***We can hardly wait to see you in August!***

Your ARC has worked tirelessly during the last year to help make Joe Tavares’s “dream” come true. If it had not been for Joe and his connection with the Make A Wish Foundation, and the efforts of Kit Kitson and others to find us, this reunion may not have happened. We might still all be sitting around the country thinking “I wonder whatever happened to Ed Svitil and his orange? What about The Hard Core Four? Whatever happened to TAC officers Bundy and Dawson and Heien and Ware? Did someone really go AWOL from our billets and not get caught?” (Clyde Davis wants to know.)

We need to remember that tomorrow is not guaranteed to any of us. For some of us, this will be our final, one and only chance at a reunion. Some will die or not be able to travel due to medical or family issues. Some will become diseased and not be able to remember, as Steve Wing so eloquently recorded in the summer of ’69, “The Days of 22 Hotel.” How very important it is for us to remember each other. Who else will?

So, come join us on August 8-9-10 for our first gathering in 45 years. Watch the DVD we are making titled “22-Hotel-69: The First 45 Years” and see “the way we were.” Take it home and remember those days when we were young(er).

As Dennis Gehley would say: “The 50th anniversary is only 5 years away. Maybe.”

As Joe Boyle would say: “Peace.”

As Kit Kitson would say: “XX Days to Roll Call.”

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10. Summary of Reunion Deadlines

1. Rooms at Embassy Suites are still available

Your Anniversary Reunion Committee (ARC) has negotiated an agreement with Embassy Suites whereby, even if you have not registered for the reunion and show up unannounced on the day of the reunion, you will still be able to “get a room” at the 22-Hotel-69 weekend rate.

You can reserve your reunion weekend room online at <http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/D/DCASVES-22H-20140808/index.jhtml>

As soon as you have booked your room, PLEASE EMAIL CKITSON5@VERIZON.NET to let him know you are attending. Kit is responsible for maintaining and updating the 22 Hotel Reunion Roster. He wants to know your arrival and departure dates and the number of guests including yourself. Thanks in advance for doing this.

2. We need your money now to pay your bills

As of June 17, 44 classmates from 22-Hotel-69 including their guests have already made reservations to attend the reunion. Based on this response, we estimate a total of 60 attendees for the reunion. ARC has signed contracts for Friday night food in our reserved private room at Embassy Suites; for a memorial wreath to be placed by 22-Hotel-69 at the Vietnam Memorial on Saturday morning; for Saturday afternoon lunch at the Old Ebbitt Grill in Washington, D.C.; for dinner at the Ft. Belvoir Officers’ Club Saturday evening; and for Sunday lunch at the Quantico Marine Corps Museum.

In addition, ARC has commissioned a memorial reunion flag to be carried and displayed throughout the weekend (photo ops!) and a memorial banner to be displayed whenever we take individual and group pictures. These things cost money. (Your money.) We look forward to receiving $150 for yourself for the weekend and $150 each for your wife or other guests.

What do I get for my $150?

* Finger food in the reception room Friday 5:00 – 9:00 PM
* Lunch Saturday Old Ebbitt Grill
* Dinner Saturday night Ft. Belvoir Officers’ Club
* Lunch Sunday Marine Corps Museum Quantico 12:00 noon
* Memorial wreath at the Vietnam Memorial
* Bus transportation Saturday and Sunday to all locations and events (Vietnam Memorial, Ft. Belvoir, Quantico)
* Personal souvenir packet with DVD, 1st and 2nd Platoon photos and names, 22-Hotel-69 Roster August 1969, three miniature flags (U.S., POW/MIA, and 22-Hotel-69) and flag stand
* Souvenir baseball cap for OCS classmates
* Private 22-Hotel-69 hospitality suite snacks and beverages Friday 5:00 PM through Sunday 1:00 PM

Details regarding check payments follow.

**Make all checks payable to:**

22-Hotel Reunion Account/Charles Engelberger

**Mail your checks to:**

Chuck Engelberger

18229 Glen Abbey Court

Leesburg, VA 20176

3. Donations are encouraged and welcome

The ARC is very pleased to announce that we have already received anonymous donations to pay for a portion of the costs associated with 22-Hotel-69 flag and memorial banner.

If you cannot attend the reunion but would like to make a donation to support reunion costs, your donation toward the following expenses would be greatly appreciated:

* Memorial wreath (22-Hotel-69 deceased)
* Reunion flag
* Reunion banner
* Administrative expenses for copying and mailing souvenir packages to reconnected members who could not attend the reunion
* Other purposes as you so designate

Hey – you can also donate to the Reunion Kitty when you attend! Or afterward.

4. Are you going to Quantico for lunch on Sunday?

We have arranged for bus transportation Sunday morning to and from the Marine Corps Museum at Quantico, lunch at $20 person between 12:00 noon and 2:00, and return bus trip to Embassy Suites at 2:30 arriving Embassy Suites 3:00.

