



# RIPCORN REPORT



For Friends and Survivors of the Battle of Fire Support Base Ripcord  
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## 2024 RIPCORN REUNION UPDATE

### The Hilton Doubletree Resort

3200 S Ocean Blvd. Myrtle Beach, SC

Sunday, October 27 through Wednesday, October 30, 2024

The 2024 Reunion will be at The Hilton Doubletree Oceanfront Resort located at the south end of Myrtle Beach. It is just three miles (10 minutes) from the Myrtle Beach Airport. The Hotel is also located two miles from the Market Common Shopping and Restaurant District, formally the old Air Force Base.

Murrells Inlet, known as “Seafood Capital of South Carolina” offers from fine-dining restaurants with white tablecloths to burger joints where you can discard peanut shells on the floor. Murrells Inlet also has a wonderful selection of restaurants for any taste. Of course, the area is famous for fresh seafood that is caught daily, including crabs, oysters, clams, and seasonal fish. Enjoy all of your favorite seafood dishes, as well as any other type of cuisine in Murrells Inlet. They are located 10 miles from hotel.

### Monday night show at Legends

This is a fun spot where live impersonators revive both the living and dead artists. There is no auto-tune, no lip-synching, and no pantomime fakes, these performers hit every note of their respective superstar’s



hits and even impeccably emulate their moves and facial expressions. After you see this show, you will leave incredulous (albeit temporarily) with the idea that you really saw Elvis perform in Myrtle Beach. (Taken from the Website: legendsinconcert.com).

Luke Bryan, The Blues Brothers, Whitney Houston, Rod Stewart and Elvis.

The Ripcord Association has booked 100 tickets for this event to be held on Monday, October 28, 2024.

Each ticket is \$27 and they start seating at 6:30pm for the 7:30pm showing. Dress is casual, we are on vacation. The show lasts approximately two hours with a fifteen-minute intermission.

This is not a dinner show, so you might want to eat before you go. Those wishing to attend, MUST contact Frank Marshall in advance to secure a seat in our group. Contact Frank Marshall 609-472-0970 or FBripcord@gmail.com as soon as you can. We will reserve your seats and you will pay when you register at the reunion reception room. The Association has arranged for buses to take us from the hotel to the show and back.



### NEW THIS YEAR



The Association is providing donuts and pastries for the mornings of Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday in the Hospitality room. The hotel will provide plenty of coffee between hours of 7am until 10am.

This will give the attending members morning time to sit and mingle with each other over their coffee and pastries.

Many breakfast places are located nearby. A list will be provided upon registering in the hospitality room.

## From the President

Bill Boles



Hello everyone. We are getting closer to reunion in October. I would encourage everyone to send in their Registrations.

I think this is going to be one of the best reunions we have had in awhile. A lot of people that haven't been to a reunion in awhile, have signed up for this one.

## Ripcord Association Update

by Peter Meloro



Hello, again from New Jersey. Spring is here and summer (hopefully) is not far off. We have had our share of rain as has much of the Country. Hopefully the weather patterns change and we experience a normal summer.

Registrations for our October reunion have been steadily arriving and we now have 111 people registered to attend. Frank Marshall has informed me that the number of people who signed up for the event at Legends has been impressive. It should be an enjoyable evening and an event we may certainly continue in future reunions. We have also arranged for buses that will take us to the event and make a return trip to the Hotel. Therefore no one needs to be concerned about how they will get there. The cost of the buses will be picked up by the Association.

We have noticed that a number of people have registered with the Hotel in Myrtle Beach but have not sent in their registration. If this applies to you, please send in your registration forms as this allows us to track attendance and prepare for the reunion.

Now for some really outstanding and long awaited news. I spoke recently with Kathy Widjeskog and learned that she plans to attend this year's reunion. I know I speak for the entire Ripcord Family when I say that all of us are looking forward to seeing her at the reunion. She will be accompanied by her daughter Denise Powers and her son Brett Widjeskog. This is news that we have all been hoping for and thankfully, it will be a reality come October.

I hope this finds everyone well and in good spirits.

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## Ripcord on Facebook

by Anthony Critchlow

Summer is on its way I think. We are still getting snow in the mountains here in Idaho.



