



RIPCORD REPORT



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MYRTLE BEACH REUNION 2018

It was a happy Halloween at the 2018 Ripcord survivors' reunion!! To signify the event, registrants received a bag of candy as they checked in and they did not have to wear a mask or costume.

The event was a month later than usual but for that we were able to get rooms and breakfast for \$62 per night. A less expensive venue would be very hard to find!

For those so inclined there were fishing trips, golf, beach walking, swimming and visits to wildlife parks. But the primary activity was hanging out with friends and comrades from the association. There were little gatherings going on here and there. Fellows from A 2/506 got together early for barbeques and then after the event to check out Frank and Dee Marshalls home in nearby Surfside Beach.

In nearby Conway, Frank Delfino, formerly of HHC 1/506, had purchased a liquor store and was nice enough to sell us the needed refreshment at a very reasonable price. If he keeps this up he will not stay in business long.

On Thursday morning 15 or 16 golfers trekked on out to the Diamond Back Golf course for a few hours of driving, slashing, putting, missing, raking sand traps, hunting for balls in the rough and laughing, swearing and enjoying each other's company in the out of doors. No word was forth coming on who did well but it did not matter! Many will try again next year!

Friday night the women held the annual Ladies Raffle. All sorts of items hit the tables to garner tickets as people vied to win a prize. Thanks to George Westervelt of A 2/506 many people went home with a bottle of maple syrup. George couldn't make it but his bottles did! Other prized contributions included a quilt by Linda Boles, a Ripcord quilt by Saralyn Gainer won by new comer Gary Kelly, and many other wonderful handmade and purchased items. After the food was eaten and the tickets sold and plopped into the

appropriate cup, the women had raised \$2,966 for the Association! Way to go people!!

Saturday saw the annual business meeting followed by the erection of the flags and guidons used in the banquet. Seventeen hundred hours found people lined up getting their flowers and pictures taken for the 2018 yearbook. By 1815 hours we were busy eating and enjoying ourselves.

Dinner was followed by the coin presentations by Col. Fred Spaulding. We had 19 people who received their coin for attending their first reunion. They were Charles Berger, Mike Mackey, and J.P. Meyer of the 159 ASHB, Thomas Militello of A 2/11 FA, John Tamburini of B 2/319 FA, Albert Burckard, Gary Kelly, Wayne Ball, Tommy Aguon and Cameron Piatt (nephew of Robert Lowe KIA May 1970) of A 2/506, Tony Little, John Mason, George Strasburg, and Ron Virgilio of D 2/506, Tuit Nguyen ARVN interpreter for D 2/506, Paul Nguyen ARVN Staff Sergeant who moved to the states after the war, Gary DeWulf (brother of KIA Patrick DeWulf) D 1/506, Nicholas Fotias, Pathfinder and Murphy Majoria, Associate Member and longtime supporter of the Ripcord Association. These people had a lot of catching up to do with those who had been coming to the reunions for a while.

After the coins were presented the Anna Britt Nolan Trust raffle was conducted. A total of \$1,400 was raised and sent to the trust. Our girl, Anna Britt (aka Emily) is now in college completing her first semester with a major in journalism. We hope to have a report on her adventures in the future.

The banquet ended with unit pictures and then all headed back to the hospitality room to say their final fare wells before leaving on the morning.

We received compliments from a number of people about how they enjoyed their time at the reunion. Let's keep that up for the July 2019 reunion in Springfield, MO.

Donations *the life blood of our Association*

The following have given donations to the Ripcord Association since the last newsletter. These donations help keep the website and newsletters published to keep all our Ripcord members up to date.

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- Steve Gunn D 2/506
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- Joe Minias C 2/506
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Everyone would love to hear from you.

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IMPORTANT

Please read! Membership Update

It is important that everyone update their membership status.

Members have postal address change, e-mail address change, and have passed away. We need to have current ways to communicate and send you all the future updates and news on the 50th Anniversary of Fire Base Ripcord. If we do not receive your updated membership, you will be removed from our roster and will not receive updates.

Here are ways to update your membership.

