

# 8605<sup>TH</sup> AAU

## 2012 Reunion Information

Each year our reunions seem to get better and better – and this year is no exception –this is going to be another great one, please don't miss it! Why attend an 8605th reunion? First, there are no negatives – there are positives to reinforce, "The Greatest Show on Earth". That really is what these reunions represent! Most of us served a half-century ago, yet we tingle with excitement at the thought of being with friends from another life (so it seems). The true beauty of these reunions is to renew the enduring friendships and the wonderment of making new friends. We come with canes, walkers, aches and pains – but we come – and widows come, a testimonial to the quality of attendees and the welcome everyone receives. If you've never been to a reunion before now is the time to start; if you have been but missed a few years, come on back. You'll be welcomed like a lost brother or sister. Don't say, "Maybe next year" do it now! Remember, there are three options to choose from, and even they can be modified to suit your individual needs. Neither cost nor itinerary should prevent you from attending.

The 8605th AAU reunion will be held **April 26-29, 2012** at the Hilton Cincinnati Airport located at 7373 Turfway Rd, Florence, KY. Bids were submitted to a half dozen Cincinnati/Northern, KY hotels. The Hilton offered the most for our money, and just as important they will welcome us. The Hilton offers complimentary airport shuttle service to and from the Cincinnati Airport as well as free parking. Each room is equipped with the standard amenities that you have come to expect – hair dryer, iron & ironing board, personal care items, coffee maker and other amenities. There is an onsite restaurant and lounge where you can spend your "free" time. Rooms are richly appointed and comfortable – not much time is in your room, but you'll enjoy the comforts while you are there. Carry-over rates are available 48 hours before or after the reunion for anyone wishing to arrive early or stay late. Directions to the hotel will be in your confirmation letter. **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: Once again 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**.

**1. Payment Schedule:** Initial deposit is due on or before **March 26, 2012**. Final payment is due before **April 6, 2012**. **You may make up to three installment payments in any amount, at any time as long as the balance is paid by April 6, 2012.**

**2. Cancellations** received on or before **April 20, 2012** there will be 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 a vendor. There will be **NO REFUNDS – for any reason** - for cancellation requests received after **April 20, 2012**. *Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent. ML & RS, Inc does not offer this service.*

**PLEASE NOTE THE BOTTOM OF THE REGISTRATION FORM. YOU MUST SIGN THE PAYMENT-CANCELLATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENTS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE REGISTRATION FORM.**

### Option A

#### Arrive on Thursday, depart on Sunday

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

Three Nights Lodging (Thur, Fri, Sat); Three breakfasts (Fri, Sat & Sun); Welcome Reception w/cash bar; Friday Night Plated Dinner; Saturday Night Banquet; Thursday thru Saturday use of a Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Cincinnati, OH City Tag; 2012 Reunion Memory Book; Memorial Service Program; Roster of attendees; All applicable taxes, gratuities (except breakfasts, tour guide & driver); bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; the full time services of a ML & RS, Inc manager.

**Cost of this option is \$726.00 per couple; \$555.00 per single. A \$100.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. You may make up to three installment payments in any amount, at any time as long as the balance is paid by April 6, 2012.**

### Option B

#### Arrive on Friday, depart on Sunday

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

Two nights lodging (Fri & Sat); Two breakfasts (Sat & Sun); Friday Night Plated Dinner; Saturday Night Banquet; Friday and Saturday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Roster of attendees; Cincinnati, OH City Tag; 2012 Reunion Memory Book; Memorial Service Program; Applicable Taxes, gratuities (except breakfasts, tour guide and driver), bartender, and set-up fees; registration fee; the full time services of a ML & RS, Inc manager.

**Cost of this option is \$539.00 per couple; \$403.00 per single. A \$75.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. You may make up to three installment payments in any amount, at any time as long as the balance is paid by April 6, 2012.**

### Option C

#### Arrive on Saturday, depart on Sunday

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

Saturday night lodging; Saturday night banquet; Sunday breakfast; Saturday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Roster of attendees; Cincinnati, OH City Tag; 2012 Reunion Memory Book; Memorial Service Program; Applicable Taxes, gratuities (except breakfasts, tour guide and driver), bartender, and set-up fees; registration fee; the full time services of a ML & RS, Inc manager.

**Cost of this option is \$302.00 per couple; \$227.00 per single. A \$50.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. You may make up to three installment payments in any amount, at any time as long as the balance is paid by April 6, 2012.**

## YOUR ITINERARY

### Thursday April 26, 2012

**12:00 Noon: Registration Begins and the Hospitality Room** opens stocked with coffee, soft drinks, and snacks. 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 PM: Welcome reception** begins. After a few welcome and admin remarks by Association President Dick Dixon, he will declare the bar open and a few light hors d'oeuvres will be served, dinner is on your own tonight. *Cost of the reception is included in the price of Option A. If you cannot participate in the reception, you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Thursday's Reception".*

### Friday April 27, 2012

**6:30-10:30 AM: Breakfast** in the hotel restaurant is included in the room rate. Breakfast coupons will be provided. Eat at your leisure during regular restaurant hours, keeping in mind when the tour leaves. *Gratuity for breakfast is not included. Breakfast is included in the room rate, therefore you cannot opt out.*

**10:00 AM: Hospitality room** opens if anyone does not go on the tour or for Friday arrivals. It will be stocked with fresh coffee and cold drinks. Registration will resume for Friday arrivals.

