the membership. They accomplished this all in the spirit of “Serving the Present – Remembering the Past – Air Force Weather”. General Collens retired from the AWA Board of Directors at the end of 1994. To remember and honor the great unselfish work of both he and his wife, the annual AWA Awards to Outstanding Air Force Weather personnel were named the AWA John and Barbara Collens Awards.

The AFW Awards were expanded in 2006 to cover battlefield, staff and operational weather categories. This increased the AWA awards from five to 15. For 2007, the awards cover the same categories as 2006 and bring back the Named awards as you will notice in the list of awards.

The Air Weather Association Board of Directors is sending out congratulatory letters, cash awards and free lifetime AWA memberships to the 15 AWA John and Barbara Collens Award winners. The AWA Board and the near 5,000 AWA members congratulate all 2007 AF Weather Award winners for outstanding service – *well above and beyond.*

From HQ U.S. Air Force/A3O-W

April 16, 2008

1. IT IS WITH GREAT HONOR AND PRIVILEGE THAT I ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS OF THE CY 2007 AIR FORCE WEATHER AWARDS. I AM EXTREMELY PROUD OF ALL OF OUR PROFESSIONAL AIR FORCE WARRIORS AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. THE SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR WEATHER PERSONNEL HAVE ONCE AGAIN LED THE WAY BOTH ON THE HOMEFRONT AND ON THE BATTLEFIELD. COELUM AD PROELIUM ELIGE.

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### AWA 2008 REUNION

Join many other AWA members, their spouses and guests for the next Air Weather Association reunion. It will be held 6-10 August 2008 in Tacoma, Washington.

The reunion hotel will be **The Best Western Tacoma Dome Hotel** at 2611 East E Street, Tacoma WA 98421.

**Reserve your room by 11 July 2008 to obtain the AWA group discount rate.** Call the Best Western Tacoma Dome Hotel at 1-800-973-7110 or 253-272-7737 and ask for THE AIR WEATHER ASSOCIATION GROUP RATE. The AWA daily rates are: Single/Double: \$108 plus tax; Triple \$118 plus tax; and Quad \$128 plus tax. Rates are for the entire reunion period and for 3 days prior and 3 days after the reunion. Cancellation deadline for reserved rooms is 3:00pm (Pacific Time) on the day before arrival. *See AWA 2008 Reunion continued on page 4*

### DR. FRED LEWIS RETURNS as USAF DIRECTOR of WEATHER

In October 2007, USAF Director of Weather, Brig. Gen. Lawrence A. Stutzriem was chosen for a special assignment by the USAF Chief of Staff and a new Senior Executive Service slot opened at Air Force Weather. Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Fred P. Lewis was in a SES position at US TRANSCOM, Scott AFB, Illinois and was selected as Director of Weather, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air, Space and Information



Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. He previously held the position of Director of Weather as a Brig. Gen. from July 1996 - June 2000. As the Director of Weather, Dr. Lewis develops doctrine, policy, requirements, and standards to organize, train, and equip the weather career field to support the Air Force, Army, designated unified/subunified commands, and the national intelligence community. He plans, programs, and budgets for vital weather resources; manages the \$350 million per year weather program; directs the 1,400-person Air Force Weather Agency (AFWA), a Field Operating Agency that is headquartered at Offutt AFB, Nebraska and he provides functional oversight of the 4,100-person Air Force Weather total force.

## COL JOHN D. MURPHY – NEW AFWA COMMANDER

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The Air Force Weather Agency, Offutt AFB, Nebraska held a change of command ceremony 26 March 2008, at its new headquarters building, ushering in the reign of Col. John Murphy who arrived following a 13-month tour in Southwest Asia.

Col Murphy, who served as director of staff to the Combined Forces Air Component, U.S. Central Command prior to his arrival, was commissioned in 1982 after graduating from Lyndon State College. He later earned Master of Science degrees in Meteorology and Strategic Studies. As director of staff, he was responsible for ensuring efficient and effective operations of both the Combined Air and Space Operations Center and Air Force Forces staffs which provide operational command control of all air and space operations in Multi-National Force-Iraq, Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan and Combined Joint task Force-Horn of Africa.

