

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2019 REUNION PARTICIPANTS

TRANSPORTATION FROM ATLANTA: Many reunion participants will fly into the Atlanta Airport and will need to either rent a car or take a shuttle service to the hotel in Columbus, GA. Most of the car rental companies are represented at the airport. Shuttle service is also available. The shuttle is Groome Transportation, and their contact number is (706) 324-3939 / (800) 584-6735. This shuttle service will take you to Columbus to their office. You will then need to call a taxi or if prearranged and available, the Columbus Marriott will send a shuttle for you. Please call the Columbus Marriott to arrange prior to the day you arrive in Columbus.

TRANSPORTATION FROM COLUMBUS AIRPORT: The Marriott has a complimentary shuttle, but you must contact them in advance to access it. There are taxi's and rental cars available at the airport. The Columbus Marriott phone number is 706-324-1800.

BUS TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM FT BENNING: We have reserved buses for transport to and from Ft Benning and the National Infantry Museum for all the events there. I encourage you to plan on this transportation mode for all activities whether on post or not, as the Post has tightened up their entrance requirements. If you have a military ID card, you will be able to go on post without difficulty with your personal vehicle, but if you do not, you will need to submit paperwork for a background check. The advance background check will allow you a pass that will cover the dates you need to go on Post and participate in Post activities. If you do not have a military ID, and have not obtained a background check prior to the reunion dates, to go on Post with your own car, you will have to stop at the gate and obtain a visitor pass each time you want to go on Post. Since this day pass will take 15 to 20 minutes for each visit, you will need to plan accordingly. I do not recommend this last option as it is very time consuming. Activities at the NIM such as the HoF Induction and Dinner do not require ID or visitor passes as the NIM is not on Post. This year, bus transportation will be on a daily charge. You will receive a ticket to ride the bus for each day. We will order the buses according to how many tickets we sell and you will be required to show your ticket(s) each time you ride the bus.

DRESS CODE: Many of you have asked about the Dress Code for the Reunion Activities, so I will try to give you good advice on the subject. Sunday, April 28 is a casual day. That means you can wear whatever is comfortable for you, including jeans, collared shirts, slacks, shorts, etc. When we go to Ft Benning, slacks and shirts are appropriate for the men and ladies are welcome to wear casual attire such as dresses or pantsuits. The Monday, April 29, Hall of Fame Ceremony and Award Dinner is a Semi Formal affair. Suits and ties are invited for the gentlemen and cocktail or "Sunday" dress or pantsuits for the ladies. The Army Service Uniform (ASU) is also appropriate attire for the ladies and gentlemen. The Reunion Dinner on Wednesday night, May 1, is "Business Casual." That means sport coat, slacks, collared shirt with or without a tie for men and nice dress or pantsuit for the ladies. This information is a "guide only". Please contact Nancy Ionoff with any other questions at 813-917-4309 or ocsalumnireunion@gmail.com.

HOTEL: Your registration for the reunion does not include your hotel accommodations. You must register with the hotel for your room. Our website has a secure link to the Columbus Marriott Hotel where you can make your reservation and secure it with your credit card. If you choose to talk directly to the hotel reservations, the phone number is 1-706-324-1800. Make sure you tell the reservations agent that you will attend the 2019 Officer Candidate Schools Alumni Association Reunion to ensure that you are in the group block and receive the special \$124.00 per night rate. (includes breakfast). You should book early and if you must cancel, the hotel cancellation policy is 2 days before arrival. Also, the group rate is good until March 28, 2019. After that date, the hotel will take your reservation on a space available basis only. You may be interested in coming to Columbus before the start of the reunion or stay later. If so. the Group Rate is available from April 25 through May 3, 2019 when you book early.

REGISTRATION: Members: No registration fee for members and their guests. Nonmembers and their guests will pay a registration fee of \$25.00 pp. Please note that as an extra incentive for nonmembers to join the Association, the member reunion price is \$55.00 less than what the nonmember will pay. Join the Association and save yourself and your guests \$55 each.

JEWELRY MAKING CLASS: Melba Harris has agreed to teach this class while the General Membership Meeting is held on Monday from 0900-1200. Students will make a pair of earrings with beautiful Austrian crystals.

NATIONAL CIVIL WAR NAVAL WAR MUSEUM: On Tuesday afternoon, an optional tour will be available for attendees. A guided tour with the docent in period costume and a live cannon firing over the Chattahoochee River are highlights of the tour. The cannon is an authentic Civil War naval weapon that weighs in close to 15,000 lbs. A really unique experience!