



Buckeye Wing Journal



February 2012

2012 Reunion ~ Columbus, OH ~ August 2nd -5th

~ Message from our President ~

I want to start out wishing everyone a belated Happy New Year. Hoping so far, so good.

Our 2012 reunion is going to be held August 2nd - 5th at the Holiday Inn located in Worthington, Ohio. We are working with the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Worthington and Columbus for special events.

The golf outing is still up in the air. Bill Bringardner asks that if anyone is interested to please contact him or myself.

Your reunion committee is putting some finishing touches on the reunion. There will be plenty to do if you want to keep busy or if you just want to lay low around the hotel you can enjoy socializing in the hospitality room. We have a good selection of food; the prices are reasonable; it is a very nice hotel with a good location. A strong turnout will ensure a good time for all.

Please take a moment and read through this Journal before you put it down. We have booked a block of rooms for reunion attendees. To ensure you get one of these rooms at our negotiated price you will have to make your reservation prior to 15 July, 2012. My recommendation is to book early, even if you have to cancel later.

Please remember to say a prayer for our men and women who are serving our country. Hope to see you in Columbus in August. Have a safe and prosperous New Year!

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Hotel Information:

Holiday Inn – Worthington, OH
7007 N. High St., Worthington, OH 43085
Hotel Number Direct: (614) 436-0700
Toll Free Reservations: 1-888-HOLIDAY

Rates: \$105.00 per room (plus tax) with complimentary breakfast each day of the reunion for each person.

*Book your room by July 15, 2012 to get this rate.

Hospitality Room:

Open each day with beverage bar, snacks and socializing. Check bulletin board in the room for hours of operation and reunion activities.

Raffles:

There will be an assortment of raffles to take part in. The big one is the “Win Your Room” raffle. If your name is chosen, your room will be free for one night.

Golf:

Contact Bill Bringardner at 614-442-1861 or Bill Witte if interested.

Business Meeting:

Will be held prior to the banquet. Primary purpose is to nominate and elect your 2012-2014 officers and directors and present the treasury report.

Banquet Menu:

At the banquet you will have a dinner choice of Tilapia, Chicken Cordon Bleu, or Prime Rib.

Guest Speaker:

Brigadier General William Basnett, USAF, Retired

Final Fly-Over

Since August 2010

Col Dana T. Caldwell, USAF, Retired, 8/4/10

CMSgt Francis C. Wolary, USAF, Retired, 8/23/10

CMSgt George F. Boudreau, USAF, Retired, 11/9/10

SMSgt Gerald T. Minihan, USAF, Retired, 1/21/11

Col Eugene T. Fortson, USAF, Retired, 2/11/11

CMSgt David E. Hughes, USAF, Retired, 2/13/11

Richard C. Habermehl 3/4/11

Lt Col James W. Lewis, USAF, Retired, 4/11/11

Col Walter R. Lawrence, USAF, Retired, 5/14/11

SMSgt Robert T. Romph, USAF, Retired, 7/29/11

TSgt Thomas E. Stone, USAF, Retired, 8/2/11

Thomas W. Curtis, USAF, Retired, 10/21/11

Connie A. Rowe, 2/1/12



Announcements

We are still in need of a President and Vice President for 2014. The reunion will be held in Cincinnati, OH. Please direct any feedback to Bill Witte by phone: (614) 491-2542 or (614) 332-6819 or via email: wittehouse1@aol.com. Joe Agnew has offered to host the reunion in Ft. Myers, FL.

Announcements (cont'd)

You are invited to “**Breakfast with Friends**” in Wilmington, OH on Saturday, May 12th, 2012. Enjoy good food, friendship and fun beginning at 9:00 A.M. Located at Mac D’s Pub, 1400 W Locust St., (937) 382-1348. Hope to see you there!

The 1st Issue of the Buckeye Wing Association calendar will be published in 2012. To offset the cost of printing we are looking for advertisers in our Ohio reunion cities of Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, as well as Covington, KY and Wilmington, OH. Please contact Karyl Heismann-Menchen for more details. 800-531-1484, ext. 121.

Buckeye Wing Association Web Site

Information on the 2012 Reunion as well as past reunions can be found here in addition to announcements, photo, contact information for your comrades, wing history and the final fly-over.

Go to: www.buckeyewing.org

Send questions to: buckeyewing@live.com or



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Watch for the “2012 Reunion Journal” to arrive in April. Be sure to share the news of the 2012 reunion, mark your calendars and encourage all to come. We are very excited about this reunion and look forward to seeing you there!