



RIPCORD REPORT



For Friends and Survivors of the Battle of Fire Support Base Ripcord
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49 years since Ripcord

During July in Springfield, Missouri, we will meet for our 25th consecutive reunion of the survivors of the 1970 battle for Fire Support Base Ripcord in the hilly and mountainous jungles west of Hue, Vietnam.

We have met here a number of times already and have had an enjoyable time. The town and hotel are always pleased to see veterans and seem to go out of their way to make us welcomed.

The primary reason for attending is to relive the good times we had with our fellow soldiers and to remember those who died in the battle and those who have passed away since returning home. While at the reunion there are things to see and do.

If you have transportation, Branson is only an hour away where all types of wholesome shows and shopping are available.



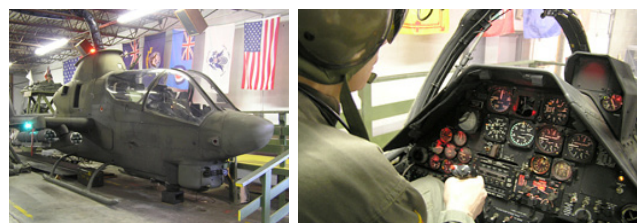
For the outdoorsman there is the national headquarters of Bass Pro. Along with all the items you might want to buy there are displays of animal mounts and live aquariums and assorted animals. The restaurant, "Hemingway's", has excellent food and is worth the visit in itself.

Not far from the hotel is the Springfield Cardinals minor league baseball team. While we are visiting they will be playing night games most nights if you want to see decent up and coming ball players at a reasonable price.

The battle of Wilson Creek National Park is open and of interest to those who enjoy civil War site. Over 2500 men died in a battle the South won but lost its ability to control Missouri.



The Air and Military Museum of the Ozarks is worth a visit just to try out the Cobra helicopter simulator.



Don't forget Fantastic Caverns where you get to ride a 55 minute tour through the caves in 60 degree weather year round.

These are just a few of the attractions that are available to anyone seeking things to do when not reminiscing and enjoying the company of their old comrades.

See you in Springfield!!

Lee Widjeskog

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by Anthony Chritchlow



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Hi everyone. Well great news the trip back to Vietnam is a go. The group will leave from LAX on February on the 17th. They will return on the 27th. We are down to 8 Ripcord veterans going. I dropped out of the program and then we had one more person who had a commitment that he could not change. I know I will regret dropping out, but it was something I felt I had to do. Our Facebook page is still growing. We are now up to 765 members. I want to thank everyone that has been posting on our page. You are the heart and soul of our page. Here in the Boise Idaho area we have missed most of winter so far. Since the first of the year we have been in the high 40's to low 50's. I think February will be when we get winter. This is the time for you to be thinking about attending this year's reunion. Sadly my wife and I will not be there this year. We will attend the 2020 reunion. Ok all of you be safe for the rest of this winter. Anthony

IMPORTANT Please read!

Membership Update

Over 500 members have updated their information. **IF YOU HAVE NOT UPDATED**, please do it now **even if you have no changes!** With all the postal address changes and e-mail address changes, **we do not know** if you are receiving our updates. 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.

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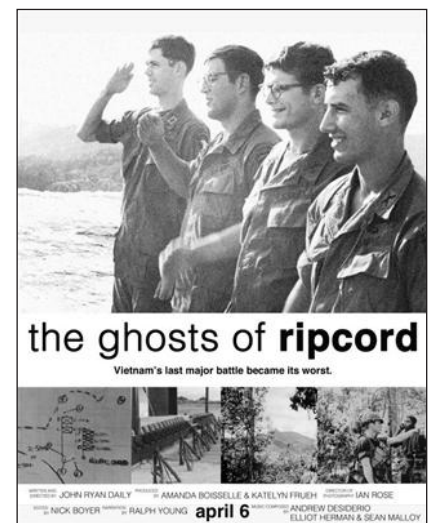
The Ghosts of Ripcord Documentary

DVDs are still available of the feature-length documentary entitled, The Ghosts of Ripcord. New orders can be placed through our official Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/firebasefilm>

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

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We need EVERYONE to update your membership

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_____ DO NOT distribute my name to other members

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_____ Add my name and unit to the Ripcord website membership page

Your Comments : _____

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I got this site while researching my cousin Tom Shriner (B 2/506). I have learned a lot about what Tom did prior to becoming a KIA 31 Mar 70.



