

**C-7A Caribou Association
Reunion 2008
Dayton/Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
September 29 – October 3, 2008**

Place:

The Hope Hotel & Conference Center
Bldg. 823, Area A
WPAFB, OH
45433-5000
Phone: 937.879.2696
Fax: 937.878.8731

The Hotel has 266 guest rooms with the usual amenities. Our War Room is the Stratofortress Room on the main floor. Packy's Sport Lounge and Restaurant, also on the main floor, will be available for all meals that are not on the agenda. A wide variety of restaurants and fast food places are a ten-minute drive away.

Reservations:

The room block is under "Caribou Association" (\$71.18/night inclusive of taxes). To reserve a room, call (937) 879-2696 or check online at www.hopehotel.com. Be sure to identify yourself with the Association so that you get our special room rate and the Association gets credit for the reservation (our prices are contingent upon meeting certain minimum registration requirements). Please note that hotel reservations are entirely the responsibility of the attendee and not included in any fees paid to the Association.

Hotel Check In:

The normal check in time is 3:00 PM or later, but we are working to try to get that moved up. Unless the hotel is full the night before, some rooms may be available a little earlier.

Weather:

Not even Al Gore can predict what the weather will be like, but it can be chilly at this time of the year. Remember that the dedication ceremony is outdoors so bring warm clothes just in case. The historical averages for our reunion period are highs of 73-70 degrees F, lows of 49-48 degrees and only a slight chance of precipitation (source: WPAFB Wx shop).

Transportation:

By Car:

Aim in the general direction of Dayton and get yourself on Interstate 675 to the east of the city. Depending on whether you are northbound or southbound, you will find the appropriate map and directions in Attachment 1.

By Commercial Air:

Dayton International Airport is north of Dayton. The Hope Hotel is southeast of the airport on Hwy 444 just outside of WPAFB Gate 12A. The drive from the airport is 16 to 24 miles depending on the route you choose. Since you probably don't want to walk, there are several options available:

Rental cars are available as shown in Attachment 2

Taxi service is also shown in Attachment 2

Shuttle Bus service is shown in Attachment 2

Reunion Registration:

We request advance registration with your prepayment by check for all selected events no later than 1 August 2008. Upon arrival you will then only have to pick up your nametag and registration package. If you do not pre-register, every effort will be made to accommodate last minute arrivals but we cannot guarantee the availability of every event due to varying prior-notice requirements for transportation, security checks to drive on base and for 72 hour advance meal counts. **Please note that if you sign up and subsequently cancel for some reason, your payment will be returned except for the registration fee (\$20 per person).**

Registration will take place from noon to 4:00 PM on 29 September in the hotel lobby. For those who will not be arriving in that time period, just seek out the War Room and someone will take care of you. If you arrive before noon, come on in and help with War Room setup!

War Room:

The War Room is large and will accommodate 300 people. It will be outfitted with tables to sit around and catch up with old acquaintances. It will open at noon on 29 September, closing at 11:00 PM, and then be available from 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM on 30 September through 2 October and from 7:00 AM until noon on 3 October. Exception: During periods when reunion attendees are away at "off-campus" events, e.g., tours, memorial dedication, museum banquet, the War Room will be closed (locked up) unless an Association volunteer agrees to act as War Room monitor. On 30 September through 3 October, a Continental Breakfast of coffee, Danish, and assorted juices will be served. The Caribou Association – not the Hope Hotel - will be responsible for War Room security throughout the reunion.

