



47th Anniversary
Summer 2012

A Word From Willie

The Society of Wild Weasels Newsletter
wild-Weasels-board@googlegroups.com



Attention Wild Weasels:

The Society of Wild Weasels 2012 Reunion is rapidly approaching. The reunion will be a great opportunity to renew old friendships and learn the “rest of the story” about events big and small. We plan to start out with “Flight Suit” Dinner Buffet on the evening of 28 September in the Crowne Plaza Hotel Hampton Marina in downtown Hampton Virginia. For those of you with energy and stories remaining after the buffet we will have a well stocked Hospitality Suite that opens onto the hotel’s second floor pool deck. On Saturday we will have the obligatory General Membership Meeting, a catered lunch and then a symposium where we intend to trace the Wild Weasel mission from the beginning through the present and into the future. We encourage as many members as possible to sign up for the lunch as this is offsetting the rental fees for the conference room. Following the symposium, we are hoping to have an F-16CJ on static display at Langley.

While the Society members are enjoying the General Membership Meeting and Symposium, there is an opportunity for the Ladies to have lunch at a local Tea House and then take a pick of an afternoon at a Spa or shopping in Williamsburg. We need to know how many people are interested in these events to ensure we have enough vehicles for transportation. After relaxing in the Hospitality Suite, we will walk across the street to the Virginia Air and Space Center where you will have an opportunity to tour the Center before or after our Banquet.

The weather in the Hampton Roads area at the end of September is normally beautiful so if you have the time you can take advantage of other attractions in the area such as Virginia Beach, Williamsburg or any of the many historic sites. For our many members who live in the Hampton Roads area, there is plenty of parking at the Crowne Plaza so if you want to sleep at home, bring your designated driver and join us. In this edition you will find the most up to date details for the reunion. Please take the time to fill out the signup sheet and send it in so we can finalize the details. We hope you can join us!

If you have questions, contact us at Wild-Weasels-board@googlegroups.com.

As always, please remember our soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen who are deployed in various hot spots around the world.

Cave Putorium,
Ed “Victor” Ballanco, Chief-in-Charge Wild Weasel

Hotel Information

The reunion will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Hampton-Marina, 700 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA 23669. Make your plans to attend now. You can make reservations by accessing the Crowne Plaza reservation system at the booking link [Society of Wild Weasels](#). Our block code is SWW. You may also call toll-free at 1-888-233-9527.

Travel to the Hotel

The hotel is 15 miles from either the Newport News-Williamsburg International Airport or the Norfolk International Airport. If you have a choice, we recommend the Newport News-Williamsburg Airport to avoid crossing the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel that normally backs up on Friday afternoons.

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Buy your own copy of the Wild Weasel Book

Ed Rock's book "**First In, Last Out: Stories By The Wild Weasels**" has sold nearly 400 copies. It's a great read with pictures! Every Wild Weasel should buy at least two copies, one for him and one for the family. Buy it at: <http://www.authorhouse.com/BookStore/SearchCatalog.aspx>. All proceeds go to your Society.

- 1500 SOWW Board Meeting
- 1900 Flight Suit Party
- 29 Sep SOWW Members
 - 1000 General Membership Meeting
 - 1130 Lunch
 - 1300 – 1500 Wild Weasel Symposium
 - 1530 Static Display (Tentative)
 - 1800 Banquet
- 29 Sep Spouses
 - 1130 Lunch at a Tea House
 - 1300 – 1630 Choice of afternoon at a Spa or shopping in Williamsburg
 - Return for Banquet
- 30Sep
 - Breakfast
 - Depart

Elections

The WW Charter states that elections will normally be held at our reunions. If any members are interested in running for elected office, please inform Jerry Knotts, Executive Secretary, (j.knotts@egismail.com) NLT 1 August 12. Any member running for office must attend the reunion to accept the position if elected during the general membership business meeting.

First In...



