



2012 AWRA Reunion Tentative Agenda

Wed, 1 Aug 2012

1300-1800	Registration in Lobby
1400-2200	Hospitality in the Hospitality Suite
1800-2200	Registration in the Hospitality Suite
All Day	Personal Activities

Thu, 2 Aug 2012

0900-2300	Hospitality/Registration in the Hospitality Suite
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0730-0800	Depart Doubletree for 75th Anniversary Celebration of AF Weather - Offutt AFB Car Pool or Commercial Bus - \$10
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0900-0945	Flagpole Ceremony
0950-1000	MIA/KIA Plaque Unveiled
1000-1030	"State of AFWA" Briefing: Dr Lewis
1030-1245	Lunch at Patriot Club - \$14.50
1300-1430	Heritage Panel
1445-1700	Work Center Tours
TBD	Return to Doubletree Hotel Based on Member needs, Bus/Car Pools can return folks as required

TBD	Open House at Bill Burnette Home We will Car Pool from the Hotel
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All Day	Personal Activities
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Fri, 3 Aug 2012

0800-2300	Hospitality in the Hospitality Suite (May be closed after 1800 if most / all attend the optional AWA Banquet)
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0900-1300	Possible Offutt Flight Line Tour Open Skies (Former WC-135B)
1800-2359	(Optional) AWA Banquet - \$45 Dress: Coat and Tie Speaker: Gen Moorman Music: USAF Band, Nightwing Dancing: 2100-2359

All Day	Personal Activities
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Sat, 4 Aug 2012

0800-1700	Hospitality in the Hospitality Suite
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0900-1030	AWRA Board of Directors Meeting
1030-1200	AWRA General Membership Meeting

1800-1900	No-Host Social Hour
1845	Group Photos
1900-2200	Annual AWRA Banquet – Casual Dress Speaker: Scott Gahring NASA WB-57F Program Manager

Sun, 5 Aug 2012

0800-1200	Departure Hospitality
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1 - 5 Aug, Please Join Us in Omaha !!

75 Years of Air Force Weather A Time to Celebrate and Reflect

During the 2011 reunion, AWRA members voted to join AWA in Omaha to help the Air Force Weather Agency celebrate the past 75 years of weather support to the warfighter. The reunion dates are 1 - 5 August 2012.

In the past, when AWRA held joint reunions with AWA, a few AWRA members felt like we were not treated equally. Bernie Barris, the 2012 Reunion POC, has done everything possible to make sure things will be better this time around. The AWA folks have been extremely helpful, and open to making AWRA an equal partner in Omaha.

Both groups will be staying at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in downtown Omaha. The rooms are blocked for the Air Force Weather Reunion. It is the same room block for both AWRA and AWA. The beginning rate is \$94 per night (plus state and local tax) for either single or double occupancy. There is a higher rate for 3 or more people in a room. The special rate should be good for up to 3 days before or after the reunion.

On the first page, you will find a tentative agenda for our reunion. Wed, 1 August, is arrival day. There will be a separate AWRA Reunion Information table in the lobby of the hotel. After you check into the hotel, you will be directed to the AWRA Hospitality, which will be in one of the "Presidential" Suites.

Thursday, 2 Aug, will be a busy day. Everyone who wishes to take part in the formal AFWA Anniversary functions will depart the hotel via a commercial bus. The exact cost is still being worked, and will depend on total number of seats. We have asked for \$10 per seat on the registration form. This should be the absolute max cost. If we end up paying less, we will refund any extra. It is possible to drive onto Offutt, but you will need a Military ID (Active or Retired). Parking will be extremely limited, so we recommend taking the bus.

After the formal morning events at AFWA, it will be possible to have lunch at the Patriot Club on base. AWA is coordinating a prepaid selection of meals. The cost is \$14.50 person and includes tip.

After lunch, there will be a Weather Heritage Panel and tours of the AFWA work centers. We will work the return to the hotel details based on member needs.

Col Bill Burnette, AWRA Board of Directors member, has offered to host an open house on Thurs evening. This will not cost you anything. We will set up a car pool plan for folks to share a ride to and from the open house. Details will be available in the AWRA Hospitality Suite.

On Friday morning there will be a flight line tour at Offutt hosted by the 45th Recon Squadron. We hope to have at least one, but possibly both, of a WC-135 and OC-135 aircraft. We will use a car pool to and from the hotel, making sure that we have an ID-carrying member in each vehicle. Base parking is always a problem, so we will let you know where to park.

