

The ASA OKINAWA ASSOCIATION 2017 Reunion/Registration Information

There are changes you must be aware of. Please read the entire packet carefully!

The 2017 ASA Okinawa reunion will be held Thursday August 31st through Monday September 4th at the DoubleTree Suites Seattle Airport located at 16500 Southcenter Parkway Seattle, WA 98188. The hotel is actually in the Seattle suburb of Tukwila but the address above is correct. Normal check-in time is 3:00 PM, with check-out time at 12:00 noon. DoubleTree has assured us every effort will be made to have rooms ready before that time but in case you arrive before your room is available, just stow your gear and relax in the hospitality room until the room is ready. The DoubleTree is a first-class all-suite hotel featuring 2 room suites which include 2 TV'S, 2 phones, data port, wet bar, refrigerator, work desk and all the amenities you have come to expect. Reunion rates for days before or after the reunion will be on a space available basis. When you call for your reservations, you will need to ask for the additional nights.



Complimentary airport shuttle service to and from Seattle's International Airport is available by calling the DoubleTree from the courtesy phones located near the baggage claim area or by calling the hotel front desk at 206-575-8220. Very important – you will meet the shuttle at airport's shuttle pickup area Island #1 or Island # 3. There is ample signage directing you to either of these islands. There is more than one DoubleTree in Seattle, so be sure you get on the shuttle to the **DoubleTree at Southcenter**. It will be a white van with a large brown stripe down the side of the van. Whether you use commercial transportation (planes, trains, etc) or drive your car to the reunion, you are responsible for making your own travel arrangements to the reunion.

If staying in a local campground, RV/Camper reunion attendees are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from the DoubleTree. The DoubleTree does have limited RV/Campers parking. When you make your room reservation, ask about camper or RV parking if you are driving one to the reunion and they will reserve a site for you. The **DoubleTree** offers us reduced rate auto parking at only \$8.00 a night (plus applicable taxes).

Please Read and Heed Information: Several things have changed since the Buffalo reunion that will impact this year's registration. First things first. At the end of last year (2016) Larry & Brenda Eckard decided the time was right for them to retire, so they did. Consequently, Premier Reunion Services also closed. Larry and Brenda will continue to handle the reunion on a personal basis until you fire them and look elsewhere. That will be an item of discussion at the General Membership meeting in Seattle. Please note the changes that have resulted from their retirement.

One, room reservations: You will need to make your own reservations at the DoubleTree hotel. You can do this by calling the hotel direct at 1-206-575-8220 or the national reservation desk at 800-222-8733. When calling for reservations be sure to tell the person taking your reservation that you are with the **ASA Okinawa Reunion** and use reunion code **ASA**. Be sure you make reservations at the right Seattle DoubleTree. Room rate is same as last year, \$129.00 plus tax. You can use your credit card for your room reservation.

Two, Credit card usage: Larry and Brenda are no longer a business consequently they cannot accept credit cards. Payments for everything but your room will need to be made by personal or cashier check or money order.

Three, Only one option is being offered: this year only one all-Inclusive Option (includes tours) will be offered. If there is anything you cannot participate in you may opt out. See the Registration Form.

Four Payment Schedule: The deposit and payment schedule and amounts have been changed. Deposits and or full payment will be required much earlier this year. This is because advance deposits must be made to the hotel and tour company. These advance deposits have always been made, but in the past Premier Reunion Services was positioned to make them. Since there is no such company any more we must make our own deposits. Thus, to meet the deposit schedules, registrations and deposits must be made earlier than in previous years. To have sufficient funds to meet these obligations, the following deposit/payment schedule must be followed. If you desire, you may make three equal installments on or before the below dates; or you can pay the full amount in one lump sum payment. The first payment (or full payment) is due on or before **May 15, 2017**. If you select the payment method, you may pay one quarter of your balance (**\$132.75 for a single or \$254.25 for a couple**) on or before **May 15, 2017** with subsequent payments of that same amount due on or before **June 15, 2017** and on **July on 15, 2017**. **You will be sent an invoice for your remaining balance due, payable on or before August 10, 2017.**

