

C-7A Caribou Association

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Reunion Flyer

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C-7A Caribou Association's 21st Reunion Marriott Macon City Center Hotel (866-882-4465) Macon, GA August 25th – 29th, 2010

Place: The Marriott Macon City Center Hotel, 240 Coliseum Dr, Macon, GA 31217. The hotel has 217 guest rooms with the usual amenities. Our War Room is Room 306 (2600 sq. ft.) on the meeting room floor.

The Vintage Restaurant (American cuisine) in the hotel is the epitome of Southern Hospitality, capturing the region's culinary flair, served with the warmth and graciousness of the South. It is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, casual dress.

A wide variety of restaurants and fast food places are within taxi, walking, or hotel shuttle distance.

Hotel Reservations: The room block is under "C-7 Caribou Reunion." Our rate is \$99.68 (includes 12% tax) and is good from 23-31 Aug. To reserve a room, call 866-882-4465 or 478-621-5300. Identify yourself with the Association to get our special room rate and the Association gets credit for the reservation (our price is contingent upon meeting minimum registration requirements). Hotel reservations are your responsibility and are not included in any fees paid with reunion registration.

It is IMPORTANT for you to make your hotel reservation prior to 26 Jun 2010 to ensure our group price and block of rooms.

Hotel Check In: The check in time is 3:00 PM or later. Unless the hotel is full the night before, some rooms may be available a little ear-

lier in the afternoon.

Weather: The historical averages for August are highs of 91° F., lows of 70° F. and 3.7 inches of rainfall.

Transportation:

By Car: The hotel is on Coliseum Dr (Exit 2 of IH 16) in downtown Macon, GA.

By Commercial Air: Round trip shuttle bus service from the Atlanta airport to the hotel is \$83. Contact Groome Transportation (478-471-1616) for pre-paid tickets. Shuttle departs on the hour from the green bus aisle of the south terminal.

Reunion Registration: Register for the reunion by mailing your completed form and check made out to the C-7A Caribou Association to Pat Hanavan, 12402 Winding Branch, San Antonio, TX 78230-2770. Upon arrival, you will pick up your name tag and registration package at the reunion table. If you do not pre-register, every effort will be made to accommodate last minute arrivals, but we cannot guarantee the availability of an event due to varying prior-notice requirements for transportation and 72 hour advance meal counts. Reunion check in will take place from 1400-1900 on 25 August in the hotel lobby. For those who will not be arriving in that time period, just find the War Room and someone will take care of you. If you arrive before noon, come on in and help set up the 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 3:00 PM on 25 August and close at 12:00 AM, and then be available from 7:00 AM to 12:00 AM on 26-28 August and from 7:00 AM until noon on 29 August. Exception: During periods when reunion attendees are away at "off-campus" events, e.g., tours, banquet, the War Room will be closed (locked up) unless an Association volunteer agrees to act as War Room monitor. The Caribou Association – not the hotel – will be responsible for War Room security throughout the reunion.

Andersonville Tour

Andersonville National Historic Site is the only park in the National Park System to serve as a memorial to all American prisoners of war.

From the Revolutionary War to Operation Iraqi Freedom, American prisoners of war have endured untold hardships, and shown tremendous courage.

Andersonville Prison

Camp Sumter, commonly called Andersonville, was one of the largest military prisons established by the Confederacy during the Civil War. In existence for 14 months, over 45,000 Union soldiers were confined at the prison. Of these, almost 13,000 died from disease, poor sanitation, malnutrition, overcrowding, and exposure to the elements. The largest number held in

the 26½-acre stockade at any one time was more than 32,000, during August of 1864. Today the beauty of the prison site belies the suffering that once took place inside the stockade.

National POW Museum

The site interprets “the role of prisoners-of-war camps in history” and “commemorates the sacrifice of Americans who lost their lives in such camps.” To that end, the exhibits in the National Prisoner of War Museum serve as a memorial to all American prisoners of war.

