

**AC-119 GUNSHIP ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER 7 - 13, 2023
HILTON ARLINGTON NATIONAL LANDING**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

1400 - 1800 **Reunion Registration Open**
On Own to Explore

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

0800 - 1000 **Reunion Registration Open**
0800 - 2200 Hootch Open
0900 - 1630 City Tour
1300 - 1600 Memorial and Monument Tour
1500 - 1900 **Reunion Registration Open**
On Own to Explore

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

0800 - 0900 **Reunion Registration Open**
0800 - 2200 Hootch Open
0930 - 1500 Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center Tour
1030 - 1430 Odyssey Lunch Cruise
1600 - 1800 **Reunion Registration Open - Turn in Banquet Seating**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

0800 - 2200 Hootch Open – Closed During Meet and Greet
On Own to Explore
0900 - 1300 AC-130J Ghost Rider Tour
1700 - 2000 Cash Bar and Welcome Meet and Greet
1700 - 2000 **Reunion Registration Open - Turn in Banquet Seating**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

0800 - 2200 Hootch Open – Closed During Banquet
0900 - 1100 Association Annual Meeting
1700 - 2200 Cash Bar/Dinner Banquet

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

0800 - 2400 Hootch Open – Closed During Farewell Dinner
1700 - 2000 Cash Bar/Farewell Dinner

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to October 10, 2023, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee of \$10 per person. Attendees canceling reunion activities after this date, will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee of \$10 per person.

Discounted Parking for the hotel is \$10 per day plus tax. **NOTE:** Drivers must stop by the Front Desk to pre-pay and mention that they are attending the AC-119 Gunship Reunion to receive the discounted parking rate. They will be provided a parking pass and instructions to enter/exit the garage.

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Wednesday, November 8, 2023:

CITY TOUR

See the sites of our nation's capital during a driving tour of Washington, D.C. Ride by the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, WWII Memorial, the Mall, Capitol Building, Washington Monument, White House, and other notable monuments and federal buildings. Free time will be allowed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Afterward, stop at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, which is the largest building (3.1 million square feet) in Washington, DC and is the first and only federal building dedicated to both government and private use. While there, enjoy lunch on your own at the Reagan Building food court - named one of the "best family food courts" in DC. Following lunch, head to the National Museum of the Navy. This flagship museum is located in the former Breech Mechanism Shop of the old Naval Gun Factory on the grounds of the Washington Navy Yard. Explore permanent and temporary exhibits including Steel Navy, Great White Fleet and more. Be sure to stop in the Gift Shop where Navy themed items are available.

A photo ID is required for entrance to the Ronald Reagan Building and National Museum of the Navy.

0900, board bus, 1630 back at the hotel

\$72/per person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY AND VIETNAM VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

Board the bus for a trip to Arlington National Cemetery. There, board an open-air tram with stops at President John F. Kennedy gravesite, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Iwo Jima Gate, General Pershing Gravesite and Arlington House. Enjoy time on your own to visit the Welcome Center upon arrival and before you depart. Next stop will be to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. This US national memorial honors service members of the U.S. armed forces who fought in the Vietnam War. In the same area you can also visit the Vietnam Women's memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial and the World War II Memorial.

1300 Board bus, 1630 back at hotel \$57/per person Includes bus and escort

***A valid state or government issued photo ID is required for entrance to Arlington Cemetery**

Thursday, November 9, 2023:

STEVEN F. UDVAR-HAZY CENTER

This museum, part of the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum, is dedicated to the preservation and display of its collection of historic aviation and space artifacts. Located in Chantilly, VA, the facility has large aviation and space exhibit hangars. The museum currently has over eighty aircraft and dozens of space artifacts on display including the Space Shuttle Discovery, an SR-71 Blackbird, Boeing 367-80 Jet Transport, Concorde, Fox Alpha, Air France, Martin B-26B-25 MA Marauder "Flak-Bait" and the B-29 Superfortress "Enola Gay." For lunch, enjoy Shake Shack favorites including burgers, hotdogs, chicken sandwiches and fries. Don't forget your shake, including two shakes exclusive to the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center only. Pre-packaged salads and sandwiches are also available. You may tour the exhibits at your own pace, but there is a lot of walking, so please wear comfortable shoes.

0930 board bus, 1500 back at the hotel

\$52/per person includes bus and escort. Lunch on your own.

