

44th Air Refueling Squadron 2009 Reunion Information

The Sheraton North Charleston will be the host hotel for the 2009 44th Air Refueling Squadron reunion, Monday September 14 – Thursday September 17. The hotel is located at 4770 Goer Dr, North Charleston, SC. The Sheraton is a newly renovated hotel with 289 guest rooms, with ample meeting and hospitality space. The hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to and from Charleston International Airport. To call for transportation, use the courtesy phone located near the baggage claim area; or call the hotel directly at 843-747-1900. Rental cars and commercial shuttle service are also available at the airport. Parking at the Sheraton is complimentary. The parking lot can accommodate RV/Motor homes; however, for security and sanitary reasons you may not live in it while on hotel property. All of the amenities that you would expect from a first class hotel including a full service restaurant, lounge, gift shop, indoor/outdoor pool, fitness center and business center are found at the Sheraton. Rooms are nicely appointed and are equipped with a hair dryer, coffee pot, iron and ironing board, and Sheraton's own Sweet Sleeper Beds. **Questions:** The information contained herein should answer most of your questions; however, if anything is unclear, please do not hesitate to call our Customer Service Representative at **1-828-256-6008**.

Your Choice: You may select one of the three options shown below, or create your own limited agenda. You may fax, mail or phone in your registration. Reservations via fax or phone require the use of **American Express, MASTERCARD or VISA** credit cards.

1. **Payment Schedule:** Initial deposit is due on or before **August 17, 2009**. Final payment is due before **Aug 28, 2009**.
2. **Cancellations:** For cancellations received on or before **Sept 4, 2009** there is a \$50.00 cancellation fee **plus** the cost of any activities that have already been paid for, or for which guaranteed numbers have been provided to the vendor. There will be **NO REFUNDS** – for any reason – for cancellation requests received after **Sept 4, 2009**. Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended.
3. **Minimum Room Requirements:** During this economic down-turn hotel occupancy is down. Consequently attrition clauses, standard in all hotel contracts, are being strictly enforced. It is important for you to know that we must have a minimum of 40 rooms, each night (or 120 total rooms) for the quoted reunion rates to apply. While we are confident that 40 rooms will not be a problem, you should be aware that *if there are less than 120 total rooms booked on the cut-off date; ML & RS, Inc reserves the right to adjust the room rate to cover the difference. Please register early!*
4. If there is an activity included in the option that you select that you do not wish to participate in, you may opt-out of that activity. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block and deduct the activity.

Option A

Arrive on Monday, depart on Thursday

This Option contains the following activities and services for each person who selects this option

Three Nights Lodging (Mon, Tue, Wed); Three Breakfasts (Tue, Wed, Thu); Monday Welcome Reception w/hors d'oeuvres & cash bar; Tuesday Night Dinner; Wednesday Night Banquet; Monday through Wednesday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2009 Reunion Memory Book; Nametag and Charleston, SC City Tag; Memorial Service Program; Roster of attendees; All applicable taxes, gratuities (except tour guide & driver); bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; the full time services of an ML & RS, Inc manager.

Cost of this option is \$884.00 per couple; \$630.00 per single. A \$100.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Tours are not included in Option price. Register for tours separately.

Option B

Arrive on Tuesday, depart on Thursday

This Option contains the following activities and services for each person who selects this option

Two Nights Lodging (Tue & Wed); Two breakfasts (Wed & Thu); Tuesday Night Dinner; Wednesday Night Banquet; Tuesday and Wednesday use of a Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2009 Reunion Memory Book; Nametag and Charleston, SC City Tag; Memorial Service Program; Roster of attendees; All applicable taxes, gratuities (except tour guide & driver); bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; the full time services of an ML & RS, Inc manager.

Cost of this option is \$676.00 per couple; \$468.00 per single. A \$75.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Tours are not included in Option price. Register for tours separately.

Option C

Arrive on Wednesday, depart on Thursday

This Option contains the following activities and services for each person who selects this option

Wednesday Night Lodging; Wednesday Night Banquet; Thursday Morning Breakfast; All day Wednesday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2009 Reunion Memory Book; Roster of attendees; Nametag and Charleston, SC City Tag; Memorial Service Program; Applicable Taxes, gratuities, bartender, set-up fees, registration fee; the full time services of an ML & RS, Inc manager.

Cost of this Option is \$364.00 per couple; \$255.00 per single. A \$50.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Tours are not included in Option price. Register for tours separately.

Monday Sept 14, 2009

12:00 Noon: Registration begins and Hospitality Room opens. Because of liability considerations, private alcoholic beverages cannot be brought into the hospitality room. The hospitality room will close during the welcome reception.

