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## 78th Fighter Squadron Association Reunion

**September 16th-20th, 2010  
Williamsburg, Virginia**

Please join us in Williamsburg, Virginia for our 18th Reunion.

This year's reunion will have multiple activities available for you or you can just enjoy the company of your friends in the beautiful setting of Williamsburg.

We will be staying at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Fort Magruder Williamsburg, Virginia. It is just a short complimentary ride to the Williamsburg Historical Park.



Young and old are all encouraged to come to this reunion, so if you can't attend, maybe a son or daughter or grandchild can attend in your honor and meet some of your comrades.

Plan to arrive on Thursday evening, September 16th for registration and time to make new friends, enjoy each other's company, and retell many tall tales.

The tentative schedule of events are as follows:

### **September 16 (Thursday)**

Arrival and Check In. Early arrivals may take historic tours. Hospitality Suite open.

### **September 17 (Friday)**

Hospitality Suite open  
Travel to Langley AFB for F-22 Raptor tour, hosted by 149th Fighter Squadron, Virginia Air National Guard.  
Lunch at Langley O'club.

Optional afternoon tour the Historic Triangle of Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown. (\$14)  
Optional travel on your own to Naval Air Station Oceana for the evening military air show.  
Pig roast at the hotel for dinner. (\$15 paid to Hotel)

### **September 18 (Saturday)**

Hospitality Suite open  
Optional tour (\$30/person full day – half day \$15 per person paid to Williamsburg Foundation) of the birthplace of our

nation, the Historic Triangle of Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown  
Optional travel on your own to Naval Air Station Oceana for military air show (Free, provide your own transportation)  
Saturday evening banquet.

### **September 19 (Sunday)**

Hospitality Suite open  
Optional travel on your own to NAS Oceana for military air show  
Optional travel to Jamestown and/or Yorktown for historic tour  
End of Reunion - Departure from hotel either on Sunday or extend your time to enjoy the sights.

There is complimentary transportation between Williamsburg, Yorktown, and Jamestown from the Williamsburg visitor center. The hotel is providing complimentary transportation vouchers from the hotel to the visitor center using local bus transportation from the stop in front of the hotel. The Jamestown and Yorktown tours will take 2 to 4 hours while one could spend more than the entire day in Williamsburg alone.

Travel time to NAS Oceana is approximately 45 min to 1 hr. If there is enough interest in the NAS Oceana air show, we can negotiate rates for the travel to/from the airshow.  
Other optional activities may include visits to Virginia Beach, Busch Gardens amusement park (less than 1 mile away), Water Country USA amusement park (3 miles away), outlet mall shopping. One could spend the entire 3 days exploring the historic sites around Williamsburg.

The closest airports are Richmond, VA (RIC) ; Norfolk, VA (ORF); and Newport News/Williamsburg, VA (PHF). Richmond and Norfolk are about 45 minutes away and both have major airline services. Newport News/Williamsburg airport is much closer, but has fewer choices of airlines and flights. Rental cars are around \$20/day at RIC. A shuttle service is \$30 to \$75/person from RIC and ORF and \$15 to \$35/person from PHF depending on the number of travelers. Check the website [www.tidewatercoach.com](http://www.tidewatercoach.com) for reservations and rates. Amtrak has service directly into Williamsburg for those who want a little slower paced mode of transport.

For those interested, here's the NAS Oceana Air Show schedule: <http://www.oceanaairshow.com/>

### **Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

The 2010 Naval Air Station Oceana Air Show officially kicks off at 5:30 pm Friday evening, September 17th with the stunning Twilight Air Show. Don't miss dazzling sunset and nighttime aerial performances and blazing pyrotechnics. During the twilight portion of our show, you'll see performances by Matt Chapman and Dale "Snort" Snodgrass as well as a military

tactical demonstration by the F/A-18 Hornet. When the sun sets, you'll be thrilled by heart-stopping night-time displays by Bill Leff, Otto the Helicopter, Bob Carlton's Jet Powered Sailplane, the Shockwave Jet Truck and the British Red Devils jump team. Admission and parking are free and gates open at 5:00 pm. When the show ends, make sure you stop by the NAS Oceana Officer's Club to enjoy a refreshing beverage in this legendary watering hole.

**Saturday and Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Admission and parking are free at the NAS Oceana Air Show. Gates open to the public at 8:00 am and the flying starts at 10:00 am. The Blue Angels will start flying at 3:00 pm and finish at 4:00 pm. We would like to remind guests that you can expect heavy traffic in the early afternoon so please arrive early. There is plenty of fun and entertainment for the whole family throughout the day!

**Saturday Night, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

On Saturday night, September 18<sup>th</sup>, make sure to take a trip to the Virginia Beach Oceanfront and attend the NAS Oceana Air Show Beach Blast at the 31<sup>st</sup> Street Park. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a free concert. When the sun sets, there will be a Super Hornet afterburner flyover to kick-off the official portion of the show, immediately followed by a team parachute jump onto the beach. Once the jumpers have been presented to the crowd, the U.S. Navy Blue Angels will take the stage to introduce the 2010 Blue Angel team. Music and entertainment will be provided until the event's conclusion at 10 p.m. This is a free event and parking is available in the parking structure on the corner of 31<sup>st</sup> Street and Atlantic Avenue.

## **Reunion Information**

### **Crown Plaza Hotel**

6945 Pocahontas Trail  
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Reservations: **757-220-2250**

<http://www.cpwilliamsburghotel.com/>

**78th FS Room Rates:** \$89 per night plus applicable taxes.

**RESERVATION METHOD:** To reserve your room call reservations at 757-220-2250  
**Be sure to mention you are with the 78<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron to get our group rates.**

Rates are good between September 14<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup>

**Payment will be made at the reunion registration. No need to send funds in at this time, but it is imperative that we know who is coming for planning purposes.**

Please fill out the following form and **bring it with you** when you arrive:

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The following individual(s) are attending:

1) First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ 78th Vet\_\_ Guest \_\_

2) First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ 78th Vet\_\_ Guest \_\_

3) First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ 78th Vet\_\_ Guest \_\_

Additional persons \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Reunion Events Costs per person:

	Cost		# attending	=	Total
Hospitality Room (including snacks and drinks)	\$10	x	_____	=	\$_____
Langley AFB Tour Transportation	TBD	x	_____	=	\$_____
Dinner Banquet (Plated Dinner)	\$32	x	_____	=	\$_____
Donations to 78th Fighter Squadron Association					\$_____
			Total *		\$_____

\* (please make checks payable to the 78th Tactical Fighter Squadron Association)

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**\*\*\*Please fill out the following mail in registration form and mail it to:**

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The following individual(s) will be attending:

1) First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ 78th Vet\_\_ Guest \_\_

2) First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ 78th Vet\_\_ Guest \_\_

3) First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ 78th Vet\_\_ Guest \_\_

Additional persons \_\_\_\_\_

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Please let us know if you are coming and if you have any questions please contact:

**If there are questions or specific requests, please contact**

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**See you in Williamsburg**

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If you can't make the reunion and would like to donate, please remit your donations to the 78th FSA:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ ( please make payable to the 78th Tactical Fighter Squadron Association)

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