Our Facebook page is up to 1343 members. I have not been getting a lot of the spam posts anymore. I am guessing Facebook has changed something that stops them. This does not bother me at all. Please keep posting your pictures of you time in Vietnam.

Dennise and I are looking forward to this year's reunion. We have never been to the east coast. Be safe this summer everyone.



**Join our Facebook group:  
Ripcord Association  
Hosted by Anthony Critchlow  
1,343 current members**

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### BY THE NUMBERS

- 714 members in our Ripcord Association
- 592 are Ripcord Veterans
- 122 are Associate Members
- 145 receive newsletter via Postal Mail
- 564 receive the newsletter via e-mail
- 1,343 Facebook "Ripcord Association Group"

## FSB Ripcord Association 2024 Reunion

by John Fowler

## A CHARLIE COMPANY HERO CROSSES OVER

When: October 27 – 30, 2024

Where: Double Tree Resort by Hilton  
Myrtle Beach Oceanfront  
3200 S. Ocean Boulevard  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577  
843-315-7100



We are returning to Myrtle Beach for the 2024 and 2025 Reunions. Due to the deteriorated condition of the Sands Ocean Club Resort, the Board of Directors searched for a better hotel that would provide high quality accommodations and amenities at a fair price. The Double Tree Oceanfront Resort was the result of the search. The Double Tree Resort is located in the heart of the Myrtle Beach commercial district with many dining and entertainment options nearby.

**The negotiated room rate is \$127/night plus tax. The total daily expense for room, tax and fees is \$137.64. The following is included:**

### In Room Amenities:

- Basic guest internet access (up to 2 devices).
- Unlimited local & 800 phone access.
- In room bottled water.

### Resort Amenities:

- Walking access to Pier.
- 10% off onsite Gift Shop purchases.
- Use of Beach towels during stay.
- AM Coffee in hotel lobby.

### Recreation Amenities:

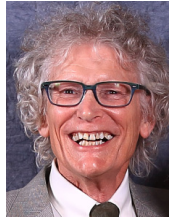
- Mini golf.
- Lifesized games & board games.

### Onsite parking

- Free.

Reservations can be made by calling 843-315-7100. Make sure to mention that you are with the Firebase Ripcord Group. A link will soon be posted on the Ripcord Association website to allow on line registration with the Double Tree Resort.

It is with great sadness that I received word that Captain Jeff Wilcox crossed over at his home in Saugatuck, Michigan, on March 12, 2024 after a lengthy illness. Jeff was a most remarkable man and soldier who possessed all of the qualities needed to be a superb combat leader of men.



Jeff Wilcox

Jeff was raised in Gary, Indiana, and graduated from high school in 1964. After graduation, Jeff was selected to attend West Point and graduated in 1968. Then he was commissioned as an infantry 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Jeff married his soulmate and lifelong companion Katherine, ten days after his graduation from West Point. Katherine was the unfailing source of love, support, comfort, joy, happiness, and contentment in his life. Jeff and Katherine had known each other since the second grade. Jeff then attended Airborne and Ranger School before being assigned to serve in an Army unit located in Berlin, Germany. In March of 1970, Jeff was assigned to Vietnam to be the platoon leader of the 1st platoon in A/2/506th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. He served in this capacity until he was promoted to Captain, at which time he was assigned to be the Company Commander of Echo Company. When the Charlie Company commander was killed in the attack on Hill 902, Jeff was appointed on July 2, 1970 to be the new Charlie Company Commander. In mid-July, Jeff was assigned to be an operation's officer in the Third Brigade S-3 shop at Camp Evans, where he served out the remainder of his tour in Vietnam. Jeff returned to the United States and served a year and a half in the Transportation Corp, before separating from the Army.