Summary of Events

1. Mon 9/29 – Reunion Registration in Hope Hotel Lobby (Noon-4 PM) \$20 per person (pp).
2. Mon 9/29 — Welcome Reception/Deli Buffet in War Room (5:30-7:30 PM) \$10 pp. (optional)
Rest your weary bones after a day of travel. Enjoy first opportunity to re-acquaint with Caribou buddies. The usual War Room refreshments will be available.
3. Tue 9/30 — Aviation History Tour (9 AM-4 PM) \$30 pp. (optional)
Travel by bus to Carillon Park/Wright Brothers Aviation Center to explore park with its 25 exhibit buildings that celebrate history of Dayton. Visit the Wright-Dunbar Center. After lunch (included), tour Wright Brothers Interpretive Center, the Wright Brothers Memorial and Huffman Prairie, the world's first airport, in all, a primer on the Wright Brothers' contribution to flight that you'll see no where else.
4. Tue 9/30 — Self-guided Museum Tour (Your schedule/Your car) \$0 pp.
The Museum is 4.8 miles from Hope Hotel and open from 9 AM to 5 PM. There will also be free shuttle bus service available during museum hours.
5. Tue 9/30 — Group meal at Hope Hotel adjacent to War Room (5:30PM) \$15 pp. (optional)
Menu: Note: Cash bar since meal served in hotel ball room.
Caesar Salad
4 oz. Chicken Supreme, a Boneless, skinless chicken breast w/Parmesan Cheese Sauce
Parsley Buttered Red Skin Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls & Butter
Assorted Cakes & Pies – PRESET
Coffee, Tea, Decaf & Iced Tea
6. Wed 10/1 — Museum Restoration Tour (9:30-11:30 AM) \$5 pp. (optional)
Board bus at Hope Hotel for tour of museum's restoration area. **Tour limited to first 100 members who register.** See ongoing restoration of Memphis Belle, first B-17 to complete 25 missions in WW II. Photo ID required. Please note that it took some serious arm-twisting to get this much of a concession on the restoration tour and we are working hard to see if there is any way they can accommodate more people. If not, please try to understand that this is a special event set up specifically for us and the resources for this sort of tour at the museum are limited. If this is something you wish to do, just be the first person to sign up and you are all set! Additional information about the limitations of this tour is included in Attachment 3.
7. Wed 10/1 — Self-guided museum Tour (Your Schedule/Your Car) \$0 pp.
Museum is 4.8 miles from Hope Hotel and open from 9 AM to 5 PM. There will also be free shuttle bus service available during museum hours.
8. Wed 10/1 — Oktoberfest Buffet — WP Club (6-10 PM) \$23 pp. (optional)
Social hour (cash bar) 6-7 pm. Buffet served at 7 pm. There will be a keyboard musician and entertainment program (Katharine Wright impersonator and possibly a short talk by retired Army Sgt Major who was in camp at Dak Seang during April 1970 siege). If you drive your car and if you DO NOT have a military ID, sign up BEFORE arrival to get on the base access list. This last requirement is extremely important! Security is of paramount importance since 9/11 and you must be pre-checked and have a photo ID (driver's license or passport).

Menu:
Draft beer ... Killians and German Beer ... draft \$2.00/glass
Hors d' out @ 6 PM ... cheese & crackers with some fresh fruit
Buffet of: pork & kraut, brats, metts, German potato salad, sweet & sour cabbage, spaetzle, cookies & small dessert bites, iced tea, coffee & icewater

