

Thursday, June 4	Friday, June 5	Saturday, June 6	Sunday, June 7	Monday, June 8	Tuesday, June 9	Wednesday, June 10
0700 - 1000 Breakfast on your own	0700 - 1000 Breakfast on your own	0700 - 1000 Breakfast on your own	0700 - 1000 Breakfast on your own	0700 - 1000 Breakfast on your own	0700 - 0900 Breakfast on your own	0700 - 1000 Breakfast on your own
0800 - 1800 Registration/info Desk (Arrival Day)	0800 - 1800 Registration/info Desk	0800 - 1800 Registration/info Desk	0800 - 1800 Registration/info Desk	0800 - 1800 Registration/info Desk	0800 - 1800 Registration/info Desk	0800 - 1200 Registration/info Desk
0900 - 1500 Hospitality Suite (1)	0900 - 1700 Hospitality Suite (1)	0900 - 1700 Hospitality Suite (1)	0900 - 1700 Hospitality Suite (1)	0900 - 1700 Hospitality Suite (1)	0900 - 1700 Hospitality Suite (1)	< 1200 Check out
0800 - 1700 Portland Tours and Shopping (TBA)	0800 - 1800 Mt Hood Loop Tour	1000 - 1800 Exhibit Hall Open	0900 - 1300 (church of your choice)	0800 - 1800 Astoria Tour	0900 - 1200 General Meeting	(All Day) Departures
1500 - 1900 Greeting / Mixer/Happy Hour	0900 - 1800 Golf Tournament	1000 - 1300 Rose Festival Parade (Colliseum)	0900 - 1800 Field day and Picnic	0900 - 1800 City Tours, Shopping,	1200 - 1800 Exhibit Hall Open	
1700 - 0100 Dining (off site)	1000 - 1800 Exhibit Hall Open	1300 - 1800 Portland Tours and Shopping (TBA))	1200 - 1800 Exhibit Hall Open	1000 - 1800 Exhibit Hall Open	1300 - 1800 Portland Tours and Shopping (TBA)	
1900 - 0100 No-host bar in "JB's" (Music)	1200 - 1700 Turkey Shoot (Camp Withycombe)	1300 - 1420 Debriefing / Discussion	1300 - 1800 Portland Tours and Shopping (TBA)	1200 - 1800 Portland Tours and Shopping (TBA)	1700 -1900 Hospitality Rm (Happy Hour)	
	1300 - 1420 Debriefing / Discussion	1430 - 1550 Debriefing / Discussion	1700 -1900 Hospitality Rm (Happy Hour)	1700 -1900 Hospitality Rm (Happy Hour)	1800 - 2000 Convention 2015 Debriefing	
	1500 - 1620 Debriefing / Discussion	1700 - 1830 No-Host Cocktails & Silent Auction	2000 - 0100 No-host bar in "JB's"	1800 - 2000 Chapter Presidents' Meeting (Food)	2000 - 0100 No-host bar in "JB's"	
	1700 - 2200 Opening Reception	1830 - 2200 Banquet (Dancing)		2000 - 0100 No-host bar in "JB's"		
	2000 - 0100 No-host bar in "JB's" (Music)	2000 - 0100 No-host bar in "JB's" (Music)				

(1) the hospitality suite will be open daily for coffee, soft drinks and snacks from 0900 until "Happy hour" when the bar opens.

Notes to the Schedule:

Breakfast on your own.

There is a coffee shop in the HQ Hotel lobby that serves good coffee, pastries and light breakfast fare. The hotel restaurant, JB's Bar and Grill is open from 7AM to 11AM for a more hearty breakfast. It's also open for lunch and Dinner and it features a light "happy hour" menu as well. There are several other restaurants and delis within walking distance of the Hotel... Portland has dozens of great restaurants and is known for its breakfast fare. (MAX Light Rail is nearby and the hotel offers a shuttle connection to it.

Registration/info desk

The Convention "nerve center" is located in the main lobby and will be staffed from 0800 to 1800hrs from Thursday, June 4 through Tuesday June 9. The hotel desk will be happy to help at all other hours/days... and will have contact numbers in the event of an emergency.

Portland Tours and Shopping (TBA)

Local tours can be arranged through the registration desk. Special rates are available for larger parties (*rates generally negotiable for parties of six or more*). Tours featuring gardens, local history, river tours, museums and shopping spots can often be arranged by the Tour committee. Several Chapter 47 wives have conspired to develop a Portland Shopping Spree... and to show their counterparts from around the country where Portland women shop! (There could be some "outlet store bargain hunting" involved)

Happy Hour:

As is often the custom in places where men of the Green Beret work and play... the hosted bar generally opens at 1700hrs. An exception will be the opening reception (open at 1500) when a light buffet will be featured.

Off Site Dining and Entertainment

Portland offers some of America's finest restaurants... and at the same time has outstanding Pub fare, and is recognized nationally for the number and quality of its *food carts*. Seriously, with two international cooking schools and a number of world class Chefs... Portland eats well, and we invite you to give it a try. (check at the registration desk for recommendations and reviews).

Mt Hood Tour

The Mt Hood Tour will be lead by a professional tour guide, with a live assistant in each bus. All have led this tours many times before. This tour will leave early in the morning and take a portion of the "old" Columbia River Highway to Multnomah Falls, then through the Columbia River Gorge to the community of Hood River, a river town famous for it's world class wind surfing, that sits at the base of Mt Hood. Rising 11,239' and hosting over a dozen living glaciers, Mt Hood is one of the most-climbed glaciated mountains in the country, and certainly one of the most beautiful. You'll travel up the Hood River valley through fruit orchards, vineyards and finally, through a mixed forest of mostly Fir trees, crossing rushing mountain streams to Timberline Lodge, a Log building built by the WPA with the work of countless artist/craftsmen who not only hewed the walls and timbers, but smithed the hardware, wove the fabrics, painted the murals and set the several mosaics. The Lodge was dedicated in 1937 by President Roosevelt and is widely considered the grandest of it's kind. After winding down the mountain through several mountain villages, you'll be back to Portland and the HQ hotel in time for dinner.