Tom Shriner

I would appreciate any information on Tom Shriner. I have really been enjoying your site and learning a lot of the happenings around Tom's time there. It was rather ironic, I didn't even know he was in the service until I returned home on leave and found that we were both going to Viet Nam. I had just missed him and ended up he went and my orders were flagged and I went to Ft Bragg, NC. I got there in Dec 1969 and learned of Tom's death at the end of April 1970.

I remained with the service after my discharge by joining the National Guard and then after a couple breaks went into the Army Reserves, was mobilized 2005 to 2007 to Ft Huachuca AZ and retired out of Reserves with 35 years, 2 months, 3 days on 1 Feb 2009...

Any members who served with Tom please contact me as I would like to know how he became a KIA. I learned of Tom's death well after he was buried as I was also in the Service at that time but the family became anti- military after his death and would not talk about it. Thank you for your service and your great association
Thank you for a wonderful site.
Ret. MSG Terry Wohrle
wohrle@wwdb.org
Associate Member

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Greetings. My unit, VMGR-152, was a Marine squadron of C-130s stationed in Da Nang. I was a loadmaster and I remember well that for about a week, every night we dropped flares all night long on Firebase Ripcord. The last two nights, we were under intense anti-aircraft fire and somehow, we survived. My unit was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and I believe it was because of what we did at Firebase Ripcord. Anyhow, just thought I would share this information with you.

Thanks.
Tom Hoy.

Our unit was performing search and destroy missions in the Ripcord A.O. during the attacks on FSB Ripcord. I never knew how bad it was until years later.
Welcome home to all!

Brian Heeg,
1st Platoon, A 1/506th

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My wife and I recently met Rudy Lujan a Pathfinder wounded alongside my uncle Don (Heinmark) during the April Fool's Day assault. Rudy had lost both legs in the mortar attack. It was an awesome meeting we had with him and his wife. He had been searching for Dons daughter for 48 years and was able to finally meet her and tell the account of her father's last days. We all feel Rudy and his family are an extension of ours. To all the Ripcord veterans. Thank you for your service to this great nation.
Welcome back to the world.

Tony Liston
Associate Member



Don Heinmark

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I Was the flight leader for the Ghost Riders during the entire Ripcord campaign?
William Glennon,
Co A, 158th ASHB, "Ghost riders"

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I attended the reunion in Bossier City LA almost two decades ago. It was a most rewarding experience. I look forward to the 50th anniversary event.
Thank you for your good work on behalf of us Ripcord veterans.
John Hopke,
2/506 PIR (communications officer)

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We flew several missions providing cover for the slicks coming and going.
Herbert Keedy
Delta Co. 101st Avn Bn, "The Hawks"

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My call sign was Redskin 19. My name along with the other aviators were on documents captured during Ripcord. NVA propaganda sources said that if we were captured we were to be tortured in Hanoi.

Thomas Schultz

D 158 AHB 101st Airborne

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Thank you for the hard work on the Association. Would be interesting to know how many Ripcord Vets have Agent Orange issues?

Rick Walsh

C/2/506

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I served Vietnam 335 Signal Corp, my brother, Sergeant Ed DeCamp Sossamon, Echo 1st/506 101st Division was killed April 16, 1970 in I Corp, Vietnam. I would like to talk with anyone who remembers Ed.

Larry Sossamon,

Associate Member

larrys@sossamonconstruction.com



*Sossamon, Edward
DeCamp*

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Going into and out of Ripcord to re-supply or pick up wounded or bring in more troops during the whole of Ripcord is an important part of my life. It was unique and unforgettable, and like many of the survivors, I am so fortunate to have somehow avoided being injured.

Bill Walker

Lancers, Co. B, 158th ASHB

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I flew supply missions into the firebase on a regular basis and commanded one of helicopters which extracted the base at the end.

Jeffrey Lacey

101st Aviation, C Company, Black widows

Being that I am the wife of a deceased member, I don't think other Ripcord members would be interested in my info. However, if you see some reason someone would want to connect to me as George's wife, I would not mind you putting us in touch.

I will continue to touch base with you on Anna Britt's progress in college as Ulla Nolan relates it to me. You're all doing a great job. Thanks so much for keeping me in the loop.

Mary Murphy

(wife of George Murphy (Deceased 4/2/2016)

A 2/ 320th Arty)

merryfilly@sbcglobal.net

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I'll always remember that helmet on the stoop of B Company with all those holes in it and saying Ripcord on it. I had no clue at that time what Ripcord even was.

Thanks to all of you who served.

