

# C-7A Caribou Association

## 15<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Odessa, Texas & CAF AIRSHO  
September 30 – October 2, 2004

We have a great reunion planned in Texas during the Commemorative Air Force's (CAF) AIRSHO! Because of the type of reunion we are able to price it the same for everyone. This year we are offering the reunion events at below the actual cost by subsidizing it from the Association's reserve account. The reunion registration fee of \$85 will cover your banquet dinner, welcome reception heavy hors d'oeuvres, bus transportation to reunion events, the Hope USO Show on the same day as the airshow, your lunch and BBQ dinner on the airshow day and the airshow. If you fly to Odessa, you shouldn't need to rent a car because courtesy transportation is provided.

As you have seen from our hotel's registration form, you must register by July 31<sup>st</sup> to avoid incurring an increased nightly charge of \$134.47 – the corporate rate. The same principle will apply to the Association registration - if your Association registration with payment is not on file by July 31<sup>st</sup> your fee will be \$100 per person. Just as with the hotel, if a conflict requires your cancellation, your registration fee will be refunded in full if you cancel with Earl Reynolds, [C7ACaribou@Reynolds-Law-Firm.com](mailto:C7ACaribou@Reynolds-Law-Firm.com) or 225-673-1886 by September 23<sup>rd</sup>. After September 23<sup>rd</sup> no refunds will be made where our costs are fixed by contract.

The planned schedule of reunion events follows:

### **Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**1800-2200** Welcome Reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres

### **Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**0900-1000** General Business Meeting

**1000-1400** Mini Air Show, or

**1000-1400** Museum visits

**1400-1600** Social/Show & Tell time

**1600-1730** Group Photos

**1730-1830** Cocktail Hour

**1830-2030** Banquet

**2030-2230** War Room Show & Tell

**2230** War Room Closes – adjourn to bar area

### **Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**0830-2000** Transportation is available all day between our hotel and the Midland-Odessa airport for the Commemorative Air Force AIRSHO. See [www.airsho.org](http://www.airsho.org) for the Saturday's airshow information.

**2000-2200** Show & Tell social hour in the War Room.

Don't forget to make your own reservations with the Elegante Hotel and the Association by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Toll free number for hotel reservations is 866-368-5885. Be sure to tell the hotel that you are with the C-7A Caribou Association. Your hotel rate inclusive of taxes is \$89.27 per night until August 1<sup>st</sup> when the nightly rate increases to the corporate rate of \$134.47 per night IF there are any rooms available by then.

Be sure to complete the reunion registration form and mail it and your check to Jim Collier, 5607 Jolly Ct., Fair Oaks, CA 95628-2707; phone 916-966-4044 or email Jim at [jascoll@pacbell.net](mailto:jascoll@pacbell.net).

### **Optional attractions**

This year's reunion's planned events are on just 3 days. Many core Caribou Association attendees like to come for a full week. The brochures that have been provided by the Odessa Chamber of Commerce give you many ideas of interesting places to tour or visit. In addition to places of interest in Odessa, Bob Markham will coordinate a trip from Odessa to Dyess AFB near Abilene to see the C-7A and its memorial plaque on Thursday, 30 September. If there are enough people interested, Bob will arrange for the round trip transportation that would depart early on Thursday. This trip will be scheduled to arrive back to Odessa in time for the welcome reception Thursday night. Contact Bob at [markhambob@juno.com](mailto:markhambob@juno.com) or via phone (909) 792-0848 to sign up.

### **January newsletter correction**

Correction to the information that was in the January newsletter about hotel cancellations: The newsletter said that if you fail to cancel your reservation by 23 September that you would not be reimbursed for 3 nights. In fact, as you can see from the MCM Elegante Hotel reservation form, in this case you would lose only one night's cost (\$79 + tax = \$89.27). To avoid this, just cancel NLT 23 September.

### **Hotel registration clarification**

The hotel reservation form states: *This form must be received by the hotel by 7/31/04 to guarantee availability!* What this means is if you are not calling your reservation in via the toll free 866 number, you must mail this registration form to the hotel with your payment. Mailing this hotel reservations form is not required if you call them to make the reservation.

### **Our group rate is good for 5 days before through 5 days after the reunion**

For those contemplating more than the 3-night stay for our reunion, the hotel has agreed to offer early arrivals as well as those who would like to stay after the reunion, the rooms at the reunion group rate.

### **Merchandise**

We have a good supply of C-7A merchandise available for purchase at this reunion. Our hope is to sell it all, so if you want embossed shirts, caps, mugs, or throws come early and shop quickly. The only payment method accepted for merchandise is via a personal check.

### **Form of Payment**

The hotel will accept payment of charges by credit card. The bartenders in our private rooms (War Room & banquet area) and bar will accept cash. Any C-7A Caribou Association payments for merchandise or other purchases for individual attractions or reunion registration, annual dues (taxes), etc. will be only via personal checks, so don't forget your checkbooks.

### **Where to mail or call for registration or cancellation**

Reunion registration forms and payments are to be mailed to Jim Collier, 5607 Jolly Ct., Fair Oaks, CA 95628-2707.

Annual dues (tax) payments are to be sent to Earl Reynolds, C-7A Caribou Association, 11813 Market Place Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. Multiple year payments accepted.

Notification of reunion cancellations after registration will be to Earl Reynolds from whom you will get any refund due.