Hosted by SFA Chapter LXVIII

Tribute to our Gold Star Families

• Welcome Night at the WV State Capitol Complex
• Mardi Gras Casino and Dog Track
• SOF Aircraft and Mobility Display with Picnic
• Motorcycle Ride to Support Gold Star
• Banquet at the newly renovated Charleston Convention Center and Colosseum
President Gary Koenitzer and SFA Membership,

Planning for the 2019 SFA international Convention is coming along well. By the time you receive this issue of The Drop, we will only be a couple of weeks away from meeting in Charleston, WV. SFA Convention updates will be sent out to SFA Chapter Presidents, on our FB page and our website www.sfanationalconvention.com. If you have a FaceBook account then please ask to join our closed FB Group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/414687942607823/.

The attached draft schedule of events WILL CHANGE SLIGHTLY but we wanted to give you an idea of some of the activities planned. The most up-to-date agenda will be displayed on the website, on our FB Group page, at the registration desk and near the main Hospitality Room. Our Welcome Night event will be at our State Capitol Complex with tours of the Capitol, Governor’s Mansion, State Museum along with food and drink. The SFA Picnic will be at 130th Air Wing with Static Aircraft display, USASOC mobility and equipment, band, USASOC Black Daggers Parachute Demonstration Team, Special Forces Association Parachute Team as well as, our Annual Gold Star Motorcycle ride will end at this location that typically draws over 250 riders. The theme will be ‘A Tribute to Gold Star Families’ and have asked each chapter to host a Gold Star Family member(s) to attend all or part of the convention and banquet.

On Wednesday August 14, 2019, we will have the SFA Golf Tournament at Berry Hills Country Club. Registration for the SFA Golf Tournament can be found at www.sfanationalconvention.com/golf.

Attendees will also be given tokens that allow them to visit one of several downtown restaurants and redeem them for an entrée and drink, giving you many options of local cuisine. On Thursday August 15, 2019, there will be three showtimes (1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.) for the movie ‘12 Strong’ at the Park Place Stadium Cinema. You will pick up your movie ticket during convention registration along with a ticket good for one small drink and one small popcorn when you arrive at the theater. Other attractions are the Mardi Gras Casino and Dog Track, white water rafting, ATV/UTV trails, River Boat Dinner cruises and Live on the Levee with live music and food.

The Gold Star Motorcycle ride will be on Saturday August 17, 2019. The ride will end on the flight line of the 130th Air Wing (AW) with the Static Aircraft display, USASOC mobility and equipment display and the SFA picnic. Registration for the Gold Star Motorcycle Ride can be found at www.sfanationalconvention.com/goldstarride.

If you have any questions, please contact us at SFAClub68@gmail.com or call (304) 962-8017. Look forward to seeing you at the Convention.

Kevin L. Harry
President, SFA Chapter 68

Online Hotel Reservation can be made at www.SFANationalConvention.com/lodging-options

Marriott
200 Lee Street
Charleston, WV 25301
(304) 345-6500
Reservation Code: SFA

Courtyard by Marriott
100 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, WV 25301
(304) 344-5777
Reservation Code: SFAG

Holiday Inn Express
100 Civic Center Drive
Charleston, WV 25301
(304) 345-0600
Reservation Code: SFA

Hampton Inn
1 Virginia Street West
Charleston, WV 25301
(304) 343-9300
Reservation Code: C-SFA

Four Points by Sheraton
600 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, WV 25301
(304) 344-4092
Reservation Code: Special Forces Assn.