Donald Thies

B 2/506

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For the past three years I have written letters to the National Football League and the NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio to have the NFL Hall of Fame at least recognize Lt. Bob Kalsu. This is due to the fact that he gave up his football career to serve his country in Vietnam. Lt Kalsu played for the Buffalo Bills and the Pro Football player that took his position is now in the NFL Hall of Fame. I also want 4 more NFL players recognized by the NFL Hall of Fame because they too gave up their careers in the NFL to serve their country. I would like the support of this association to help me get these former NFL players recognized by the NFL Hall of Fame. Let me know and I will email you copies of the letters I sent to the NFL and the NFL Hall of Fame.



Kalsu, James R

Thank you.

Robert Primeaux, Ph.D.,

robertprimeaux@sbcglobal.net

D Troop, 2nd/17th Cavalry

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My brother Michael Waymire was KIA at Firebase Ripcord on July 5th 1970. I appreciate the stories that are published in your newsletter.

Thank you.

Keri Waymire



Michael Waymire

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When trying to sling load a dozer onto a bare Ripcord LZ with my Ch-47 Chinook (call sign "Varsity"), I darn near took a hit from mortars on a very short final approach. I flared out and barley made it over the LZ. I took the dozer back to Camp Evans. While awaiting further orders I was released for other work. This may have been the 1 April 1970 failed assault. Maybe the Pathfinders will recall this.

We also pulled off a really neat extraction of Pathfinders who were trapped in the clouds across the valley south of Ripcord. A call came over our UHF emergency frequency calling for volunteers. We were heading south with no load and responded. The Cobra escort and Hueys could not make it into the valley due to the weather. But we were able to locate the Pathfinders on the log strewn LZ by hovering up the mountain side. Our crew pulled them aboard with their nylon straps. We did an instrument take off straight up and made radar contact for a vector and GCA approach at Phu Bia airfield.

The Pathfinders had their HQ next to our "Varsity" area at Camp Eagle. They bought drinks that evening at our club. I wonder if any of them remember this. I believe they were scouting for an LZ when they got trapped in the clouds. Maybe this was hill 906? This happened after 1 April but before 13 April when my Chinook took a direct 210 mm mortar round hit on a short final to FSB fuller. Four out of the crew of five survived the crash onto the firebase loading pad. That ended my combat flying career.

God bless all the Ripcord vets.

Over and out'

WO-1 Bill "Oscar" Mayer

B/159 ASHB

Ch-47 Chinook "Varsity" 1969-70

I've attended only one reunion since my husband's death in 2002 and have lost touch with most people I've met. Would like to reconnect with Herb's Ripcord comrades and hope to be able to attend the next reunion.

All the Best in 2019,

Veronika Koenigsbauer

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Who do I contact to obtain the email address of my old squad leader, George Strasberg? I have some photos I'd like to send to him.

Gary Brecht

D 2/506th, later BN HQ S-1

Editor Note: If you let us know we will give the person sought your info and leave it up to them to make contact.

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A special thanks to the Ripcord Association officers, newsletter staff, reunion organizers, 'their spouses' and all others who volunteer their time and effort. Not to mention funding personal expenses, not always reimbursed, if at all to accomplish what has been done and still continues. NO SMALL TASK.

Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

George Strasburg,

502/ Delta Company

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I don't know what the line is between Ripcord Veteran and Associate but we were in the jungle around Ripcord specifically FSB Maureen is where we were made combat ineffective the end of April beginning of May 1970.

Michael Bookser,

B 1/506

Editor Note: You're a survivor!

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Thank you so much, Frank, for all the work you put into the newsletter. You have helped so many people by making contacts possible with others who had similar experiences during the war. I can't begin to understand what so many of you guys went through. You are amazing!

Deborah Kuennen

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I was on the two man EOD team sent from Rakkasan to Ripcord when the Chinook went down in the ammo dump and caused all the ammo to start cooking off and scatter all over the firebase.

*Charles Watson,
287th EOD*

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Came to Alpha 2nd platoon with a Kit Carson Scout named Tran Du. He went AWOL in Jan 70. I moved to newly formed 4th platoon, then joined LZ Cutters. On an LZ mission with 3rd platoon, we were attacked on 18 Feb suffering 2 KIA and 5 WIA all members of 3rd platoon. All of us LZ Cutters became members of 3rd platoon after that. I stayed with the company through March and April and then was awarded a rear job in supply on 14 April. Was on Ripcord the final three days 21-23 July. Ended my tour logging supply birds to all the companies from my home on FSB Rakkasan.

