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## Combat Camera



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### 2016 Air Force Combat Camera Reunion – Sept Update

By Renée Tyron

It's getting close! We're less than 6 weeks away from this year's reunion in Charleston, Oct 13-16! If you haven't already done so, please register at

**Registration:  
\$150.00 per person**

<http://www.usafcombatcamera.org/2016-reunion/2016-registration-information/> .

*A word about the Registration Fee: The registration fee for the full reunion is \$150 per person and has not changed for many years. The fee includes the Icebreaker, the 1CTCS Burger Burn on Friday, the Saturday Dinner and Shoot-off Awards, full use of the hospitality room which includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, soft and adult beverages and tons of personality starting on Thursday afternoon thru Saturday evening, as well as transportation costs, administrative and hotel fees. If you are planning to stay in the hotel for the entirety of the Reunion period, we respectfully request you support the Association with the full Reunion fee. Please be sure to contact Renée Tyron or Pat Nugent and we'll work with you on your specific situation. For our local attendees, we definitely understand if you can't make every event and we have separate fees established for that reason.*

If you have not yet registered or made your hotel reservations, here are a few dates you need to keep in mind:

September 2016

**Our room block at the Embassy Suites is filling up fast so please make your reservations soon! Hotel Reservations need to be made no later than Friday, Sep 24th, 2016 to guarantee our special room rate. **Once our block of rooms is reserved, we will not be able to add more rooms so please reserve today!** Hotel information is as follows:  
Embassy Suites by Hilton-Charleston Airport -**

### Hotel Reservations

[http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CHSEMES-AFC-20161013/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CHSEMES-AFC-20161013/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG) or call 1-843-747-1882 and use Group Code AFC. If you have any problems making reservations, please contact Renée Tyron @ [combat.camera2015@gmail.com](mailto:combat.camera2015@gmail.com)

Remember, if you have made hotel reservations but not registered through our treasurer Pat Nugent, please do so by **Sep 30th**. We have quite a few folks who have made hotel reservations but have not registered yet and vice versa. **Also, don't forget to sign up for the ComCam Golf Tournament and the Charleston Harbor Tour & Fort Sumter!** <http://www.fortsumtertours.com/>

Here is a list of attendees as of 31 Aug who have either registered, made hotel reservations or both.

Jacob Bailey  
Timothy & Lisa Bailey, San Antonio, TX  
Willie Best, Colorado Springs, CO  
Lance Cheung  
Bradley Dirks, Gilbert, AZ

Barb and Jim Eagan, Las Vegas  
 James & Ruth Elmer  
 Stephen Faulisi  
 George Field, Hamilton Sq, NJ  
 Cris Hamilton, Tucson, AZ  
 Paul Harrington, Hesperia, CA  
 Brownie & Jane Hatcher, Nokesville, VA  
 Patrick Knowles & Michelle Collins, Toney, AL  
 Gary Loepke, Murfreesboro, TN  
 David & Linda Long, Bemidji, MN  
 James Lotz  
 JoAnn Makinano  
 John Martin  
 Bertram Mau & Nellie Cotton  
 Michael & Marcia Muzinich  
 Victor Nicola, Orland Park, IL  
 Pat & Carol Nugent, Allen, TX  
 James Pearson & April Pearson, Madisonville, KY  
 Scott Piper, Hamilton, OH  
 Michael & Gloria Potochick, Livonia, MI  
 Joe & Amy Ramirez, Roseville, CA  
 Scott Reed, San Antonio, TX  
 Richard Rothberg, Wilton Manors, FL  
 Michael Schlatter  
 Todd Schmitz  
 Michael & Donna Sklack, Monaca, PA  
 Richard Spainhour, Welcome, NC  
 Lee & Gayle Thomas  
 Renée Tyron and Barron Dowdy, Charleston, SC  
 Jesus Villalobos  
 Jeremy Zier

**Reunion Registration** needs to be completed no later than **Sep 30th, 2016** so that we may give the hotel caterers, bus operator and tour company final numbers.

The **Reunion Registration fee is \$150 per person** and includes the Oct 13th evening Icebreaker, exclusive use of the Hospitality Room which will have snacks and beverages from 12 PM – 10 PM each day, Charleston Harbor & Market (Oct 15) and the Oct 15th Banquet and Awards Ceremony. **Due to financial obligations to the hotel, other vendors and administrative costs, we will not be able to refund the Reunion Registration Fee after Oct 3rd, 2016 so please plan accordingly.**

Planning a shorter stay and/or can only make one event?

**Icebreaker Only, cost is \$50 per person**

**Ice Breaker Only**

**Banquet Only, cost is \$70 per person.**

**Banquet Only**

Please keep in mind, the full reunion registration fee includes use of the hospitality room, transportation and administrative costs.

**Highlights for the 2016 Reunion include:**

**October 11th -14th:**

**Combat Camera Shoot-off Workshop**  
**– Embassy Suites/JB Charleston**

24 Active Duty Participants;

Reunion attendees welcome to serve as mentors/observers

**October 14th:**

**COMCAM Golf Tournament (\$40/person)**  
**Tour of 1st Combat Camera Sqdn/Burger**  
**Burn Lunch/Reunion Group Photo**

**October 15th:**

**Charleston Harbor Tour & Fort Sumter**  
**(\$20/person) (limited to 48 pax)**  
**2016 Reunion Banquet and Combat**  
**Camera Shoot-off Awards**

## **2016 Reunion Agenda**

**October 11-14**

Combat Camera "Shoot-off" hosted by the  
 1st Combat Camera Squadron  
 24 Participants in teams of 4

