

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2018 REUNION PARTICIPANTS

**TRANSPORTATION FROM ATLANTA:** Many reunion participants will fly into the Atlanta Airport and will need to either rent a car or take a shuttle service to the hotel in Columbus, GA. Most of the car rental companies are represented at the airport. Shuttle service is also available. The shuttle is Groome Transportation, and their contact number is (706) 324-3939 / (800) 584-6735.

**TRANSPORTATION FROM COLUMBUS AIRPORT:** The Marriott has a complimentary shuttle, but you must contact them in advance to access it. There are taxi's and rental cars available at the airport. The Columbus Marriott phone number is 706-324-1800.

**BUS TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM FT BENNING:** We have reserved buses for transport to and from Ft Benning and the National Infantry Museum for all the events there. I encourage you to plan on this transportation mode for all activities whether on post or not, as the Post has tightened up their entrance requirements. If you have a military ID card, you will be able to go on post without difficulty with your personal vehicle, but if you do not, you will need to submit paperwork for a background check. The advance background check will allow you a pass that will cover the dates you need to go on Post and participate in Post activities. If you do not have a military ID, and have not obtained a background check prior to the reunion dates, to go on Post with your own car, you will have to stop at the gate and obtain a visitor pass each time you want to go on Post. Since this day pass will take 15 to 20 minutes for each visit, you will need to plan accordingly. I do not recommend this last option as it is very time consuming. The buses are very expensive, and we will pay for them whether you use them or not and in the end, they are the easiest option. Activities at the NIM such as the HoF Induction and Dinner do not require ID or visitor passes as the NIM is not on Post.

**DRESS CODE:** Many of you have asked about the Dress Code for the Reunion Activities, so I will try to give you good advice on the subject. Sunday, March 25 is a casual day. That means you can wear whatever is comfortable for you, including jeans, collared shirts, slacks, shorts, etc. When we go to Ft Benning, slacks and shirts are appropriate for the men and ladies are welcome to wear casual attire such as dresses or pantsuits. The Monday, March 26, Hall of Fame Ceremony and Award Dinner is a Semi Formal affair. Suits and ties are invited for the gentlemen and cocktail or "Sunday" dress or pantsuits for the ladies. The Army Service Uniform (ASU) is also appropriate attire for the ladies and gentlemen. The Reunion Dinner on Wednesday night, March 28 is "Business Casual." That means sport coat, slacks, collared shirt with or without a tie for men and nice dress or pantsuit for the ladies. This information is a "guide only". Please contact Nancy Ionoff with any other questions at 813-917-4309 or [ocsalumnireunion@gmail.com](mailto:ocsalumnireunion@gmail.com).

**LITTLE WHITEHOUSE TOUR:** This tour is of FDR's Little White House and lunch and shopping in Warm Springs. If you choose this option for Wednesday, March 28, you will not be able to go to any Ft Benning activities that day. We had good reviews of this tour from last year, so we decided to offer it again. If we don't have enough participants, we will cancel the tour and refund your money.

**HOTEL:** Your registration for the reunion does not include your hotel accommodations. You must register with the hotel for your room. Our website has a secure link to the Columbus Marriott Hotel where you can make your reservation and secure it with your credit card. If you choose to talk directly to the hotel reservations, the phone number is 1-706-324-1800. Make sure you tell the reservations agent that you will attend the 2018 Officer Candidate Schools Alumni Association Reunion to ensure that you are in the group block and receive the special \$124.00 per night rate. (includes breakfast). You should book early and if you must cancel, the hotel cancellation policy is 2 days before arrival. Also, the group rate is good until February 22, 2018. After that date, the hotel will take your reservation on a space available basis only.