5:00—6:00 PM: Welcome reception begins. Enjoy some light hors d'oeuvres along with your favorite adult beverage from the cash bar. This will be a fun evening in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. Dress is casual. *Cost of the reception is included in the price of Option A only.*

Tuesday Sept 15, 2009

7:30-8:30 AM: For breakfast, you will go through the restaurant buffet into a private room set aside for 44th ARS members. Eat at your leisure, keeping in mind when the tour departs. *Cost of breakfast is included in the price of Option A only.*

9:00 AM: Hospitality room will open for those not going on the tour and for Tuesday arrivals. Fresh coffee and cold drinks will be available until after noon when snacks will be served.

9:00 AM: Optional Boone Hall Plantation and Historic Charleston Tour departs. Today you will tour Charleston, one of the most beautiful and historic cities in the south. Her stately homes with their lovely gardens, her magnificent public buildings and her majestic churches will enchant you. As you tour you will see the College of Charleston, Harleston Village (one of the early suburbs of the city), the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, and of course the famous Battery and Rainbow Row, with its elegant town houses built by planters and merchants in the 18th and 19th centuries. The city tour will end in the Market area where you will have free time to shop and eat lunch. You'll reboard the motor coach after lunch, which will take you across the Cooper River to Mt Pleasant. Here you will visit Boone Hall Plantation which was used in the filming of the TV series "North and South" and "Queen." Tour the lovely Georgian Plantation House, the slave quarters built from brick made on the plantation in the 1800's and watch the flower ladies making their sweet grass baskets. You'll return to the hotel around 3:45 PM. There is a minimum of 30 persons per coach, less than 30 the cost will be adjusted to cover the difference. *Cost of this tour is not included in any of the option prices. You must register separately; see the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Add Tuesday's Tour."*

6:00 PM: Social Hour begins. Start your evening with your favorite beverage from the cash bar while you anticipate a great meal.

7:00 PM: Chow Time. Tonight's dinner theme is "Strawberry Market Buffet" featuring a Fresh Garden Salad with two dressings; Fresh Spinach and Pasta salad; Stuffed Chicken with Mozzarella & Spinach; Roast Pork with Roasted Shallot Burgundy Reduction, Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes; Selection of Vegetables; Rolls & Butter; Dessert; Coffee, Decaf, and Ice Tea. You are sure to enjoy this Southern-style buffet. Following dinner, we'll have some surprise self-entertainment. *Cost of tonight's dinner is included in Options A and B.*

Wednesday Sept 16, 2009

7:30 – 8:30 AM: For breakfast, you will go through the restaurant buffet into a private room set aside for 44th ARS members. Eat at your leisure, keeping in mind when the tour departs. *Cost of breakfast is included in the price of Options A and B.*

9:00 AM: Load 'em up and move out. Optional Patriots Point and Ft Sumter Tour departs. You'll start the day off on board the Yorktown, the famous fighting lady of WWII fame and tour her at your leisure. Be sure to visit the new Medal of Honor Museum on the ship. You can also visit the destroyer LAFLEY, a participant in the WWII D-Day landings at Normandy; the submarine CLAMAGORE, one of the Navy's last diesel powered submarines; the Coast Guard Cutter INGHAM, which was in active service until decommissioned and given to Patriots Point in 1989. Also of great interest is a replica of a US Navy Support Base from Vietnam. Here you will find a collection of exhibits, weapons, air and water crafts, all authentically displayed. You will then eat lunch (included in the tour price) in the Yorktown CPO mess. Following lunch, you will board the General Beauregard for the Fort Sumter Tour. Upon arrival at Fort Sumter, where the Civil War (referred to by Charleston residents as the War of Northern Aggression) began, rangers from the National Park Service will give you an informative introduction before you begin your tour of this famous bastion and its marvelous museum. You'll depart Ft Sumter arriving back at Patriots Point in time to board the motor coach for the return trip, arriving at the Sheraton around 4:00 PM. There is a minimum of 30 persons per coach for the tour to go. Less than 30 the cost will be adjusted to cover the difference. *Cost of this trip is not included in either of the Options. If you wish to go, you must register separately. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Add Wednesday's Tour."*

9:30 AM: Hospitality room will open for those not going on the tour and for Wednesday arrivals. Fresh coffee and cold drinks will be available until after noon when snacks will be served.

4:30 PM: Business Meeting

6:30 PM: Pre-dinner Cocktail hour and photo session begins. Individual and/or couples photos will be taken for inclusion in the 2009 Reunion Memory Book. Six to eight weeks after the reunion, the memory book will be sent to everyone who registers for Option A, B, or C; or anyone selecting the "Individualized Option" who places an order for the memory book. Be sure to have your photo taken.