Cancellations: Since you are making your own room reservations the DoubleTree rooms cancellation policy will apply. For the tours, cancellations received after **August 14, 2017** cannot be honored (tour company policy, not ours). For hotel provided functions (food and beverages) cancellations will be honored until August 24, 2017, except if guaranteed numbers have been provided to the vendor or payment already made. There will be **NO REFUNDS – for any reason** - for cancellation requests received after **August 24th**. **Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent.**

ASA Okinawa 2017 Reunion Itinerary

Wednesday August 30

Early bird arrivals, no planned activities, no hospitality room

Thursday August 31

12:00 Noon: Registration Begins and Hospitality Room Opens, stocked with coffee, soft drinks, fruit, and other munchies. Due to liability considerations, private alcohol is not permitted in the hospitality room.

3:00 PM: Executive Board Meeting (location to be announced on site)

5:00 – 6:30 PM: Welcome Reception. President's welcome remarks, announcements, and introductions. Cash bar with light hors d'oeuvres will be served after the remarks. Dinner is on your own tonight. *Cost of the reception is included in the all-Inclusive Option. If you cannot participate in this activity, you may opt out. See the Registration form.*

Friday September 1

6:30-8:30 AM: Breakfast is in the hotel restaurant with coupons provided. Eat at your leisure keeping in mind when the tour departs. *Cost of breakfast is included in your room rate.*

8:00 AM: Information/Registration Desk opens.

9:30 AM: Load up for an exciting day exploring Seattle. First stop is The Museum of Flight where you will have a one-hour tour of this renowned museum. The Museum of Flight is the largest independent, non-profit air and space museum in the world! From the Wright brothers to outer space—the wonder of flight comes alive in more than 85 historic aircraft and interactive exhibits. Journey through history aboard the original jet Air Force One and the supersonic Concorde. Try the cockpit of the Mach 3 Blackbird spy plane. Explore the Red Barn—the workshop where Bill Boeing built his first airplane. Discover stories of unimaginable bravery in the brand new Personal Courage Wing, featuring 28 WWI and WWII fighters. Walk inside the cargo bay of the Full Fuselage Space Shuttle Trainer that was used by NASA to train every space shuttle astronaut. Then you are off to lunch (on your own) at the **Seattle Center**. The 'Armory' at the Seattle Center offers a food court to top all food courts. Then we can split up and enjoy whichever attraction they find most appealing. At the Space Needle, ride the elevator to 520 feet, to the observation deck, where nothing blocks you from a 360-degree panorama of the Emerald City. The Chihuly Garden and Glass Exhibit is located at the base of the Space Needle and offers an amazing, comprehensive collection of Dale Chihuly's significant series of work. The Exhibition hall is composed of eight galleries and three Drawing Walls. Each room is its own magnificent expression of glass, color and art. The Pacific Science Center offers butterflies, dinosaurs and six acres of hands-on fun! Experience the adventure of IMAX films, chart the stars at the planetarium and dazzle your eyes at a laser light show. At MoPOP (Museum of Pop Culture), you can learn to play the guitar, jam to a crowd of screaming virtual fans, and be inspired by our amazing rotating exhibits of popular music legends, science-fiction icons, and the worlds of fantasy and horror. At 3:00 PM we'll depart the Seattle Center and return to the DoubleTree. There is a minimum of 30 persons for this tour to go at the quoted price. Less than 30 the tour will be cancelled or the price adjusted. *Cost of this tour is included in the all-Inclusive Option. If you cannot participate in this activity, you may opt out. See the Registration Form. Gratuity for driver/guide is included in the cost.*

10:00 AM: Hospitality Room opens if there are any Friday arrivals.