After Jeff separated from the army, he and his wife Katherine moved to New York City, where Jeff was a top performing large system marketing representative for several years at IBM. Moving with Katherine in 1980 to San Francisco, California, he took a job for a radio station in the production of a radio show named "Salute the Vietnam Veterans". Jeff and Katherine moved to Seattle in 1983, where Jeff took a job as the Administrator of the City of Seattle's Veteran Services and Post Traumatic Counseling Center. Jeff was the face of this organization doing outreach which brought an avalanche of veterans out of the woodwork. Jeff

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*(Charlie Company Hero continued)*

wrote a transformative professional journal article about his work studying PTSD which led to him becoming an Aspen Institute Fellow. Jeff's compassionate heart made him the perfect person to assist Vietnam veterans with their problems. Jeff and Katherine moved to Saugatuck, Michigan, in 1985, where they lived for the rest of his life. Jeff ultimately went into the real estate business, and owned and operated a very successful real estate company.

I first met Jeff when I returned from R&R on July 6, 1970, after the Hill 902 attack. We only served together for a few weeks before he was assigned to the Third Brigade TOC. Charlie Company was involved in two brutal fights with the enemy on July 7 and 8th, 1970. I have previously written a letter (the Hill One Thousand Letter) which is posted on the Ripcord website at "ripcordassociation.com/the July 8, 1970 attack of Hill 1,000", that fully reflects the events that occurred and the great leadership role and courage of Jeff Wilcox in the fight.

Jeff Wilcox was a man whose character was non-negotiable. Duty, Honor, Country was his creed. Jeff understood that combat leaders have special relationships with their followers and more importantly have special responsibilities to them. He understood and took seriously his responsibility to promote growth in the professional and relational aspects of the lives of those he led. Jeff made an investment in his soldiers because they were special to him, and as a result, he was special to them. Jeff's call for commitment, integrity, dedication and sacrifice on the part of those he led in battle was honored because Jeff, by example, was himself committed, honest, dedicated and willing to sacrifice. In an environment of stress, fatigue, hardship and sacrifice, by his calm and inspirational leadership. Jeff instilled confidence in his soldiers that they would endure; that they would succeed, and that they would prevail.

I have never known an officer that was more devoted to the men he commanded than Jeff Wilcox. Jeff enjoyed a wonderful reputation for his compassion and leadership skills as the 1st platoon leader in Alpha Company. First platoon stalwarts like Frank Marshall, Jim "Tiny" Aanonsen, etc. would praise Jeff as the most outstanding platoon leader in Alpha Company, whose devotion to the soldiers he commanded was unparalleled. It was his confidence to perform the job given to him and accomplish the missions given to him

that were so inspirational to his soldiers. They would go on to say that Jeff was a firm commander, who at the same time, was interested in what his soldiers had to say. His compassion for his men made them willing to fulfill their assigned missions.

Jeff was in command of Charlie Company for only 6 days when he received the order to join in a joint attack of Hill 1,000 with Delta Company. His combat leadership on that day was exemplary. Charlie Company's mission was to attack the western knoll of Hill 1,000 on July 8, 1970, with only 30 soldiers in the company. Delta Company's mission was to attack the eastern knoll of Hill 1,000. Jeff was a commander who led from the front. After Charlie Company took the western knoll of Hill 1,000, Jeff then received a direct order from his commander to attack across the saddle and take the Eastern knoll of Hill 1,000. Jeff advised his commander that to attack across the saddle would be ill advised as the attacking unit would be devastated by the plunging fire that would be placed on them by the enemy. His commander then repeated his direct order to attack across the saddle immediately. Jeff turned to me and said "Jim, we have to carry out the order". I advised him that I would lead the maneuver element in the attack across the saddle. Jeff then advised me that he would lead the attack across the saddle between the two knolls, and I was to lead the support element covering the maneuver. The failed attack across the saddle by the maneuver element led by Jeff Wilcox was the most courageous act of a group of soldiers that I ever witnessed in my tour in Vietnam. Bob Smoker, who temporarily served as one of Jeff's RTO's when Jeff took over Charlie Company, well remembers the lightning strike on Hill 805 when he and Jeff were standing in a foxhole filled with water from a pouring rain. Jeff remarked to him "What a great day to be a soldier". Bob also stated that he would never forget Jeff's bravery and care for his troops on Hill 1,000, and that Jeff was a great man.