On Friday evening, we have coordinated with AWA to allow any of our members who desire to attend the AWA formal banquet, to do so. We will have an appropriate number of tables reserved for a Reconnaissance section. The cost is \$45 per person, which is not included in your \$70 registration fee. The dress is coat-and-tie. The guest speaker will be General Tom Moorman, former USAF Vice Chief of Staff. Nightwings, a USAF band, will play before dinner, as well as for dancing later in the evening.

On Saturday, we will have a full schedule, including the Board of Directors meeting, followed by the AWRA general membership meeting in the morning. Saturday evening is the AWRA Annual Banquet. This plated dinner is included in your registration fee. Per vote of the AWRA membership, the dress for the Saturday banquet is casual. We will have remarks and presentations from AWRA officers. In addition, the NASA WB-57F Program Office has offered to provide a presentation about their ongoing projects. Included will be a status update on bringing a third aircraft out of storage at Davis-Monthan AFB. There will be chance to ask questions after the presentation.

On Sunday morning, there will be departure hospitality in the Hospitality Suite. Folks can get together one last time to say "Goodbye, and see you next year!" One of our agenda items is to decide where "Next Year" will be. Suggestions for Sacramento, Tucson, and San Antonio have been made. Let us know where you want AWRA to gather.

Contact: bcbarris@aol.com with your ideas!

Air Weather Reconnaissance Association

2012 Reunion of Members

1 - 5 August 2012

DOUBLETREE (by Hilton) Hotel, Downtown Omaha

1616 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68102

Reservations: (402) 636-4913

The 2012 Reunion is being held in Omaha as part of the 75th Anniversary of Air Force Weather. AWRA and AWA are both using the DoubleTree Hotel as the host hotel. Rooms are available at a special rate of \$94.00 (and up) per night, plus state & local taxes. The \$94 rate is for single or double occupancy. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel, not later than 9 July 2012. Let them know that you are with the Air Force Weather Reunion. Any reservations made after 9 July will be based on availability and may be at the normal (higher) rates.

Mail registration form to: BERNARD C BARRIS
11019 OAKTREE PARK
SAN ANTONIO TX 78249-4440

Please Mail this Registration Form so that it arrives by 1 July 2012

Name: (as you want it to appear on Nametag) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

E-Mail: _____ (to confirm registration and receive updates)

I plan to attend the 2012 Air Weather Reconnaissance Association Reunion.

I will be accompanied by _____ family members or other guests.

Name(s) of additional attendees: (as desired on Nametag) _____

I / We will _____ will not _____ be staying at the DoubleTree (by Hilton)

(1) Please register _____ persons @ \$70.00 per person for the AWRA 2012 Reunion. \$ _____

This fee is required for all attendees and includes the Registration Packet, Hospitality Room (daily), and the AWRA Banquet on Saturday, 4 Aug 2012. Hospitality will have refreshments, snacks, etc. Dress code for the AWRA Banquet on Saturday is Casual.

(2) I have _____ guests coming in *exclusively* for the AWRA Banquet on Sat, 4 Aug 2012. \$45.00 per guest. \$ _____

Name of Guest: _____

(3) I have _____ total individuals who would like to attend the Optional AWA banquet on Friday, 3 Aug. Cost is \$45.00 per person, and this is not part of the AWRA registration fee. \$ _____

This is a coat and tie dinner of AWA. The guest speaker will be former USAF Vice Chief of Staff. There will be music by USAF band and dancing. AWRA will reserve appropriate number of tables to have a Reconnaissance Section at the dinner.

(4) I have _____ individuals who will be attending the 75th Anniversary of Air Force Weather at Offutt AFB on Thursday, 2 Aug 2012. \$ _____

We would like _____ seats on the bus @ \$10 per person.
We would like _____ lunches at the Patriot Club @ \$14.50 each.

AWRA will coordinate a car pool for those who don't want to take bus; however, parking will be a premium for the Anniversary event. To gain access to Offutt via POV, you must have Military ID card.

Total Amount on Check to AWRA POC \$ _____

Make Registration Check Payable to **Bernard C. Barris**
(2012 AWRA Reunion POC)
Any Questions, Contact POC at (210) 274-9974

Below counts are for planning purposes only. AWRA will coordinate car pool from DoubleTree Hotel on Thursday evening and Friday morning.

I have _____ individuals who will attend the open house at AWRA BOD Member Bill Bunette's home on Thursday Evening.

I have _____ individuals who are interested in the Offutt AFB flight line tour on Friday morning.

I would be interested in purchasing _____ 2012 AWRA Reunion baseball caps @ \$20 each.