Turkey Shoot

The planned event is a marksmanship contest using the Oregon National Guard's State of the Art Laser Range at Camp Withycomb in Clackamas, Oregon. The registration fee includes transportation and range fees.

Golf Tournament

Heron Lakes Golf links is a fifteen-minute walk from the Hotel (but we'll have a hotel shuttle to get there. Registration includes links fees and transportation.

Exhibit Hall

Oregon and SW Washington is home to a burgeoning tactical gear industry that is largely rooted in outdoors outfitters of the mid twentieth century. Many of these companies owe their beginnings to the guys who returned from WWII and transformed outdoors goods (maybe in reaction to the lousy gear they'd had in the Army?) There are designers and makers of Knives, guns, sighting devices, communications equipment, medical equipment, footwear, boats ... and much more.

"JB's"

"JB's" is the restaurant and bar in the HQ hotel. Besides a full menu for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, it's comfortable bar offers live music two nights a week and an escape from the day... with a sweeping view of the Columbia River and the Cascade Mountains. If after a shot at Happy Hour in the hospitality room and a fine meal aren't enough... "JB's" beckons.

The Rose Festival Parade

The Portland Grand Floral Parade is the largest of its kind in America. The Parade route is seven miles long, and modern parades have often been nearly as long. The 2014 Parade was viewed by 200,000 people who lined the streets from the parade's origin in the Portland Memorial Coliseum to its disband in Goose Hollow (a district on the west side of downtown Portland). Dozens of flower-decorated floats, Equestrian units, clowns, street dancers and marching bands provide something for everybody. The Portland Rose Festival Association has invited us to attend the Grand Floral Parade as their guests in the Memorial Coliseum.

Banquet and Ball

This year's Banquet will be held in a thousand-seat hall right in the headquarters hotel. The event will kick off with hors d'oeuvres and no-host cocktails in the foyer, and you'll have the opportunity to bid on a number of items and services in a silent auction of items supplied by our many local suppliers of outdoors and tactical goods. You may choose your table place in advance on a first come, first served basis (the selection chart will be available until noon that day). Dinner will be served after the posting of the colors, some welcoming remarks, customary toasts and an invocation. After Dinner, the tables will be cleared and an element of the 234th Army Band will play for dancing. The bar will remain open until 2200 hrs.

Field Day and Picnic

The Hudson's Bay Company established Ft Vancouver in 1824 as a Trading Post. The US Army established Camp Columbia, eventually to be known as Vancouver Barracks adjacent the site about twenty-five years later. It was the first US Army installation in the Pacific North West. Generals Ulysses S. Grant, Philip H. Sheridan, George B. McClellan, George Pickett, George Crook, Oliver O. Howard, and Nelson Miles all served here. Vancouver Barracks was an active Army base through WWII. Parts of the old post were sold, and the 19th Century brick buildings were retained for use by a number of Army reserve components, including Company A of the 12th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in the early days of Vietnam. Vancouver Barracks was formally decommissioned in 2011 and transferred to the National Park Service to be preserved as a National Historic Site. This year's "Field Day" will be held appropriately on the one time Artillery Parade Field, and the "Artillery Mess" facilities will provide the historic setting for our Columbia River Salmon feed, hosted by Chapter 47, and the Northwest Indian Veterans Association. We'd like to remember our member Billy Robinson and dedicate this feast in his memory.

Astoria Tour

This tour will go down the Columbia River to Astoria, passing through mill towns and fishing villages on the way. Americans visited Astoria, or at least the mouth of the Columbia River first in 1792. The Lewis and Clark expedition wintered just across Young's bay from the Astoria townsite at Fort Clatsop in 1805, and Fort Astoria was established just three years later by the Hudson's Bay company, and later abandoned, moving operations to Ft Vancouver. The nearby Ft Stevens, built for coastal protection rather than to ward off the over friendly (in this case) native Chinookan people, is distinguished as the only place in the continental US to be shelled by an enemy in WWII. In Astoria itself, there's a great Maritime museum, and several Brew-Pubs worth checking out. Oregon's coast line and coastal mountains have been a Special Forces playground dating back to the 1960's when two companies of the 12th SFGA (USAR) were headquartered in Oregon and Washington.

Chapter Presidents' Dinner meeting

This year, Chapter 47 intends to change up the Chapter President's meeting... and follow it with a reception and light fare.

General Meeting

The General Meeting is purposely scheduled with no conflicts... we really don't want you to feel conflicted about attending. The General Meeting is the Special Forces Association's Annual Meeting. It's the opportunity the National Officers have to tell you what they've done for you in this last year... and to expose themselves to your questions about what they haven't done. It's their show... and it's up to us to participate.

Debriefing / Discussion

There are two afternoons on the schedule with opportunities for presentations and discussions of SF's Mission and opportunities. These sessions will be geared more to what's happening to the organization, and what can be expected in the future. It should be expected that Organizational Development, Geo-Politics, and some "what-ifs" will be on the agenda. For us "old SF" types, and for the occasional global policy wonk... it could be fun and stimulating.

Departures

The most "budget conscious" weekday Eastbound flights leave fairly early in the morning. The hotel's shuttle service is available all hours. If you're not bound by airline schedules, we'd welcome you to tour our state and the North West US. and see some of the natural beauty that keeps us here.