Postal mail the membership form included in this newsletter to me at:

Frank Marshall
567 Circle Drive
Surfside Beach, SC 29575

Or you can Go to our website and fill out the membership form.

<http://www.ripcordassociation.com/membership-form/>

Any questions, please contact me at 843-668-5080 or email at frank@ripcordassociation.com

Ripcord on Facebook

by Anthony Chritchlow



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ripcordassociation/>



Well, well, well, another year is about to pass us by. Our face book page grows just about every day. I'd like to think it's because of all of you members spreading the word about our page. Today is November 15, 2018 and we are up to 745.

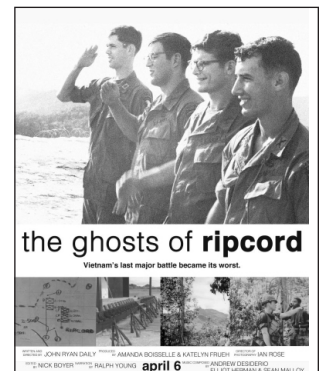
This was a milestone birthday for me, 70 years old. I never thought I would get this far. The grandkids told me not only I'm over the hill I'm half way down the back side. Ha, Ha.

Ok enough for the dumb jokes. I recently got an update on the trip that 10 of our veterans are going back to Vietnam. This is sponsored by the Greatest Generation Foundation. We will leave in the first 2 weeks of February 2019. We will be gone about 2 weeks. I will get a call in December to get the final time to leave where we are visiting while in Vietnam. I want to thank the 9 that volunteered to go on this trip. I'm hoping it is everything you are looking for.

For now have a Merry Christmas.

The Ghosts of Ripcord Documentary

DVDs are still available of the feature-length documentary entitled, The Ghosts of Ripcord. If anyone encountered technical difficulties while placing a previous order those issues were resolved several months ago.



New orders can be placed through our official Facebook page here:

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You can also go directly to the link below to place an order more quickly.

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JIM MCCOY RECEIVES QUILT OF VALOR®

On August 4, 2018 Jim McCoy was surprised by fifty family and friends for recognition of his military service when he was presented with “Liberty Ride” a Quilt of Valor®. Dale Tauer, Jim’s fellow soldier and friend recommended Jim for this award and flew with his wife Janet from Minnesota to attend. Dale first heard of Quilts of Valor® when he received his Quilt and subsequently requested a Quilt for Jim. The request went to the California Quilts of Valor® Rancho Bernardo Chapter (near San Diego).

Carol Huff was blessed to organize and present this surprise with Jim’s wife Michelle. Also helping were many family and friends who gathered to thank Jim for honorably serving his Country in the United States Army as Sergeant in D 1/506 101st Airborne Infantry Company from 1969 to 1972, including the Vietnam Fire Support Base Ripcord Battle from 1970 to 1971.

Jim, is the “real McCoy”. In The Battle of FSB Ripcord he was instrumental in saving the lives of many others. It is with great respect and honor to those who served in Vietnam, specifically in The Ripcord Battle, that Carol shared Dale’s words, as he told her about Jim’s courageous involvement:

“Jim is a true Hero. He kept his calm and his faith in God gave him the strength of a giant. I guess we can truly say we were in hell (The Battle for the siege of Fire Support Base Ripcord) and made it back somehow.” For his service Jim was awarded the fourth highest individual military combat award the Bronze Star Medal.

After the Army, Jim continued serving: As a Police Advisor to Afghanistan and Iraq for one year each and in serving his community in the Highway Patrol retiring after twenty-eight years.

Two years ago Jim joined the Patriot Guard Riders. And Ride Captain Ken “Santa” Brassell, set the tone as the Guard’s marched in to Jim’s presentation with American flags held high while all sang “You’re a Grand Ole Flag” then everyone sang “God Bless America.” Cadets from the Navy Jr. ROTC Westfield High School program in Poway, CA assisted in awarding the Quilt.

Carol shared President George Washington’s 1789 statement: “The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive how the veterans of earlier wars were treated

and appreciated by their nation.”

All that Jim has been able to do describes what God gave him strength for, as evidenced by one of his favorite Scriptures in Philippians 4:13: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

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Jim McCoy displaying his Quilt of Valor® titled “Liberty Ride.”



