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Fallen Wild Weasels Hand Salute! Rest in Peace...

Words from the CINC

HEADS UP! The Society of Wild Weasels Board of Directors has or will have AT LEAST 2 vacancies to fill - that of CinC Wild Weasel and Vice-CinC Wild Weasel. Nominations to fill these positions are now open.

The By Laws state: Nominated members and elected or appointed officers must be Regular Members (Active or Life Members) in good standing... Elections for officers are normally conducted during General Membership meetings. Once elected, officers serve a four-year (4) term, and may be elected again.

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

Cave Putorium,
Swede Seagren,
Chief-in-Charge Wild Weasel

Buy your own copy of the Wild Weasel Book

Ed Rock's book "**First In, Last Out: Stories By The Wild Weasels**" has sold over 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.

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 from Allen Lamb.

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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# _____

Please mail to: Society of Wild Weasels, P.O. Box 877, Silver Spring, MD 20918.

Questions? Contact wwboard@wildweasels.org or any of these Society Officers:

- Ed "Victor" Ballanco Chief Wild Weasel edward.ballanco@wildweasels.org
Tom Hanton Deputy Chief tom@ygbism.net
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Swede Seagren Weasel at Large swedebear@gmail.com

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50th Anniversary Wild Weasel Reunion

You are invited to the REUNION CELEBRATING the 50th ANNIVERSARY of the WILD WEASELS! The reunion is in Dayton, Ohio and sign in is Thursday, 8 October 2015. The reunion runs through Sunday, 11 October.

Please print and mail the Registration Form on the last page along with your payment.

The Holiday Inn in Fairborn, Ohio is Reunion Headquarters and the reunion registration form contains the hotel reservation information. The registration form, reunion activities agenda, and anniversary banquet meal preference form appear later in this “*Word from Willie*”.

Overview of the reunion activities:

Thursday

– Sign in, settle in, followed by an evening welcome reception at the Holiday Inn

Friday

- Morning: AF Museum restoration hangar tours and a Wild Weasel history briefing
- Afternoon: Memorial Service at the Weasel bench at the AF Museum and Museum self tour
- Evening: Flight Suit Party at the Holiday Inn

Saturday

- Morning: Reserved for several important membership meetings
- Afternoon: Tour to a Dayton historical park and brewery
- Evening: 50th Anniversary Banquet at the AF Museum

Bus transportation will be available for the Museum activities and the historical park tour. Everyone is encouraged to use the bus for ease of access to the facilities.

Since the Friday Restoration Facility Tour requires access onto Wright-Patterson, those attending the tour must provide a current government-issued photo ID (i.e. state ID or driver's license) for citizens of the U.S. and U.S. territories over age 18. All foreign visitors must present an original passport (NEXUS cards and foreign enhanced driver's licenses are not authorized at this time). Those under age 18 must be escorted by an adult (one adult per two children); children are not required to produce identification when accompanying their parents. Children must be 12 or older to go on this tour. We will prepare a roster for base security to make entry onto the base as smooth as possible.

Saturday's lunch is on your own and you have three options - lunch at the hotel or two choices at the Dayton historical park: Culp's Café or the Carillon Brewing Company. The following is a link to the historical park:

<http://www.daytonhistory.org/destinations/carillon-historical-park/>

Meals: Breakfast is included in your hotel room charge each day. The Holiday Inn's fine restaurant is available for lunch, or there are several fast food restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. There will be a buffet during the Flight Suit Party and the banquet will have a choice of two entrées.

If you have any questions, direct them to Larry “Bearly” LeMieux at larlemieux@aol.com or 765-967-0309. See all y'all in October.

Cave Putorium
The Reunion Committee

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WW 2015 Reunion Agenda

8-11 October 2015

Thursday, 8 October 2015

Noon to 5:00 pm **Registration** at Holiday Inn, Fairborn, OH. \$105.00 per room (includes breakfast) (50 rooms blocked)
Noon - 5:00 pm Hospitality Suite Open (Holiday Inn Challenger/Discovery Room)
Time TBD **Board Meeting** (Swede)
5:00 pm - 1:00 am **Reception** @ Holiday Inn Challenger/Discovery Room

Friday, 9 October 2015

7:00 - 9:00 am **Breakfast** at Holiday Inn
8:15 - 8:30 am Board **Bus #1 - Restoration Hangar tour** (Need photo ID for everyone 12 and older)
8:30 am **Bus #1** departs for 1 hour tour of Restoration Hangar
9:30 - 9:45 am Board **Bus #2 - Restoration Hangar tour** (Need photo ID for everyone 12 and older)
9:45 am **Bus #2** departs for 1 hour tour of Restoration Hangar
Noon - 1:00 pm **Lunch** (on your own)
1:00 - 2:00 pm **Howard Plunkett** brief on “**History of the WVs**” in Hotel Amphitheater
2:00 - 2:15 pm Board buses for **AF Museum Remembrance Service, followed by Briefings/Tours**
2:15 pm Buses depart for AF Museum
2:30 - 2:45 pm **WW Memorial Bench Remembrance Service and Wreath Laying**
3:00 - 4:30 pm Briefing on **History in SEA** in SEA Gallery **and** unguided tour of SEA and Cold War Galleries
4:30 pm Board buses for return to hotel
5:00 - 6:00 pm Free Time (Hospitality Suite Open)
6:00 - 8:00 pm **Flight Suit** Cocktails & Buffet (Ball Room)
8:00 pm - 1:00 am Hospitality Suite open (Holiday Inn Challenger/Discovery Room)