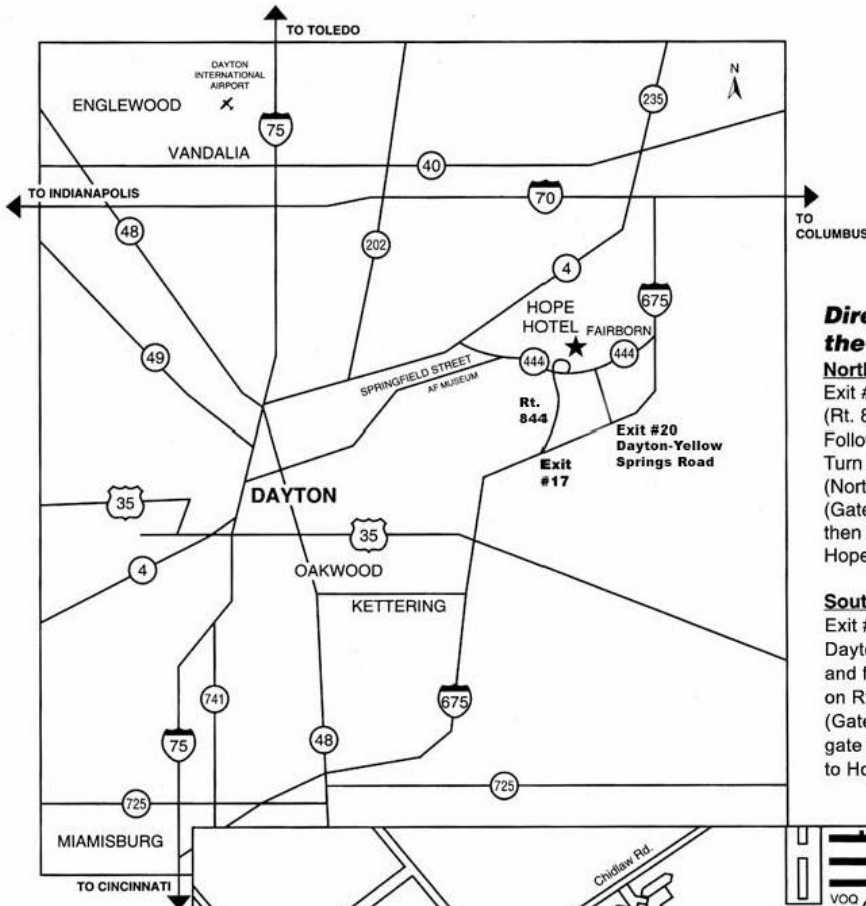
9. Thu 10/2 — Business Meeting — Hotel War Room (9:30-?)
The annual business meeting for members only will be held in the War Room from 9:30 AM until we finish. This includes reports from the officers and the election of a new Board. Please try to attend, as we must have at least 10% of the active members to constitute a quorum.
NOTE: Drawing for free room nights at end of business meeting!
10. Thu 10/2 — Presidential Aircraft Tour (9:30-11AM) \$5 pp. (optional)
Board bus at Hope Hotel for tour of presidential aircraft. Photo ID required (driver's license or passport). This is an opportunity for the gals to go through aircraft used by FDR, HST, DDE and JFK while the guys are attending a boring business meeting.
11. Thu 10/2 — Memorial Dedication at Museum (3PM) \$0 pp.
Thursday afternoon/evening will be busy. Depart the Hope Hotel (your car) at approx 2:40PM to be in place for the 3 PM memorial dedication ceremony lasting about 35 minutes. Afterwards, plan on about two hours for unit photographs at a museum location to be determined. Note: After the museum closes to public at 5 PM, the museum's foyer and adjacent gift shop will be re-opened to our Caribou group for relaxation or shopping until 6 PM when our pre-banquet social hour begins.
12. Thu 10/2 — Reunion Banquet at Museum (6-10pm) \$40 pp. (optional)
Social hour (cash bar) begins at 6pm inside and adjacent to Museum's Caribou that will be open for us to view up close and personal. Dinner with wine at 7 PM featuring a duet plate of beef & chicken. Extreme dietary restrictions made known beforehand will be accommodated. Program includes WPAFB Honor Guard and Air Force Band of Flight. Speaker is Maj. Gen. Curtis Bedke, Commander AFRL. If you need transportation to memorial dedication and banquet, sign up for "Bus Transportation to Banquet" at \$5.00 pp.

Menu:

Cash bar/café & bistro tables near Caribou

hors d' out @ 6 PM ... assortment of cheese & crackers, grapes & strawberries
plated entrée ... duet plate/roasted tenderloin of beef w/ demi béarnaise & sauteed chicken breast topped w/ sauce royal, smashed redskin potatoes, chef's choice of veggies, desserts served alt: pumpkin crème' brulee & apple walnut tart, coffee, iced tea & ice water, three bottles of wine on table – two red & one white.

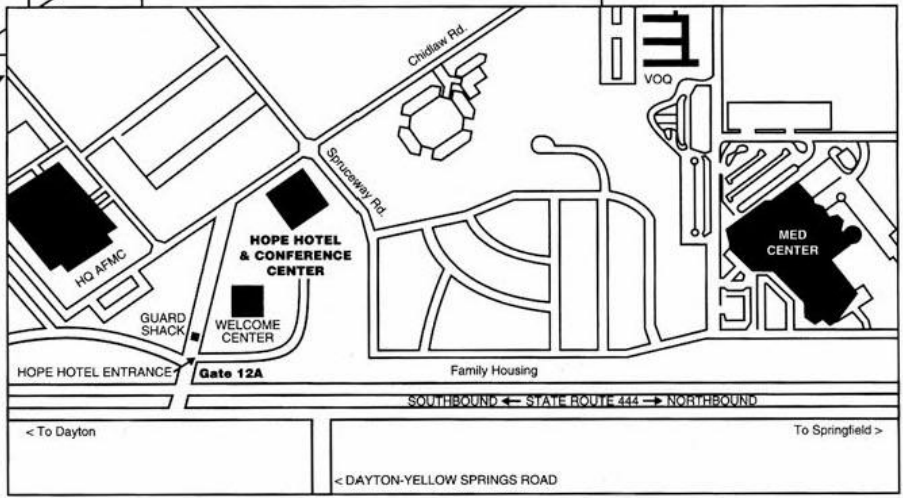
Attachment 1



Directions to the Hope Hotel:

