

# C-7A Caribou Association

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## Reunion Flyer

June 2008

### **C-7A Caribou Association's 19<sup>th</sup> Reunion Hope Hotel and Conference Center (937-879-2696) Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-5000 September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008**

**Place:** The Hope Hotel & Conference Center, Bldg. 823, Area A, WPAFB, OH, 45433-5000. 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 10 minute drive away.

**Hotel Reservations:** The room block is under "Caribou Association" (\$71.18/night inclusive of taxes). To reserve a room, call 937-879-2696, Fax: 937-878-8731, or check on-line at [www.hopehotel.com](http://www.hopehotel.com). 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 the responsibility of the attendee and are not included in any fees paid to the Association.

**Hotel Check In:** The 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.

#### **Transportation:**

**By Car:** Aim in the general direction of Dayton and get yourself on Interstate 675 to the east of the city.

**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, taxi service, and shuttle bus service.

**Reunion Registration:** Reunion Registration (in **bold type** on the registration form) is **required** to register, **plus Member Dues if you are not current**. To facilitate reunion planning, we request advance registration with your prepayment by check for all selected events no later than August 1, 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 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!

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.

**Breakfast:** 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.

**Register now!!!** Fill out the registration form on page 3 and get it in the mail with your check to:

Bill Buesking

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Our speaker at Dinner Under the Wings on 2 Oct will be Maj. Gen. Curtis M. Bedke who is Commander, Air Force Research Laboratory, WPAFB, Ohio. He is responsible for managing the Air Force's \$2 billion science and technology program as well as additional customer funded research and development of \$1.7 billion. He is also responsible for a workforce of approximately 9,500 people in the laboratory's component technology directorates and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

General Bedke is a 1977 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and a command pilot with more than 4,300 flying hours in 78 different aircraft. As an experimental test pilot, he commanded the 31<sup>st</sup> Test and Evaluation Squadron at Edwards AFB. He also has commanded a B-52 operations group, a flying training wing, and a B-52 bomb wing.

His staff tours include duties as a B-2 Weapons Systems Acquisition Manager at Headquarters Strategic Air Command, and Assistant Deputy Director of Politico-Military Affairs with the Joint Staff's J-5. He also served as Vice Commander of 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force; Inspector General of Air Combat Command; and Deputy Chief, Central Security Service, and Director, National Security Operations Center, National Security Agency. Prior to his current position, General Bedke was Commander, Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB, Calif.

The general is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom, having served as the Combined Forces Air Component Commander for Bright Star in Egypt in October 2001, then as U.S. Central Command's senior military representative to Pakistan from February to June 2002.

Air Force Research Laboratory, with headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was created in October 1997. The laboratory was formed through the consolidation of four former Air Force laboratories and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

AFRL's mission is leading the discovery, development and integration of affordable warfighting technologies for America's aerospace forces.

The lab has approximately 5,400 people (1,300 military and 4,100 civilian) and a science and technology budget of nearly \$4B..

AFRL accomplishes its mission through nine technology directorates:

**Air Force Office of Scientific Research** – invests in long-term, broad-based research into aerospace-related science and engineering.

**Air Vehicles Directorate** – leads the effort to develop and transition superior technology solutions that enable dominant military aerospace vehicles.

**Directed Energy Directorate** – develops, integrates and transitions science and technology for directed energy to assure the preeminence of the United States in air and space.

**Human Effectiveness Directorate** – develops, integrates and transitions science and technologies for training personnel.

**Information Directorate** – develops information technologies for aerospace command and control.

**Materials and Manufacturing Directorate** – develops new materials, processes and manufacturing technologies.

**Munitions Directorate** – demonstrates and transitions science

and technology to assure pre-eminence of U.S. air and space forces.

**Propulsion Directorate** – develops air and space vehicle propulsion and power technologies.

**Sensors Directorate** – develops the new technologies that U.S. warfighters need to find and precisely engage the enemy and eliminate its ability to hide or threaten our forces.

