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506th Fighter Group Association

2008



Washington DC Reunion April 10 – 12, 2008

Join the 506th Fighter Group in our nations capital during the annual Cherry Blossom Festival. While we are attempting to fill the reunion with activities that will interest all our members, there is also enough flexibility to turn this reunion into a fabulous special vacation experience. **So Don't Wait**, mark you calendar now. Call and book your hotel reservation. Reserve a seat on your favorite airline or clean out the junk in the trunk to make room for all your

luggage, but act now. Make your plans today to join us in Washington DC for the 2008 reunion. **Don't forget the kids**, as this will be an incredible place to visit for all ages. Each reunion we are having more and more children, grand-children, and some great grand-children attend, so if you have not included your family in the past, now would be a great time to start as we visit our nations capital. Come spend a weekend April with us!



2008 Reunion Overview

While there are always last minute adjustments to the exact schedule, here is the general idea for the 2008 reunion. Following suggestions from members interested in attending the reunion, the dates of April 10-12 were selected allowing us to visit DC during the Cherry Blossom Festival. The Fairview Park Marriott was selected after checking over 35 area location. The Marriott will provide the best options of location, rates, and services.

With the many choices DC has to offer, and considering some of our members have traveled here on their own and will want to visit selected new locations, arranging tours for the whole group will leave out areas of interest to many individuals. However, we will be going as group to visit the new Smithsonian Air Museum at Dulles via a tour bus. Other than that time, individual members are encouraged to form smaller groups to tour DC on their own. A few may wish to stay in the hospitality suite and tell "War Stories", and some may want to shop at Tyson's Corner. Getting around is covered in an accompanying article about "Travel" in this newsletter.

With Washington DC having been selected, we have higher cost for travel and food than in the past and is reflected in the reunion fee. Hopefully you will see the overall reunion expense as acceptable, though higher than past years.

506th Fighter Group Reunion Hotel

Fairview Park Marriott

3111 Fairview Park Dr., Falls Church, Virginia 22024

(800) 228-9290 for Reservations

(703) 849-9400 local

Room Rate: \$-109 plus tax

Rate guaranteed if booked by March 20, 2008



Travel

To the Reunion:

There are 3 area airports you can use to get to DC:

- Washington Dulles (IAD)
- Washington National (DCA)
- Baltimore/Washington (BWI)

(before you select Baltimore/Washington, check on ground transportation cost to our hotel as it is the farthest away)

To get from the airport you can use local taxi service or the Super Shuttle (www.supershuttle.com). Rates will vary based with the number of people in your party and your arrival airport. You can check local airport web sites for all options.

While at the Reunion:

In the immediate area the hotel shuttle will take you to area restaurants and shopping. To travel downtown, the shuttle will take you to the Metro. To travel around downtown or out to Arlington Cemetery, look into using the *Tourmobile* service. For a daily fee of \$25 (children \$12), you can get on and off as often as you wish. See how it works, and where they go at their web site: <http://www.tourmobile.com/index.php>

When we travel to the air museum at Dulles:

The group will have a charter bus for travel to and from the Smithsonian Museum at Dulles for this half day excursion.

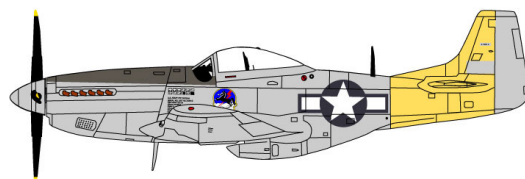
Reunion Fee - \$160

What you get for your \$\$\$\$.

- Hospitality Room with refreshments
- 2 Evening Meals (Thursday and Saturday)
- Bus transportation to Smithsonian Air Museum at Dulles Airport

(while higher than past reunions, it represents the reality of traveling to a location like Washington DC)

- * To renew your membership and update our records, please complete the middle portion of this form. Your membership helps pay for the newsletter.
- * To order polo shirts and hats, complete the other side
- * Mail (with your check) to:
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2008 Dues - 506th Fighter Group

Just complete and return to:
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Name:	
Address:	
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Home Phone:	
Email Address:	

**2008
Dues
\$20**



2007 Reunion Registration - 506th Fighter Group

This information will be used to complete your nametag

Name of Those Attending	Home Town/State	Squadron

**Reunion
Registration
Fee
\$160 ea.**
(if paid by April 1, 2007
\$160 if after that date)
Registration Fee
will be Refunded if
Canceled by
April 7th.