On left is Requestor of Jim’s Quilt, Dale Tauer; Recipient Jim McCoy, in front of his Quilt; holding the rustic wooden Americana Flag that Jim also received.



Dale Tauer displaying his Quilt of Valor® received April 18, 2017 from Quilt Lovers Hangout in Fort Myers, Florida.

JERSEY RAMBLINGS

by Lee Widjeskog A/2-506



Reunion 2018

Halloween of 2018 saw the opening of the latest FSB Ripcord reunion. Once again we were in Myrtle Beach where the sand is firm, the water warm and the people friendly! Attendees received a bag of candy without having to dress in costume!

We had 178 people attended this year including the recently married Frank and Dee Marshall!!

The Ladies Raffle brought in \$2,966 while the Anna Britt Nolan raffle brought in \$1440.

Many comments were received that all had a good time. A lot of assistance was rendered to help Bob Judd set up and take down the flags and guidons. Once more Paul Buhr took the time to shoot photos for the yearbook. His work is greatly appreciated! If anyone has taken pictures during the event, send them to Frank Marshal via e-mail (frank@ripcordassociation.com) and they might get into the newsletter or the yearbook.

This year Fred Gilberts son-in-law, Dean Mandolado, who has attended a number of our reunions, printed our yearbook for free as a contribution. The yearbook looked great!

Now get ready now for the 2019 Reunion which runs from July 24 through July 27 with a get-away day of 28 July.

Business Meeting:

Coming into the reunion our treasury had \$54,846.59 which is just under \$4000 more than last year for the same time period.

At the business meeting the three candidates Lee Widjeskog, Peter Meloro and Frank Marshall were returned to office with no opposition.

It was suggested that the meeting be started at 11 AM in the future so members can eat with their wives. Harold Day (2/17 Air Cav) is looking into having "Ripcord" rings made up. He will let us know the cost and other info as he finds out.

Al Burckard (A 2/506) expressed interest in placing a plaque on impact rock with the names of those who died in the battle. Gary Radford stated that getting to the site is not feasible at this time due to unexploded ordinance and the need for a helicopter for transport. It may be possible to get the Vietnamese to place the plaque. Al will look into it.

Fred Spaulding reported that General Harrison is not doing well mentally and physically. He and his wife have help around the house and at night. It is questionable as to whether or not they will attend another reunion.

Misc.

This past year has seen Kathy and I take shorter trips than in the past due to weddings and home projects. April saw us driving to Myrtle Beach so we could witness Frank and Dee tie the knot. I can gladly report they were successful in the deed! A month later or so my nephew did the same thing but with a different woman. This was followed by a few memorial services, a funeral and finally a week with our grandson crabbing and playing baseball. We then took him home to Massachussets and took an auto tour of Maine, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. We were last there in 1997 and the changes were similar to the states. The 17 mile long bridge into Prince Edward Island is really nice and like New Jersey it is free to all who enter the island but you have to pay to get out! More development and more franchised eateries. However, the sights were still great and Cape Breton national Park is worth the trip. Perhaps the high light of the trip was when Kathy and I spotted a moose cow with two yearling browsing on the shrubs along a back road of New Brunswick. They were about 30 meters away but quickly moved off when we slowed down. This was the first we saw after seeing over a hundred warning signs in the provinces and the states. It was not evening so spotting them was unusual. In many cases you see them in the early evening as they step out in front of your speeding car! I prefer seeing them as we did.



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We need EVERYONE to update your membership

Here are ways to update your membership.

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Frank Marshall, 567 Circle Drive, Surfside Beach, SC 29575

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Unit served with during Ripcord _____

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Your Comments : _____

2019 Reunion Date

Please note that the normal dates of the reunion have been changed for this year!

Springfield, Missouri

Wednesday July 24 to Saturday July 27

Leave Sunday July 28

(See page 12 of this newsletter for Registration form and more information)

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Future Reunion 2020 Reunion Date

Please note that the normal dates of the reunion have been changed for this year!

