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**WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
**October 4-7, 2016**

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# **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER** - Bob Putlock ([putlock@aol.com](mailto:putlock@aol.com))

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Washington D.C. is the location for our next reunion scheduled for October 4-7, 2017.

For this reunion we will be using "Gatherings Plus" ( GP ), the planning organization that worked the Branson Reunion for us in 2012. GP will help us plan and work out all the details to make this reunion as successful as possible. They make it easy and possible for anyone to plan future reunions anywhere in the USA.

This Newsletter's primary objective is to give the details for making room reservation at the Dulles Hilton and to solicit the membership for suggestions that will help planning the activities during the reunion. Washington D.C. has an incredible amount of museums and other sites that can make this a very memorable reunion. GP has provided a brief plan of proposed activities they offered to other reunion groups. These suggestions and others will be in a survey coming to you all in this NL. Majority will rule on the decisions. You are an important part of planning the activities.

At this reunion we will make two revisions to our usual planned events. The golf tournament will be scheduled for the afternoon of the Registration Day, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the reunion and the business meeting will be held at 7 PM on one of the evenings after the planned day's activities.

We have reserved 125 rooms at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel. The hotel is only one mile from the National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center and less than three miles from the Washington Dulles International Airport ( IAD ).

The daily room rate is \$109+12% tax or \$122. It includes breakfast for 2. Guest rooms have either a King or 2 Double beds. There are 4-6 ADA rooms available for us as well as a couple of pet-friendly rooms. The rate is available for 3 days prior and 3 days after based upon availability. The hotel offers complimentary shuttle service to and from IAD and the Air & Space Museum. There is complimentary vehicle parking for cars as well as RV motor homes on site. Wi-Fi will also be complimentary for us throughout the hotel including the rooms.

To make a reservation there are 2 options: (1) The hotel has designed a special link for the internet use. Go to <https://aws.passkey.com/go/USAFHPA>. The link will direct you through the reservation process. (2) Or call 1-800-445-8667 which is Hilton's Central reservations number. Be sure to quote the code "USAF" not USAFHPA and get confirmation of the room rate. They will need a credit card but will NOT be making a charge.

We will notify the membership by E-mail at different intervals stating the names of members who have made reservations so you all may see who is planning to attend.

## **Treasurer's Corner** - Bob Strout ([rpanddj@cs.com](mailto:rpanddj@cs.com))

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The Financial Health of the Organization is excellent. We have \$36,484 in our bank account, and no outstanding liabilities.

FREE license plate holders were given out to Members attending the Big Sky Rendezvous at Great Falls this summer. They were also sent to each of our LIFE Members. I have 95 holders left, and they are available to current members. The holders are still free, and the Organization will pay the postage. Send me an e-mail or a snail mail note and I'll put a plate holder in the mail for you. The frame has UNITED STATES AIR FORCE on the top and HELICOPTER PILOT ASSN on the bottom. They will fit the standard state issued license plate.

Not free, but available are Challenge Coins, Credit Card Cases, Post-it-Note cases, and decals.

My email address is in the roster, or send your snail mail request to: Treasurer, PO Box 966, Medical Lake, WA 99022. Looking forward to seeing everyone in DC next October.

# Washington D.C. Survey of Activities

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The Washington D.C. Team has suggested we contact the membership to ask members to complete a survey of suggested activities that will be presented. The majority will rule. As you may be aware there are an incredible amount of options ranging from museums, parks, and other attractions. There's even the option of doing nothing and just remaining around the hotel.

The planner we are using for this reunion is Gatherings Plus ( GP ). They have planned several other military reunions in the D.C. area. This survey will include their offerings.

Please select the items you are interested in and return the completed survey to either Bob Putlock or Bob Strout by E-mail or US snail mail no later than 15 December 2016.

- GP needs to plan for the buses needed well in advance.
- GP has offered a bus guided Washington Embassy Row of the D.C. area with stops at different locations like the Viet Nam Wall and other places along with a box lunch at a local D.C. park.
- GP has also offered a water cruise on the Potomac to Mount Vernon. Lunch there on your own.
- GP has also offered an Arlington Cemetery Tour including the Changing of the Guard with dinner at Ben's Chili Bowl ( a local institution ).

The following are additional add ons that can be visited at the same time in place of the above GP selections.

- Visit to the Ford Theater & Peterson House where Lincoln died coupled with a visit to the International Spy Museum
- Visit the Holocaust Memorial Museum coupled with a visit to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing ( your money )
- Visit to the National Air & Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center just a couple of miles from our hotel with comp shuttle service to/from.
- Visit to the White House arranged through a Congressman
- Join the golfers for 18 holes the afternoon of the Registration Day
- Just spend time at the hotel without going anywhere
- Plan your own activities
- Gettysburg or Manassas ( 2 civil war battles ) visits are possible
- You can also add any of your own suggestions for consideration by the team

**CIRCLE YOUR ABOVE SELECTIONS AND RETURN BY DECEMBER 15 TO:**

Bob Putlock -- [putlock@aol.com](mailto:putlock@aol.com) or 250 Barbados Drive, Jupiter, Florida 33458 or to

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**SEE YOU IN WASHINGTON D.C.**