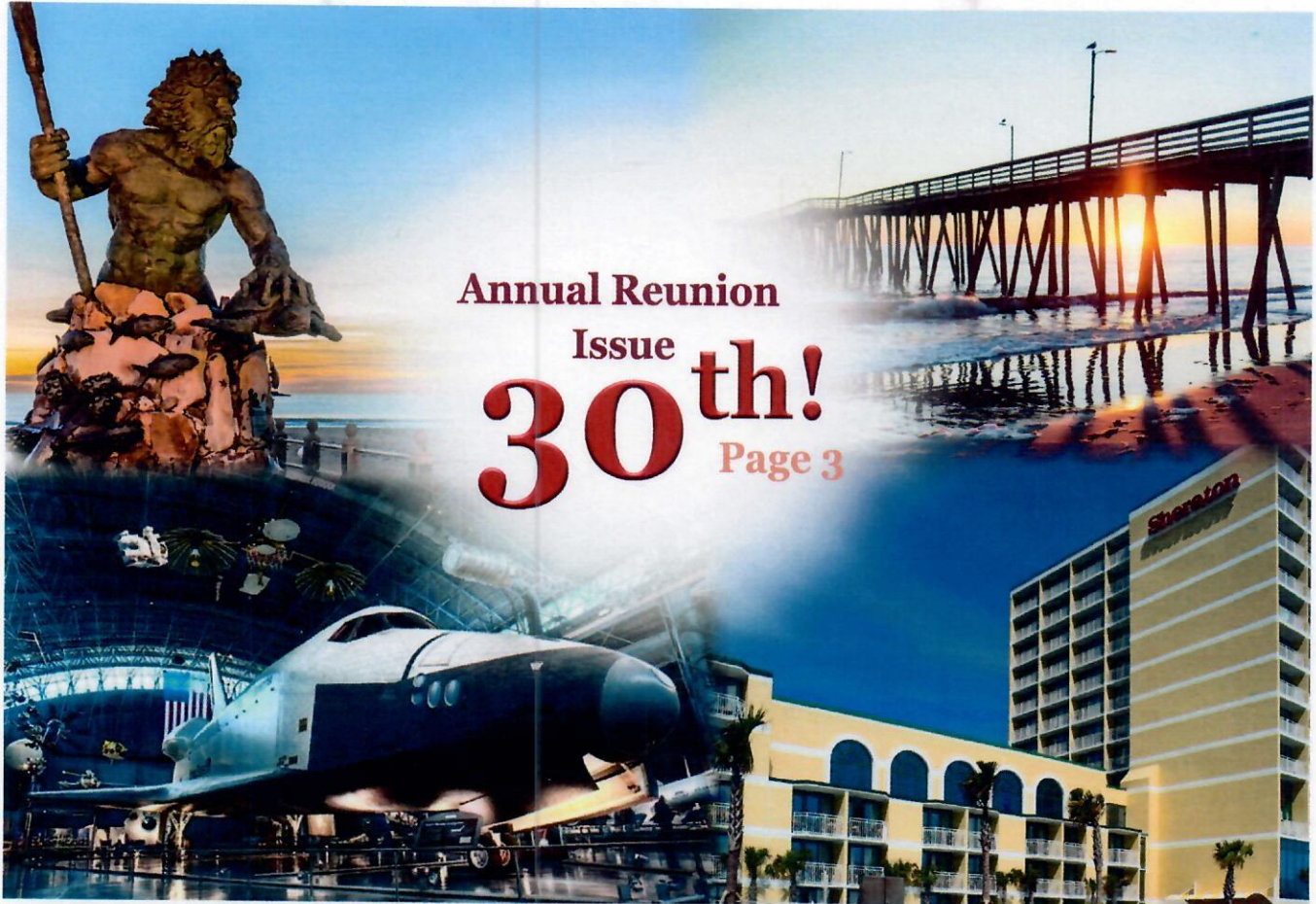


459th Wing Association

BRINGING THE LATEST NEWS TO ALUMNI AND MEMBERS

Summer 2019 Newsletter

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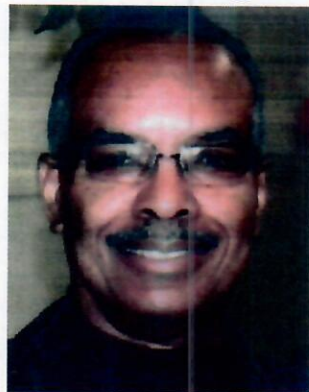


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President's Message

By Harold Countee
459th Wing Association President

My spring newsletter was missing a lot of information that was accidentally not included when the package went to the printer so this newsletter is coming to you a little



sooner than usual so you will have all the reunion information.