Springfield, Missouri

UNIVERSITY PLAZA HOTEL

Monday 20 July to Thursday 23 July

Leave Friday 24 July

More information for 2020 reunion in future newsletters and updates

Ripcord Association Membership

831 members in our Ripcord Association
 665 are Ripcord Veterans
 166 are Associate Members
 213 receive newsletter via Postal Mail
 613 receive the newsletter via e-mail
 745 on Facebook "Ripcord Association Group"

Please go to our website and update your membership to keep getting important information about our Ripcord Association

Ripcord Association Newest Members

Greg	Brekke	1/506
Joe	Smith	B/326 Engineers
J. Paul	Meyer	159 ASHB
Andrew	Fotias	Associate Member
Michael	Cataldo	C-158/101 Phoenix
Richard	Clinch	326th medical Bn
Jerry	Lampier	2/506
John	Hoek	Associate Member
Mary	Meagher	Associate Member
James	Trotter	C/2-501
Walter	Rogers	A/101st AHC AHB
Johnny	McGinnis	A/2-506



INCOMING MAIL



Dear Lee and Kathy,

It's been about 10 days since we left Myrtle Beach and I think I have processed enough that I can put some things into words.

It's been 48 years since the terrible day I got the news about Pat (DeWulf). It would be over 40 years, and largely because of Mr. Nolan's book, the article written by Jim (McCoy), and the efforts of people like you, I and others would finally get the truth of our loss information that I had given up learning a long time ago. I KNOW how much work is involved in putting together an event like the Ripcord Reunion and because of your continued willingness to help so many of our lives have been changed forever in ways we never thought possible.

Thank you

Mary Theresa Meagar

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To everyone for the card with the thoughtful comments, and the generous gift of the friendship lantern that was waiting for us when we arrived home, we thank you. What a wonderful band of sneaky rascals we have for friends.

Thank you

Bob & Red

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Dear Ripcord,

Thank you very much for the very special Ripcord Reunion card! All of the signatures are especially appreciated! Truly sorry we could not have been there. *Our special love to all the Ripcord gang.*

Ben and Carolyn Harrison



Thomas J. Brennan Jr.

Died July 11, 2003

in Vero Beach , FL

Interred in West Point Cemetery,
West Point, NY



The West Point experience is designed to be a refining crucible, vetting one's ability to perform as an Army officer under pressure, and, if necessary, in combat. The baptism of fire of Dr. Thomas Joseph Brennan, Jr. was hotter than most. Never a model cadet, particularly short on spit and polish and somewhat nonconformist, he was often at odds with the "system." As a result, he joined the Century Club, walking 154 hours on the area, to include June Week. In spite of his notoriety, those fortunate enough to call him friend knew him as a man with a sharp wit, a great sense of humor, and an iron will who was able to look adversity in the face and spit in its eye. Tom proved his worthiness to be an officer time after time at the Academy and then proved his commissioning was no accident on the field of battle in Vietnam, earning the Silver Star, four Bronze Stars, and the Purple Heart.

The son of Thomas J. and Blanche Brennan, Tom, or "TJ," came to West Point from Richmond Hill, Queens, NY, appointed by Rep. Seymour Halpern, 6th District. He was in Company A-4 for two years, until reorganization sliced members from three companies to form D-4.

As a cadet, being Tom's friend paid particular dividends on trips into the city. Tom could stretch our \$30 monthly allowance at places with the best deli sandwiches, and, of course, the best drinking holes. He enjoyed math, literature and philosophy, particularly Camus, whose famous quote, "I rebel; therefore I exist," defined a part of Tom. So intelligent yet it often appeared he considered studying wasted effort. Nicknamed "the Oracle" for his late night wanderings, wrapped in a sheet, muttering a chant to conjure up a term paper the night before it was due, Tom always delivered. Another talent was falling asleep, everywhere. In fact, he became famous for asking a question of a guest speaker, then falling asleep during the answer. Firstie year, Tom chose Field Artillery with an initial assignment to the 101st Airborne in Vietnam. After graduation and officer basic, he opted out of other training and skipped the usual stateside assignment to hasten his deployment.

Prior to Vietnam , Tom ushered at a classmate's

wedding. About 3:00a.m., the classmate's father received a call that Tom's head had gone through the windshield in a car accident, but he was at the police station. When the father arrived, Tom was on a first name basis with everyone, laughing and telling stories. No charges were filed; he was just that likeable.