Jeff Wilcox had the purest and most unselfish heart of a soldier that served with me in battle. He inspired his soldiers like no other. I have often been asked to describe to others what kind of a soldier and human being Jeff was. I have always answered that Jeff was a magnificent human being who was a cross between Sam Damon (the fictional character in Anton Myer's classic war novel, "Once an Eagle") and Sir Galahad, the purest knight of the round table.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
1st Lt. Jim Campbell*

## More interviews to be conducted at this reunion

Dr. James Smither of Grand Valley State University, will be at this year’s reunion to conduct additional interviews and also to have follow-up conversations with interviewees relating to their stories and questions that arise as he works on his book about Ripcord. He is also interested in talking with those who do not want to do recorded interviews but have information that they want to share or things that they want to make sure that he covers. If you have not yet been interviewed and would like to have him record your story, please contact him by email at [smitherj@gvsu.edu](mailto:smitherj@gvsu.edu) or leave a voicemail message on his office phone, 616-331-3422. If you know you’d like to talk with him off camera, feel free to contact him in advance as well so that he can make sure that he catches up with you at the reunion.



Good afternoon, Mr. Marshall,

My name is Madyson Meyer (Uwe Meyer’s granddaughter) and I was wondering if I would be able to journalistically cover the reunion this October?

I attended once before when I was a little girl, my sister and I passed out the raffle prizes. Now that I’m older, I’ve developed a passion for telling stories, and hope to work as an International Correspondent when I’m older.

Growing up in my grandfather’s family, I’ve always harbored a respect for the people in our nation’s military, and I would be honored for the opportunity to document some of their stories.

You can find some of my journalistic work under *Around Kennesaw Magazine* and *Vox ATL’s* publications. Additionally, I am a Governors Honors Program Alumni in the area of literature, and maintain a 4.0 GPA in high school, where I am currently a junior, and run multiple literary-based clubs.

All of this to say that I would do my due diligence to ensure that the stories I hear are documented accurately and respectfully, with the express intention of recording the lives of these soldiers, so that they are not lost to history.

Through my work, I have access to professional cameras and microphones which I could use (with the permission of the Ripcord Association, of course) to record interviews that I would later turn into a broadcast

segment and an article.

The pieces I produce as a result of attending the reunion, would be given to the Ripcord Association of course, and likely published with *Vox ATL*, *Around About Magazines*, and my high school’s News Website.

Thank you,

Madyson Meyer

## 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, and all our Ripcord members up to date.

- James Fitzgerald
- Alfred & Sondra Martin
- Terry Singleton
- Bill Hand
- Chris Brady
- Jim & Michelle McCoy
- Paul Buhr
- John & Debbie Fowler
- Family of Larry Christman
- Robert Wright
- Gary & Patty Radford
- Peter & Chris Meloro
- Andy Hegedus
- Joe Repya

Checks payable to: “**Ripcord Association**”.

Mail to: **Pete Meloro**

**107 Maple Drive**

**Spring Lake Hts, NJ 07762**

## The FSB Ripcord Diorama update.

The South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum will be closed to general admission for four months, starting June 3, while the atrium is under construction. During that time, museum staff will be upgrading the storage of the museum’s more than 7,300 irreplaceable historical artifacts. Reopening is projected for October.

## The Uncommon Character of Robert Kalsu Continues to Inspire!

Returning home to San Francisco from Del City, Oklahoma, I have time to contemplate what I experienced by attending and participating in the Robert Kalsu statue dedication at the Del City High School. This was a tribute to a true American hero, who lived a life that always demonstrated an extraordinary uncommon character.

With over 500 people, dignitaries and press coverage, we learned about Robert's character that made him an extraordinary leader who naturally drew people to follow him. In sports, family, friendships, faith and patriotism, he always answered the call and did what was needed. Fifty-four years after his death, his example continues to lead and inspire. Drawn together at this ceremony were many different people who were living lives that displayed their extraordinary character.

Most notably, was the Robert Kalsu Legacy Group. Less than two years after their inception of installing the Robert Kalsu statue at the Robert Kalsu Stadium entrance, their goal was achieved! These inspiring people displayed a powerful spirit in their presence, guiding the program and when they spoke. The voice of the team was Navy Captain John Keilty. He not only described the qualities of Robert Kalsu's extraordinary uncommon character, but he shared how it lifted and changed the people who knew Bob throughout his 25 short years.