**9:00 AM: Today is Dayton Day.** Your tour today will take you to Wright-Patterson AFB's National Museum of the Air Force in Dayton, OH. The National Museum of the United States Air Force galleries present military aviation history, boasting more than 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles on display -- many rare and one-of-a-kind -- along with thousands of historical items and powerful sensory exhibits that bring history to life and connect the Wright brothers' legacy with today's stealth and precision technology, including aircraft, engines, equipment and weapons of the USAF. Each and every exhibit will make you walk away wondering how could man accomplish this?? It is far too lengthy to describe the exhibits here, but you can go on line and read more and perhaps pick out the ones that interest you most. Here is a few of the exhibits that you are certain to want to see: the Early Years Gallery, WW II Gallery, Korean War Gallery, Southeast Asia Gallery, Cold War Gallery, Missile and Space Gallery, Presidential Gallery, R & D Gallery, Air Park, Memorial Park, Restoration Projects, Online Interactive Exhibits.

The **Presidential** and **Research & Development Galleries**, located in the controlled-access portion of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. They are accessible only by using the shuttle bus service from the main museum complex. This service is offered on a first-come, first-served basis, we MAY not be able to make group reservations for this – so it could be a first come-first served visit. Shuttle buses **are not handicapped accessible**. Individuals requiring special assistance should contact the museum's Operations Division in advance at (937) 255-3286 to arrange transportation. **Note: A current government-issued photo ID (i.e. state ID or driver's license) is required for citizens of the U.S. and U.S. territories over age 18. All foreign visitors must present an original passport (a NEXUS card is an acceptable form of ID for Canadian citizens) or a foreign enhanced driver's license. 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.**

There is a snack bar for you to have lunch on your own. There is a 35 minimum person/44 maximum person per bus. *Cost of this tour is not included in either of the options. You must register for the tour separately. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Add Friday's Tour".*

**6:00 PM: Social hour begins.** Enjoy your favorite beverage from the cash bar while you engage in thoughtful and stimulating conversation.

**7:00 PM: Dinner is served.** Tonight we are going to break tradition and have a served, plated meal; your choice of Roast Turkey or Herb Roasted Pork Loin. Make your selection in the "Lodging & Meal Preference" block on the reverse side of the Registration Form. *Cost of dinner is included in Options A & B. If you cannot participate in the dinner, you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Friday's Dinner".*

## Saturday April 28, 2012

**7:30-8:30 AM: Breakfast** in the hotel restaurant is included in the room rate. Breakfast coupons will be provided. Eat at your leisure during regular restaurant hours, keeping in mind when the tour leaves. *Gratuity for breakfast is not included. Breakfast is included in the room rate, therefore you cannot opt out.*

**9:00 AM: Load up** for the Optional Cincinnati tour. Your guide will tell you about the history, traditions and culture of Cincinnati while making stops at some of the major attractions. A couple of the stops (not necessarily in this order) will be at the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal. Originally built in 1933 as the Union Terminal train station, the building was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1977. Today it houses, among other exhibits, the Cincinnati Museum of History, The Edge of Appalachia, Museum of History and Natural Science, Cincinnati Historical Library, an OMNI-MAX Theater (not part of the tour), and other special attractions and exhibits. This is another place where you could spend all day. Another stop will be the Underground Railroad Freedom Center. During the 1800s, estimates suggest that more than 100,000 slaves sought freedom through the Underground Railroad. The Underground Railroad is the symbolic term given to the routes slaves took to gain their freedom as they traveled, often as far as Canada and Mexico. Free Blacks, Whites, Native Americans and other slaves acted as conductors by aiding fugitive slaves to their freedom. A stop will be made for lunch, but it is on your own. This is a truly informative and educational tour; one that just might be the highlight of the reunion. There is a 35 minimum person/44 maximum person per bus. *Cost of this tour is not included in either of the options. You must register for the tour separately. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Add Saturday's Tour".*

**3:00 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 2012 Reunion Memory Book. As soon as possible 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 image captured!

**7:30 PM: The 8605th AAU 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. Because breakfast on Sunday is in the hotel restaurant, the memorial service will be part of the banquet program. *Cost of the banquet is included in all Options. If you cannot participate in the banquet you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Saturday's Banquet".*

## Sunday April 29, 2012

**Breakfast** in the hotel restaurant is included in the room rate; therefore you cannot opt-out of breakfast. Breakfast coupons will be provided.

