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The 2018 Savannah Reunion will be **September 16, 17, 18, 19** at the **EMBASSY SUITES SAVANNAH AIRPORT** 145 West Mulberry Blvd. As the name implies, our accommodations are two room suites with more bells and whistles than we have ever had before. The hotel has free airport shuttle and parking. They also provide a complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast every morning starting at 6am. There is a Manager's Reception from 5:30 to 7:30 each night with beer/wine and hors'oeuvres! Enjoy the in-house restaurant called "Flying Spoons" plus a dozen dining experiences in the area. We will have a list of these in your registration envelope.

To make reservations, call 1-800-362- 2779, and say for MASSEY Reunion. The rates are:

Sun. 9/16/18 \$139.00 plus 13% tax and \$5.00 State fee

Mon. 9/17/18 \$139.00 plus 13% tax and \$5.00 State fee

Tue. 9/18/18 \$146.00 plus 13% tax and \$5.00 State fee

Wed. 9/19/18 \$146.00 plus 13% tax and \$5.00 State fee

Note: check in time is after 4 PM and you may cancel without charge 24 hours prior to that day you arrive. Handicap rooms are limited.

Savannah was established in 1733 and was the first colonial and State Capital of Georgia. It is a city steeped in Civil War history. There are hundreds of antebellum houses, buildings and churches as well as three historic forts occupied by both Confederate and Union forces. General William T. Sherman and 60,000 Union troops entered in December 1864. Located here are the Laurel Grove and Bonaventure cemeteries, riverfront cotton warehouses and sunken ironclads.

Monday, September 17, buses will pick us up at **0830** for the four-hour Savannah Experience Tour that visits all the familiar sites and landmarks of the Historic District as well as the "forgotten" neighborhoods. See the grace of the Victorian District, restoration in the Thomas Square neighborhood, and the history of the Beech Institute area and the oak lined grandeur of Victory Drive. Dine at one of Savannah's oldest and most unique restaurants since 1753 - The Pirates House Restaurant. After lunch we will visit **Ships of the Sea Museum** which features nine galleries of model ships, maritime paintings and artifacts. The collection includes colonial ships, ironclads, ocean-going steamers (including Titanic) and modern navy ships.

Tuesday, September 18 buses will pick us up at **0845** for The Mighty 8th AF Tour. The Eighth Air Force was activated in 1942. The museum features over 90,000 square feet of exhibits, interactive displays, historical artifacts and a magnificent collection of art.

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See a visually realistic mission experience, A world renowned research center and a beautiful memorial garden. The World War II, B-17 Flying Fortress, "City of Savannah," Is undergoing a complete Restoration inside the Museum's Combat Gallery. This is a 2 hour guided tour that will take place after our memorial service. On the grounds is the Chapel of the Fallen Eagles. It was built in 2002 to reflect a Gothic English chapel with many stained windows. The sanctuary has architectural features that were found in antique shops and pews that were handcrafted in late nineteenth century Pennsylvania style.

Wednesday September 19 buses will pick us up at **0815** for the Island Beach and Fort Tour with lunch. This excursion includes a visit to Old Fort Jackson, Georgia's oldest standing brick fortification and National Historic Landmark. We also visit Tybee Lighthouse which has a breathtaking view of the surrounding Coastal Empire. We will lunch at The Crab Shack and order from a limited menu.

Optional Tours

Using either using UBER, LIFT, or friends hitch a ride to downtown for afternoon Hop-on-hop-off, Cemetery or Ghost tours, but block out Wednesday afternoon for our Business Meeting.

IN MEMORIAL

Gordon Facer, P.O. LT, '44 '45 May 5 ,2014
William C Gregory, MM2, '51'55, 12/ 4, 2016
Robert M Grigas, GM2, 1/11/2017

Jesus M. Ortiz, BT3, '63 -'65, May 12, 2012
May they rest in peace

USS MASSEY REUNION REGISTRATION, SAVANNAH, GA

Members Name _____
Guest Name _____ E-mail _____
Years served on MASSEY - 19 ____ to 19 ____ Plank owner Yes ___ No ___
First time attendee Yes ___ No ___ Rate/Rank on MASSEY _____
2018 Dues paid Yes ___ No ___ (enclosed \$10.00) _____

_____ Registration fee @ \$20.00 PP _____
_____ Monday: Savannah Experience Tour & lunch at The Pirate \$54.00 PP _____
_____ Tuesday: Mighty 8th AF Memorial Service/Museum/ Lunch \$29.00 PP _____
_____ Wednesday: Island Beach & Fort & Lunch at Crab Shack \$52.00 PP _____
BANQUET Wednesday evening
_____ Grilled Beef Tenderloin with Portabella mushrooms \$49.00 PP _____
_____ Parmesan encrusted Salmon with chive buerre blanc \$31.00 PP _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Please make your check payable to the USS MASSEY ASSOCIATION and mail to:

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL USS MASSEY ASSOCIATION

(Please complete all information fresh this year)

Name _____ Spouse _____ Date _____
(FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST) (FIRST, MI)

Mailing Address _____
STREET OR PO CITY STATE ZIP

Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Cell _____ - _____ - _____ **E-MAIL** _____

Years on board _____ - _____ Rank/Rate _____

(eg. 58-62) (eg. LT/FTG2)

2018 DUES (IF NOT INCLUDED IN REUNION REGISTRATION) **\$10.00** _____

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