There were teammates, teachers, coaches and Army buddies, who spoke and shared how Bob's character made an impact in their lives and in others. But I could see many in the audience were also there to honor this hero who had an impact in their lives.

After the statue dedication, we went into the auditorium for a pinning ceremony to honor the Vietnam veterans and family members who lost their soldier in the war. The Ripcord veterans present were honored first. For this Pathfinder little brother to receive PFC Patrick Bohan's pin and to hear, "Welcome home soldier!" It was the sweetest welcoming and greatest honor!

Then we experienced the moving and inspiring premiere viewing of the documentary UNCOMMON CHARACTER: The Legacy of James Robert Kalsu. This is a must see for all who would understand what it means to love our great country, The United States of America.

Before going to the statue dedication, I learned more about Bob Kalsu and his family. I felt that I shared much in common with them as Gold Star Families do (families that have lost their loved one to war). They were becoming important to me. I wanted to bring my best self forward when we met. I shared with them how I was there not only honoring Robert, but to honor the impact on me of my Pathfinder brother Patrick Bohan who died on Ripcord just 11 days before Robert died. I presented Jan with a copy of Lee Widjeskog's Ripcord Casualty Report, which she had not seen. Lee had written a very special tribute to Robert Kalsu on his page.

Jan and her daughter Jill, wanted to hear more about my experiences, while I wanted to learn more about their family. They were going to visit Robert's grave and invited me to come along. Approaching the headstone with his family and friends, reminded me of visits to my brother's grave. I saw how it had Robert's photo and short description of his character. I felt that I was honoring two remarkable soldiers whose lives and deaths continue to make an impact on their families and friends. Then I understood why Jan Kalsu and I naturally drew close to each other. It was why I looked for and bonded with the siblings and family of soldiers who had died when I went to the Ripcord Reunions. We had both faced a disabling loss and found comfort in meeting the soldiers who had served with them. We honored them and wanted to hear their stories. But, we soon learned how they honored us and wanted to apologize for our loss.

In the Ripcord Association, we had found support that was beyond our hopes. I not only found big brothers in these soldiers but family, brothers and sisters who understand the loss experienced at home. They help me find direction, purpose and hope. The Reunions heal!

*Timothy Bohan*

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It was a historic gathering on March 29th in Del City, Oklahoma to reveal the statue of James Robert Kalsu at the stadium that carries his name. Following that revealing we had a "pinning" ceremony for Vietnam Era Veterans and the premiere of a documentary about Kalsu. There were several in attendance who had specific ties to Ripcord.

Here is the YouTube link to "Uncommon Character: The Legacy of James Robert Kalsu".

Gary Banz [glbanz22@cox.net](mailto:glbanz22@cox.net)  
[https://youtu.be/cPW0\\_VRmoos](https://youtu.be/cPW0_VRmoos)

# Signed up for 2024 Ripcord Reunion

*as of May 20, 2024*

(\* Asterisk - have signed up for the Legends show)

*Randy & Pam Baldwin	A 2/506
Richard & Michele Blythe	E & HHC 2/506
Timothy & Elaine Lanier-Bohan	Pathfinder
*Bill Boles	D 2/506
*Frank Bort	C 2/506
*Bruce & Karolyn Brady	A 2/506
Chris Brady	Guest
Jerone Buffington	C 2/506
Paul Buhr	A 2/506
Albert & Claudia Burckard	A 2/506
*Jim & Mary Campbell	C 2/506
Tex Campbell	D 2/506
Ronald & June Cochran	A 2/11 Arty
*Dale & Sue Cooper	C 2/506
Paige Corkhill (Tarbuck)	C 2/506
*David & Connie Cote	B&E 2/506
*Anthony & Dennise Critchlow	HHC 2/506
*Merle & Ruth DeLagrange	D 1/506
*Michael & Christine Dicken	2/506
*Russ & Maryann Dixon	B 2/319 Arty
*John & Debbie Fowler	C 2/506
*Ken & Saralyn Gainer	A 2/506
*Fred & Carol Gilbert	D 2/506
Martin & Lea Glennon	A 2/506
*Bob & Maura Gustafson	Guest
Bill & Lynn Hand	B 2/506
Paul & Laura Hansmann	B 2/506
*Bill & Linda Heath	A 2/506
Dave Hilleran & Guest	B 159 AVNB
Chuck & Jean Holmen	A 159 AVNB
Buzz & Charlene Ireland	C 159 AVNB
Bob & Cindy Jones	HHC 2/506
Bob & Red Judd	B 2/506
*David & Sophia Kenyon	326 Eng
*Greg & Kristi Kiekintveld	B 326 Eng