6:00 PM: Social Hour with a cash bar

7:00 PM: Enjoy a "tasteful" evening of pizza, wings and salad, while you anticipate the game your Entertainment Czar will have in store for you. It will be entertaining, educational and fun. It will be a participation game so don't be bashful when volunteers are called for. *Cost of the dinner is included in the all-Inclusive Option. If you cannot participate in this activity, you may opt out. See the Registration Form.*

Saturday September 2

6:30-8:30 AM: Breakfast is in the hotel restaurant with coupons provided. Eat at your leisure. *Cost of breakfast is included in your room rate.*

8:00 AM: Information/Registration Desk opens.

9:00AM: Load up and depart for a Ride on the Ducks. You'll tour Seattle by land and water on a WWII amphibious Duck. You'll cruise the Seattle Waterfront to see the Seattle Aquarium, the Great Wheel and where the Alaskan Gold Rush first started. Then, drive through Seattle's historical district: Pioneer Square and hear the story of Seattle's underground and how the Great Fire of 1889 changed Seattle and our toilets forever. Downtown, your hilarious wacky Captain will show where to find the Original Starbucks at Pike Place Market and you'll drive past the Flagship Nordstrom. From downtown Seattle, you'll splash into Lake Union for a breathtaking view of the skyline, Gasworks Park and a peek at the floating home from "Sleepless in Seattle". Keep your eyes peeled – you may even see one of Seattle's famous float planes take off and land right in front of your Duck! After you unduck you are off to Pike's Place Market for lunch (on your own) and to explore at your own pace. Seattle's public market is one of the country's oldest farmer's markets. Encompassing nine acres, the Market's historic arcade, winding alleys, and lower levels offer a multisensory experience of sights, sounds, tastes, aromas and textures. Taste what's in season at a farm stand. Listen to a Motown or bluegrass classic from buskers while marveling over the creativity of the goods in the crafts market. Follow the scent of baking bread down the cobblestones to a European bakery. Peruse comics, collectibles, magic tricks, vinyl records, books and rare treasures in small shops. Take time to wander. The Market will amaze, delight and inspire you. Then about 2:00 PM you're off to Seattle's Waterfront where you can walk

around Seattle's infamous Waterfront and enjoy the Seattle Aquarium, (admission NOT included) various shops and restaurants, or take a ride on the Great Wheel (ride not included)! The Seattle Great Wheel is a giant Ferris wheel at Pier 57 adjacent to the Seattle Aquarium. With an overall height of 175 feet (53.3 m), it was the tallest Ferris wheel on the West Coast of the United States and offers some of the most amazing views of the water and downtown Seattle. At 4:00 you'll re-board the bus for the trip back to the hotel.

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10:00 AM: Hospitality Room opens for any Saturday arrivals.

6:00 PM: Pre-dinner Cocktail hour with cash bar

7:00 PM: Chow line opens. Tonight, you will enjoy a Northwest dinner buffet featuring salmon and the chef's secret recipe chicken – Seattle style. After dinner, the annual fundraising raffle will be held. Everyone is encouraged to participate by bringing a gift to be raffled off at the reunion – not a gag gift – something you would be proud to take home. *Cost of the dinner is included in the all-Inclusive Option. If you cannot participate in this activity, you may opt out. See the Registration Form.*

Sunday September 3

6:30-8:30 AM: Breakfast is in the hotel restaurant with coupons provided. Eat at your leisure keeping in mind when the tour departs. *Cost of breakfast is included in your room rate.*

