

# The AC-119 Gunship Association



## 2017 Dayton AC-119 Gunship Reunion XVIII

September 28 – October 1, 2017 in Fairborn Ohio

### Telling Our AC-119 Gunship Story



Join us at the birthplace of aviation & the Air Force's gunship program. We'll have dinner "Under the Wings" at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. If you haven't been to the museum recently, you haven't seen the 4<sup>th</sup> hanger which opened in June 2016. Lots of new exhibits & themes under the main roof, including renovated Southeast Asia displays with expanded information on the gunships.

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### Hotel & Room Reservation - Holiday Inn Fairborn/Dayton

2800 Presidential Drive  
Fairborn OH 45324  
1-937-426-7800

This full service hotel is a short drive from the NMUSAF with quick easy access to shopping (Fairfield Commons & the Greene), dining, & major travel routes (Exit 17 on I-675). They finished a major renovation in the summer of 2016. Hotel features include:

Free High-Speed Internet	Smoke free facility	Free, accessible self-parking
Indoor pool & fitness facility	Business Center	Technology Help Desk
Wireless Internet access in public areas		<b>Complimentary Breakfasts</b>

**Room Rates:** \$107 plus tax ~12.75% per night. **Please remember Hotel Reservations are not part of the Reunion Registration. Hotel room reservations are your responsibility. You must contact the hotel separately.** To make your hotel reservation, call the Holiday Inn direct 1-937-426-7800 & **be sure to tell them you are attending the AC-119 Gunship Association Reunion. You must make your room reservations by September 7, 2017 to guarantee the Reunion rate.**

Room features include:

- Coffee/Tea makers (Keurig) - Complimentary weekday newspapers - LCD flat screen TVs
- Wired high speed Internet access internet access - Microwave & fridge in every room

Additionally, reduced shuttle rates from/to the Dayton Airport for reunion attendees (\$30) are available. These reduced rates must be coordinated with the hotel when you reserve your room.

**RVs & Campers:** For those bringing your "home" with you, some options include:

- The WPAFB Famcamp <http://www.militarycampgrounds.us/ohio/wright-patterson-afb-bass-lake-famcamp> is about 15 minutes from the hotel & the same time from the NMUSAF.
  - Dayton KOA <http://koa.com/campgrounds/dayton> ~ 30 minutes
  - Frontier Campground <http://www.frontiercamping.com> ~ 30 minutes
  - Greene County Fairgrounds – ~ 25 minutes. Contact: Esther Pierson [estherpierson@gmail.com](mailto:estherpierson@gmail.com)
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## Reunion Registration

After you make your **hotel** reservation, please complete your online **Reunion** registration on our website's Upcoming Reunion page at <https://www.ac119gunships.com/reunion/upcoming-reunion/> where you can pay with PayPal or Credit Card (hint: print your completed Registration). **If you are unable to register or pay online**, contact Doug Wohlgamuth by phone 813-781-5728 or email at [busch791@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:busch791@tampabay.rr.com); 504 Shea Place, Sun City Center, FL 33573

**Completing either of the above actions registers you for the Reunion.**

**Reunion Registration Cut off is 26 August 2017.** Cancellations on or before 26 August 2017 can receive a refund or you can make a donation as requested; cancellations after 26 August 2017 we have to pay hotel "guarantees", so no refunds (but talk to us if there are special circumstances like family emergencies or losses).

**Tours:** If you plan to participate in the Friday National Museum of the United States Air Force Tour or the Sunday Historical Tour, you must complete & mail a **separate** tour registration form with check payment for each tour as noted below.

**Note on Shirts:** We phased out Reunion "T-Shirts". We suggest Golf Style "Association" shirts with or without pocket. Order yours today on our Quartermaster web page or contact Gus Slinger by phone 850-863-9640 or email at [stinger7172@live.com](mailto:stinger7172@live.com); 321 Woodrow St NE Apt #1, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

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## Reunion Agenda

### Thursday, 28 September

**0900 Reunion Registration opens**

**1200: Hootch Bar Holiday Inn – Challenger/Discovery Room**

- **Sodas, beer, snacks FREE to reunion attendees** (closed during Meet & Greet; Banquet; & BBQ)

**1700: Holiday Inn Welcome Reception Hosted by Holiday Inn – Challenger/Discovery Room**

### Friday, 29 September

**0900 - 1000 Restoration Tour #1 at NMUSAF** – Bus departs at 0830 from Holiday Inn

**1015 - 1115 Restoration Tour #2 at NMUSAF** – Bus departs at 0945 from Holiday Inn

**NOTE:** registration for the Friday Restoration Tours is **separate** from Reunion registration. To attend one of these tours, you must fill-in, print, & **mail** a separate completed form with payment check to Ron Julian (NMUSAF Tour), 4919 Appaloosa Trail, Fairborn, OH 45324. You can access the Friday Restoration Tour form by visiting the website's Upcoming Reunion page at <https://www.ac119gunships.com/reunion/upcoming-reunion/> or contact Ron Julian by phone 937-546-3219 or email at [AC.119.2017@gmail.com](mailto:AC.119.2017@gmail.com)

The National Museum of the Air Force arranged special tours for 100 of us. We have two identical tours of 50 folks each to get a "behind the scenes" look at the aircraft refurbishment process. When you sign up for the NMUSAF tours, you will receive a confirmation letter from Ron Julian. While the tour is free, there is a \$7.50 per person charge for the bus transportation from the hotel to the Restoration Hangar & return. Folks who register early for the tour have first shot at the restoration tour slots (you will be assigned to a tour based on the order of your sign ups). You visit an on-base hanger where the museum refurbishes & restores airplanes, missiles, & other items.

