

HILL 411 ASSOCIATION



SPRING NEWSLETTER

MAY 2009

RICHMOND REUNION

JULY 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 2009

Final details have been completed. All is in readiness for host David Shea to welcome us to Richmond for our 20th reunion. The hospitality room will open at noon on Thursday. After checking into the hotel come directly to the hospitality room to pick up your registration packet.

FRIDAY JULY 24TH

On Friday there are two tours to choose from, or you may choose to see the sites on your own. Friday's tours were selected based on response to the survey form distributed at the Moline reunion.

SATURDAY JULY 25TH

We will all be together on Saturday, starting with the association business meeting. We seldom get together, so, it is important that all members attend the business meeting. After the business meeting we will board buses to the location of our memorial service. We will remember and reflect on the friends we lost in Vietnam and those who have left us since. At the conclusion of the service, we will reboard the buses. A local guide will provide a narrated tour of Richmond, one of our nation's oldest and most historic cities. The tour includes a box lunch. We will return to the hotel allowing ample time to relax before our evening banquet and entertainment.

SUNDAY JULY 26TH

A departure from our usual weekend schedule is an event planned for Sunday. Patrick Henry's inspiring "Give me liberty or give me death" speech was at St. John's church in Richmond. We will be in the congregation of the very same church as actors re-enact that famous event in colonial history. We hope your travel plans will allow for you to stay for this memorable presentation.

A detailed description of activities follows this page. We will not gather again until 2011. So, make plans to join us in Richmond as we commemorate the 40th anniversary of the founding of Firebase 4-11.

HILL 4-11 REUNION ITINERARY

JULY 23 -27, 2009

THURSDAY, JULY 23RD

Hospitality suite opens at noon. Afternoon and evening available for individual sight-seeing, shopping, dining, etc.

FRIDAY, JULY 24TH SCHEDULED TOURS (Select One)

Mariner's Museum, Newport News, VA- we plan to leave the hotel around 9AM by bus for the trip to Mariner's Museum in Newport News. This is the nation's largest museum dedicated to maritime activities. In addition to many fascinating exhibits, the museum contains actual parts of the iron-clad vessel that battled in Hampton Roads during the Civil War. The \$50 fee includes transportation, admission to the museum and a box lunch. We should return to the hotel around 4PM.

Charlottesville/Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson-we plan to leave the hotel around 9:30 AM by bus for a short trip to Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence and founder of the University of Virginia. During our visit, we'll have a guided tour of the beautiful house and grounds designed by Thomas Jefferson. For lunch, we will dine at world famous Michie Tavern and then visit the University of Virginia. We should return to the hotel around 4PM. The \$60 fee includes transportation, lunch, & admission.

A group dinner will start around 7PM at the famous Tobacco Company Restaurant, which is across the street from the hotel.

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH

There will be a business meeting starting at 9:30 AM. At the meeting, we will elect officers and select future reunion destinations.

After the business meeting, we will travel by bus to the Virginia War Memorial for a brief tour followed by a memorial service.

In the afternoon, we will have a box lunch and a professionally guided tour of historical Richmond, the capital of Virginia.

In the evening, we will have a sit down banquet and entertainment. There will be several menu selections (beef, chicken, or sea food) to choose from and a cash bar.

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH

The morning will be free time. At 1PM we will leave by bus for a short ride to the famous St. John's church, where Patrick Henry gave his famous "give me liberty or give me death" speech. While there, we will sit in the actual pews and watch a re-enactment of the events leading up to the speech itself. This is truly a must see event when visiting Richmond. \$15.

MONDAY JULY 27TH

For those wishing to visit the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, transportation will be provided by the hotel to and from the Amtrak station for a train ride to Washington D.C. The hospitality suite will close at noon.

OMNI RICHMOND HOTEL

Do not delay, make your hotel reservations now to ensure availability. Call 1-800-THE -OMNI. The special Hill 411 Association group rate is \$99 +tax, single or double occupancy. The additional per person charge is \$20. The hotel will make every effort to honor special requests for room type or location. Valet parking is \$19 per car, per night and includes unlimited in/out privileges. Check in time is 3PM, checkout time is 12PM. Be sure to tell the reservation agent you are part of the Hill 411 Association to obtain the special group rate. Reservations must be made by **JUNE 23rd** to receive the \$99 rate.

Please list names as you wish them to appear on your name card. If you were known in Vietnam by a nickname i.e. (Doc, etc.) include that. List name of all attendees, use additional paper if necessary.

NAME _____

GUEST _____

GUEST _____

GUEST _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

MARINER'S MUSEUM TOUR.....# ATTENDING _____ X \$50.... = _____

MONTICELLO/U OF VA TOUR.....# ATTENDING _____ X \$60.... = _____

ALL SATURDAY ACTIVITIES.....# ATTENDING _____ X \$99.... = _____

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.....# ATTENDING _____ X \$15.... = _____

TOTAL.....\$ _____

Make checks payable to Hill 411 Assoc. and mail to:

Dick Hill, Treas. 630 Woodside Drive Kent, OH 44240-2664

THIS REGISTRATION IS FOR REUNION ACITIVITIES ONLY! HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE OMNI HOTEL.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Have you returned your 50/50 raffle tickets? If not, mail them to Dick Hill. If you would like additional tickets to purchase/sell, Dick will send them right out to you. Additional tickets will be available at the reunion.