**Space Vehicles Directorate** – develops and transitions space technologies for more effective, more affordable warfighter missions.

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We expect another record Caribou Migration for this year's reunion. Info is posted at [http://www.c-7acaribou.com/reunion/2008/Master\\_Info.pdf](http://www.c-7acaribou.com/reunion/2008/Master_Info.pdf). If you moved or have an update to your address, send an e-mail with the changes to PatHananvan@aol.com. Our active membership continues to increase. If you are not sure of your status, go to [www.c-7acaribou.com](http://www.c-7acaribou.com), select the roster, and search using your last name. You may have to scroll down the page that comes up to get your information line. To be current, the date in your "Tax" column should be 2008 or later. Bou Tax is \$10.00 per year and covers our Newsletter and Flyer mailings. To activate or extend your membership, send a check made out to the Caribou Association and mail to Bill Buesking (address on page 1). In 2008, active membership increased from 743 to 765 and the e-mail list from 904 to 936.

We plan to post a list of those registered on our web site and update it periodically, so you can see if friends have registered.

## Please Note!!!

Your registration is **not complete** until Bill Buesking receives your check, in full, in the mail. If more than 100 members sign up for the Restoration Hangar tour, he will set up a waiting list.

**C-7A CARIBOU ASSOCIATION  
2008 DAYTON REUNION September 29 –October 3, 2008  
Registration Form**

Member Name: (As Shown on Government-Issued ID Card)		Spouse/Guest Name (As Shown on Government-Issued ID Card)	
Member Mailing Address:		Will You Have Car At Reunion? YES NO:	
City and State		ZIP	First Reunion? YES NO
Phone:	Caribou Unit & Year	Email Address:	
Desired Member Name (For Name Tag):		Desired Spouse or Guest Name (For Name Tag):	
Military ID Card?	Yes No	Spouse/Guest Interested in Shopping Tour? YES NO	
Guest #2 Name: (As Shown on Government-Issued ID Card)		Guest #3 Name (As Shown on Government-Issued ID Card)	
<b>Note</b> -Airport shuttle to Hope Hotel available for \$35 + 7% tax for one person, \$18 +tax per person for two or more.		Arrival Date/Time	Departure Date

**Note: Prior clearance or Military ID** required to drive on WPAFB. A government-issued photo ID, e.g., driver’s license, is required for museum-led tours (Restoration & Presidential A/C tours) that enter WPAFB. No ID needed to tour museum proper.

Calculate your Total Reunion Cost Below. Please remit ASAP but NLT August 1, 2008  
**Current Bou Tax (if you are not current) & Reunion Registration Fee (\$20) Required.**  
**All Other Items Optional**

Day	Event#	Tours/Events	#People	Price P/P	Total
Mon, 9/29	1	<b>Reunion Registration</b> – Hope Hotel (HH) Noon-4 PM		x <b>\$20.00</b>	
		C-7A Member Dues-\$10/Year (Members Only)		x \$10.00	
Mon, 9/29	2	Welcome Reception - Deli Buffet – HH 5:30 PM		x \$10.00	
Tue, 9/30	3	Aviation History Tour (Bus & Lunch incl’d) 9 AM-4 PM		x \$32.00	
Tue, 9/30	4	Self-Guided Museum Tour- Via Your Car or Shuttle bus)		x \$ 0.00	
Tue, 9/30	5	Dinner (Plated Meal) – HH 5:30 PM		x \$15.00	
Wed, 10/1	6	Restoration Tour - Open to <b>First 100 Members</b> that Register-Photo ID Required-Depart HH 9:30AM (2Hrs)		x \$ 5.00	
Wed, 10/1	7	Self-Guided Museum Tour-Via Your Car or Shuttle bus)		x \$ 0.00	
Wed, 10/1	8	Octoberfest Social/Bufferet – WP Club (Your Car) 6-10 PM		x \$ 23.00	
Wed, 10/1		R/T Bus Trans To Octoberfest Social/Bufferet at WP Club		x \$ 5.00	
Thu 10/2	9	Business Meeting - HH War Room – 9:30 AM		x \$ 0.00	
Thu, 10/2	10	Presidential A/C Tour-For Gals While guys at Business Mtg.- Photo ID Required - Depart HH 9:30 AM (2 Hrs)		x \$ 5.00	
Thu 10/2	11	Memorial Dedication- Museum-3 PM-via car or Shuttle bus		x \$ 0.00	
Thu 10/2		Group Photos-Museum 3:30-5:30 PM		x \$ 0.00	
Thu, 10/2	12	Reunion Banquet-Social Hour 6 PM; Dinner 7 PM		x \$40.00	
		<b>TOTAL REGISTRATION PACKAGE (Send Check)</b>			