ODYSSEY LUNCH CRUISE

Enjoy a two-hour lunch cruise with live entertainment, narration, and a plated lunch, onboard the Odyssey DC, a one-level climate-controlled, glass-enclosed vessel. Elegantly sailing North under the low bridges of Washington, DC for up close views of the monuments. Relax while you cruise the historic water of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Your captain will point out landmarks – the Washington Monument, Ft. McNair, Washington National Airport, General's Row, and Old Towne Alexandria. After lunch enjoy a stroll and the fresh air on the outdoor decks.

1030 board bus, 1430 pm back at the hotel (Boat boarding begins at 1115 and cruise is 1200 – 1400)

\$107/per person includes bus, escort, and lunch cruise

****NEW AS OF 9/5/23!****

Friday, November 10, 2023:

AC-130J GHOSTRIDER TOUR

Lt Col Brian Schmidt, Commander of our active-duty 17th SOS Legacy Squadron from Cannon AFB is coming to our DC reunion, along with an AC-130J *Ghostrider* (call sign Jackal) & crew! Col Schmidt & crew plan to attend most of the reunion, & offered us a *Ghostrider* tour on Friday, Nov 10th between mid-morning & mid-afternoon! The Wednesday & Thursday Reunion Tours are not impacted & remain the same.

Numerous *Ghostrider* crewmembers asked to participate – they want to learn more about our heritage as well as swap some stories! Click here to learn more about the [AC-130J GHOSTRIDER](#). It is the most current version of the 40+ year AC-130 Gunship family, with an awesome armament suite that includes 30mm & 105mm cannons, Small Diameter Bombs, Small Glider Munitions, Hellfire Missiles, & Griffin Missiles!! If you want to see what our Legacy Squadron flies, & talk to today's warriors who carry our heritage into battle in it, sign up for this tour!!!

Security access & parking challenges make carpooling very impractical for this tour. We are providing a bus for the tour, at no cost to attendees. BUT, the tour is limited to the first 98 who sign up.

0900 board bus, 1300 back at the hotel (subject to change).

THERE IS NO FEE FOR THIS TOUR & we will provide specifics as details firm up.

If you **HAVE NOT** registered for the Reunion yet, & want to participate in this event, just select it when you register for the Reunion online at <https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/AC-119Gunship2023>. You must ALSO fill in a SEPARATE form to assure we have info for any military access requirements. It is also a pdf attachment on the top of the reunion registration web page titled **REQUIRED SECURITY INFO- NEW TOUR**. Open the form, fill it in, print it, & mail it to: Armed Forces Reunions, 322 Madison Mews, Norfolk, VA 23510.

If you **HAVE ALREADY** registered for the Reunion & want to add this tour, simply click this link for the required security form titled [REQUIRED SECURITY INFO- NEW TOUR](#), fill it in, print it, & mail it to: **Armed Forces Reunions, 322 Madison Mews, Norfolk, VA, 23510.**

Please be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time. All tours require a minimum of thirty-five people. Driver and Guide gratuities are not included in tour prices.

NOTE: There is a limit of one hydraulically lifted scooter or wheelchair per handicap accessible bus. If you use a scooter but can climb the steps to board the bus, either you and/or a person traveling with you must be able to put the scooter in the bus's luggage compartment. Due to liability issues, drivers and tour guides cannot assist with scooter.

Hilton Arlington National Landing
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Location
2399 Richmond Hwy
Arlington, VA 22202

Reservation Information

Please call the number above and reference the AC-119 Gunship Association or book directly at <https://book.passkey.com/event/50394539/owner/1694/home>

Group Name: AC-119 Gunship Association

Reunion Rates Available: November 6 - 13, 2023

Room Rate: 1 King Bed or 2 Queen Beds – Either option available at the discounted group of \$139 (+14.25% sales tax) – Includes breakfast for two.

Cut-off Date: 10/17/23 After the group cut-off date, Hotel will accept additional group reservations at the contracted rate based on room availability.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellation must be received 24 hours prior to arrival date or there will be a charge of one night's room plus tax.

Parking & Shuttle Information

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The hotel does offer a shuttle to and from the Reagan National Airport. Its runs between 4:30am – 12:00am on demand. Please pick-up bags before calling for shuttle.

Phone # 703-418-6800

Shuttle picks up at the Hotel Shuttle Shelter – Van should arrive shortly after call is placed.

*If you fly into Dulles – Ride shuttle from Dulles to Reagan and then call for shuttle for pick-up from Reagan National Airport.

Hotel offers local shuttle service for destinations within a two (2) mile radius. The front desk can assist with making arrangements.

*The above is subject to change.

Wheelchair Rental

ScootAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call (888) 441-7575 or visit www.scootaround.com for details and to make reservations.