Some ARC members are concerned that there may not be enough time for people to take the bus, tour the museum, have lunch at Quantico, and make their airplane reservations. They propose cancelling the bus on Sunday and using POV carpools to Quantico instead.

One option is to leave the Sunday bus reservation ($600) in place, regardless of how few people use the bus.

Another option is to form ad hoc carpools and go to and from Quantico at each carpool’s convenience.

And finally, what to do about the $20 planned lunch at Quantico? If we carpool, it is unlikely that we all arrive, eat, and depart at the same time, unless we set a fixed time (12:00 noon) and agree to meet then. So, do we cancel our reservation for 40 people at Quantico and let everyone fend for themselves? Decisions, decisions.

For planning and reservation purposes at this time, we need to assume that at least some people will take the bus and that those people who take the bus will have lunch at the museum. If, in the end, you do not take the bus or have lunch with the group at 12:00, ARC will refund you $10 for the bus and $20 for lunch. Somehow we will figure it all out.

On or about July 1, ARC will send a very brief email survey to those who have indicated they plan to attend the reunion. We will ask you about your Quantico plans for Sunday August 10.

5. Where is your biography for our website?

Relatively few of us have submitted biographies to Steve Wing for transmittal to Craig Carothers for our 22-Hotel-69 website. Please send your bios of Army assignments and later civilian life to Steve Wing at **Stephen Wing <swla@optonline.net not later than July 31.** Remember, your bios are proprietary information available only to those classmates with access to our website. If you need to refresh your memory about what our website password is, call Craig Carothers at 618-624-5380 home, 618-531-5569 cell, or email him at craigc@carothers-carruthers.com. Even if you cannot attend the reunion, we want to be able to include you on our proprietary website of “Who’s Who: Whatever Happened to Good Ol’ What’s His Name?”

6. Where are your photos for our Welcome Board and DVD?

The same sentiment about biographies (see item 5 above, in case you already forgot) also applies to your photos and documents and other memorabilia for the reunion DVD and the reunion Memory Board.

(Malicious) rumor has it that we seem to look older than we did 45 years ago. Imagine! How will we know who is whom at the reunion, except by staring at reunion nametags that may or may not be large enough to read after 3 drinks? Bill and Deanne Mills have agreed to assemble current (more or less) photos of each classmate – especially those who are attending the reunion – onto a large foam board that will be on display during our Friday reception 5:00 – 9:00 PM and throughout the weekend outside our hospitality suite. (Just in case you forget who you are, you can go check the Memory Board.) Right now, there is far more white space on the board than there are photos. Whether or not you can attend, please send a current photo of yourself (with spouse, OK, with pets, no) to Bill and Deanne **not later than July 8** at bdmills65@yahoo.com or deannermills@gmail.com.

Reunion OIC Dennis Gehley is anxiously waiting to receive your photos and documents to include in the 22-Hotel-69 reunion DVD, a copy of which each OCS classmate and guest will receive in their souvenir package from the weekend. **Deadline** for receipt by Dennis is **July 8, 2014**. This is you chance to be highlighted forever, maybe even on YouTube. (Don’t hold your breath for that.) Send your DVD material by email to dmgehley@me.com or hard copy your stuff by snail mail to

Dennis Gehley/DVD

6901 Barnack Drive

Springfield, VA 22152-3320

It would help when you submit your photos if you could identify the individuals in the picture and the location, such as the name of military installation.

7. We need volunteers for Vietnam Memorial wreath ceremony and Ft. Belvoir Officers’ Club Color Guard

Saturday morning at the Vietnam Memorial 22-Hotel-69 will place a wreath at The Wall in honor of those who died during the Vietnam War and in honor of those of our classmates who have died since we were commissioned. We need four members from 22-Hotel-69 to carry the wreath from our bus to The Wall. Memorial wreath volunteers should contact Kit Kitson at ckitson5@verizon.net. “Uniform” is informal.

We also need four members to volunteer Saturday night at Ft. Belvoir Officers’ Club as our Color Guard to present and retire the Colors before and after dinner. Volunteers should contact Ray Murray at rmurray@raymurray.com. “Uniform” is appropriate to function. Ray can fill you in.

8. You get to choose your meal preferences

Your souvenir/registration package will include a choice of meal selections for Saturday afternoon’s lunch at Old Ebbitt Grill; dinner at the Ft. Belvoir Officers’ Club Saturday night; and Sunday brunch at the Quantico Marine Corps Museum.

9. Embassy Suites is donating Reception and Hospitality Rooms

Embassy Suites Management has offered to give us a first floor private meeting room – the Garfield Room – on August 8 for our initial reception from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM, for FREE. In addition, Embassy Suites is giving us – FREE of charge – two (2) adjoining rooms on an upper floor that we can use as mini-hospitality rooms all weekend. Our memorial DVD will be shown continuously (with or without soundtrack) in both the Garfield Room and our private hospitality suites. Yay Embassy Suites!

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**Color Guard Volunteers** should contact Ray Murray at rmurray@raymurray.com.

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