"It's great to be back," said Murphy, who's relationship with Offutt Air Force Base dates back to 1982 when he served as European Forecast Section officer in charge for Global Weather Central.

"The Air Force Weather Agency is recognized more than you'll ever know," he told the crowd of AFWA onlookers, referring to his first-hand knowledge of mission planners using weather related products. "We're often our toughest critics ... but the warfighter seeks out our advice and counsel. "We are respected around the world, not only by our U.S. forces, but also by our coalition partners as well," he stressed. "We will continue the war fighting focus; that's my charge to you. We are all warfighters, whether we're deployed or they (the onsite warfighters) are reaching back to us."

Referencing current challenges to streamline and produce weather products more efficiently, he used an Alaskan Iditarod analogy. "If you're not the dog out front, the view never changes," he said. Weather functions, like other Air Force specialties, he suggested, must adapt or be left behind – we need to continue learning new processes and finding ways to provide high-end products cheaper.

Maj. Gen. Marke F. Gibson, Director of Operations, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. who presided over the change of command, said change of commands are always "bitter sweet events" since they bring to a close one tenure of command, while beginning another.

The general pointed out it was "fitting that one of the first official functions we hold in this new (AFWA) facility is this change of command." He added as he looked out over the AFWA crowd; "Make no mistake, this new building stands as testimony to our nation's faith in you, your mission and what you do for our nation every day."

It's a mission outgoing commander Col. Patrick Condray will miss. "While I'm very much looking forward to my upcoming job in the Office of the Secretary of Defense -- helping to ensure unified action between ourselves and our NATO allies - the down side is leaving the men, women

and mission of AFWA at a key moment." Rest assured that "AFWA is in the fight," said Col Condray. "I speak not only of the 26 members of AFWA who are deployed today around the world, mostly in Southwest Asia, but because this is a long war, we must continue to look to the right capabilities to meet future needs and find ways to get them to warfighters at a cost our nation can afford.

"To the men and woman of AFWA, it's been a honor and a privilege to be your commander," said Col Condray. "I thank you for the tremendous kindness, dedication and energy you have shown throughout our time with you. Keep your focus on the fight, keep pushing to find out what our deployed warriors need, keep finding better, faster, cheaper ways to get the weather right and getting it exploited by decision makers for military ops in peace and war."

*Excerpted from AFWA Public Affairs*

## NEW AFWA HEADQUARTERS at OFFUTT

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*Photo courtesy of Bob Borchers*

The new Air Force Weather Agency building at Offutt AFB, Nebraska is near completion and being occupied in increments. **The official ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for 22 August 2008. AWA members nearby may want to attend.**

The new building, valued at \$29.7 million, with a total of 188,000 sq ft is a three-story building, designed to support 1,100 people, and is scheduled to become fully operational over a four-year period. Most AFWA personnel still operate 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.

## INVITATION TO JOIN AN E-MAIL LIST GROUP

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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](mailto:davidjpace@yahoo.com).