8:00 – 9:30 AM: Annual Business Meeting

10:00AM: Load up and depart for Seattle's Underground and Ballard Locks. The **Seattle Underground** is a network of underground passageways and basements in downtown that was ground level at the city's origin in the mid-19th century. Seattle's first buildings were wooden. On June 6, 1889 at 2:39 in the afternoon, a cabinetmaker (Jonathan Edward Back), accidentally overturned and ignited a glue pot. An attempt to extinguish it with water spread the burning grease-based glue. The fire chief was out of town, and although the volunteer fire department responded they made the mistake of trying to use too many hoses at once. They never recovered from the subsequent drop in water pressure, and the Great Seattle Fire destroyed 31 blocks. While a destructive fire was not unusual for the time, instead of rebuilding the city as it was before, the response of the city leaders was to make two strategic decisions: **first**, that all new buildings must be of stone or brick, as insurance against a similar disaster in the future; **and second** to regrade the streets one to two stories higher than the original street grade. The new street level also assisted in ensuring that gravity-assisted flush toilets that funneled into Elliott Bay did not back up at high tide. Once the new sidewalks were complete, building owners moved their businesses to the new ground floor, although merchants carried on business in the lowest floors of buildings that survived the fire, and pedestrians continued to use the underground sidewalks lit by the glass prisms (still seen on some streets) embedded in the grade-level sidewalk above. In 1907 the city condemned the Underground for fear of bubonic plague, two years before the 1909 World Fair in Seattle (Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition). The basements were left to deteriorate or were used as storage. Some became illegal flophouses for the homeless, gambling halls, speakeasies, and opium dens. Only a small portion of the Seattle Underground has been restored and made safe and accessible to the public on guided tours. You will be absolutely fascinated with this 75-minute guided walking tour. Be prepared for the Underground to be moderately rugged. You will encounter flights of stairs, uneven terrain and spotty lightening. Please dress accordingly and NO HEELS. Lunch on your own will be in Pioneer Square. Then you are off to Ballard Locks - what's a lock you say? A lock is a device constructed to allow boats and ships to pass between stretches of water that are at different levels. In the case of the Ballard Locks, it is a water passage that allows boats of all kinds to pass back and forth between Lake Union and the Puget Sound. These locks also function to keep the saltwater of Puget Sound out of the freshwater lakes of Seattle. It's fun to visit the locks and watch them in action as the various vessels enter and depart, and as the water level raises and lowers. During your visit, you'll undoubtedly see sailboats and fishing vessels along with other varieties of recreational and industrial watercraft. The Ballard Locks are in Salmon Bay, just west of upper Lake Union, and are part of what is known as the Lake Washington Ship Canal. This canal connects Lake Washington, Lake Union, and the Puget Sound. Boats and ships aren't the only things that pass between Puget Sound and inland waters. Fish, particularly salmon and steelhead, also make use of the man-made route via a fish ladder that is part of the facility. You can experience the large silvery fish making their journey by spending some time peering through one of the underwater-viewing windows, a fascinating experience for all. Per the folks that operate the locks, best time to view Chinook/King Salmon passing through the locks is the last two weeks of August/early September. You'll return to the hotel around 3:00 PM. There is a minimum of 30 persons to keep the quoted rate. Less than 30 the tour will be cancelled or the cost will be adjusted to cover the difference. *Cost of this tour is included in the all-Inclusive Option. If you cannot participate in this activity, you may opt-out. See the Registration Form. Gratuity for driver/guide is included in the cost.*

6:30 PM: Photo session and Social Hour.

7:30 PM: The ASA Okinawa Association Banquet. Enjoy tonight in a more formal setting. Coat and tie recommended for the gentlemen and corresponding dress for the ladies, or 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. *Cost of the banquet is included in the all-Inclusive Option. If you cannot participate in this activity, you may opt out. See the Registration Form.*

Monday September 4

6:30 – 7:45 AM: Breakfast will be in the hotel restaurant – with breakfast coupons provided. Eat at your leisure during this time frame, keeping in mind when the memorial service begins. *The cost of breakfast is included in the room rate.*

8:00 AM: Memorial Service in Hospitality Room

Office Use Only: Dep Rec'd _____ / Payment Method _____ / Date Rec'd _____

ASA Okinawa Association Reunion

Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your initial deposit (or full payment) on or before May 15, 2017

Make your check out to "Reunion Manager – ASA Okinawa"

Mail to: ASA Okinawa Reunion Manager, 1225 34th Ave NE Hickory, NC 28601

Phone: 828-238-8686 (Tuesday or Thursday 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM)

Attendee Info

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Spouse or Guest Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Primary Phone (home or cell): (_____) _____ Email: _____

