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***Greetings, Fellow Veterans of the Geodetic Survey Squadron and Geodetic Survey Group!***

And Happy Heat Wave!

Sorry for the delay. I had hoped to send this out on the Fourth of July, but my computer has been down and out for two weeks and required major surgery! Just got it back today. After a lot of frustrating fits and starts, I finally have it back under my control!

We are only about two-and-a-half weeks from our forthcoming reunion in Cheyenne, and I am reluctant to say it, but so far, attendance looks like it will be lower than usual! In the past, we have had an average of 85-to-100 attendees for each event, so, if you are coming and have not yet committed, the clock is ticking!

Bonnie and I plan to drive out to Cheyenne from Virginia on or about 28 July and expect it to take four days to get there. So, ***if you are coming to the reunion, you need to select the events you plan to attend and send me your meal and event reservations and payment ASAP!!!***

***Likewise, if you are staying at the reunion hotel, make your reservations with the hotel now!***

Details below...

***Reunion News:***

So far, we know the following veterans are coming: the Moores, the Schilinskis, the Millers, the Tyszkas, the Stouts, the Cramers, Dick Winslow, the Pouliots, John Dix, Michael Konkel (and guest), the Connors, Woody Woodard, Gus Guliuzza and Dana Hannon.

In other good news, I was able to get the hotel to knock the price down to \$82 per night (plus taxes/fees), which is better than the \$89 we paid three years ago! If you already reserved at a higher rate, be sure to mention the promised reduction when you check in.

To make hotel reservations at the reunion hotel call:

**Red Lion Hotel and Conference Center**

204 West Fox Farm Rd

Cheyenne WY 82007

Hotel phone: 307-638-4466

***If you plan to attend, I highly recommend making your reservations now!***

***IMPORTANT: When making reservations, be sure to refer to: "GEODETTIC" or "Event #1006" to obtain the special reduced rate!***

***How to Reserve Reunion Meals and Events:***

Reserve your selected reunion meals and activities and pay me for them by check *BEFORE* the reunion. (Cost for each meal and activity is shown below.) **Send me a snail-mail note** identifying your selected meals and activities,

how many of each (if you are bringing one or more guests), and include payment with a check for the total amount. Feel free to copy, paste and print the following template to accompany your check.

DATE:

SUBJECT: 2018 GSS/GSG Reunion Event Reservations

YOUR NAME:

NAME(S) OF YOUR GUEST(S):

ADDRESS:

PHONE (in case of a problem):

The Friday evening 'Meet & Greet' is pay-as-you-go for drinks; the hotel will provide free snacks of a savory mix of pretzels cheese crackers, almonds, poppy seed crackers, melba toast and herb crackers, plus tortilla chips, salsa and popcorn.

Number of BUFFET LUNCHESES \_\_\_\_ @ \$26.00 per person): ..... \$\_\_\_\_\_

Number of WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL \_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 per person: ..... \$\_\_\_\_\_

Number of BREAKFAST BUFFETS \_\_\_\_ @ \$19.00 per person: ..... \$\_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR TOTAL AMOUNT: ..... \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Mail your meal/activity reservations and payment (check only) to:**

**Garrett Moore**

**6406 Stonehaven Ct**

**Clifton, VA 20124**

Please reserve your room and meals well in advance of the reunion (**recommending no later than 25 July**) so that the hotel has an accurate count of how many attendees to expect and how many meals to prepare. **Pay ME for meals, not the hotel! Pay by check only!** I will settle with the hotel at the end of the reunion. **If you try to pay at the door during the reunion, you may be out of luck or the hotel may add a hefty surcharge!**

Here's a repeat summary of the reunion information:

- Red Lion has blocked rooms for the reunion at the special rate of \$82 per night plus tax. Remember to say you are with the Geodetic Survey reunion or "event #1006."
- Agenda (so far):
  - o Friday – August 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Meet and Greet** from 6:00 pm-11:00 pm (**cash bar**), free snacks provided by the Hotel. (Room location to be announced in the lobby.)
  - o Saturday - August 4<sup>th</sup>: **Two-Entrée Buffet lunch** from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm - **\$26 per person**, including tax and tip. (Room location to be announced in the lobby.) Recognition and awards to be presented. Afternoon tours on your own.
  - o Saturday Evening - Aug 4<sup>th</sup>: **Wine and Cheese Social - \$5 per person**, the Rawhide Room hospitality suite. (Time to be announced later, but will likely be after 6 pm.) We also request that those attending bring a bottle of wine or other favorite beverage. Cheese, crackers and other snacks will be provided.
  - o Sunday - Aug 5<sup>th</sup>: **Farewell Breakfast Buffet** from 10 am until 1 pm - **\$19 per person**, including tax and tip. (Room location to be announced in the lobby.)
- Lunch menu on Saturday, Aug 4, 2018 - 11:00 am

Mixed garden salad with three dressings

Brown Sugar Rock Mustard Salmon

Beef Tips and Noodles

Oven Roasted Potatoes

Fresh Vegetables Medley

Rolls & Butter

Assorted Dessert Bar

Beverages: Coffee, Ice Tea and Water

· Breakfast Buffet, Sunday, August 5, 2018 - 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Fresh Seasonal Fruit Display with Cinnamon Yogurt

Assortment of Muffins, Breads and Pastries

Freshly Scrambled Eggs

Hickory Smoked Bacon and Sage Sausage

Country Potatoes

Buttermilk Biscuits & Country Gravy

Orange, Apple & Cranberry Juice

Fresh Brewed Coffee

Assortment of Hot Herbal Teas

***NOTE: In the past, the hotel has accommodated the special dietary needs of our attendees. If you are a vegan or vegetarian, have food allergies or other special dietary needs, be sure to make that known to the kitchen ahead of time when you arrive. There will be no difference in the pricing for special meals.***

On Saturday afternoon after the lunch buffet, plan to take in Cheyenne's other local delights on your own or with small groups of old friends, you can get a good idea of some options here: <http://www.cheyenne.org/things-to-do/>.