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:**

- (1) AIR FORCE WEATHER FIELD GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2007 Barney Award: **MAJ. TRICIA H. KOBBERDAHL**, 10 ASOS/OSW, FT RILEY AIN, KS (ACC)
- (2) AIR FORCE WEATHER COMPANY GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2007 Grisham Award: **CAPT. PAUL D. LUCAS**, 25 OWS, DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB, AZ (AFWA)
- (3) AIR FORCE WEATHER CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR – 2007 Jenner Award: **MR. TODD M. MCNAMARA**, 45 WS, PATRICK AFB, FL (AFSPC)
- (4) AIR FORCE WEATHER SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2007 Gardner Award: **MSGT SAMUEL T. SIMMONS**, 509 OSS/OSW, WHITEMAN AFB, MO (ACC)
- (5) AIR FORCE WEATHER NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2007 Pierce Award: **TSGT BRADFORD N. GODWIN**, 78 OSS/OSW, ROBINS AFB, GA (AFMC)
- (6) AIR FORCE WEATHER AIRMAN OF THE YEAR – 2007 Dodson Award: **SRA LEON KEOCHANIVONG**, 15 OWS, SCOTT AFB, IL (AFWA)
- (7) AIR FORCE BATTLEFIELD WEATHER COMPANY GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2007 Grimes Award: **CAPT. JEFFREY ALAN GODDARD, JR.**, 3 WS, FORT HOOD AIN, TX (ACC)
- (8) AIR FORCE BATTLEFIELD WEATHER SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2007 Grimes Award: **MSGT JASON P. COLON**, 18 WS, POPE AFB, NC (ACC)
- (9) AIR FORCE BATTLEFIELD WEATHER NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2007 Grimes Award: **TSGT LISA M. SMITH**, 25 ASOS, WHEELER AAF, HI (PACAF)
- (10) AIR FORCE BATTLEFIELD WEATHER AIRMAN OF THE YEAR – 2007 Grimes Award: **SRA KENNETH S. MALAWAY**, 10 CWS, HURLBURT FIELD, FL (AFSOC)
- (11) AIR FORCE WEATHER STAFF OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2007 Best Award: **MAJ. JUAN M. HIDALGO**, AFWA, OFFUTT AFB, NE (AFWA)
- (12) AIR FORCE WEATHER STAFF ENLISTED MEMBER OF THE YEAR – 2007 Best Award: **MSGT BRADY L. ARMISTEAD**, HQ AFSOC/A3W, HURLBURT FIELD, FL (AFSOC)
- (13) AIR FORCE WEATHER STAFF CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR – 2007 Best Award: **MR. JOHN S. GALLIANO**, HQ PACAF/A3AW, HICKAM AFB, HI (PACAF)
- (14) AIR RESERVE COMPONENT WEATHER OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2007 Spengler Award: **1LT JULIA M. COPPOLA**, HQ ACC/AOS/OSW, LANGLEY AFB, VA (ACC)
- (15) AIR RESERVE COMPONENT WEATHER ENLISTED MEMBER OF THE YEAR – 2007 Spengler Award: **TSGT MARK R. GILLEY**, 105 WF, NASHVILLE IAP, TN (ACC)

**GROUP AWARDS:**

- (16) OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT IN WEATHER OPERATIONS – 2007 Merewether-Zimmerman Award: 1 WG/TTP HPT, **CAPT PAUL F. LUCAS**, 25 OWS; **CAPT WILLIAM RYERSON**, 25 OWS; **SMSGT JOSEPH FEDERICO**, 26 OWS; **MSGT ANTHONY SOOTS**, 15 OWS; **MSGT ALLAN BRANDT**, 25 OWS; **TSGT JEFFREY WISNER**, 15 OWS; **MR. SHANE CASTLE** (SAIC), 25 OWS; **MR. DANIEL BREES** (SAIC), 25 OWS; **MR. PETER COPESKY** (SAIC), 25 OWS; **MR. RICHARD KORICH** (SAIC), 15 OWS, 1WG, OFFUTT AFB, NE (AFWA)
  - (17) OUTSTANDING OPERATIONAL WEATHER SQUADRON – 2007 Fawbush-Miller Award: **28 OWS**, SHAW AFB, SC (ACC)
  - (18) OUTSTANDING BATTLEFIELD WEATHER SQUADRON – 2007 Grimes Award: **3 WS**, FORT HOOD, TX, (ACC)
  - (19) OUTSTANDING SPECIALIZED WEATHER SUPPORT UNIT – 2007 Moorman Award: **51ST COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON**, ROBINS AFB, GA (ACC)
  - (20) OUTSTANDING AIR FORCE WEATHER ORGANIZATION (BELOW SQUADRON LEVEL)- 2007 Williams Award: **25 ASOS/DOW**, WHEELER AAF, HI (PACAF)
  - (21) OUTSTANDING AIR RESERVE COMPONENT WEATHER FLIGHT – 2007 Collens Award: **116 WF**, MCCHORD AFB, WA (ANG)
2. SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL NOMINEES AND TO THE WINNERS. THE EFFORTS OF ALL CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE AIR FORCE MISSION DURING CY 2007.
- DR. FRED P. LEWIS, SES  
HQ US AIR FORCE DIRECTOR OF WEATHER

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## AWA Locator Database

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*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](mailto: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 for member's only, and (sadly) a growing list of departures. The cost of the site server is reasonable and paid for by member donations. All members are invited to send news/articles for posting to [AirWeaAssn@aol.com](mailto:AirWeaAssn@aol.com). See the Web site often at: [www.airweaassn.org](http://www.airweaassn.org)

## **AWA 2008 REUNION** continued from Page 1

The reunion hotel will be **The Best Western Tacoma Dome Hotel** at 2611 East E Street, Tacoma WA 98421.

