

# 459th Wing Association

BRINGING THE LATEST NEWS TO ALUMNI AND MEMBERS

Summer 2018 Newsletter

P.O. Box 748, Clinton, Maryland 20735

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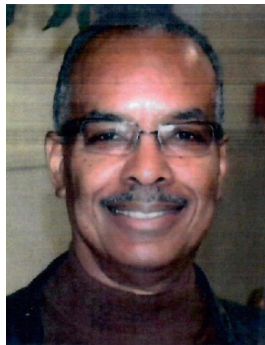
## 29th Annual Reunion to Chincoteague Island is upon us!

## President's Message

By Harold Countee  
459th Wing Association President

Summer has arrived with a vengeance with temperatures 95 plus. It is very important to stay well-hydrated by drinking plenty of WATER and remember to use sunscreen whenever spending extended time outside.

Applications are beginning to come in for our 2018 459th Wing Association Reunion. This year's reunion will be at the Marriott's Fairfield Inn & Suites, 3913 Main Street, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336. The



Reunion dates are October 4th, 5th and 6th checking out on October 7th. There will be an annual membership meeting on Saturday morning, Oct 6th where we will discuss next year's reunion site as well as many other topics that will affect the future of the Association. You won't want to miss this meeting since it is open to all of the membership. The registration form and schedule of events are enclosed which should be mailed to 459th Wing Association, P.O. Box 748, Clinton, MD 20735. I am asking that you send your registration form in as soon as possible so we can get a count on how many will be attending. As in the past all those who register and pay before September 4th will be entered into a drawing to win a free hotel night and dinner.

# 459TH WING ASSOCIATION

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The 459th Wing Association consists of current and former members of units in the present and former 459th wings. Through quarterly newsletters and annual reunions, the Association provides a means for members to maintain contact with those with whom they served and to receive news about Wing events and member news. Reunions are held in cities within a 300 mile radius of Washington D.C.

The 459th Wing Association provides financial support for the annual awards program and the Family Day picnic. It also donates to the Fischer House.

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## Pictures from the 459 ARW



### COL. GULLION TAKES COMMAND OF 459 ARW

Major Gen. Randall A. Ogden, Commander, 4th Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command, March Air Reserve Base, California (left), hands the 459th Air Refueling Wing guidon to Col. Douglas E. Gullion (right) in a hangar on the Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, flight line June 9, 2018. Douglas assumes command from Col. (ret.) David A. Owens and comes to the 459th from the 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, where he served as the commander. He is a command pilot with more than 6,500 military flying hours. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Brent Skeen)



### PILOT FOR A DAY GIVES SERIOUSLY ILL CHILD A SPECIAL EXPERIENCE

Members of the 459th Air Refueling Wing and their mission partners hosted Pilot for a Day to help give a seriously ill child a day of fun and immersive activities at Joint Base Andrews. Pilot for a Day is a program which provides an opportunity for seriously ill children to be an honorary pilot and tour the dynamic units which call Andrews home. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Andreaa Phillips)

# JBA hosts Honorary Commander Induction Ceremony

By 11th Wing Public Affairs

Joint Base Andrews welcomed 10 community and civic leaders into the 2018 Honorary Commanders Program during an induction ceremony here.

The honorary commanders program gives local community leaders the opportunity to understand the mission of the Air Force and the role of JBA in the Department of Defense's overall mission. It also allows military commanders and their units to connect with their community.

"These relationships are mutually beneficial," said Col. Jocelyn J. Schermerhorn, 11th Wing and Joint Base Andrews vice commander. "Effective community support is essential to our mission, and having personal relationships with local service members provides firsthand perspective to the public that can't be matched."

Across the National Capital Region, honorary commanders serve as a civilian interface between Joint Base Andrews and the external community, ensuring an increase in direct communication and partnership.

"Building public trust and creating a positive relationship between our military and the community is essential," said Jim Estepp, Andrews Business & Community Alliance president and CEO. "Coming to these events allows us to develop and maintain a mutual understanding of our respective missions and is a win-win for JBA and the community."

During the ceremony, inductees and their military counterparts were recognized on stage and presented an honorary commander's lapel pin and a

certificate of induction.

The newly inducted honorary commanders will serve two-year terms and join the 27 already serving.