Check here if you want your confirmation letter sent via e-mail instead of USPS (be sure we have your e-mail address)

Emergency Contact Info

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

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name Tag Info

The all-Inclusive Option contains a Seattle, WA city tag. If this is your first ASA Okinawa reunion, or if your nametag walked away during the years you are encouraged to order a new one, The name tag is sturdy green plastic engraved with your name, rank and year served. Spouse or guest name tag will have the guest's name only. Name tags are \$7.75 each, For name tag accuracy, please provide the following: **IF YOU COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW – YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR AND RECEIVE A NAME TAG.**

Name for your nametag: _____ Name for guest nametag: _____

Rank while with ASA Okinawa : _____ Years served with ASA Okinawa: _____

Cancellation Policy

By submitting this registration form, I understand and agree that I am making my own lodging reservations and the DoubleTree cancellation policy will apply. For the tours, cancellations received after **August 14, 2017** cannot be honored (tour company policy, not ours). For hotel provided functions (food and beverages) cancellations will be honored until August 24, 2017, except if guaranteed numbers have been provided to the vendor or payment already made. There will be **NO REFUNDS – for any reason** - for cancellation requests received after **August 24th**. ***For your protection so you do not lose your investment, Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent. Premier Reunion Services does not offer this service.***

Signature Required: _____

Special Needs

Please list any type of special room requirements: _____

Please list any dietary requirements: _____

2017 ASA Okinawa Reunion Worksheet

This is different than the past, so please read carefully. There is only one All-Inclusive Option. The All-Inclusive Option contains the Events/Activities listed below. Please note this option does not include lodging. You will need to make your room reservations separately by calling the hotel direct at 1-206-575-8220 or the national reservation desk at 800-222-8733. When calling for reservations be sure to tell the person making the reservation that you are with the ASA Okinawa Reunion and use reunion code ASA. Or you can make your reservation on line by clicking on this link <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/S/SEASPD-T-ASA-20170829/index.jhtml>. You can use your credit card for your room reservation. Room rate is same as last year, \$129.00 plus tax.

- a) Thursday evening welcome reception
- b) Friday tour
- c) Friday dinner
- d) Saturday tour
- e) Saturday dinner
- f) Sunday tour
- g) Sunday banquet
- h) Seattle city tag
- i) Post reunion memory book
- j) Pro-rated cost of postage, printing, hospitality room items, gratuities, and miscellaneous admin expenses. Everyone has been assessed a pro-rated amount for these costs which cannot be deducted. This is not new, this has always been done in the past – so you are not seeing a “new” charge; these costs have always been built in the option costs just like now.

Cost for the entire All-Inclusive Option is only \$531.00 per single; \$1,017.00 per couple
 (when comparing this year’s cost to last year, remember in previous years
 the tours were not included in the option cost. They were in addition to the option cost).

You may deduct the events/activities that you cannot participate in. I wish to deduct the following activities/events from the all-inclusive option:

Thursday August 31, Welcome Reception: @ \$26.00 per person X # persons _____ = \$ _____

Friday Sept 1, Tour @ \$97.00 per person X # persons _____ = \$ _____

Friday Sept 1, Light Dinner w/ Pizza, wings, salad: @ \$42.00 per person X # persons _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Sept 1, Tour @ \$83.00 per person X # persons _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Sept 2, Northwest dinner buffet @ \$60.00 per person X # persons _____ = \$ _____

Sunday Sept 3, Tour @ \$64.00 per person X # persons _____ = \$ _____

Sunday Sept 3, Banquet dinner @ \$66.00 per person X # persons _____ = \$ _____

Seattle, WA city tag @ \$4.75 per tag X # tags _____ = \$ _____

2017 Reunion Memory Book @ \$25.00 per book _____ = \$ _____

Total of deductions \$ _____

Subtract deductions from your selected option @ \$531.00 or \$1,017.00 for your option cost \$ _____

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Amount Enclosed: \$ _____