**Make check payable to Caribou Association & mail with registration form to Bill Buesking, 18520 Rustling Ridge, San Antonio, TX 78259-3641. Contact Bill at wbuesking@satx.rr.com or (210) 403-2635**

Emergency Contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**I volunteer to help with registration, war room, message center, etc. Please contact me.**

**For Office Use Only:** Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check#: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 2008 Reunion Events

### Monday, 29 Sep:

1200-1600 Registration  
1200-2300 War Room open  
1730-1930 Welcome Deli Buffet

### Tuesday, 30 Sep:

0700-2300 War Room open  
TBD Memorabilia available  
0900-1600 (Optional) Aviation History Tour  
0900-1700 USAF Museum open for self-guided touring  
1730-???? (Optional) Dinner at Hope Hotel

### Wednesday, 1 Oct:

0700-2300 War Room open  
TBD Memorabilia available  
0900-1700 USAF Museum open for self-guided touring  
0930-1130 (Optional) USAF Museum Restoration Hangar tour (presently limited to 100 members)  
1800-2200 (Optional) Social hour and Octoberfest Buffet with entertainment program at WPAFB Club

### Thursday, 2 Oct:

0930-???? Business Meeting  
TBD Memorabilia available

0930-1100 USAF Museum - Presidential Aircraft and Experimental Aircraft tour (ladies, guests, etc.)

1100-1500 USAF Museum open for self-guided touring

1500-1530 Dedication of our Memorial Bench at the Museum

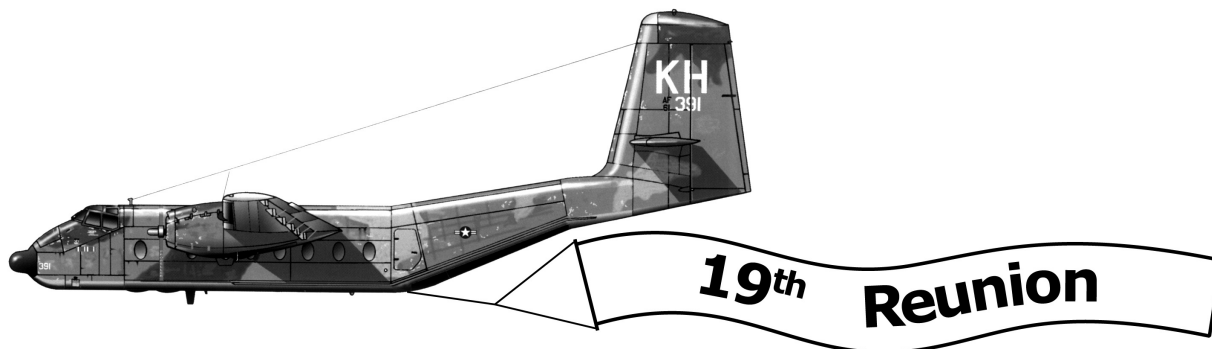
1530-1800 Group photos

1800-1900 Social hour near C-7A with (restored) interior open

1900-2200 *Dinner Under the Wings* at the USAF Museum, speaker will be Maj Gen Curtis Bedke

**Friday, 3 Oct:** Depart for home

## Here it comes!



**Check this out! The information you need to attend the 19<sup>th</sup> C-7A Caribou Association reunion is here!**



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