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### SPECIAL NOTICE

**BECAUSE MANY OF YOU HAVE ASKED, THE REGISTRATION PACKETS ARE BEING SENT EARLY THIS YEAR. THIS WILL GIVE YOU A LONGER PERIOD TO PAY FOR THE REUNION – IF YOU NEED THE EXTRA TIME. A RESERVATION FOR THE REUNION WOULD MAKE A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT. TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO REGISTER EARLY, EVERY REGISTRATION FOR EITHER OPTION A OR OPTION B RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2011 WILL RECEIVE A 3% DISCOUNT FROM THE REUNION OPTION PRICE. YOUR DEPOSIT IS SUFFICIENT TO QUALIFY FOR THE DISCOUNT. YOUR DISCOUNT WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE APPLIED – YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS MONEY SAVING OFFER – REGISTER RIGHT AWAY.**

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Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit on or before March 26, 2012.

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/8605th](http://www.mlrsinc.com/8605th)

#### Attendee Info

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse or Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Emergency Contact Info

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Name Tag Info

If this is your first 8605th AAU reunion, or if you have misplaced the nametag you received at a previous reunion, we encourage you to order one now. The nametag is a plastic tag with your name, the name of your unit, the years you served, and your rank engraved on the tag. Guest tags have the guest's name engraved on it. This is a great conversation starter and group member identifier. **If you fill in the info below you will be charged for the tags.** Cost is \$6.25 each.

Your Nametag Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Nametag Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Which years did you serve in the 8605th: \_\_\_\_\_ What was your highest rank while there: \_\_\_\_\_

Options A, B, and C will include a city tag (Cincinnati, OH 2012) to hang below your nametag. If you sign up for only selected activities, we encourage you to order a city tag here. Indicate below the number of city tags you wish to order. If you would like to order city tags from previous years, please list the city and year and quantity on an additional sheet of paper. Cost is \$3.75 each. If you would like one of these tags, please indicate so below.

Number of Cincinnati, OH city tags: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$3.75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Previous years' city tags (list cities on a separate sheet) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Cancellation Policy

By submitting this registration form, I understand and agree that for cancellations received on or before **April 20, 2012** there will be 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 a vendor. There will be **NO REFUNDS – for any reason** - for cancellation requests received after **April 20, 2012**. **Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent. ML & RS, Inc does not offer this service.**

Signature Required: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Payments

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

House # where you get your credit card statement: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code where you get your credit card statement: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Required: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodging & Meal 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday night plated dinner** (indicate the number of each meal, if no choice is select you will get Roast Turkey):

Roast Turkey & Dressing \_\_\_\_\_; Herb Crusted Pork Loin \_\_\_\_\_

**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 Thursday noon thru Sunday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

Single (one person in room): \$555.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Double (2 people in room): \$726.00 per couple \_\_\_\_\_

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

Single (one person in room): \$403.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Double (2 people in room): \$539.00 per couple \_\_\_\_\_

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

Single (one person in room): \$227.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Double (2 people in room): \$302.00 per couple \_\_\_\_\_

**Adjustment Opportunities**

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

Deduct Thursday Reception @ \$13.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Add** Friday's Tour @ \$45.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deduct Friday's Dinner @ \$30.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Add** Saturday's Tour @ \$56.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deduct Saturday's Banquet @ \$39.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Add** nights lodging & Breakfast @ \$116.00 per night X \_\_\_\_\_ (# nights) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Which nights \_\_\_\_\_

Deduct nights lodging & Breakfast @ \$116.00 per night X \_\_\_\_\_ (# nights) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Which nights \_\_\_\_\_

**Individualized Selections**

If none of the options above fit your needs, you may select one or all of the activities below. PLEASE NOTE: These prices do not include the cost of the reunion memory book, city tag, or name tag. If you wish to order a name tag or city tag, see the other side of this form, "Nametag Info Block." To order a memory book, see below. The DAILY registration fee is included in the prices shown below – except if you only go on a tour, the registration fee will be added to your tour price. Example – if you register for Saturday's activities, but go on Friday's tour (and do nothing else on Friday), registration fee will be added to Friday's tour cost.

**2012 Reunion Memory book (included in option A, B, & C):** @ \$30.00 per book X \_\_\_\_\_ (# books) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday – Hospitality Room, reception (cash bar), registration fee @ \$42.00 per person X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday - Hospitality Room, registration fee, cocktail hour (cash bar), dinner @ \$62.00 per person X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday – Hospitality Room, cocktail hour (cash bar), banquet, and registration fee @ \$72.00 per person X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost of Individualized Options Selected: \_\_\_\_\_

**Call 828-256-6008 for "meal only" prices (Will include registration fee)**

**FULL PAYMENT FOR THIS OPTION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR RESERVATION**