**VX-6/VXE-6 Reunion and Registration Information**

**12-15 June 2013**

**Erlanger, Kentucky**

**You are cordially invited to join us for the VX/VXE-6 2013 Reunion in Erlanger, KY**.

This year we are going to **Honor the Pioneers of the Squadron**, the men and women from the beginning to January 01,1969, the year that VX-6 became VXE-6.

The 2013 Reunion is moving right along and we hope you can join us this year. Our first priority is to ensure that your visit is a memorable, safe and happy one, as well as to reunite you with old shipmates and to make new ones. We apologize in advance if you receive more than one of these mailings. We have many different sources that could duplicate this e-mail. Please help spread the word, there were over 3500 personnel assigned to VX/VXE-6 during its history and we only have around 700 that have been contacted.

**Date:** 1400 Wednesday, 12 June through 1200, Sunday, 16 June 2013

**Location:** Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport Website:

 1717 Airport Exchange Blvd.

 Erlanger, KY 41018 Reservations: (859) 746-5608

 (800) Holiday

\* Ask for group block **VX/VXE-6** Association or group code **VX6**; available after June 15th. When you make your reservations, inform the hotel you are part of the VX-6 reunion. The code will be **VX6** in the hotels computer.

**Closest airports:** Greater Cincinnati, 4 Miles away. Transportation is provided by the hotel shuttle to and from the hotel.

**Registration Fee:** $75.00 per person. This includes the Banquet with dinner and dance, Hospitality room, and welcome aboard package, as well as the Friday’s Night Barbeque party.

\*The cutoff date for reservations is 28 May 2013.

\*Make Checks payable to **VXE-6 Association**.

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VX-6 2013 Reunion

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**VX-6/VXE-6**

**2013 Reunion at the Holiday Inn**

**Erlanger, KY**

Schedule of Events

**Wednesday** **12 June 2013**

1400-1800 Early Bird Check-in and Reunion Registration

1900-2300 Meet and greet with no-host cash bar on the Mescaline

**Thursday** **13 June 2013**

0900-1600 Check-in and Reunion Registration

1100-TBA Van leaves for boat returns upon arrival (Tour 1)

**Friday 14 June 2013**

0900-1400 \*\*\* Golf tournament

0900-1200 Check in and reunion registration

1100-TBA Van leaves for boat (Tour 1)

1730-2100 **Cookout** - Food, Beer, and Soft Drinks provided.

 **Saturday** **15 June 2013**

0800-1700 Various tours of your choosing

1100-TBA Van leaves for boat (Tour 1)

1800-2359 **REUNION** – An evening of socializing, cocktails, eating and dancing

 **Dinner** at 1900, followed by music and dance

**Guest Speaker TBA**

**Sunday** **16 June 2013**

0700-1100 Hugs and Farewells

**Notes**

The Hospitality Suite (open 1600 to 2359 on the 12th, 0800 to 2359 on the 13th 14th and 15th), The Squadron Store, and the Reunion Registration Desk will be open at selected times (posted on arrival) throughout the reunion. If you want a spot in the store let me know so we have enough places allotted for everyone.

The price for the hotel is $94.00 per night, and that room rate is good from 3 days prior to 3 days after the reunion for anyone wanting to arrive early or depart late and have an extended vacation.

\*\*\* **For all golfers**: I will be putting together a golf tourney. If you are interested, please let me know soon (**Prior to April 1st**) so I can get the list and a course reserved. If anyone has ideas on this please share.

**VX-6/VXE-6 2011 Reunion**

 **12-16 June 2013**

**Member: Nametag to read:**

**Address:**

**Phone: Email:**

**Spouse/Guest: Nametag to read:**

**Choice of Entrée for Member**

**Choice of Entrée for Guest or Spouse**

**Number of people attending at $75.00 per attendee $**

Mail the registration form with a check or money order to **VXE-6 2013**, PO Box 1228, Westerville, Ohio 43086. Make the checks payable to **VXE-6 Association**. Please include your e-mail address on the form to receive a confirmation number for each member and guest that is attending. Refunds: If at a later date you cannot attend, refunds will be issued up to 08 June for the reunion, please ensure if you have hotel reservations to cancel them as well. Suits are not required nor desired for the dinner and dance, but decent attire is.

**Please add the DEEP FREEZE Deployments you were involved in:**

**Example: Deep Freeze 2, 3, 4 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

This time we are going to let you pick the charity where the raffle money will go to. The charity with the most votes will receive the money.

List your desired charity\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Notes about the Hotel**

**Please Read**

**There are 200 rooms reserved for the reunion until 12 May 2013.** I would advise you to get your reservations in early. The price for the room is the same for 1 or 2 people, but there are a limited number of rooms that have 2 double beds so book early if you plan on sharing the cost with another.

If there is a problem and you cannot attend the Reunion, you can cancel up to 10 June for Hotel reservations.