- It is a full-service hotel in downtown Tacoma within walking distance of many attractions and the free light rail system that connects the Dome District with the Museum District, Theater District and Antique Row.
- The hotel offers a complimentary deluxe continental breakfast every morning (6:30am to 9:30am), complimentary wireless high speed Internet, free local calls and free parking.
- The hotel will also provide a discount card at check-in to AWA reunion attendees to receive a 10% discount in the hotel restaurant – Seasons Restaurant.
- Official check-in time is 3:00pm; check-out at 12 noon.
- The hotel does not provide shuttle service to/from the Seattle/Tacoma (SeaTac) International Airport.

### **Schedule of reunion activities planned thus far –**

**Wednesday, 6 August 2008** - Primarily early arrival day.

1:00pm The AWA reunion registration and information desk opens in the Mariner Ballroom reunion hospitality room at the Best Western 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.]

11:00pm Hospitality room closes

**Thursday, 7 August 2008:**

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

9:00am Buses will depart the Best Western Hotel for attendees choosing the tour to Boeing's Museum of Flight with follow-on tour of the Pike Place Market in Seattle. Buses will return to the hotel about 5:30pm

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, 8 August 2008:**

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

8:30am Buses will depart the Best Western Hotel for those attendees choosing the tour to McChord Air Force Base with follow-on tour to Gig Harbor for sightseeing and lunch on your own. Buses will return to the hotel about 5:00pm. Some attendees may also want to choose a 2-hour side trip to the LeMay Museum – America's Car Museum. This side trip will be finalized at the reunion based on how many attendees choose it.

**Friday continued:**

12:00-Noon Carpools will depart the Best Western hotel for those registered for the **Golf Tournament at McChord Air Force Base**. A shotgun start is scheduled for 1:00pm. The \$35 fee covers green fees, carts and range practice balls.

Evening: As part of the basic reunion package –

**6:30pm – 7:30pm Social hour in the Best Western Tacoma Dome Hotel.**

**7:30pm – 10:00pm Italian Buffet Banquet Dinner in the Best Western Tacoma Dome Hotel – Seahawk Ballroom.** That ballroom only holds about 180, therefore, overflow to the adjacent Sonic Ballroom will be necessary. Seating will be determined on the group seating choice attendees make on the registration form and when their registration form envelope is postmarked. This is a casual banquet and a great time to reminisce with old friends and meet new ones.

11:00pm Hospitality room closes.

**Saturday, 9 August 2008:**

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

8:30am-9:45am In the Mariner room, Dr. Fred P. Lewis SES, USAF Director of Weather will brief interested attendees on current AF Weather programs and future plans. AWA Board members will brief on AWA budget and future plans. Meetings may also be scheduled in the Hotel for unit/squadron alumni associations.

Attendees are welcome to tour the many attractions in Tacoma. For example, the reunion hotel is close to the Tacoma (free) Light Rail System which connects to the Museum area where three major museums form an impressive triangle – the **Tacoma Art Museum, Museum of Glass, and Washington State History Museum**. Linking them is the spectacular **Chihuly Bridge of Glass**. All these cultural attractions are within easy walking distance of each other. Lunch at the Museum of Glass café or Woody's Wharf, both overlooking the Thea Foss Waterway. Other tour suggestions will be given at the reunion.

Evening: As part of the basic reunion package –

Since the reunion hotel doesn't have large meeting rooms, the AWA 2008 Reunion Banquet will be held at the Hotel Murano Bicentennial Pavilion Ballroom. Attendees can travel to the hotel via the Light Rail System or car pool.