Tom reported to Vietnam on 12 Jan 1970, perhaps the first in our class to arrive in country, and was a forward observer with A/2-506 Infantry in the A Shau Valley. On March 12, after a helicopter assault onto Fire Support Base Ripcord, he was awarded the Silver Star for adjusting artillery while under intense automatic weapons and mortar fire. Of note, our classmate and Tom's friend from "area" days, Bill Pahissa (KIA 22 Jul 1970), joined the same company two week's before Tom was reassigned to be battery executive officer. At the siege of FSB Ripcord (the subject of several books), he earned the Bronze Star for valor and the Purple Heart on 16 July for moving wounded to cover and fighting an ammunition fire during a mortar attack. Men who served with him all report they admired and respected him, not for his rank, but his calming effect, courage under fire, and caring leadership. Once, after he and his men had been up all night on fire missions, a captain visited and his first comment was a criticism of paper in the defensive wire. In his colorful New Yorker way, Tom ran him off, to cheers from his men.

Next, he instructed at the Chaplain School, Ft. Hamilton, NY, and, while there, was the voice of comfort for Bill Pahissa's girlfriend in New York City. Tom volunteered for a second tour in Vietnam and was assigned to MACV Advisory Team 66, Delta Region. As he departed Vietnam in March, 1973, he met Nuong Le working at the out-processing center at Ton Son Nhut Airbase. After corresponding for years, she became a refugee and ultimately his wife. Next, there was brief assignment at Ft. Sill, followed by a year with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea before Tom left the service in August 1974.

Tom moved back home to New York City, until attending Yale Medical School, 1978-82, where he and Nuong were married during his second year. Those at Yale with Tom remember him as courteous to a fault, never acting anything but equal to his younger classmates, while being a cynical, but needed, shot of vinegar to those yet to experience life's hardships. He amused everyone with hilariously animated tirades about things others were afraid to say. True to form, in a pediatrics safety

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(Thomas J. Brennan Jr. continued)

lecture, it was said cleaning agents should not be stored under the sink. Tom stood and disagreed. saying the parents should train children properly. And how ironic is it that the cadet who fell asleep so readily became an anesthesiologist?

Tom completed his internship at Yale New Haven Hospital, his residency at Johns Hopkins, and a fellowship at Baylor. He and Nuong then moved to Vero Beach, FL to continue his practice. A fellow anesthesiologist who worked with Tom his last eight years recalls he was caring toward his patients and tireless in completing his duties, but chose to live a very private social life. He died while at home, of a heart attack or aneurism. and is survived by Nuong Le and his brother John of New York City .

Skells, Cappiello, Fagan. Edwards. Gelineau- A-4/D-4 classmates

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Letter sent to Captain Leonard Kuplinski, C 2/501 101st, 1970 from one of his NCOs following sapper attack 4.5 clicks south east of Ripcord.

7 October 1970

Hi Ski,

Received your letter yesterday and of course was very happy to hear from you once again. It was also good to hear that your therapy is coming along just fine. I hope both you and Little John are back to 100% before long. As for the morning of the 5th (July), I guess your company showed pretty damn great. As near as we could figure out, we were hit that morning by a sapper company of hard corps cadre. We found 6 dead gooks lying outside our perimeter along with numerous blood trails. The way I figure it, we hurt them pretty damn bad. The dead gooks had new equipment and all were well dressed and with fresh haircuts. There were also indications that they had their own medics, because we found what looked like an aid bag which contained morphine surrets and compression bandages plus other first aid supplies. On some of the bodies we found compression bandages also. So it looked as if they were fresh troops who were well supplied. The remainder of the day that your were medevacked was extremely quiet. The gooks must have un-assed the area.

Bravo Company joined us about 6:30 PM and N.D.Ped on the adjoining hill top. About 4 days later and 4

clicks away from Rally Hill we were extracted for the rear for a 1 hour stand down. After which they CAed us right back out by Ripcord where we assaulted hill 1000 along with Bravo and Recon. Bravo lost 2 killed and 24 wounded. The mission itself was led by "Driver" himself. That's right Ski, old "Driver" was out there humping along with the troops. He sure didn't know his ass from a hole in the ground.