7:30 PM: 44TH Air Refueling Squadron Banquet. Enjoy your last night in a more formal setting. Coat and tie recommended for the gentlemen and corresponding dress for the ladies. If you can still wear a complete and correct uniform, please do so. There will be open seating, sit where you like, with whom you like. Provided there are sufficient numbers, we will have a color guard and a special guest speaker following dinner, then we will end the evening with a memorial service to remember deceased 44th Air Refueling Squadron members. *Cost of the banquet is included in Options A, B, and C.*

Thursday Sept 17, 2009

8:00 AM: For Breakfast you will go through the restaurant buffet into a private room set aside for 44th ARS members. *Cost of breakfast is included in the price of Options A, B, and C.*

**44th Air Refueling Squadron 2009 Reunion
Sheraton North Charleston, North Charleston, SC**

Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit on or before August 17, 2009. Mail or fax to:
Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc.; PO Drawer 11399; Hickory NC 28603.
Phone: 828-256-6008; Fax: 828-256-6559. Web: www.mlrsinc.com/44thars

Attendee Info

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Spouse or Guest Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone or Travel Number in case there are any last minute changes: _____

Emergency Contact Info

If there should be an emergency during the reunion and we need to contact a member of your family, who should that be?

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name Tag Info

Options A, B, and C will include a name tag and city tag (Charleston, SC 2009) to hang below your nametag. Name Tags are blue plastic tags intended to be used year after year. *If you sign up for only selected activities, we encourage you to order a name and city tag.* This is a great conversation starter and group member identifier. The nametag is a blue plastic tag with your name, 44th Air Refueling Sqd, the years you served, and your rank engraved on the tag. Guest tags have the guest's name engraved on it. **Remember, if you registered for either Option A, B, or C, or if you signed up for an Individualized Option and wish to include a nametag, please fill out the info below. (If you signed up for an Ind. Option and fill out the nametag info below, you will be charged for a nametag!)**

Your Nametag Name: _____ Guest Nametag Name: _____

Which years did you serve with the 44th ARS: _____ What was your highest rank while with the 44th ARS: _____

Payments and Cancellations

**Your signature is required below regardless of your payment method
Make Checks Payable to: "ML & RS, Inc"**

Personal Check # _____ Money Order _____ American Express _____ MasterCard _____ Visa _____

ML&RS Inc is authorized to bill the below listed credit card in the amount of \$ _____

Name as it appears on Credit Card: _____

Zip Code where you receive your credit card bill (statement): _____

Account #: _____ Exp Date: _____

I understand and agree that if I register for this reunion and do not attend without canceling my reservation as described in paragraph 2 of these guidelines, I am not entitled to any refund.

Signature (Required before registration is accepted) _____

Special Needs

If you have any special dietary, handicapped, or other special requirements, please provide the details below. Be VERY specific. Special dietary meals are available. List any special requests below.

Handicapped Requirements: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Lodging Preferences

of People: _____ Smoking: _____ Non Smoking: _____ (not guaranteed – based on availability at check-in)
Room Preference: Single _____ Double _____ King/Queen _____ (not guaranteed – based on availability at check-in)
Special Room Requirements: _____

Activity Selection

You may wish to choose one of the following pre-packaged options. You may add to or deduct from these options using the Individualized Option and/or Adjustment Opportunities selections below.

Option A: Requires \$100.00 per person deposit. Includes all activities **except tours** from Monday noon thru Thursday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

Single (one person in room): \$630.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$884.00 per couple _____

Option B: Requires \$75.00 per person deposit. Includes all activities **except tours** from Tuesday noon thru Thursday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

Single (one person in room): \$676.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$468.00 per couple _____

Option C: Requires \$50.00 per person deposit. Includes all activities from Wednesday noon thru Thursday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

Single (one person in room): \$255.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$364.00 per couple _____

Adjustment Opportunities

You may make the following adjustments to the options presented above:

Deduct Monday's Reception @ \$16.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Tuesday's Tour @ \$66.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Tuesday's Dinner @ \$56.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Wednesday's Tour @ \$79.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Wednesday's Banquet @ \$57.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Breakfast @ \$11.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____ (Which days) _____

Add nights lodging @ \$115.00 per night X _____ (# nights) = \$ _____ Which nights _____

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Individualized Option

If none of the options above fit your needs, you may select one or all of the activities below.

2009 Reunion Memory Book @ \$30.00 per book X _____ (# books) = \$ _____

Monday – hospitality room, reception (cash bar), registration fee @ \$51.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Tuesday - hospitality room, Dinner, cocktail hour (cash bar), registration fee
@ \$91.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Wednesday – hospitality room, cocktail hour (cash bar), banquet, and registration fee
@ \$92.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Number of Charleston, SC name & city tags; (fill out details on page 3) @ \$9.75 _____ X # of tags _____ = \$ _____

Total Cost of Individualized Options Selected: _____

Call 828-256-6008 for “meal only” prices (Quoted price will include registration fee)

FULL PAYMENT FOR THIS OPTION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR RESERVATION