**6:00pm – 7:00pm Social hour at the Hotel Murano, 1320 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma Ballroom**

**7:00pm - 9:30pm AWA 2008 Reunion Banquet.** Dinner entrée choices are on the reunion registration form.

Join attendees later in the Mariner reunion hospitality room back at the Best Western Tacoma Dome Hotel.

11:30 pm Hospitality room closes

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### **Sunday, 10 August 2008:**

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

Since the Best Western Hotel has a complimentary breakfast, a separate reunion breakfast buffet was not scheduled. Reunion attendees can meet for breakfast and discuss future reunion plans and bid adieu.

11:00am The AWA 2008 Reunion adjourns.

**The reunion registration form is enclosed. Please complete both sides of 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 11 July 2008. His address is on the form.**

**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**

And, as usual, the AWA reunions are great opportunities for members to meet and enjoy the great camaraderie we share in Air Force Weather. If you are in the local Seattle/Tacoma area please stop by even if you can't attend the scheduled events. If you wish to come to the reunion, but cannot attend all the scheduled dinners, please call or e-mail Don or Kevin and we will work out special accommodations.

Thanks to member, Joe Tucker, for helping develop the reunion program.

## **FUTURE REUNION PLANS**

AWA reunions are held every two years and we are looking for suggestions for 2010. For 2012, Dr. Fred Lewis has already asked us to join in at Offutt AFB, Nebraska, the home of the Air Force Weather Agency headquarters to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Air Force Weather. For that reunion, we would like to gather memorabilia, unit and personal histories and possibly publish an update to the Heritage publication given out at the 50th in 1987 at Scott AFB. Send your suggestions to the AWA Board at AirWeaAssn@aol.com or mail them to Kevin Lavin, Chairman AWA, 1697 Capri Way, Charlottesville VA 22911-3534.

## **AWA MEMBERSHIP**

AWA lifetime membership is still only \$9.00 and we've been averaging about 100 new members per year for a total now of over 5,000. Please help recruit new members. The applications can be copied from the AWA Web site at <http://www.airweaassn.org> or contact us at AirWeaAssn@aol.com or 434-296-2832 and we'll send you applications.

The AWA Board also needs help in finding lost members. The list is posted on the AWA Web site. If you hear of any members not receiving this newsletter, please have them contact us.

The AWA Board could use more volunteer directors. Currently, the Board members are:

### **J. Kevin Lavin**

Chairman, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor

e-mail: AirWeaAssn@aol.com tel: 434-296-2832

### **Donald G. Farrington**

Reunion Organizer e-mail: cdfcsf@aol.com

### **Wayne E. McCollom**

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### **Steve Walden**

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### **A. James DeCarufel**

Webmaster e-mail: jimdecarufel@yahoo.com

If you can help, we'd appreciate hearing from you. Best wishes to you all and hope we see many of you at the AWA 2008 Reunion! And, you can be on the AWA Web site such as these characters from the 2006 Reunion.



## ◀ IN MEMORIAM ▶

These have been reported to the AWA Board by family members or friends of the departed.