After the assault on Hill 1000, the entire BN was taken out of the field for 7 days. Just as we were being extracted from "Triple Hill" we watched the Chinook get shot down on Ripcord which destroyed the ammo dump and 105 battery and 81mm section.

After stand down we went right back out there on a body recovery mission for the 2/506. They left 9 dead men on Hill 805 and we went in there and policed them up. Boy, I tell you, Ski, that was the worst sight imaginable. Those GIs had been dead for 10 days by the time we got to them.

Next, they put us out by O'Reilly and had us work the area but we didn't hit much shit. Only killed one dink. The company stayed out around O'Reilly for all of August and then in September they sent us back by Hill 805 and Ripcord again. (That should about bring it up to the present). The company is now back at FSB Brick once again, however, rumor has it they're coming back to the Third Brigade to operate off of Rakkasan, I hope what I have told you sheds some light on what's happening. And I'd also like to say that it wasn't the same company after the 5th. Everybody who spent the two days together really turned into great soldiers. Most of them, however, have DEROSed and are home in the states living it up. Speaking of living it up, Old Tom is leaving for R&R on 24 November. Can't hardly wait to get to Sydney and start living it up myself a little. From what everybody has told me, including yourself, I've got some extremely good times ahead of me.

Well, Ski, I hope all continue to go well for you and that your injuries are healed quickly. Now, as for those profiles it should keep you out of the bush forever. Take care now, Sir, and have a good time in your upcoming leave.