Promote the Squadrons of the 506th

They help tell the story and preserve the history

Order Hats, Polo Shirts & License Frames Today!

Satisfaction Guaranteed

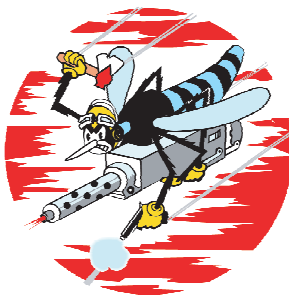
Squadron Polo Shirts \$ 30 ea.

Polo shirts are navy blue with multi-color squadron patch embroidered on left.

Squadron Hats \$ 15 ea.

Hats are white with embroidered multi-color squadron patch. **Patch only, no text!**

Because you are ordering sight unseen, refunds or exchanges will be offered.



457th Fighter Squadron
506th Fighter Group
Iwo Jima '45

Size	Quantity
Small	
Medium	
Large	
X-Large	
XX-Large	
Hats	



458th Fighter Squadron
506th Fighter Group
Iwo Jima '45

Size	Quantity
Small	
Medium	
Large	
X-Large	
XX-Large	
Hats	



462nd Fighter Squadron
506th Fighter Group
Iwo Jima '45

Size	Quantity
Small	
Medium	
Large	
X-Large	
XX-Large	
Hats	

Orders will be shipped to the member's address on the other side of this form.

New!



License Plate Frames

Chrome Frame / Dark Blue Background / White Lettering

Qty	Item	Each	Amount Enclosed
	Shirts	\$30	
	Hats	\$15	
	License Frame	\$20	
	Reunion Fee	\$160	
Shipping & Handling			\$5.00
	Dues	\$20	
	Total		



Tentative DC Reunion Schedule

Date	Day	Event
4/10/08	Thursday	Hotel Check In & Welcome Dinner
4/11/08	Friday	On your own to tour DC
		On your own for dinner
4/12/08	Saturday	Tour Smithsonian—Dulles
		Banquet at Hotel
4/13/08	Sunday	Hotel Checkout

The 506th web site is constantly being updated.
<http://506thfightergroup.org/>



Anti-glare Panels

In the last newsletter, we ask for your input about the color of the color of the engine cover panels on the P-51 as they arrived on Iwo Jima. Our survey, so far is inconclusive as only 7 members responded. The total so far is 2 for OD, 3 for black and 2 who don't know. If you would like to review your memory back we would love to hear from you. Check the answer below and return to the group mailing address.

Anti-glare Color:

- ☐ Olive Drab Green
☐ Flat Black
☐ Unknown

Membership Update:

If your address label is printed in **black ink**, we **have** recorded your updated membership. If it is printed in **red ink**, we **have not** received your dues. Though it is early this year, we already have 30 members who have paid their 2008 dues. Thanks for your continued support. Our roster has over 200 names. If you know additional folks we should send this this future newsletters, just send that info to our mailing address.

506th Shirts & Hats

We started selling 506th Polo Shirts 2 years ago and last year added squadron hats. To date, we have sold over 150 shirts and over 60 hats. Interestingly, more have been ordered by the 458th and 462nd. Those of you in the 457th need to get on the stick and order shirts. Because of the challenge of transporting shirts and hats to the reunion, they will NOT be available in DC. So order **NOW**, before you go so you will have them for your trip.

A new item has been added - **License Plate Frames**. They are chrome frames with dark blue background and white letters. They say "506th Fighter Group" in large letters on the bottom and "Iwo Jima — 1945" on the top. Order some today and show off your heritage.

Want to see who we have as members & where they live? Maybe you have a neighbor who shares your interest in the 506th.

Visit the member's page on the web.

<http://506thfightergroup.org/506thmemberlist.asp>

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