2006	Col	John R. Abbott	2006	Mrs	Lorraine Wicksted
2006	Lt Col	Jack Bell	2006	Mrs	Betty Zapinski
2006	Col	Arthur Bidner	2006	Capt	James W. Zoller
2006	SMSgt	Lynn L. Boyer	2007	Col	James R. Anderson
2006	Lt Col	Winton Brown	2007	MGen	Harold H. Bassett
2006	CMSgt	Homer F. Cash	2007	Lt Col	Frank W. Beans
2006	CMSgt	John T. Cherry	2007	Lt Col	L. Dayton Blanchard
2006	Lt Col	John L. Conley	2007	Lt Col	Henry 'Hank' W. Brandli
2006	Mrs	June Cooke	2007	Lt Col	Norris R. Burbridge
2006	Lt Col	Daniel Joseph Cotter	2007	CMSgt	Larry Carmack
2006	Lt Col	John A. Foster	2007	Lt Col	George A. Castle
2006	Maj	Ralph S. Frost	2007	Maj	William Donald Cooke
2006	MSgt	Charles B. Gillingham	2007	CMSgt	Leonard M. Dalton
2006	Col	Guy Gosewisch	2007	CWO 4	Joseph M. Dougherty
2006	Col	William M. Hamilton	2007	1Lt	Robert L. Emerson
2006	Col	Preston Hill	2007	Lt Col	Gene Frey
2006	Col	Robert M. 'Dusty' Hoffmann	2007	Mrs	Karen Ann Friday
2006	Lt Col	Paul M. Huber	2007	CMSgt	Bertram R. Grigsby
2006	Col	Robert B. Hughes	2007	Lt Col	Billie E. Grubbs
2006	SMSgt	Rupert C. Jones	2007	Col	George Anderson Guy Sr.
2006	Mrs	Ardis Klier	2007	GS16	Karl R. Johannessen
2006	Sgt	Henry H. Klier	2007	CMSgt	William L. Larson
2006	CMSgt	Richard H. Langill	2007	Lt Col	James F. Mattingly
2006	Col	Archie C. LeBron	2007	Maj	Alma E. 'Gene' McKemie
2006	Capt	Luna B. Leopold	2007	Capt	Glenn D. McPherson
2006	Lt Col	Ronald L. Lininger	2007	Col	Lewis A. Pitt
2006	Lt Col	Carl W. Luder	2007	Col	Thomas D. Potter
2006	Lt Col	Francis M. Mackie	2007	Capt	Milo J. Radulovich
2006	Lt Col	Fred A. Martin	2007	Maj	William R. Rea
2006	MSgt	James M. McKenzie	2007	Lt Col	Jack W. Reed
2006	Capt	James R. Miller	2007	Col	Howard L. Rust
2006	Maj	Jesse W. Miller	2007	Lt Col	Donald Sakanich
2006	Lt Col	Wendell J. Phillips	2007	MSgt	George W. Sexauer
2006	GS13	Joe S. Restivo	2007	A1C	James R. Vance
2006	1Lt	John T. Riedle	2007	Col	Richard A. Vogel
2006	Lt Col	Vernon M. Robertson	2007	Col	Dan Waylett
2006	MSgt	John A. Sapp	2007	Lt Col	Scott L. Williams
2006	Lt Col	Robert C. Sibert	2007	Maj	Harold W. Zercher Jr.
2006	Col	William E. Smurro	2008	Col	Wayne C. Bogard
2006	Maj	Charles Hugh Snyder	2008	Col	Ronald L. Godbey
2006	Lt Col	Eldridge K. Stout	2008	Lt Col	Roger H. Olson
2006	Col	Charles H. Tracy	2008	MSgt	Tony Pearson
2006	Lt Col	Ron Tudor	2008	Lt Col	Clark S. Pinder
2006	Lt Col	William W. Upchurch	2008	SMSgt	James A. 'Al' Polston
2006	Lt Col	Benton R. Venable	2008	SMSgt	Billy D. 'Rich' Richardson
2006	Maj	James E. Warnke	2008	Lt Col	Ronald L. Rodney
2006	Lt Col	Carlton H. Wells	2008	Lt Col	William E. Scarbrough Jr.
2006	Lt Col	Gus 'Chip' Wendt Jr.	2008	Lt Col	Ralph K. Steely
2006	Lt Col	Louis A. Westphal	2008	Lt Col	Robert Vasek

Please report departures to the AWA Locator, Steve Walden at e-mail: [steve\\_walden@msn.com](mailto:steve_walden@msn.com) or call AWA at (434) 296-2832. Obituaries submitted will be posted on the AWA Web site.