**Reunion Menu**

**Saturday 15 June 1900 hours**

Shrimp and Scallop Kebobs

Filet of Beef

Roulade of Chicken Breast

Chef’s Choice of Potato/Starch

Chef’s Fresh Vegetable

Mixed Green Salad

Dinner Rolls and Butter

Ice Cream

Chocolate Cake

Coffee and Tea

**If there is anyone requiring a special diet, please let us know prior to 1 May so we can arrange to have the proper food prepared.**

**Unlike the last reunion the meal is being prepared on site and at the time the meal is scheduled. There will be no catering associated with this Reunion.**

**Friday 14 June Cookout**

**1730-2100 hours**

If you cannot eat meat and require a special meal let us know and it will be taken care of. The cookout will go from 1730 to 2100 so you need not be there at 1730. Come on down at you leisure

**\*\*There will be a 15% discount for all attendees that eat at the hotel restaurant. You must show your name tag.**

\*BB Riverboats is offering a Captains lunch Cruise from 12 noon to 2 pm on Thursday,Friday and Saturday. The cost will be $35.00 per person for the trip, lunch and transportation. A relaxing 2 hour lunch cruise with games and a banjo player for entertainment. Impressive buffet featuring sliced glazed ham, turkey a la king, rice, green beans, tossed salad and dessert, includes coffee, tea, and ice tea.

\*We have room for 12 people a day to transport to the Riverboat and return. This is being offered Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Please have your reservations in with me prior to your arrival.

\*A trip is being planned to the Air Force Museum in Dayton Ohio. I am still working on the details and they will be forthcomingif you are interested. The Museum is free but we need to work out transportation. This will be an all day event, so plan accordingly. If you are interested I have started a signup sheet. The more people interested, the larger the bus and less expense for each.

**AREA ATTRACTIONS:**

The following is general information about the various tours that are available. **If you are interested in a tour please e-mail me and I’ll work on a group rates.** The sooner the better, but the information won’t be available until 2 – 4 weeks prior to the Reunion. Updates will be sent out in February to interested parties.

* **The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center** celebrates courage, cooperation and perseverance. Check out their website at [*www.undergroundrailroad.org*](http://www.undergroundrailroad.org/)
* **Hofbrauhaus** offers German cuisine and Bavarian entertainment – check out their website at [*www.hofbrauhausnewport.com*](http://www.hofbrauhausnewport.com)
1. **Newport on the Levee** (Shopping, Restaurants & Entertainment Complex) – check out their website at [*www.newportonthelevee.com*](http://www.newportonthelevee.com)
2. **Newport Aquarium and IMAX Theater** – check out their website at [*www.newportaquarium.co*](http://www.newportaquarium.co)
3. Great American Ballpark, Home of the Cincinnati Reds – check out their website at [*www.cincinnatireds.com*](http://www.cincinnatireds.com)
4. **Hollywood Casino** – check out their website at [*www.hollywoodindiana.com*](http://www.hollywoodindiana.com)
5. **Turfway Park** (Horse Race Track) – check out their website for live racing days and dates [*www.turfway.com*](http://www.turfway.com)
6. **Union Terminal** (including the **Cincinnati Museum Center**, the **Children’s Museum** and the **Omnimax Theater**) – check out their website at [*www.cincymuseum.org*](http://www.cincymuseum.org) (visit website for current exhibits and pricing).
7. [www.nkysports.com/GolfCoursesIndex.asp](http://www.nkysports.com/GolfCoursesIndex.asp) for local Golf Course locations and pricing, and to book tee times.
8. **Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens** – check out their website at [*www.cincyzoo.org*](http://www.cincyzoo.org/)

*Discount Tickets for the following are available at the Front Desk of the hotel and can be charged to your room; this is current pricing and subject to change:*

 *Newport Aquarium – Adults - $20.00 Creation Museum – Adults - $17.95*

 *Freedom Center – Adults - $10.00 Cincinnati Zoo – Adults - $10.25*

***General Notes***

1.It is very important that you get your Hotel reservations in early so we can track the rooms and ask for additional rooms if needed. There are two more Hotels in the area that we are hoping to use as a standby if this Hotel is booked to capacity. If you desire more information about a certain tour, let us know and we will start a list to see if there are enough people interested to form a group.

2. We highly recommend the Newport aquarium as a tour.

3. Shuttle service is provided from the Airport to the Hotel at no charge. Let us know your arrival time and airlines and we will have a shuttle at the Airport waiting for you.

4. The main reason I am sending this out 12 months in advance is that some members need to schedule vacations before the first of the year with their employer.

5. If you plan on attending 90% + please e-mail me so I can start a master list to keep track of the total number of people attending. Like I said earlier**,** if you need to cancel at a later date for any reason, that’s OK, I just want to make sure that all that are attending will have little or no problems.

6. The Hospitality room will be open for extended hours throughout the day from 8am to 2359 to just meet and greet. If you desire to bring your own drinks, that’s fine. There will also be a TV and DVD player to watch your movies etc.

7. There will be an auction for charity again and if you have any item to donate please bring with you and let me know when you register, so I can start a master list.

Thanks, and hope to see you all there

Joe Hollern