Remember our annual membership meeting will be during the reunion while in Virginia Beach on Saturday morning Oct. 5th and all are welcome to attend. Information about the 2019 Reunion in Virginia Beach is included in this newsletter along with the registration form and timeline of scheduled events. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

I have been checking with the hotel and

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459TH WING ASSOCIATION

SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Staff and Board Members

Harold Countee - President

Tim McConnell - Vice President

Jim Lacey - Secretary

Charles Hawkins- Treasurer

Henry Hinnant - Assistant Treasurer

Patti Fitch- Membership

Charles Fitch

Nancy Oliver

Rodney Walker

Dr. Warren Johnson

Shirley Hawkins - Honorary Member

Kat Justen - Newsletter Editor

The 459th Wing Association consists of current and former members of 459th wings throughout history. The Association provides a means for members to maintain contact with those with whom they have served and to receive news about Wing events and member-news via annual reunions and quarterly newsletters.

Reunions are generally held in cities within a 300 mile radius of Washington DC. The 459th Wing Association began in 1989 and has consistently provided financial support for the 459th Annual awards program and the annual family day events. The Association also donates to the Fisher House.

Membership is continuously open to all wing personnel for an annual contribution of \$15. Look for the membership application included in this newsletter.

Mailing Address:

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Clinton, MD 20735

Pictures from the 459 ARW



MAE KRIER "ROSIE THE RIVETER" VISITS THE 459TH ARW

Mae Krier, an original "Rosie the Riveter" who helped build B-17s and B-29s during WWII, and members of the 459th Air Refueling Wing and 89th Airlift Wing, flex their muscles in a "Rosie the Riveter" pose on the Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, flight line April 30, 2019. Krier led a successful campaign for a National Rosie the Riveter Day which led to a unanimous Congressional approval in 2017. It is now observed during Women's History Month on March 21. (U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. Tim Smith)



VIETNAM CREW CHIEF REUNITES WITH HIS AIRCRAFT 40 YEARS LATER

Master Sgt. Bill Fuselier, retired, looks at his name on a KC-135 Stratotanker, tail 3543, during a visit to the 459th Air Refueling Wing at Joint Base Andrews, Md., April 25, 2019. Fuselier is a Vietnam War veteran and former crew chief. He returned to the 459th to visit the same aircraft he worked on more than 40 years ago. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Cierra Presentado)

30th Annual Reunion Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 3rd:

1600: Hotel Check-in
1600-2300: Hospitality Room Area Open
1900-2000: Meet-and-Greet Cocktail hour
(Ocean Grand Foyer)
2000-2200: Meet and Greet Dinner (Ocean
Grand Foyer)

Menu: Marinated Beef Medallions, Grilled
Chicken Breast, Roasted Garlic
Mashed Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Traditional
Mixed Green salad, Green Beans with
Garlic Butter and Assorted Desert Display

Friday, October 4th:

0700-1000: Breakfast if desired on your own
1030: Board Bus for trip to Norfolk
1130: Board Spirit of Norfolk for sightseeing
lunch cruise
1200-1400: Cruise time
1530: Return to Hotel
1600-2300: Hospitality Room open
1700-2200: Relaxation time and/or Dinner on
your own

Saturday, October 5th:

0630-0830: Breakfast if desired on your own
0900-1100: Annual Membership Board meeting
(Cape Fear Room)
1100: Load bus for Virginia Air and Space
Museum tour
1200-1500: Museum Tour or Shopping or
golfing or stroll the boardwalk
2200-Midnight: Hospitality Room open
1900-2200: Semi-Formal Annual Banquet (Cape
Fear Room)

Dinner Menu: Chicken Oscar Chicken
Breast topped with Chesapeake Crab
OR Grilled Salmon with Teriyaki Ginger
Glaze, Oven Roasted Red Bliss Potato,
Sauteed Broccoli, Traditional Caesar Salad
with Shaved Parmesan and Croutons
and cake for desert

Sunday, October 6th:

1100: Check-out of Hotel

Hotel Reservations:

In addition to completing the enclosed
Registration Form please call the Sheraton
Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel (which
is owned by Marriott) to make your room
reservation. Please be sure to say you will
be attending the 459th Wing Association
Reunion beginning on October 3rd to get
our rate of \$89.00 per night for standard
city view room, \$99.00 for a double queen
partial Oceanfront Room or \$119.00 for a
deluxe Oceanfront king.

To obtain the reduced rate you must make
your reservation by September 4th. Please
call Marriott reservations at 757-425-9000
and request the 459th Association rate.

Please make an effort to make your reser-
vation by September 4th because the special
rate cannot be guaranteed after that date.
Guest will be required to provide a credit
card to reserve your room. Hotel cancella-
tions will be in accordance with the hotel's
cancellation policy.