*Bill Heath,
Alpha and HHC 2/506th Infantry 101st Abn*

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Days after the evacuation of FSB ripcord, I was on the first Bird into the saddle where Captain Don Workman was killed to retrieve the bodies left behind. I am the one who discovered his body. B Co. 2nd/501 located all of the deceased soldiers. I learned from SGT. Melvin Olsen in 2013 that one of the bodies we found died in the kneeling position, on his (hands and knees). We were told that the LZ had been gassed and would be HOT so we had gas masks on. I disembarked the slick and ran out of the right side of the bird, with Don Otto and LT. Robert Layton.



Workman, Donald R.

I ran to a fallen tree and hit the deck. As I waited for the reception by the NVA. As I looked over the log with my gas mask still on, I focused on a 1/2 of a human being, the upper torso, and a black skeleton. I saw the Captain Bars on the collar, and the eye sockets where red beetles were crawling. I then moved out waiting for

the reception committee to greet us, they had left. I ran to the base of a hill and took off my gas mask. I looked up and there had to be 15 to 20 helicopters peppering the ridge above us. I thought to myself what the hell happened here. Too, I thought it sure is a beautiful day today. I think it was somewhere around the end of July.

*Craig Willcuts,
B Co. 2/501, 101 Airborne Div.*

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I served two tours in Vietnam. In 1968 I was a Special Forces A team leader at Camp Plateau Gi (A-243). In 1970 I was CO of Charlie Company 2nd/501st 101st ABN. I was wounded at 6AM on July 5th and medevacked to Hospital Ship Sanctuary for 10 days and sent to Camp Zama Japan for 8 days. I was then sent to Valley Forge Military Hospital in Phoenixville PA from 24 July until 22 December 1970.

*Leonard Kuplinski,
C Company/2nd/501st/ 101st ABN*

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I was just a tourist photographer but appreciate everything you all did. And I'm again thrilled that Lucas refused our request to let us join you in the bush. Perfect example of being careful what you ask for.

*Best regards,
Chris Jensen,
221st Signal Company/Southeast Asia Pictorial Center*
(Editor Note: Most of the great photos of FSB Ripcord were taken and submitted by Chris Jensen)

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I was one of six men not wounded, (physically anyway) out of 75, (A 2/506) men in the field on 07/22/1970

*Jody Smith,
A 2/506*

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I'm so very proud and honored to be a small part of the Fire Base Ripcord Family.

*Bruce Bond
58th Inf. Scout Dog Plt.*

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SGM Lloyd Rahif who served with the 3rd BDE S-3 during the Ripcord battle recently received a Lifetime membership Achievement Award from the 101st Airborne Division Association for his untiring efforts to get men to sign up for the association. He has been a supporter of our association over the years with contributions to the Ladies Raffle and general support. His recognition is well deserved!

Congratulations Lloyd!

Hope to see you in Missouri in 2020 or sooner.



SGM Lloyd Rahif

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Lee,

We wanted to get our reservations in for the early discount so it's to you now! We also enclosed a donation. Can't wait to see everyone again!

Fred & Sondra Martin

A 2/11 FA

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Dear Lee,

Kristi and I will not be able to attend the reunion this year as we did not know the change in months when we made our family vacation plans. We will be there next year., Have it on the calendar already.

Greg Kiekinveld

B 326 ENG.

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Brother Lee,

I am Stephen Forsstrom; I was a platoon leader on 19 April 1970 when I lost two soldiers during an early morning assault by the NVA. Personally, it was a tragic loss as I felt these two deaths were avoidable; I was compelled to set my platoon in a NDP that I felt was placing my element in extreme vulnerability. I petitioned the company commander, Captain Robert Stanton, to permit me to move my platoon away from the bottom of a hill. I requested one other platoon leader to accompany me for a second request, to no avail. The next morning, we received RPG fire, as I had prophesized.

I only had Sgt. James Jarrett for about a week when he was KIA. He had received his E5 rank via the NCO school; yet, he was well qualified in holding that rank. As was the case for every one of my NCOs, I would have them accompany me for about a week as I felt it pertinent to train each NCO to be my replacement should



Jarrett, James D

I be dispatched or reassigned. Sgt. Jarrett had a sound aptitude and was destined to take over one of my squads very soon. As I recall, he had just been married shortly before his deployment. My regret is I didn't know him better. The morning he was KIA, he passed immediately from severe wounds to his face and upper torso.

As regards to Sgt. Jeffrey Joseph, he was one of the finest soldiers I've ever served with. Sgt. Joseph made his stripes the conventional way, he earned them through his leadership skills and his astute soldiering skills. He was, indeed, a profound inspiration to our platoon; and, his loss haunted me for years due the circumstances of his death.