Northbound 675:
 Exit #17 - WPAFB Areas A&C (Rt. 844).
 Follow to Fairborn 444 Exit. Turn left onto Rt. 444 (Northbound). First light- (Gate 12A) turn left into gate then an immediate right to Hope Hotel.

Southbound 675:
 Exit #20 - Turn left on Dayton - Yellow Springs Road and follow to Rt. 444. Turn left on Rt. 444. Next light- (Gate 12A) turn right into gate then an immediate right to Hope Hotel entrance.



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 DSN: 787-1285

Rental car information for Dayton International Airport



Alamo 888-826-6893
www.alamo.com



Avis 800-331-1212
www.avis.com



Budget 800-527-0700
www.budgetrentacar.com



Enterprise 800-325-8007
www.pickenterprise.com



Hertz 800-654-3131
www.hertz.com



National 800-328-4567
www.nationalcar.com

Taxi Service Information

Taxi Starter service is available free of charge between 7:00 AM and midnight (or 30 minutes past the arrival time of the last flight, whichever is later) 365-days a year. The Taxi Starter is located in a booth directly in front of the Terminal and can also be reached at (937) 890-3217. Upon your request, the Taxi Starter will cue a taxi to take you to your destination. The taxi companies that serve Dayton International Airport are as follows. The estimated fare is about \$35.00

Dayton Express Company

Telephone: (937) 226-9999

Dollar Cab

Telephone: (937) 228-1155

Miami Liberty/Checker

Telephone: (937) 222-2822

Skyair, Inc.

Telephone: (937) 254-1100

Diamond Taxi

Telephone: (937) 277-1000

Shuttle Vans

Charter Vans, Inc.

Address: Terminal Building, Main Terminal Area, Dayton International Airport

Business Hours: 6 AM-12 AM

Telephone: (937) 898-4043

Fax: (937) 898-5951

Web: www.chartervans.com

Cost: To Hope Hotel: \$35.00 for one, \$18.00 each for two or more

Attachment 3

The Limitations of the Restoration Tour

Pat Hanavan has offered the following description of the issues involved in the restoration area tour.

From the museum's website:

Behind the Scenes Tours

Behind the Scenes Tours are regularly scheduled, free guided tours of the museum's restoration area. The museum shuttle bus transports participants to the restoration hangars, located on the historic Wright Field flight line in Area B of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, about one mile from the main museum complex.

Participants must be at least 12 years old, and an adult must accompany those between 12 and 18. A current government-issued photo ID (i.e. driver's license) is required of all individuals 18 and over. Foreign visitors must present an original passport. For security reasons, all bags are subject to search, and backpacks, packages and large camera cases are not permitted on the shuttle bus.

Shuttle buses are not handicapped accessible. Individuals requiring special assistance should contact the museum's Education Division at least one week in advance at (937) 255-4652 to arrange transportation.

Behind the Scenes Tours are offered every Friday (some exceptions) at 12:15 p.m. Advanced registration is required, and registrations are currently being taken for tours through May 2008. Sign up early as tours may fill up quickly! Registration closes the Wednesday before the tour; however, a limited number of "walk-in" registrations are available on the day of the tour. No group reservations are accepted.

Pat's Amplification of our tour:

Ours is a special two hour tour (Wednesday morning rather than Friday afternoon) approved by the museum director, MG Metcalf, as a result of a special request the Board, got General Jumper to make on our behalf. Only one tour is done each week and the number of participants is limited because it is led by a tour guide or restorer who explains to a small group (6-10 people) what is being done on the various aircraft being prepared for display in the museum proper. The tour location consists of 2 restoration hangars (industrial areas) that were the modification facilities for the Directorate of Flight Test of Aeronautical Systems Division. I was a test pilot there from in 1966-1967 and spent many hours in those hangars reviewing and approving drawings and modifications to our test aircraft.