



Buckeye Wing Journal

Buckeye Wing Reunion 2010

Dayton, OH ~ August 12-15

~ Message from our President ~

We have always heard that “time waits for no one”, and that is what we have found out these past couple of years. It seems like only yesterday that we were starting our planning for the reunion in Dayton, which will be held 12-15 August 2010.

I hope by now you have made plans to join us for what we believe should be a relaxing and enjoyable weekend in Dayton. It is always uplifting to be around friends and positive people, and, for myself, I am looking forward to it.

Your reunion committee is putting some finishing touches on the reunion. We feel we have much to offer if one wants to keep busy or even if one just wants to stay around the hotel and reminisce. We have a good selection of food; the prices are reasonable; it is a very nice hotel with a good location. Having a good turnout will be the icing on the cake.

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 22 July. My recommendation is to book early, even if you have to cancel later.

Hope to see you in Dayton in August. Have a safe and pleasant trip.

Jim Valeri
President, Buckeye Wing Association

Buckeye Wing Association Web Site

Information on the 2010 Reunion as well as past reunions can be found here in addition to announcements, contact information for your comrades, wing history and the final fly-over.

Go to: www.buckeyewing.org

Hotel Information:



Hotel Number Direct: (937) 426-7800
Toll Free Reservations: 1-888-HOLIDAY

Rates: \$99.00 per room (plus tax) with complimentary breakfast each day of the reunion for each person.

**Book your room before July 22, 2010 to get this rate.

Reunion Schedule of Events:

Thursday, 12 August 2010

- Check-in begins at 3:00 PM for those arriving early. Follow signs from lobby to hospitality room.
- Riverscape (Metro Parks) Jazz/Big Band Music (7-9PM)

Friday, 13 August 2010

- Check in 2:00 PM – 9:00 PM in hospitality room (Check bulletin board for hours of operation)
- Visit Dayton’s Aviation Trail—the historical sites that tell of man’s conquest of the air

Saturday, 14 August 2010

- Check in 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM in hospitality room
- Your choice of golf, USAF Museum Tour, Imax Theater, Carillion Park Tour, Wright Heritage Park Tour, Shopping, Business Meeting & Banquet

Sunday, 15 August 2010

Breakfast and departures. Until we meet again!

Hospitality Room:

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

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 the weekend. See registration form to purchase maximum of 2 tickets at \$5/ticket. Winner will be chosen before the banquet. Good luck!

Golf:

9 holes of golf are scheduled for Saturday at the Prairie Trace East Golf Course. If you sign up to play you will be notified of the tee time. (May be cancelled if interest is low in which case your fees would be refunded.)

Business Meeting:

Will be held prior to the banquet. Check the board in the hospitality room for time and location. Primary purpose of the meeting is to nominate and elect your 2010-2012 officers and directors and present the treasury report.

Banquet Menu:

At the banquet you will have a dinner choice of Prime Rib, Seared Salmon Filet, or Roasted Chicken Breast. We will all enjoy American Apple Pie a la mode for dessert. Make your selections on the registration form.

Banquet Speaker:

Sarah Byrn Rickman presents; "So Who Are the WASP Anyway?" Ms. Rickman has authored four books about the WASP and will have a presentation for us about the female pilots who flew for the Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command.

Final Fly-Over

Since we last met in April 2006

Lt Col (Dr.) Robert J. Somogve, USAF, Retired, May 30, 2008

Betty L. Nichols, June 10, 2008

Kathryn P. "Kitty" Bolton, July 22, 2008

Lt Col John W. Keller, USAF, Retired, August 9, 2008

Lt Col Terry L. Rohrer, USAF, Retired, November 4, 2008

James E. Harrison, USAF, Retired, November 3, 2008

Lt Col William B. Collins Jr., USAF, Retired, Nov. 20, 2008

CMsgt Mark Smith Jr. USAF, Retired, November 20, 2008

Lt Col Robert G. Wise, USAF, Retired, November 22, 2008

MSgt Irvin E. Roush, USAF, Retired, January 9, 2009

Sarah R. Jones, April 23, 2009

Ronald B. Reeves. USAF, Retired, September 13, 2009

Lt Col Lowell E. Brandenburg, USAF, Retired, April 1, 2010

Col Tyrone W. Zerby, USAF, Retired, May 31, 2010



High Flight

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds...and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of...wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up, the long, delirious burning blue
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, nor even eagle flew.
And while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space...
...put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

by John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

**Be sure to share the news of the 2010 reunion,
mark your calendars and encourage all to
come. We are very excited about this year's
reunion and look forward to seeing you there!**