



QNN EXTRA

February 2013

Hello Everyone,

I just did not want to wait two months to pass on this information to everyone. At our reunion in Panama City FL, we agreed that we need to redefine who we are and that we should aim for a reunion every year. We have a place and time for the reunion this year, 6-9 August 2013 in Wilmington NC. Our scheduled activities will be 6-7-8 August. I worked with the hotel to have the room rates available for 5-9 August for those who will be arriving earlier and staying later. There is more on this below.

I guess the real question is who are we? Well we are the Retired USAF Fire Chiefs. This includes any individual who has held the position of Fire Marshal, Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, or Assistant Fire Chief, regardless of rank or grade. I thank everyone who responded to an earlier email on this question and hope that we will continue to grow and pass on our experience to those that would like to learn from the past. As they say, "history has a way of repeating itself." Learn from the past and be ready for the future.

Now for the information on the Wilmington NC reunion.

Your preferred reunion block rate(s) at the Homewood Suites Mayfaire- Wilmington NC are valid from 5 to 9 August 2013. Guests can begin booking now and will have until 21 June 2013 to do so. The preferred reunion block rate(s) are available for a King Studio Suite or a 1-Bedroom Queen/Queen Suite. To guarantee the reservation, a credit card is required at the time of booking. You must cancel at least 48 hours prior to your scheduled arrival or a penalty may be incurred. A minimum 2-night stay is required.

Included in your suite rate are the following amenities:

- Spacious suite with a full kitchen and modern amenities
- Hot breakfast buffet daily
- Evening dinner & drinks (Monday-Thursday)
- High-speed wireless/wired internet access
- 24-hour Business Center
- 24-hour "Sweet" Shop
- Precor® Certified Fitness Center
- Heated outdoor pool/hot tub and PGA style putting green

To book a suite, guests can choose from one of the following options:

- Via the internet: www.homewoodsuitesmayfaire.com
 - Choose your dates and click on “ADD SPECIAL RATE CODE”
 - Under “GROUP CODE” enter **AFR** and click on “Check Availability”
- Call the hotel directly and speak with a Guest Service Agent. The number to call is: (910) 791-7272. Please provide your code (AFR) and or the group name to the Guest Service Agent to receive the group rate. **AFR and USAF Retired Fire chiefs Reunion**
- If you have access to a computer, the following site will take you to a secure site specifically for this event.
- http://homewoodsuites.hilton.com/en/hw/groups/personalized/I/ILMMTHW-AFR-20130805/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 6 August

Check in at hotel and meet and greet other attendees in Hotel Lobby.

1700-1900 Dinner and drinks at hotel (included in room price)

1900-???? Social Time

Wednesday, 7 August

0630-0930 Breakfast buffet (included in room price)

1000 Gathering to honor Chief Doug Courchene (founder of the QNN) and Miss Evelyn. Other administration items as needed. Open discussion to follow.

1200 Lunch on your own. There are several restaurants within a 5- minute walking distance of the hotel.

After lunch activities on your own. Tours of the Battleship USS North Carolina, Cape Fear River tours, and Segway Tours available

1700-1900 Dinner and drinks at hotel (included in room price)

1900-???? Social Time

Thursday, 8 August

- 0630-0930 Breakfast buffet (included in price of room)
- 1100 Board trolley for a tour of Wilmington, lunch at Front Street Brewery Restaurant (included), and a tour of Airlie Gardens. Return to hotel. Price \$40 per person. Minimum of 15 required.
- 1700-1900 Dinner and drinks at hotel (included in room price)
- 1900-???? Social Time

Friday, 9 August

0630-0930 Breakfast buffet (included in room price)

End of scheduled activities. Have a safe trip home. Thank you for your participation and hope to see you next year.

YOUR WORD

Hi Charlie ~

Thanks ever so much for the electronic copy QNN. I'm so sorry about my delayed e-mail response. After the holidays, my civil service job (HQ AFRC Command Fire Chief (BOS)) has kept me very busy. Needless to say, I am very grateful to be employed during these harsh economic times our great nation is experiencing.

Thanks Again - Steve Fuller frejack1@att.net

Thanks Charlie for the QNN, and my best to Donald in retirement. God Bless you all.
Wayne.M.Kee@nasa.gov

Charlie,

Thanks for a very good QNN. Please let me know if I can ever do anything to help you.

Your Friend

Tom thomsmith@thomsmithfire.com

Charlie, I'm a snail mail customer I do not want to be associated with a computer. I retired in 1965 after over twenty years of military with US Navy and Air Force and over 14 years Civil Service, retired in 1979. I'm 93 years young and still kicking but not very high. I enjoy the QNN; however, I see so many individuals I have never met. But then thinking I have retired from the military for 47 years and many of those mentioned could have entered the Air Force and retired with 30 or more years of service. Keep up the good work. Glenn E. Cloud, CMSgt, Ret. USAF