Enroute, lunch will be at Yoder’s Deitsch Haus. It is cafeteria style and features country cooking: meat loaf, beef, fried chicken, ham, fish. Side dishes include mashed potatoes or rice, and southern vegetables including tasty buttered corn kernels, turnip greens, fried okra, vegetable casserole, spiced apples which taste more like a dessert, and green beans. Any vegetarians in the family should be happy. Only pies are served for dessert including shoofly, pecan, chocolate, and coconut.”

Historic Homes

A guided trolley tour of historic Macon homes is available on Thursday for those who do not take the day tour to Andersonville. It is also available for the ladies on Saturday morning while the men are at the Association Business Meeting. **Cannonball House:** This 1853 Greek Revival House, was the only site in Macon to be struck by a cannonball during an 1864 Federal attack. **Hay House:** This magnificent 1860 Italian Renaissance Revival mansion has been featured on A&E’s America’s Castles and is a National Historic Landmark. **Sidney Lanier Cottage:** Tour the nationally registered cottage that is the 1842 birthplace of Sidney Lanier, famous poet and musician of the Old South, and see his writings, flute, even his bride’s tiny wedding gown.

Base/Museum Tour

On Friday, 27 Aug, we will have a tour of Robins AFB and the Museum of Aviation. You may sign up for the morning tour of the base followed by a visit to the museum in the afternoon, or visit the museum in the morning and take the base tour in the afternoon. Both morning and afternoon tours include lunch at the Base Club. If you have a car, you may drive yourself to the museum parking lot which will be the rally point for the tours and our buses.

Notice!!!

The number of spaces for the base tour of the C-27J Spartan and the 402nd Maintenance Wing is **strictly limited** by the base. Air Force blue buses will pick us up at the museum parking lot and return us there after the tour. Your Reunion Registration forms will be numbered in the order in which they arrive in Pat Hanavan’s mail box and tour spaces will be assigned based on that order of arrival. **First come, first served.** Also, pictures will be allowed on base, but not on the flight line.

Lunch at Base Club

Deluxe Chef Salad or
Croissant Chicken Salad Sandwich
Coffee and Iced Tea

Return to Hotel

Our chartered buses depart from the museum at 1700 to take us back to the hotel. A bus will leave the museum at 1330 for anyone who came by bus and does not want to stay for the afternoon museum visit.

Plated Dinner

Friday evening at 1900 we will have a plated dinner at the hotel. The menu is: potato salad, southern style BBQ pulled pork, corn on the cob and baked beans, bourbon pecan tarte for dessert, with coffee and tea.

Business Meeting

On Saturday, the Business Meeting will be from 1000-1130 in the War Room. Ladies may go on the Trolley Tour of Historic Homes.

Dedication

Our memorial bench (<http://www.c-7acaribou.com/memorial/robins/Robins.htm>) is near the entrance to Hangar #1. Dedication of the bench and accompanying memorial to our fallen comrades will be in Scott Auditorium (main building of the museum) at 1500 on Saturday.

Group Pictures

After the dedication, group pictures will be taken at a to-be-determined location at the museum. First group at 1630 on Saturday.

Banquet

At 1800, we will gather in the Century of Flight Hangar for fellowship and libations. “Dinner Under the Wings” will begin at 1900.

Menu choices are **beef** (10 oz rib-eye steak, served with tossed salad, club dressing, baked potato, and chef’s choice of vegetables), **chicken** (chicken cordon blue, served with tossed salad, club dressing, rice pilaf, and glazed baby carrots) and **fish** (8 oz stuffed flounder, served with tossed salad, club dressing, and baked potato). Dessert is red velvet cake.

About 2200, our chartered buses will take us back to the hotel.

History Project

The History Project has been underway for about 18 months now. Over 3000 names were found in 7th AF Special Orders and added to our roster. If you have an Air Force Cross, Silver Star, DFC, or single-event Air Medal and it is not yet on the web site, please **bring your citation to the reunion** so it can be added to the Caribou history files.