**For Campers and RVers**

For those of you coming to the reunion by camper or recreational vehicle (RV) or otherwise planning *not* to stay at the Red Lion Hotel and Conference Center, here is some information about campgrounds in the vicinity:

- Crow Creek Fam Camp on FEW - 307-773-3874

<http://www.rvparkreviews.com/regions/wyoming/f-e-warren-afb/crow-creek-famcamp-military-camping-only>

- Terry Bison Ranch, south on I-25 - 307-634-4171

<http://www.rvreview.net/rvparks/terry-bison-ranch.html>

- Restway Travel Park, east on Hwy 30 (4212 Whitney Road) - 800-443-2751

<http://restwaytravelpark.weebly.com>

Here's another link that lists and rates campgrounds in the Cheyenne vicinity:

<http://www.rvparkreviews.com/regions/wyoming/cheyenne>

**GSS/GSG Commemorative Coins and Pendants:**

The coins and pendants are selling briskly. The artwork for the final design of our commemorative coins and pendants is available for you to see on our GSS/GSG website, but the actual items are much more impressive than the images!

Recall that the Squadron/Group had five different designations throughout its history. We commissioned a coin for the original name---1381<sup>st</sup> Geodetic Survey Squadron (Missile) – 1959-64---for the 2015 reunion, and they all sold out.

For this reunion, we are offering the other four designations.

- Coin A: 1381<sup>st</sup> Geodetic Survey Squadron (1964-68) (USAF emblem on the back)
- Coin B: 1<sup>st</sup> Geodetic Survey Squadron (1968-72) (USAF emblem on the back)
- Coin C: Geodetic Survey Squadron (1972-89) (DoD emblem on the back)
- Coin D: Geodetic Survey Group (1989-92) (DoD emblem on the back)

Dick Winslow, our Webmaster, has placed a link prominently on the GSS/GSG Veterans homepage that will take you to the coin images or you can click here: <http://geodeticsurvey.mysite.com/PhotoPages/2018Coins.html>.

Please review the four designs at our website and make your selection: coin A, B, C, or D. Some may want all four designs, and others, only the design corresponding to their time in the unit.

For this initial run, we have ordered only 45 of each coin design and five more of each for the pendant or key fob design. This latter design includes a fused bezel and loop to convert the coin to a neck pendant, key fob or other hanging decoration.

The cost for each coin is \$7.00 plus shipping and handling

The cost for each pendant is \$9.00 plus shipping and handling

**How To Order Your Coin(s)/Pendant(s)**

To order your coins and pendants, please send me a **snail-mail note** (no e-mail, please) using the template below. Feel free to print and fill out the following into your note:

DATE:

YOUR NAME:

SHIPPING ADDRESS:

IMPORTANT! Please identify which coins or pendants you are ordering and how many: A - 1381<sup>st</sup> GSS, B - 1<sup>st</sup> GSS, C – GSS or D – GSG---or one of each!

Number of \_\_\_ COINS (without bezel) @ \$7.00 each: .....\$ \_\_\_\_

Number of \_\_\_ PENDANTs (with bezel) @ \$9.00 each: .....\$ \_\_\_\_

Shipping & Handling PER ORDER (up to four items): .....\$ **6.00**

TOTAL AMOUNT FOR THIS ORDER: .....\$ \_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Treat orders for more than four items as an additional order requiring another \$6.00 shipping and handling fee. Please enclose a check or money order with your order for the total amount and mail it to:**

**Garrett R. Moore**

**6406 Stonehaven Ct**

Clifton, VA 20124

In general, you should expect to receive your items roughly one business week from the time you mail it to me. Coins will be enclosed in sealed plastic bags and mailed in bubble-wrap padded envelopes.

***NOTE: The coins will NOT be available for sale or pick-up during the reunion. My plan is to distribute all ordered coins by mail order only until sold out, hopefully BEFORE the reunion.***

***However, you may continue to order coins AFTER the reunion, until they are sold out! I will resume filling orders after I get back home from the reunion. If there is sufficient demand after they sell out, I can reorder as many more of each coin or pendant as needed, including the original sold-out design offered in 2015! However, reorders will have to wait until after I return home from the reunion and post-reunion road trip, probably late August or early September.***

**Final Notes:**

That's all for this newsletter.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in Cheyenne soon!

***If you plan to attend the reunion and if you plan to order coins or pendants, I urge you to do so now!*** Bonnie and I expect to leave for Cheyenne on or about 28 July. When the reunion is over, we plan to hit the road again, this time to the northwest via the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, western Montana, Idaho, Washington state, Oregon and then visit our kids and grandkids in the San Francisco Bay Area before driving back home to Virginia. ***If you don't make your reunion event reservations in the few days or order your coins now, I may not be home to receive your order! You may be out of luck for the reunion and have to wait for your coins until I get back home! Don't delay; order today!***

If you are on Facebook, I invite you to "friend" me there. Find me at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009342009837>

There is also a Facebook page for the Squadron/Group at <https://www.facebook.com/1381GeodeticSurveySquadron/>

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*Nothing makes the Earth seem so spacious as to have friends at a distance—they make the latitudes and longitudes.*  
— Henry David Thoreau, Surveyor and Philosopher