**\*\* AIR WEATHER ASSOCIATION 2008 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM \*\***

**6 - 10 August 2008 in Tacoma, Washington**

Reunion Headquarters: **The Best Western Tacoma Dome Hotel**, 2611 East "E" Street, Tacoma, WA 98421

Name of AWA Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL MEMBERS WANTING TO ATTEND MUST MAIL IN THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT POSTMARKED BEFORE \*11 JULY 2008.\*** Please complete the 2 pages of this form, fill out your check or money order made payable to "AWA Reunion" covering all fees, and mail all by 11 July to:

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

**\*\* POSTMARK YOUR REGISTRATION BY 30 JUNE 2008 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FREE HOTEL ROOM DRAWING \*\***

**DO YOU OR YOUR GUESTS 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 2008 REUNION PROGRAM**

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

6 - 10 August 2008: **EVERY ATTENDEE HAS TO SELECT THIS PORTION OF THE PROGRAM**

Hospitality Room (daily) + Registration fee + Friday and Saturday evening dinners \_\_\_\_\_ x \$80.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_ Slow Roasted Prime Rib 8oz, \_\_\_ Chicken Cordon Blue stuffed w/ apricots, prosciutto, blue cheese, \_\_\_ Vegetarian Meal

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

**Wednesday, 6 August 2008** -- mainly an early arrival day --

1:00pm AWA Hospitality room in Best Western Mariner ballroom opens for early check-in and meeting old and new friends.

Hospitality room and AWA registration/information desk will open by 8:00am daily Thursday through Saturday; close by 11:00pm.

**Thursday, 7 August 2008**

9:00am - 5:30pm Bus Tour to Boeing Museum of Flight and Seattle's Pike Place Market \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cost includes bus rental and Museum ticket; lunch on your own at Museum or Market or both

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

**Friday, 8 August 2008**

8:30am - 5:00pm Bus Tour to McChord AFB and Gig Harbor "picturesque maritime village" \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cost includes bus rental; lunch on your own in Gig Harbor

Optional side trip to LeMay - America's Car Museum - includes Museum ticket price \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This option will depend on the number of attendees choosing it. If a bus can't be filled, money will be returned.

1200 noon - Golf Outing at McChord AFB - Shotgun start at 1pm - Captain's Choice - includes all fees \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Member handicap \_\_\_\_\_; Spouse or Guest handicap \_\_\_\_\_

6:30pm Social Hour & 7:30pm Italian Buffet Dinner (casual) - Best Western Hotel Ballrooms - part of Basic Reunion Package

**Saturday, 9 August 2008**

8:30am - 9:45am Briefings and discussion by USAF Director of Weather and AWA Board in AWA hospitality room - open to all.

Attendees are most welcome to tour Tacoma on their own; see newsletter for tour suggestions.

6:00pm Social Hour & 7:00pm Reunion Banquet - Hotel Murano, 1320 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma - part of Basic Reunion Package

(Transportation on your own mainly via Tacoma [free] light rail system)

**Sunday, 10 August 2008**

6:30am - 9:30am Complimentary Deluxe Continental Breakfast in the Best Western Hotel is available every morning. Reunion attendees can meet during and after breakfast to discuss future reunions. Scheduled AWA 2008 Reunion activities adjourn thereafter.

**Commemorative AWA Caps and Shirts:** If you completed an order on the 2nd page of this form, please list total cost here: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please complete this 2nd 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 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 unit or person's name.

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 Best Western Tacoma Dome Hotel at 1-800-973-7110 or 253-272-7737 by 11 July 2008 and ASK FOR THE AIR WEATHER ASSOCIATION GROUP RATE.** Our group daily rates are: Single/Double: \$108 plus tax; Triple \$118 plus tax; and Quad \$128 plus tax. Rates cover the entire reunion period and for 3 days prior and 3 days after. Cancellation deadline for reserved hotel rooms is 3:00pm (Pacific Time) the day before your expected 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 Seattle/Tacoma airport \_\_\_\_ then, rental car \_\_\_\_ or taxi/commercial 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 1 August 2008.** Send cancellation notices to the Reunion Organizer Don Farrington by phone at (404) 816-0872 or e-mail: [cdcfcsf@aol.com](mailto:cdcfcsf@aol.com). Cancellations received after 1 August, 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 1 August 2008,** please telephone Kevin Lavin at (434) 981-8196 (cell phone) or e-mail: [AirWeaAssn@aol.com](mailto: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.

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**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 \$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 tan-khaki 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 cost on bottom of 1st page of this form to add into GRAND TOTAL.)

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