**C-7A Caribou Association
Reunion 2010 in Macon, GA
25-29 Aug 2010**

Member Name:		Will you have a car? (circle one below) no personal rental
Member Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email Address:		First Reunion? Yes No
Bou Year	Bou Unit:	
Desired Name for Your Name Tag:		Arrival Date Time
Spouse or Guest #1 Name for Name Tag:		
Guest #2 Name for Name Tag:		Departure Date:
Guest #3 Name for Name Tag:		

Host Hotel: Marriott City Center
Make hotel reservations by calling 866-882-4465. Group room rate is \$99.68 (includes 12% tax) and is good from 23-31 Aug.
 Mention you are with the C-7A Caribou Reunion to get the group rate.
Calculate your Total Registration Fee below and send your check made out to C-7A Caribou Association.
Note: Reunion Registration and Association Dues (if not current for 2010) are Required.
All Other Items Optional

Day	Time#	Tours/Events	# People	Price P/P	Total \$
Wed, 8/25	1500-2100	Reunion Registration – outside War Room at Marriott City Center		x \$20.00	
		C-7A Member Dues - \$10/Year (Members Only)		\$10.00	
Thu, 8/26	1000-1700	Andersonville tour, including lunch enroute at Yoder’s Deitsch Haus		x \$36.00	
Thu, 8/26	1300-1500	Trolley tour of historic homes in downtown Macon		x \$25.00	
Fri, 8/27	0800	Chartered bus to/from Museum of Aviation for base/museum tour (depart Museum at 1600 to return to hotel)		x \$16.00	
Fri, 8/27	0800-1700	Base tour in morning , lunch at the base Club, museum visit in afternoon		x \$12.00	
Fri, 8/27	0800-1700	Museum visit in morning, lunch at the base Club, base tour in afternoon		x \$12.00	
Fri, 8/27	1300	Early return to hotel after A.M. base tour or museum visit			
Fri, 8/27	1900-2030	Plated dinner at hotel		x \$24.00	
Sat, 8/28	1000-1200	Ladies ONLY – Trolley tour of historic homes in downtown Macon		x \$25.00	
Sat, 8/28	1400	Bus to Museum for bench dedication, pictures, social hour, banquet.			
Sat, 8/28	1900-2200	Reunion Banquet (indicate selections below)		x \$34.00	
		_____ beef _____ chicken _____ fish			
TOTAL REGISTRATION PACKAGE (Send Check)					

**Make check payable to “C-7A Caribou Association” and mail with registration form to:
 Pat Hanavan, 12402 Winding Branch, San Antonio, TX 78230-2770
 Contacts for Pat: pathanavan@aol.com or 210-479-0226**

Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Phone: _____

I volunteer to help with registration, War Room, memorabilia shop, message center, etc. Please contact Pat Hanavan.

KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

Wednesday, 25 Aug:

1400-2100 Reunion Registration
 1500-2400 War Room open
 1500-1700 Memorabilia room open
 1800-2000 Welcome reception

Thursday, 26 Aug:

0700-2400 War Room open
 1000 first bus departs for Andersonville tour with lunch enroute
 1200-1400 (alternative activity) tour of historic Macon homes
 1300-1500 tour of Andersonville National Historic Site
 1630 buses arrive back at hotel
 1800-2000 Memorabilia room open
 1900-2100 dinner (on your own)

Friday, 27 Aug:

0700-2400 War Room open
 0800 buses depart for tours of base and Museum of Flight
 1200-1300 lunch at Base Club
 1700 buses return to hotel
 1800-1900 Memorabilia room open
 1900-2030 plated dinner at hotel

Saturday, 28 Aug:

0700-2400 War Room open
 0800-1000 Memorabilia room open
 1000-1130 Business Meeting
 1000-1200 **Ladies ONLY** tour of historic homes
 1400 buses depart for Museum
 1500 Memorial Bench dedication
 1630 Group pictures

1800 Social Hour

1900 Banquet at Museum of Flight
 2200 buses depart Museum to return to hotel

Sunday, 29 Aug:

0700-1000 War Room open
 0800-1000 Memorabilia room open
 Depart for home

To register for the reunion, your dues must be current, i.e., the year on the mailing label below must be 2010 or later. Bou Tax is \$10.00 per year and covers our Newsletter, Flyer mailings, website, and memorials. To reactivate or extend your membership, include your dues in your reunion registration.

Here it comes!



Check this out! The information you need to attend the 21st C-7A Caribou Association reunion is here!



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