REUNION Q & A

Q. This will be my first Hill 411 reunion, should I bring my family?

A. By all means, bring everyone, several of our members attend with children and grandchildren.

Q. Do I need a coat and tie for the banquet?

A. No, most wear slacks and dress/sport shirt. No ties needed. Ladies may like a light wrap to compensate for the air conditioning.

Q. How about for the tours and activities?

A. Be comfortable, you are on vacation in Richmond. Don't forget a hat and sunscreen.

Q. Is registration required for the group dinner Friday evening at the Tobacco Company Restaurant?

A. No, dinner is on your own with individual checks.

Q. If I decide to extend my stay can I get the special hotel rate?

A. The group rate of \$99+tax is available July 21 thru 28 only.

Q. What if I have to cancel?

A. We understand that unforeseen circumstances occur. However, we must make commitments for buses, admission tickets, banquet meals, etc. So, it may be out of our hands. If we can, we will make every effort to refund your registration fees.

Q. Will alcoholic beverages be served in the hospitality room?

A. No, soft drinks, water, and snacks will be available in the hospitality room. Attendees must visit the hotel lounge for alcoholic beverages.

Q. Should I bring my pictures and memorabilia?

A. Yes, (no weapons please).

Q. Does the hotel offer airport pickup?

A. Sorry, No. The hotel recommends Groom Transportation Co. They are available at the airport. The cost is 21.50 one person, one way. 25.75 two people one way. You may have it added to your hotel bill if you make that arrangement at the Groom facility at the airport.

OBITUARY

With deep regret, the Hill 411 Association has learned of the death of Hill 411 veteran Larry McKinney. Larry passed away on November 5th at the age of 59. Larry was a patient in the Portland Hospital recovering from surgery at the time of his death. Messages of condolence may be sent to Kathleen McKinney 11 Ichabod Lane Gorham, ME 04038. Kathy would like to hear from anyone who served with Larry. The Hill 411 Association extends its deepest sympathies to the McKinney family.

CALL THE OMNI RICHMOND HOTEL
1-800-THE-OMNI
RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY JUNE 23 TO
RECEIVE THE \$99 GROUP RATE

RETURN YOUR REUNION REGISTRATION TO
TREASURER DICK HILL BY JUNE 30.

If sending reunion registration fees and paying dues, it may all be included on one check.

DUES PAYMENT FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ + _____

Vietnam Unit _____ Dates of Vietnam Service _____

Hill 411 Annual Dues.....\$ 25.00

Life Member Dues..... 150.00

Leslie J. Stottle Memorial Scholarship Fund Contribution.....

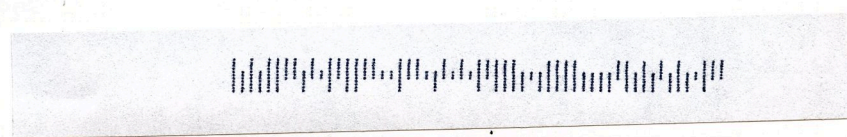
John Walker Memorial Fund Contribution.....

Copies of Hill 411 History @\$22.50.....

Total _____ \$

Make checks payable to Hill 411 Association and mail to Dick Hill 630 Woodside Drive
Kent, OH 44240-2664

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Treasurer
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DIRECTIONS TO OMNI RICHMOND HOTEL

COMING FROM THE NORTH (Fredericksburg, Washington, D.C., Maryland) Via 95 South. Take exit 74A (195 or Downtown Expressway). Take first exit, which is Canal Street exit. Take next right onto 10th Street (see sign for Shockoe Slip). Take right at next light, which is Cary Street, then next right, which is 12th Street. Hotel is on the corner of 12th and Cary Street.

COMING FROM THE SOUTH (Petersburg, North Carolina) Via 95 North. Take exit 74A (195 or Downtown Expressway). Take first exit, which is Canal Street exit. Take next right onto 10th Street (see sign for Shockoe Slip). Take first right at next light, Take right at next light, which is Cary Street, then next right, which is 12th Street. Hotel is on the corner of 12th and Cary Street.

COMING FROM THE WEST (Charlottesville, Lexington) Via 64 East to 95 South. Take exit 74A (195 or Downtown Expressway). Take first exit, which is Canal Street exit. Take right at next light, which is Cary Street, then next right, which is 12th Street. Hotel is on the corner of 12th and Cary Street.

COMING FROM THE EAST (Norfolk, Williamsburg, Richmond Airport) Via 64 West. Follow signs for Downtown Richmond, which will put you on 5th Street. Go straight to Cary Street (about 9 blocks). Take a left on Cary. Go to 12th Street and make a right. Hotel is on the corner of 12th and Cary Street.