Embassy Suites
300 Court Street
Charleston, WV 25301
(304) 347-8700
Reservation Code: SFA
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| **Tuesday August 13, 2019** | 1400 – 2000 2019 SFA Convention Registration (Marriott 2nd Floor)  
1800 – 2200 Main Hospitality Suite (Marriott 3rd Floor) |
| **Wednesday August 14, 2019** | 0800 – 1300 Golf Tournament  
0900 – 2000 2019 SFA Convention Registration (Marriott 2nd Floor)  
1000 – 1500 Pistol/Shotgun Range (WV State Police Academy)  
1100 – 1700 Main Hospitality Suite (Marriott 3rd Floor)  
1400 – 1500 State of West Virginia Welcome – Governor, Mayor of Charleston, TAG (Embassy Suites)  
1530 – 1830 Bus Transportation to Capitol Grounds  
1700 – 1800 SFA Presidents and DV Social (Governor’s Mansion) - Invitation and RSVP  
1700 – 2000 Cornhole, Food, Beer and Drinks Served Around Culture Center  
1800 – 2000 U.S. / WV Flag Presentation and National Anthem (South Capitol Steps)  
1900 – 2000 Tours of Capitol Building, Governor’s Mansion, Culture Center State Museum and Gift Shop  
1900 – 2200 Main Hospitality Suite (Marriott 3rd Floor) |
| **Thursday August 15, 2019** | 0900– 1700 2019 SFA Convention Registration (Marriott 2nd Floor)  
0900 – 1000 SFA Presidents’ Meeting (Embassy Suites)  
0900 – 1030 Spouses Meeting (Marriott 2nd Floor)  
1000 – 1500 Static Air Display, SOF Mobility Display and C-130 Rides (Must sign up during registration)  
1015 – 1130 USASOC CG Remarks (Embassy Suites)  
1100 – 2200 Main Hospitality Suite (Marriott 3rd Floor)  
1130 – 1300 SFA Spouses Luncheon $20.00 - Paid at Registration (Marriott 2nd Floor)  
1300 – 1430 Discussion with Task Force Dagger and ODA 595 Members (Embassy Suites)  
1445 – 1600 State Partnership Program with Peruvian and Qatari Officers (Embassy Suites)  
1530 – 1830 Bus Transportation to Capitol Grounds  
1800 – 2200 Main Hospitality Suite (Marriott 3rd Floor) |
| **Friday August 16, 2019** | 0900 – 1700 2019 SFA Convention Registration (Marriott 2nd Floor)  
0900 – 1145 General Membership Meeting (Embassy Suites)  
• 1st SFC (A) CG  
• USAJFKSWCS CG  
1100 – 2200 Main Hospitality Suite (Marriott 3rd Floor)  
1200 – 1300 Gold Star Family Luncheon (Embassy Suites) – Invitation and RSVP  
1315 – 1430 Honoring our Gold Star Families – CMoH Recipient Hershel ‘Woody’ Williams (Embassy Suites)  
1445 – 1545 Group Commanders and CSM’s Panel (Embassy Suites)  
1600 - 1730 Unconventional Warfare / Resistance Panel Discussion (Embassy Suites)  
1800 – 2200 Live on the Levee (Haddad Riverfront Park) |
| **Saturday August 17, 2019** | 0900 – 1200 2019 SFA Convention Registration (Marriott 2nd Floor)  
1000 – 1230 Gold Star Motorcycle Ride (Harley Davidson of South Charleston)  
1000 – 1200 Main Hospitality Suite (Marriott 3rd Floor)  
1030 – 1300 Bus Transportation to McGlaughlin Air Base (Motorcycle Riders will end here)  
1100 – 1500 Static Air Display, SOF Mobility Display and C-130 Rides (Must sign up during registration)  
1130 – 1400 Outback Steaks, BBQ Sandwich, Hot Dogs and Drinks Served in Hanger (McGlaughlin Air Base)  
1200 – 1330 Band Playing (TBD)  
1200 Special Forces Association Parachute Team Jump  
1300 USASOC Black Daggers Jump in with U.S. Flag followed by National Anthem  
1315 Comments by MG James A. Hoyer and Gold Star Family Recognition  
1430 – 1600 Bus Transportation to Hotels  
1700 – 1830 SFA Presidents and DV Social (Colosseum and Convention Center) - Invitation and RSVP  
1700 – 1830 SFA Member and Guest Social with Cash Bar (Colosseum and Convention Center)  
1830 Post Colors and National Anthem (Colosseum and Convention Center)  
1840 - 2100 Banquet with Guest Speaker - TBD (Colosseum and Convention Center)  
1930 – 2300 Main Hospitality Suite with DJ and Dancing (Marriott 3rd Floor) |

**Tuesday – Saturday August 13-17, 2019**  
1000 – 2200 Operations and Transportation (304) 962-8017 (Marriott 2nd Floor)
Full Name: _________________________________________________________________

SFA Chapter: _____________________________   Membership Number: ________________

Guest(s):  _________________________________________________________________

Email:        _____________________________     Phone: ____________________________

Full Registration:

☐  Includes all scheduled events:           $150.00 x Qty             =
☐  Welcome Night, '12 Strong', Taste of Charleston, SFA Picnic, Banquet and Coin

Partial Registration:

☐  Banquet:                               $65.00 x Qty              =
☐  Welcome Night at the Capitol:           $25.00 x Qty              =
☐  Hospitality Room Access:                $25.00 x Qty              =
☐  Air Show and Picnic:                    $25.00 x Qty              =
☐  Taste of Charleston:                    $20.00 x Qty              =
☐  Showing of 12 Strong:                   $15.00 x Qty              =
☐  SFA Convention Commemorative Coin:      $10.00 x Qty              =

Total: $_____________

Dinner Choice:

☐  Chicken and Beef  ☐  Vegetarian  ☐  Special Diet (Explain):

Send Registration and Check to:         SFA Chapter 68
                                        38 Stone Creek Court
                                        Milton, WV  25541

Online Registration:  www.sfanationalconvention.com

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