Bye for now,

Tom



Myrtle Beach 2018

Attendees

- Jim & Irene Aanonsen A 2/506
- Tommy, Tommy Jr Aguon & Ray Cruz A 2/506
- Robert Anderson A 2/11 FA
- Sonny Arkangel B /506
- Bill, Pam & Adam Baldwin and Maghan Danspy A 2/506
- Wayne & Loretta Ball A 2/506
- Lin & Pinkey Bashford D 2/506
- Charles Berger 159 ASHB
- Timothy Bohan Pathfinder
- Bill Boles D 2/506
- Bruce Bond 58th Inf.
- Frank Bort C 2/506
- Bruce Brady A 2/506
- Chris Brady Assoc. Mem. & author
- Jerone Buffington C 2/506
- Paul Buhr A 2 /506
- Albert Burckard A 2/506
- Jim Campbell C 2/506
- William (Tex) Campbell D 2/506
- Dale & Sue Cooper B 2/506
- Tommy & Judy Counts & Lisa Hill D 2/506
- Kenneth David D 1/506
- Harold Day & Vanessa D Trp 1st Cav
- Frank & Cathy Delfino HHC 1/506
- Gary DeWulf, Guest
- Michael DeWulf, Guest
- Thomas DeWulf, Assoc. Mem.
- Michael & Christine Dicken B 2/506
- Russ & Mary Ann Dixon B 2/319 FA
- Alvin Dodds & Bethany Witcher D 2/506
- Carnell, Chad & Kim Evans B 2/319 FA
- Rex & Carol Flansburg D 2/506
- Nicholas & Andrew Fotias Pathfinder
- John & Debbie Fowler C 2/506
- Ken & Saralyn Gainer A 2/506
- Fred & Carol Gilbert D 2/506
- Michael & Debra Goff B 2/17 Cav
- Steve Gunn D 2/506
- Bill & Lynn Hand B & E 2/506
- Paul & Laura Hansmann B 2/506
- Jim Harris HHC 2/506
- Frank Hills 58 Inf.
- Raymond Hines 2 /319 FA LNO
- Terry & Judy Hodges D 1/506
- Chuck & Jean Holmen A 159 ASHB
- Don & Linda Holthausen C 2/506
- Steve & Melinda Huggins E 2/506
- Dale “Buzz” Ireland C 159 ASHB
- Bob & Red Judd B 2/506
- Garry Kelly A 2/506
- David & Sophia Kenyon 326 ENG
- Greg & Julie Knott D 2/506
- John Koozer & Johnna Schmidt A 2/506
- Dale Lane & Dianne Grote A 2/506
- Robert Layton B 2/501
- Bob Leibecke C 2/506
- Walter & Mary Lewis B 2/319 FA
- Tony & Koleen Little D 2/506
- Mark & Andrea Lynch Guest
- Mike Mackey C 159 ASHB
- Murphy & Phyllis Majoria Assoc. Mem.
- Frank & Dee Marshall A 2/506
- Alfred & Sondra Martin A 2/11 FA
- John Mason D 2/506
- Jim & Michelle McCoy D 1/506
- Ron & Linda McCrory E 2/506
- Mary Meagher & John Hoek Guest
- Peter & Chris Meloro C 2/506
- J. Paul Meyer C 159 ASHB
- Uwe & Diane Meyer B 2/506
- Thomas & Annette Militello A 2/11 FA
- Leonard & Carole Moore Mini-Cav.
- Ralph Motta E 2/506 (Recon)
- Clem Neiderer HHC 2/501
- Paul Nguyen ARVN
- Thuyet Nguyen D 2/506
- Robert Pagano & Rachel Springer B 2/506
- Tom & Barbara Peacock D 2/506
- Cameron Piatt & Angie Cramer A 2/506
- George & Sheila Potts B 2/319 FA
- Doug & Iris Puffer D 2/506
- Gary & Patty Radford D 2/506
- Edward Ramon 1st AVN.
- John Rich, B 2/319 Guest
- Kent Rowland C&D 2/506
- Charles Schilero & Joann Schmidt D 2/506
- George & Cheryl Scott A 2/11 FA
- Fred Shuttleworth E 2/506
- Marc Skinner D 2/506
- Everett Slaughter B 2/506
- Jim Smither Assoc. Member G.V.S.U.
- David & Lisa Snyder A 2/11 FA
- Fred & Micki Spaulding HHC 3rd BDE
- Dennis & Jane Stortz D 2/506
- George & Paulette Strasburg D 2/506
- John Tamburini B 2/319 FA
- Bob Tarbuck, Paige Corkhill & Rob Tarbuck C 2/506
- Dale & Janet Tauer D 1/506
- Charles Tipton C 2/506
- Craig & Sandy Van Hout B 2/506
- Ron & Patricia Virgilio D 2/506
- Bob & Jackie Wallace C 2/506
- Steve & Susan Wallace B 2/506
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- ☐ Yes, I'll be there!
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Will a family member(s) be attending? If yes what are their names? (For name tag purposes only).

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____
THE HOTEL PROVIDES FREE TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT.

Registration fee of \$ _____ is enclosed for # _____ Adults and # _____ children under 18.
\$35 for children under 18. For adults see discounts below !

DISCOUNTS FOR EARLY REGISTRATION:

Before March 1 2019, \$75 per adult
March 1 through April 30, 2019 \$80 per adult,
May 1 through June 22, 2019 \$85 per adult.
After June 22, 2019 \$90 per adult.

Your registration fee covers the cost of the snacks, beverages, hot hors d'oeuvres on Friday night and
dinner on Saturday.

Registration fee due no later than July 17, 2019.

Make your check payable to "RIPCORN ASSOCIATION"

Mail your check with this form to:

Lee Widjeskog, 493 Stillman Ave., Bridgeton, NJ 08302.

Questions? Call Lee at 856-451-1108 before 18 July 2019. (After call 609-774-6951)

AGENDA

Wednesday, July 24: Hospitality suite opens at 1200 hours. (Self guided tours and shopping)
Thursday, July 25: Hospitality suite opens at 1200 hours. (Golf in the AM) (Self guided tours)
Friday, July 26: Hospitality 1200 Hours. Ladies raffle 1730 hours
Saturday, July 27: Business meeting for association business in Hospitality room (1100 hrs)
Dinner with cash bar starting at 1700 hours done by 2200 hours.
Sunday, July 28: Homeward bound

Thursday golf outing (a separate fee). Check if you will play ☐.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE SEPERATELY
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CALL 417-864-7333 or E-mail at www.upspringfield.com

Ask for HOTEL RESERVATIONS and mention the

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