

# The AC-119 Gunship Association

## July 2019 NEWS FLASH

### IMPORTANT: COST REDUCTION -- SLC REUNION

Those of you who read our initial Reunion Flyer may recall our promise to reduce the SLC reunion costs using Sponsorships/Donations and some of our Association funds that we've been carrying over year to year.

- **Great News, we are doing it now!** If you who haven't yet registered for our SLC Anniversary Reunion, new lower fees are in effect!
- If you already registered, you will love this news: You'll find a refund check in your Registration packet for the difference between what you paid and the revised (reduced) fees. 😊
- This was all according to the Association's plan!!
  - Our new, reduced Event fees are: Meet & Greet **\$35**; Banquet **\$45**; and Farewell BBQ **\$40**!
  - The Little America Hotel rates are reduced to **\$139** per night (all charges and tax inclusive)!
- Why are we doing this?
  - It is an unfortunate reality that Event and Hotel and Travel costs are increasing faster than any income that many of us have.
  - Fortunately, the Association has excess funds, more than we need to keep in the bank, and our "carryover" has been increasing year-to-year.
  - In the past, we used carryover money and your donations, to fund major projects like Memorial Plaques, Monuments, History Book, Memorial Bench, new Website, and others. We do not have any major projects planned now.
  - Importantly, the recent losses of our AC-119 associates made us realize that the **most important priority is to have you at our Reunions**, versus keeping excess money in the bank.
  - Combined with our Sponsorship/Donations, some of our Association's excess carryover will help make this (and the next several) Reunion more affordable.
- **Bottom Line:** we want as many of you as possible to join us in Salt Lake City.
  - We aren't getting any younger; we won't ever have another 50<sup>th</sup> SEA Anniversary Reunion.
  - We deserve to celebrate the Anniversary of our return, the friendships formed, and those we lost there and along the way.
  - **We want to SEE you again, rekindle friendships, make new friends, and celebrate our time in AC-119s together, in person, instead of in a Eulogy or Celebration of Your Life!**
  - **Click here to register:** <https://www.ac119gunships.com/reunion/upcoming-reunion/>

#### NOTES:

We will continue to work at keeping our Reunion costs as low as we can.

1. Use Sponsorships/Donations to lower your costs as much as possible,
2. Use excess carryover funds to offset only Lodging, Events, Hootch, or Comped costs, while maintaining at least \$15,000 carryover after a Reunion,
3. **Review this policy annually** as an Association New Board priority, and adjust it as needed. We're pretty confident this will apply to our 2020 Fort Walton Beach and 2021 Omaha Reunions.