Jeff Joseph

When I first acquired the platoon (@ FSB Bastogne), near the end of February 1970, 2/B/501 had been without their platoon leader for a few days. The previous platoon leader had transferred to Special Forces soon after he joined them. He had been an effective leader; and, who shoes were a challenge to fill. Nevertheless, 2nd platoon accepted me with some reservation; it was obvious. Soon, we were in the field and almost immediately, we faced some difficulties. It was imperative we attain high ground for a NDP; members of the platoon stated they

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were too tired to continue and wished to set up where we were. I stated we were going to high ground, on the horizon; and, in spite of my 90# ruck, I went & grab a MG's "pig", threw it over my shoulder, and ordered them to follow me. I had taken about a dozen steps when I heard Sgt. Joseph command (the platoon) with, "... you heard the LT; get moving". There was another instance whereby Sgt. Joseph was a inspiring, it was a much appreciated action.

Sgt Joseph had a unique sense of humor. My first night in the jungle, thanks to a scout dog, a cobra was discovered in my intended platoon CP. After much trepidation, I dispatched the snake w/ a point man's machete. Immediately, Sgt Joseph asked for the skin to make a hat band! He had grown up in a rural area of California and was into outdoor activities. Hunting NVA wasn't much different than hunting wild game, in his view. He was a focused leader; yet, there were times when he could be a kid.

Sgt Joseph commenced BCT @ Ft Lewis with his brother, Jerry. At the transition to AIT, his brother was sent home due to medical issues. They were close growing up, Jerry was the older, and it bothered Sgt Joseph that his brother couldn't be deployed with him. The family was close; and, it's my understanding his passing devastated the father. His brother, whom I have been in contact with, went through a period of guilt. It was a tragic loss to the family.

On the morning of 10 April 1970, my platoon descended Re-Up Hill, conducting a RIF to the SE towards "the valley". I was walking 4th man and as we arrived onto a relatively flat area, we discerned an ambush directly ahead. My slack man and I, both color blind, yelled 'tiger' while quick-releasing our rucks. We initiated fire on the enemy; they returned fire and departed. As the 5 of us lay within the kill zone, I asked if everyone was ok. We were! However, I began receiving reports of WIAs up the hill. Sgt Joseph was among the five that I medivaced within the hour. Sgt Joseph was assigned to 85th medical in in Phu Bai with a forearm wound.

Following continual direct contact for (12) straight days, and with the loss of personnel due to re-up opportunities (hence, the name of that frightful hill) & casualties, some rear echelon personnel were directed to grab weapons and await a transfer to our

company position. Sgt Joseph somehow heard about the reinforcing while visiting from the medical facility. As was his nature, he wanted to contribute to our need for pack strength. He joined the first sergeant and arrived at our position; that was late in the day of 18 April 1970. He was KIA the following morning.

Sgt Joseph was wounded in the face. As he lay there, my medic discerned he had a pulse and with the assistance from the 1st platoon medic (doc Joh Marks), a trach was performed to enable his breathing; all the while, his head lay in my lap. As his pulse improved, I requested my medic (Jay Eilers) to ride up the penetrator to keep the trach tube from binding; he did so without hesitation. As we moved to an extraction point, we learned Sgt Joseph had passed.

Stephen Forsstrom

B/2-501

Springfield 2019 Attendee List signed up so far

Bruce Brady & Karolyn Kruger A 2/506
Timothy & Elaine Lanier-Bohan Pathfinder
Bill Boles D 2 /506
Tex Campbell D 2/506
Merle, Ruth & Josh DeLagrange D 1/506
Chuck & Jean Holmen A 159 ASHB
Hutch Hutchinson C 2/506
Rick & Betty Kellogg B 2/506
Leonard Larson A 2/320 FA
Tony & Koleen Little D 2/506
Al & Sondra Martin A 2/11 FA
Jim & Michele McCoy D 1/506
Ron & Linda McCrory E 2/506
Bruce & Ramona Nelson B 2/319 FA
Joe O. Smith B/326 ENG & D 2/506
Dave & Lisa Snyder A 2/11 FA
Fred & Micki Spaulding HHC 3rd Bde
Robert Tarbuck & Paige Corkhill C 2/506
Lee & Kathy Widjeskog A 2/506

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

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Monday 20 July to Thursday 23 July

Leave Friday 24 July

More information for 2020 reunion in future newsletters and updates

RIPCORDEREUNION 2019 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

[] Yes, I'll be there!

[] I have not received a Ripcord Coin.

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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 "RIPCORDEREUNION ASSOCIATION"

Mail your check with this form to:

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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 [] .

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