**You must have a Driver's license to go on this tour (secure access to the base); Military ID is not accepted.**

**1330 – Memorial Service at the NMUSAF for the new AC-119 Gunship Association Memorial Bench.** We have arranged for a 56-passenger bus from the Holiday Inn to the Memorial site for those who may need a little extra assistance. Bus loads at 1245 at the Holiday Inn and departs promptly at 1300

**1730 – Meet & Greet – Holiday Inn (Wright/Patterson Room) – Dinner begins at 1800**

- Slow roasted Prime Rib, garlic roasted red skin potatoes, & Garden Salad w/ assorted dressings
- Seared Salmon fillet w/ lemon dill sauce, Wild rice pilaf, & Mixed green salad
- Roasted Chicken Breast, garlic roasted red skin potatoes, & Garden Salad w/ assorted dressings
- All entrees include Fresh vegetable medley, Rolls or bread w/ butter, Dessert, & Coffee, Decaf, or Tea
- Kids option: Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Applesauce, & Milk **NOTE:** age 5 or under, same but Free

## Saturday, 30 September

**0900 - 1100– Business Meeting - (Amphitheatre)**

**0900 - 1100 – Ladies Business Meeting (Kittyhawk Room)**

**1730 - Museum opens for the banquet**

**1830 - Banquet Dinner – Under the Wings at the NMUSAF**

- Center-Cut Ribeye or Slash & Burn Grouper, or Chicken Saltimbocca Roulade
- Kid's (under 12) Chicken Saltimbocca Roulade

## Sunday, 1 October

**1000 – First Tee Time for Golf Outing at Twin Base Golf Course.** Contact Ron Julian (below) for questions

**0830 – Tour of Wright Memorial Hill & Carillon Historical Park.**

**NOTE:** registration for the Sunday Historical Tour is **separate** from Reunion registration. To attend this tour, you must fill-in, print, & mail a separate completed form with payment check to Ron Julian (Sunday Tour), 4919 Appaloosa Trail, Fairborn, OH 45324. There is a \$20 per person charge. Folks who register early for the tour have first shot at tour slots. You can access the Sunday Historical Tour form by visiting the website's Upcoming Reunion page at <https://www.ac119gunships.com/reunion/upcoming-reunion/> or contact Ron Julian by phone 937-546-3219 or email at [AC.119.2017@gmail.com](mailto:AC.119.2017@gmail.com) On this tour, you will travel to The Wright Hill Memorial site south of Wright Patt AFB. From the overlook vista, you see Huffman Prairie where Orville & Wilbur developed the first practical airplane. You meet with a Park Ranger, tour the visitor's center, then travel to Carillon Historical Park for an afternoon's exposure to the innovative contributions to our country's industrialization might from 1796 to present. You see the world's most complete collection of cash registers; learn about the "Barn Gang" & their impact on the fledgling auto industry in the early 1900s & to our budding military aviation. When you sign up for this tour, you will receive a confirmation letter from Ron Julian.

**1730 – Farewell Gathering – Holiday Inn Ballroom – Buffet Menu includes:**

- BBQ ribs & Grilled Chicken w/ mushroom sauce
- Red skin potatoes, Garlic mashed potatoes, & Rice pilaf
- Fresh Vegetable medley
- Rolls & butter
- Assorted Cake & Pies
- Coffee, decaf, & tea

**NOTE:** For special dietary needs, contact Ron Julian ASAP 937-546-3219 or email [ac.119.2017@gmail.com](mailto:ac.119.2017@gmail.com)

**The important thing right now is to get the following done:**

1. Hotel Reservations
2. Reunion Registration
3. Friday NMUSAF Restoration Tour Registration
4. Sunday Wright Memorial/Carillon Tour Registration

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### **Things to see & Do in Dayton& Fairborn!**

- [National Museum of the United States Air Force 1100 Spaatz St, Dayton, OH 45431](#)
- [Map from Hotel to NMUSAF](#)
- [Map from Hotel to Fairfield Commons \(shopping\)](#)
- [Map from Hotel to The Greene \(shopping\)](#)
- [Greene County Convention & Visitors Bureau](#)
- [Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau](#)

**NOTE:** You'll receive a local Restaurants map when you check in at the Reunion Tables.

**Reunion Planning Team** Ron Julian 937-546-3219 or email at [AC.119.2017@gmail.com](mailto:AC.119.2017@gmail.com)

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