Throughout the year, honorary commanders are invited to attend base tours, change-of-command ceremonies and various social functions on base and in the surrounding communities that Airmen and Sailors from Joint Base Andrews support. In turn, service members are invited to participate in events in the community.

## **This year's new honorary commanders are:**

- Mrs. Sonya Gaston, principal Francis T. Evans Elementary School
- Ms. Helga Weschke, director, Federal Business Relations Office of Military and Federal Affairs, Maryland
- Mr. Conrad Marshall, general manager, Transdev North America
- Ms. Starlet Hunter, manager, Community Engagement, MGM Casino
- Mr. Earl Furfine, leader, North America Big Deals Squad
- Pastor John K. Jenkins, Sr., senior pastor First Baptist Church, Glenarden, Maryland
- Mr. James F. Barter, Jr., managing partner, West End Capital Group
- Ms. Mikiko Land, director, Corporate Marketing and Business Development, Charles P. Johnson & Associates
- Mr. Kevin McCarthy, vice president, Community Engagement, Washington Nationals
- Honorable Sheila R. Tillerson Adams, Administrative Judge Prince George's County and 7th Judicial Circuit, Prince George's County, Maryland



Colonel Jocelyn Schermerhorn, 11th Wing and Joint Base Andrews vice commander, and Jim Estepp, Senior Andrews Ambassador, welcome attendees to the 2018 Joint Base Andrews Honorary Commander Induction Ceremony, May 2, 2018. The program, which began in 1999, matches a community leader with a military leader to provide commanders a means to educate participants about the armed forces and their various missions. (Courtesy photo)

# 29th Annual Reunion Timeline

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## **Thursday, October 4th:**

1200 - 1500: NASA Tour (Wallops Island)

1600: Hotel Check-in

1000 - 2200: Hospitality Room Area Open (Accomack Board Room)

1800 - 2200: Buffett Dinner (Narrows Ballroom FIS)  
*Buffet Menu: Jerk Marinated Chicken Breast, Roasted Atlantic Salmon, Island Rice, Local farm Salad, Seasonal Vegetables, Cheese & Fruit Display and Assorted Deserts*

## **Friday, October 5th:**

700 - 1000: Breakfast

1000 - 2200: Hospitality room open (Accomack Board Room)

1000 - 1200: Teguer's Tump bus tour or spend time relaxing

1600 - 2000: Dinner on your own

## **Saturday, October 6th:**

630 - 830: Breakfast

900 - 1000: Annual Meeting (Accomack Board Room)

1000 - 2200: Hospitality area (Accomack Board Room)

1100 - 1600: Free time to shop, explore the local area or go golfing

800 - 2200: Annual Banquet (Narrows Ballroom)  
*Seated Dinner Menu: Chicken Marsala or Short Braised or Slow Braised Short Rib, or Tequila Lime Mahi Mahi, Roasted Tri-Color Potatoes, seasoned vegetables Mix, Cheese, Fruit & Vegetable Display and Assorted Deserts*

## **Sunday, October 7th**

1100: Check-out of hotel

Hotel Reservations: In addition to completing the enclosed Registration Form, please call the Marriott Fairfield Inn and Suites to make your room reservation to ensure getting the 459th Reunion rate of \$89.00 per night for standard room and \$99.00 for a Bayview Room. To obtain the reduced rate please make your reservation by September 4th by calling 1-757-336-0043. Please make an effort to make your reservation by September 4th because there is an Oyster and Seafood Festival in town that weekend which means rooms will be tough to get after our cutoff date. Guests will be required to provide a credit card or deposit equal to the first night's accommodation plus tax at the time of the reservation is made to guarantee your reservation. Advance deposits are refundable as long as cancellation is made no later than 72 hours prior to arrival.

# 29th Annual Reunion Destinations

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## **Wallops island**

### **Tour:**

All participants MUST wear closed toe shoes on this tour, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Due to the fact that NASA only conducts this tour on Thursdays at noon, please arrive at the hotel no later than noon and check-in to your room will be after this tour.



# 29th Annual Reunion Destinations

## **Teaguer's Tumps Tour:**

Chincoteague Island like any small town is full of interesting stories and is filled with an interesting past. This tour is a two-hour guided tour that takes you all around the island to places that you will never forget. You will see and learn about a variety of things relative to Chincoteague Island so bring your camera!