Saturday, 10 October 2015

7:00 - 9:00 am **Breakfast** at Holiday Inn
8:00 - 9:00 am **Bookie Meeting**
9:00 - 11:00 am **General Membership Meeting** in Hotel Wright-Patterson Ballroom
10:00 - 11:30 am **Free Time**
11:30 - 11:45 am Board buses for **Carillon Tour** (Brewery, Wright Flyer, plus)
11:45 am Buses depart for Carillon Park (south Dayton) (Cost includes entry fee)
12:15 - 3:30 pm Tour Carillon Park (**Lunch** on your own at Carillon Brewery or Culp’s Café)
3:30 pm Buses return to hotel
4:00 - 5:30 pm **Free Time**
5:15 - 5:30 pm Board Buses for **BANQUET at the AF Museum**
5:30 pm Buses depart for AF Museum
6:00 - 7:00 pm **Cocktails** at Nose of B-52D in AF Museum Korean/Southeast Asia War Gallery
7:00 - 10:00 pm **BANQUET** (with Coat and Tie) in Korean/Southeast Asia War Gallery
10:00 pm Buses return to hotel
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Hospitality Suite Open

Sunday, 11 October 2015

9:00 - Noon **Breakfast** at Holiday Inn/Hospitality Suite Open/Members depart

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Society of Wild Weasels Reunion Banquet Information

The banquet will be held at the National Museum of the United States Air Force on Saturday, 10 October 2015, with a pay-as-you-go bar and hors d'oeuvres from 1800-1900, followed by a sit-down dinner with two menu choices. One bottle each of red and white wine will be provided to each table, with additional available for purchase from the bar.

Please indicate your menu choice below:

Name (Please print) _____

Roasted Tenderloin of Beef with Red Wine demi glaze

Almond Crusted Chicken

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WILD WEASELS "50th Anniversary" Reunion Dayton, Ohio

OCTOBER 8 - 11, 2015

PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE September 23, 2015

Complete this **REGISTRATION** FORM ----- Then enclose your **CHECK** (made out to "Society of Wild Weasels")

Mail this form to: **Society of Wild Weasels, P.O. Box 877, Silver Spring, Md 20918**

Name: _____ WW# _____
 Street _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone(s): _____ Email: _____ Date: m ____ d ____ y ____

| October 2015 --- Date >> | Thurs -- 8 | Friday -- 9 | | | | Saturday -- 10 | | | | 11 | | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|---|---------------|---|-------------|-------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| Wild Weasel 2015 <i>A Detailed agenda will be provided at Registration Desk</i> | REGISTRATION (12:00 - 5:00 pm) RECEPTION - Welcome Hospitality Suite | Tours to AF Museum RESTORATION HANGER Bus #1 @ 8:15 Bus #2 @ 9:30 Lunch - on your own | BRIEFINGS - "WW History" Holiday Inn Amphitheater (1:00p - 2:00p) Bus to AF Museum REMEMBRANCE Service (2:00p - 4:30p) FLIGHT SUIT PARTY Holiday Inn Hospitality Suite | MEETINGS for "Bookies" & Membership Buses to visit CARILLON HISTORICAL PARK (11:30a - 3:30p) Lunch - on your own @ Carillon Historical Park Buses to AF Museum BANQUET Coat & Tie (5:30p - 10:00p) Hospitality Suite | Breakfast Depart Holiday Inn | | | | | TOTALS | | | | | |
| Cost per Person ----> | \$35 | \$15 | \$10 | - | - | \$10 | \$50 | \$15 | - | \$15 | - | \$55 | \$15 | Included | Entire event cost = \$220 |
| First Nickname Last | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| YOUR Name: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ |
| Your Guest 1 Relationship to Weasel | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ |
| Your Guest 2 Relationship to Weasel | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ |
| Your Guest 3 Relationship to Weasel | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ |
| Your Guest 4 More guests? Use another sheet | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ |

GRAND TOTAL = \$

Holiday Inn Reservations - Room available until Sept. 8, 2015 - Contact Holiday Inn @ (937) 426-7800 - Ask for: "Society of Wild Weasels"

Room rate is \$105 + tax (includes breakfast) ----- WW 2015 Reunion registration desk is in the hotel lobby.

Wild Weasels, their families, and guests are invited. --- Please update your Membership at the WW Registration desk.

WW Dues (\$15 each yr) or (\$300 for Life if 50 yrs old or less) or (if over 51 yrs old use formula->[80-your age]x[10] = \$Life cost (with \$100 minimum)

Questions? Contact: Larry "Bearly" LeMieux (765) 967-0309 or larlemieux@aol.com or Dave Brog at davebrog@comcast.net