*****Hotel Address: Sheraton Virginia
Beach Oceanfront Hotel, 3501 Atlantic
Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. Phone
757-425-9000.**

30th Annual Reunion!



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am told that our blocked rooms are being reserved. When calling the hotel, to make your reservation you will get the front desk, however if nobody is at the desk you will probably be transferred to central reservations. The individual at the hotel who is responsible for our group room block is Joanne Saint-Louis at 757-905-6219. You can also make your room reservation online using the link below:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1550248159186&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Included for \$150.00 per person:

- Meet-and-greet dinner on Thursday evening
- Transportation to and from Norfolk, Virginia
- Luncheon Cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk
- Transportation to and from Virginia Air and Space Museum
- Banquet and dinner on Saturday evening
- Hospitality suite with a variety of refreshments Thurs., Fri. and Sat.

2019 Reunion Registration Form

Member Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Closing night banquet dinner selections (circle one):

Member: **Grilled Salmon** OR **Chicken Breast**

Guest: **Grilled Salmon** OR **Chicken Breast**

Full program: \$150 per person

Number attending: ____ x \$150 = **Total enclosed:** \$ ____

* Do you need transportation to the Reunion: **Yes** or **No**

* If someone else needs transportation are you able to help provide transportation? **Yes** or **No**

Please send registration form and check payable to:

459th Wing Association

P.O. Box 748

Clinton, MD 20735

For questions please call or email Harold Countee

Phone: 301-785-0225

Email: hmcountee@verizon.net



WARRIOR SPOTLIGHT
459TH AIR REFUELING WING

Senior Airman Joselyn Vasquez
459th Security Forces Squadron
Combat Arms Instructor

"Putting myself out of my comfort zone with teaching has really boosted my confidence. I used to be very shy and avoid putting myself in uncomfortable positions, but now I feel like, 'I can do this.' I have more confidence to put myself in those positions."

Final Fly-By

Robert Williams Barr

(September 27, 1924 – November 10, 2018)

Robert Williams Barr died of congestive heart failure at his home in Falcons Landing, Potomac Falls, Virginia, Nov. 10, 2018. Bobby lived most of his early life at Barrsden, on Stony Point Road in Charlottesville, Proffit, along with his parents, James K. and Nancy Barr, and siblings, Nancy, Billy and Jane. He attended Lane High School (graduating from Proctor Academy in Andover, NH in 1943) and the University of Virginia after serving in the Army's Air Force during World War II. He retired a Lt. Col. in 1976.



We now have the ability to pay dues online through PayPal!

Log onto:

www.459thwingassociation.com,
scroll to the bottom and click,
"pay dues online."

Annual membership is \$15.00 per year due March 31st. You may also pay dues for multiple years. Your newsletter will have the year you are paid through printed in the upper right hand corner of the address label.

Note: For your information, according to the IRS we are not an organization described in Internal Revenue Code Section 170 (c) so donors cannot deduct contributions.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND ANNUAL DUES

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

Membership Application and Renewal of Annual Dues, 2018.

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

459th Wing Association
P.O. Box 748
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 _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BYLAWS REVIEW: During our upcoming reunion in October we will review and update the bylaws which is now available for all members to review on our website www.459thwingassociation.com as it's currently published. You may use the included worksheet to submit your comments/suggestions for consideration during our discussion. If you are not attending the reunion Please submit the worksheet by mail to 459th Wing Association, P.O. Box 748, Clinton, MD 20735 OR fax it to 301-574-5333. All comments are due by July 30th so they can be put into a format for presentation to the membership in attendance at the annual meeting scheduled for 9:00 AM on October 5, 2019. If no changes are made then we will document and date our last review keeping it as currently published.

NOMINATIONS for Officers and board members for the upcoming calendar year 2020 will also be taken and voted on during our annual meeting.

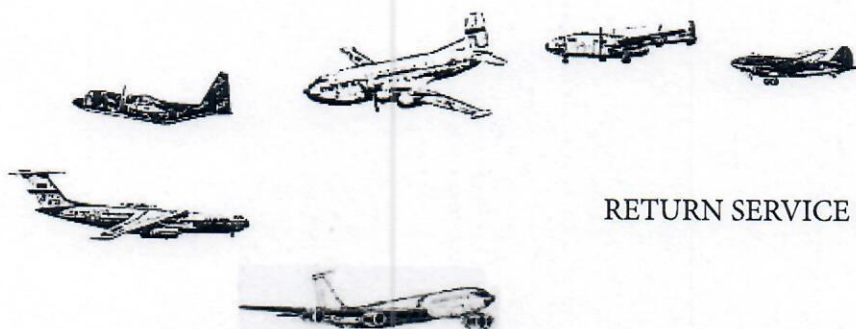
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