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## 2018 Reunion Registration Form

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

### **Closing Night Dinner Selections:**

Select one *Chicken Marsala* or *Slow Braised Rib* or *Tequila Lime Mahi Mahi*

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Full program: \$125 Per Person

Number attending \_\_\_ X \$125 = total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Attend Thursday Wallops Island Tour: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Attend Friday Teaguer's Tump Tour: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send form and check payment to:**

**459th Wing Association**

**P.O. Box 748**

**Clinton, MD 20735**

**Questions please call or email:**

**301-785-0225 or [hmcountee@verizon.net](mailto:hmcountee@verizon.net)**

*The full program is \$125 per person. Here's what's included:*

*-Breakfast on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings*

*-Buffet dinner on Thursday evening*

*-Transportation on Thursday to NASA Wallops Island*

*-Transportation on Friday's Teaguer's Tumper Tour*

*-Banquet dinner Saturday with choice of three wines*

*-Hospitality suite with a variety of refreshments Thurs, Fri. and Sat.*



**CADETS TOUR WING, SEE REFUELING FIRSTHAND**

Cadets with the Civil Air Patrol receive a tour of a KC-135R Stratotanker on the Joint Base Andrews flight line June 21, 2018. As part of the tour, they also flew with the 459th and saw an in-flight refueling. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Andreaa Phillips)

*Final Fly-By*

**Master Sgt. (ret.) Jack Neely Dalton**

*July 6, 1944 - June 4, 2017*

Jack Dalton passed away on June 4, 2017 at his home in Fort Washington, Maryland after a long battle with Muscular Sclerosis. He graduated from Lawrence High School in Massachusetts and attended Lowell Technical School. Jack later attended the University of Maryland graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Personnel Systems Management. He is a retired Master Sergeant from the 459 Air Refueling Wing, Air Force Reserve at Joint Base Andrews. Jack worked tirelessly in the 459th Personnel Systems Management office for many years until his retirement. Interment was in Massachusetts.



**LOVE IS IN THE AIR**

The 459th Air Refueling Wing teamed up with the 113th Wing DC Air National Guard to host spouses from both units to fly on the KC-135 and witness refueling in action June 10, 2018. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Andreaa Phillips)

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND ANNUAL DUES

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Dear Fellow 459th Members and Former Members;

The general purpose of this association is to promote and encourage current and former members of the 459th Wing to remain in touch with those with whom they served, and to support morale programs for active 459th reservists and their families. Activities of the Association include:

- Publishing a quarterly newsletter containing articles regarding Association members, Association events, and 459th Air Refueling Wing activities.
- Providing financial support for the 459th ARW Annual Awards program.
- Providing financial support for the Family Day Picnic.
- Donating to the Fischer House.
- Holding annual reunions in cities within an approximate 300 mile radius from Washington, D.C.

**459th Troop Carrier Wing**

**459th Airlift Wing**

**459th Tactical Airlift Wing**

**459th Air Refueling Wing**

Please cut here and return completed form with check

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Membership Application and Renewal of Annual Dues, 2018.

Please complete this form and return with check for \$15.00 payable to:

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**Clinton, MD 20735**

I am/was assigned to 459th Wing or  
associate unit.

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone – home \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

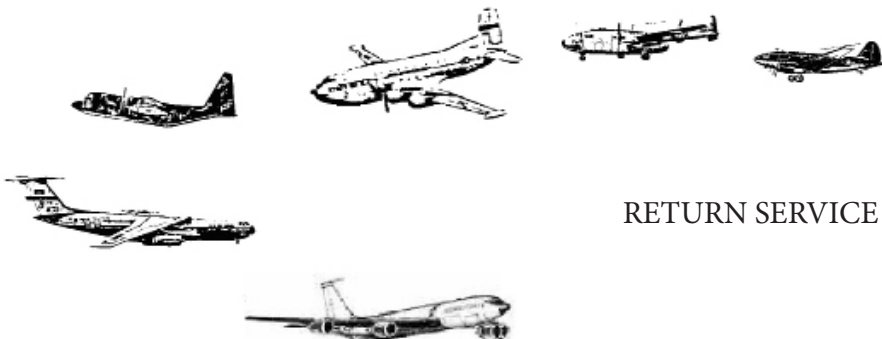
Current or last position in the 459th \_\_\_\_\_

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