**Thursday, October 13th**

Registration: 12-5 pm; Hotel Lobby  
 Icebreaker: 6:30 – 9 pm; Wando Room, Embassy  
 Suites

**Icebreaker Only: \$50/person**

**Friday, October 14th**

Golf Tournament: 7:30 am – 12pm;  
 Wrenwoods Golf Course, JB Charleston  
 Hosted by 1st Combat Camera Squadron  
 Booster Club

**Cost: \$40/person**

1st Combat Camera Squadron Visit (12pm to 4pm)  
 Burger Burn Lunch  
 Squadron Tour  
 Group Photo (3:30pm)

**Saturday, October 15th**

Tour of Charleston Harbor & Fort Sumter (0830 – 1200)

Charleston Market (1230 – 2:30 pm)  
**(Seats Limited to 48 – Cost \$20/person)**

USAF Combat Camera Assoc. Annual Meeting  
Embassy Suites (3:30 – 5 pm)

2016 Reunion Banquet &  
Combat Camera Shoot-off Awards Program  
Ballroom C; Charleston Convention Center (6 -10  
pm)

**Banquet Only: \$70/person**

Banquet Only

**Our Banquet fare this year will pay tribute to  
local tradition with the  
Charleston Low Country Buffet**

She-Crab Soup & Frogmore Stew

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Country Captain Chicken

Pulled Pork

Calabash Style Catfish

Low Country Shrimp and Grits

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And all the fixin's!

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Vegetarian Options will also be available

\*\* Combat Camera Swag including hats, koozies,  
t-shirts, polo shirts, patches, coins as well as our  
2015 San Antonio Reunion Coins and Pilsner  
glasses will be available for purchase in the  
Hospitality Room through the duration of the  
reunion.

## Need a Volunteer(s) in Texas

Need someone to volunteer in Texas to handle the  
museum displays at Lackland.

## Time to Think about New Officers!

Taking nominations now.

So far Pat Knowles for **President** and Pat Nugent  
for **Treasurer**. Both have said they would serve if  
elected. And Renée Tyron is volunteering as a  
**Member at Large**.

Need a **Vice-President**, and **Secretary**, plus four-  
**Members at Large**

So nominate or volunteer for all offices.

## Ribbon Cutting

by: Jose Lopez

On August 19, 2016 we held a double Ribbon  
Cutting at Norton AFB Museum, CA and March Field  
Museum, CA. Check out a couple of photo  
montages on the last two pages.

## Still Calling for images

by: Jose Lopez

Still need images of "Old Timers" in action!  
"Old Timers" in this case is anyone who shot Film;  
film and video tape for you mopicers.

Check out what we've done so far with the  
images we've received at this link:

<http://www.usafcombatcamera.org/>

Scan or get the images scanned full frame  
(Slides, Prints, or Negs) at 150 dpi JPeg (jpg); save  
at max quality (12) and Baseline ("Standard").

By the way, we need both Horizontal and  
Vertical Images.

Please provide the 5Ws and, where  
possible, who shot it.

Send via Dropbox or e-mail them to me at  
josepj@earthlink.net or make a CD and send it to  
P.O. Box 2872, Crestline, CA 92325-2872.

## This Might be of interest to all our members

by: Pat Nugent



**3:30 PM BOWL FOR THE BRAVE 12.23.16**  
AMON G. CARTER STADIUM | FORT WORTH, TX



## The Project Continues

Two years ago we launched our Wall of Heroes project, with the goal of collecting photos of our armed forces members to be honored at our game. We have seen fantastic success and are launching the project for 2016!

We are asking our fans to help by submitting a photo of your hero. This hero can be any family member, friend or acquaintance that wore the cloth of our nation. Click on the link below and upload your photo to be included.

We will be adding the photos we receive this year to those submitted previously, in an ongoing effort to honor to expand our wall with as many heroes as possible. The Wall of Heroes Project will be on display at our game on December 23, inside the Tailgate Outpost in Lot 3 of Amon G. Carter Stadium. Join us to see the mosaic of American heroes that creates the United States Armed Forces.

[\*\*Submit a Photo of Your Hero By Clicking Here\*\*](#)

## Authors in our Group

**CMSgt Boardman** has written his first novel: "To Earth & Back"

**Joe Hoover** his first novel: "Jehovah's Windfall"





Photo by: Paul Hayashi

The former NCO Club at Norton AFB, CA now the Norton AFB Museum.

## Ribbon Cutting at the Norton AFB Museum

The former NCO Club Dining Room is now a Museum featuring the history of Norton Air Force Base, CA of which AAVS (Aerospace Audiovisual Squadron) is part.



Photo by: Paul Hayashi

Ken Hackman prepares to cut the ribbon as Jose Lopez Jr. and Barb "Zimm" Eagan standby.



Photo by: Paul Hayashi

Fred Jones interviewed for the historical record.



Photo by Jose Lopez Jr.

The Ribbon Cutting attended by about 25 people and the museum staff packed the single room museum.



# Ribbon Cutting at March Field Museum, CA

Since the beginning of military aviation, photography has been integral to success on the battlefield. March Field Air Museum is privileged to host a continuing exhibit on the history of Combat Camera, its men and women, equipment and mission from its inception during the major conflicts of the twentieth century to today's frontlines.



Over 30 people attended the ribbon Cutting.

Photo by: Jose Lopez Jr.



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Photo by: Paul Hayashi

Two old warhorses, Doug Morrell (front), served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, and Donald Chaption, photographer for Gen. MacArthur, share memories from WWII.



Photo by: Jose Lopez Jr.

Barb "Zimm" Eagan reads a letter from Col. James Elmer (Ret.).

Ken Hackman cutting the ribbon "officially" opening the display to the public.