*Charlie & Janet Lieb	C 2/506
*Tony Little	D 2/506
*David Lockwood & Ingrid Hietzke	A 2/11 Arty
*Frank & Dee Marshall	A 2/506
BW & Dollie Marshall	A 2/11 Arty
*Alfred & Sondra Martin	2/11 Arty
Diane & Joe McCarville	C/2506
*James & Michelle McCoy	D 1/506
*Ron & Linda McCrory	E 2/506
*Peter & Chris Meloro	C 2/506
*Uwe & Diane Meyer	B 2/506
*Tom & Barbara Peacock	D 2/506
*Troy & Barbara Porter	C 2/506
Ray & Sheila Potts + 2 Guest	B 2/319 Arty
Gary & Patty Radford	D 2/506
Buddy & Alisa Ralley	3rb Bde Air Cav
Marc Skinner	D 2/506
Everette Slaughter	B 2/506
Joe Smith	D 2/506
*Bob & Jeanne Smoker	C 2/506
David & Lisa Snyder	A 2/11 Arty
*Dennis & Jane Stortz	D 2/506
Chris & Mary Straub	D 2/501
Charlie & Tracy Tipton	C 2/506
*Craig & Sandra Van Hout	B 2/506
Bill & Pat Watrous	B 2/506
*Leon & Karen Wright	B 326 Eng
*Kathy Widjeskog	
*Denise Powers (Kathy's Daughter)	Guest
*Brett Widjeskog (Kathy's son)	Guest

**(These below have signed up for the legends show but have not registered for the reunion yet.)**

*Jim & Irene Aanonson	*Mike & Laura Renner
*Audrey Wrightsell	*Bob Leibecke

If you plan on attending the Monday night show at Legends, you must let me know now.

Email: FBripcord@gmail.com or call Frank Marshall at 609-472-0970. We have to make reservations for the theatre and the transportation buses.



# RIPCORD REUNION 2024 Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

I have not received a Ripcord Coin.     I require a Reunion Name Tag and Lanyard

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT IN 'NAM \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Will a family member(s) be attending? If yes what are their names? (For name tag purposes only).

\_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for # \_\_\_\_\_ Adults and # \_\_\_\_\_ children under 18.  
\$35 for children under 18.

**Your registration fee of \$75 per Adult covers the cost of  
the snacks, beverages, (includes beer and wine) hot Hors  
D'oeuvres on Tuesday night  
and dinner on Wednesday.**

**Registration fee is now due!**

**Make your check payable to "RIPCORD ASSOCIATION" Mail your check with this form to:**

**Peter Meloro, 107 Maple Drive, Spring Lake Hts, NJ 07762.**

**Questions? Call Pete at 732-947-1664 or Frank Marshall 609-472-0970**

## AGENDA

- Sunday, October 27:** Hospitality suite opens at 1200 hours. (Self guided tours and shopping)  
**Monday, October 28:** Hospitality suite opens at 1200 hours. (Golf in the AM) (Self guided tours)  
**Tuesday, October 29:** Hospitality 1200 Hours. Hot Hors D'oeuvres 1730 hours  
**Wednesday October 30:** Business meeting for association business in Hospitality room (1100 hrs)  
Dinner with cash bar starting at 1700 hours done by 2200 hours.  
**Thursday, October 31:** Homeward bound

**Monday golf outing (a separate fee). Check if you will play [      ].**

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE SEPARATELY**

**BY September 11, 2024 CALL 843-315-7100 for DoubleTree Resort by Hilton**

**and ask for HOTEL RESERVATIONS and mention the**

**GROUP CODE: Firebase Ripcord**

(on line reservation link is on our website [www.ripcordassociation.com](http://www.ripcordassociation.com))

Price is \$107 + Daily Resort Charge per night plus tax: (\$137.64 total)

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