The credo of the Wild Weasel mission is to be the *First In* and the *Last Out* to provide maximum protection from radar guided enemy air defenses to the strike force. Noted aviation artist Keith Ferris has immortalized the destruction of the first Surface-to-Air-Missile site near Phu Tho, North Vietnam on 22 December 1965 by F-100F number 58-1226 flying out of Korat RTAB, Thailand flown by Pilot Captain Allen Lamb and EWO Captain Jack Donovan. The limited edition signed lithograph can be purchased at the Reunion

The SOCIETY OF WILD WEASELS

Membership APPLICATION, Data UPDATE and Dues INVOICE:

Thank you for your interest and support in this Society of *past, present, and future Warriors* their **Keepers** and **Supporters** (*The Wild Weasels*) dedicated to the combat mission of superiority over hostile air defenses. We thank all who are applying for membership, those who want to rejoin and those who so faithfully support their Society. (For online application go to <http://www.wildWeasels.org/>)

Please **ENTER** your **DATA** by *printing* in the blanks.

Last Name: _____ **First:** _____ **Mi:** _____ **Suffix:** _____

WW # _____ **Nick Name:** _____ **Service:** _____ **Rank:** O or E # _____
(If a member)

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____ - _____

Phones: Home (_____) _____ - _____ **Work** (_____) _____ - _____

E-Mails #1 _____ @ _____ **E-Mail #2** _____ @ _____

Active Duty? ___ / **Retired/ Separated?** m ___ d ___ y ___ **DoB:** m ___ d ___ y ___ **Spouse's First Name:** _____

What did you do as a Wild Weasel and do now?

AIRCREW: **Pilot?** ___ **EWO?** ___ **WSO?** ___ **B/N?** ___ **Type Aircraft?** _____ **Crewed with?** _____

Unit(s) & Dates: _____

_____ **# WW Combat missions?** _____ **# Confirmed SAM Kills / Type?** ___ / ___

OTHER: (Weasel Keeper, Tech Rep, Engineer, Intelligence, Staff, etc)? _____

Unit(s) & Dates _____

Awards & Decs? _____

Current Job & Company: _____

Initiation Fee: \$15. Due with this application. Includes Membership Certificate and Wild Weasel Key Chain engraved with your Wild Weasel number.

Annual Dues: \$15, due on 1 January each year. To be **ACTIVE**, you must pay this year's dues (\$15) before *1 April*. If you are in arrears (Inactive) please pay \$15 NOW.

Life Membership, Fee: \$300 if 50 years old or less or, if *more than 50 years old*, use this *formula*:

80 minus your age X 10 (Minimum \$100) = Life Membership fee: \$ _____

Initiation Fee for new guys (\$15) \$ _____ **OR Annual Dues (\$15): \$** _____

I include an optional contribution for the good of our Society of: \$ _____

I enclose my check payable to The Society of Wild Weasels for a TOTAL of: \$ _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** m ___ d ___ y ___

New applicant's endorsing Wild Weasel _____ **WW#** _____

Mail completed application to: **Society of Wild Weasels, P.O. Box 877, Silver Spring, MD 20918.**

Questions? Contact wild-Weasels-board@googlegroups.com or any of these Society Officers:

Ed "Victor" Ballanco
Chief Wild Weasel

Tom Hanton
Deputy Chief

Stan Goldstein
General Secretary

Dave Brog
Treasurer

Swede Seagren
Weasel at Large

WILD WEASELS 2012 Reunion

Your *Society of Wild Weasels* will meet in Hampton, Virginia September 28 – 29, 2012

All Wild Weasels, their families and guests are cordially invited to join us at this special Wild Weasel Reunion and Dedication

Join-Us by completing and mailing this REGISTRATION FORM with your CHECK to:

Society of Wild Weasels P.O. Box 877, Silver Spring, MD 20918

Please REGISTER Before 31 Aug 2012

Name: _____ WW# _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone(s): _____

September 2012 Date:		28		29						30	
Wild Weasel 2012 Activities and Events: (Events, Locations)	Regis- tration Crow- ne Pla- za Lo- bby	Fligh- t Su- it Pa- rty Crow- ne PI- aza	Hos- pit- ali- ty Su- ite	Lunc- h Cro- w- ne PI- az- a	Spo- us- es Lun- ch (Pay you go)	Spa (Pay as you go)	Shoppi- ng in Willia- msburg (Pay as you go)	Banque- t Virginia Air & Spac- e Cent- er	Hos- pit- ali- ty Su- ite	Brea- kfast Crow- ne PI- aza	Total
	Cost per person	\$35	\$40	\$15	\$20	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$65	\$15	
Name: First "Nickname" Last											
Relationship to Weasel											
Guest 1:											
Guest 2:											
Guest 3:											
Guest 4:											
Grand Total											

