

An invitation:

8th Biennial Army Chaplaincy Family Reunion **26-29 October 2016**

On behalf of the USACCRA Board and the San Antonio local chapter, we invite you to join us in San Antonio for the 8th Biennial Army Chaplaincy Family Reunion.

The theme for the gathering is "Telling Your Story." The Program Committee has been working hard to make this a great event. The program includes time to worship together, an opportunity to meet the Chief of Chaplains and his SGM, an introduction to "The Telling Project," a Fiesta with Mariachi music, and a closing memorial service. There will be a great speaker Wednesday night but we are still finalizing that arrangement.

Our venue will be the **The Menger Hotel**, 204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas 78205. Located in the downtown area next door to historic Alamo adjacent to the River Center Mall and a block from the Riverwalk. The Menger itself is an historical hotel established in 1859. It has all the amenities you would expect of a world-class hotel...*and we will get a considerable discount off its usual rates.* Make your reservations early there is limited space!

Don't worry, you WILL have plenty of time to explore San Antonio and the surrounding area. Plus, there will be five different tour options for you to enjoy.

For this reunion the Association Board selected Armed Forces Reunion, Inc. to facilitate our gathering. AFRI is one of the nation's finest reunion planners and conducts hundreds of military reunions all over the United States each year. They have been working with us for more than a year ensuring that we have the very best reunion possible. They have led us through the contracting process and will be with us all the way through the reunion. They are the experts!

AFRI has ensured that registration is easy. It is a three-step process.

First, you have already done step one.

The first step is easy. Simply go to the USACCRA website at <https://chaplainregiment.org/>.

Second, register with AFRI for the reunion

Complete the 2016 Reunion Registration form by clicking on the link on the website. Using this link you can register to attend, choose your meals for our group dinners, and pick any tours that you want to enjoy.

You can either register on line by simply filling out the online form after you click the link or by printing out the print version to mail it in.

a. Online: The online registration form opens when you click the link. Use this form if you plan to pay by credit card. **Please note that 3.5% will be added if you register using your credit card.** This is a charge passed on by the credit card companies.

b. Mail: To find the print form, click on the registration online link and look in the top right corner where it says "Registration Form." Print out this form and send it with your check to the address given on the print form. The correct address is on the print out form.

Register as soon as possible and before 22 September 2016 to ensure the best registration fee.

Registration Fee: whether attending only the conference, dinners, or visiting for one day:

- USACCRA Member, Spouse and Guests: \$57 per person. *If your 2015 membership has expired or you wish to become a member, you can renew or join by visiting the USACCRA Website: www.chaplainregiment.org.*
- Non-Member, Spouse and Guests: \$82
- Active Duty, Reserve, or Guard Chaplains and Assistants, Spouses and Guests. \$7 (We are waiving the large portion of the registration fee to encourage our active Soldiers to join us for the reunion. All meals and tours are the regular rate and must be selected on the registration form when you register.)

Late Registration Fee: After 22 September 2016, whether attending only the conference, dinners, or visiting for one day you may still attend by completing the registration form and paying at the Reunion sign-in table:

- USACCRA Member, Spouse and Guests: \$67 per person
- Non-Member Spouse and Guests: \$92 per person
- Active Duty, Reserve, or Guard Chaplains and Assistants, Spouses and Guests, \$17 (We are waiving the large portion of the registration fee to encourage our active Soldiers to join us for the reunion. All meals and tours are the regular rate and must be selected on the registration form when you register.)

Meals. There will be two events involving dinner meals:

- WEDNESDAY, 26 October: The Reception and Reunion Dinner Honoring the Chief of Chaplains - \$54 each person. You have the choice of Chicken, Beef or Vegetarian plates. Please let us know on your registration if you have special needs for meals.
- FRIDAY, 28 October: The Regimental Association Dinner - \$55 each person. We will be celebrating with a San Antonio style fiesta! The dinner will be a Mexican buffet with a wide variety of selections. Again, let us know on your registration if you have special needs for meals.

Third, make your room reservations

You must make your own reservation with the hotel. The easy way is to click on the hotel registration link included on our website.

You can also 210-223-4361 or 800-345-9285 and ask to speak to "reservations" as soon as possible because rooms under contract are limited. You must identify yourself as an attendee of the group "**USACCRA** Please refer to the cancellation guidelines below.

Last bits of information.

Dress: The dress for banquet on Wednesday evening is coat and tie. The dress for the rest of the reunion is civilian casual. For Active Duty, Reserve, or Guard members, the uniform for Wednesday evening and Thursday morning is ASU.

Planned tours: We have preplanned exciting tours of the San Antonio and the Hill Country. The biggest problem for you is going to be selecting which one you want to enjoy. Four of the tours are on luxurious motor coaches and lead by certified professional guides who love their city and want to share it with you. The last one is an easy walk. Summaries of the tours are on the registration forms.

Transportation to and from the airport:

You are responsible for your own transportation. There are excellent shuttles and taxis from the airport and a top rated city bus lines. You will find more information on the registration form about transportation and parking.

Displays, class meetings, interest groups: There will be authors tables and organizational display tables. There are break-out rooms which can be used for class meeting, etc. If you are an author, craftsperson, or an organizational representative and you wish display space, or a break-out room, please contact Chaplain Scottie Lloyd, srlloyd@msn.com, cell 909-553-5196. Please call ASAP to advise of your attendance and request any requirements.

Hospitality room: Come on upstairs to rooms 4126 to relax and visit. The room is furnished with free snacks and beverages.

Questions: We are happy to answer any questions you might have, however, it isn't possible to register telephonically. With questions contact Kim Casey by calling 713-882-2714 or via Email: blubonnt@att.net.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$7 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities