



# 315TH NEWSLETTER

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## OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

### Message from the President

April 2, 2010

We have some fantastic plans for the 2010 315<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Group Association Reunion, scheduled for May 20-23 in beautiful Charleston, South Carolina. In your November newsletter, we provided information on the hotel and banquet, so hopefully many of you have already made hotel reservations and are planning to attend! As always, this will be a great opportunity to spend time and share stories with old friends, and meet new friends and family members who are affiliated with the 315<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Group.

Here are details on several planned tours that were not included in the November newsletter:

#### **Friday, May 21**

Tour and Lunch at Charleston Air Force Base (Joint Base Charleston, [www.charleston.af.mil](http://www.charleston.af.mil)) Includes bus transportation to the base, tour and lunch or seafood buffet at the Air Bus Café.

Depart hotel: 9 a.m.

Return to hotel: 2-3 p.m.

Cost per person: \$10.00 (transportation only). Lunch separate.

Reservations and payment in advance required. Please contact Dick Ford at 541-593-6310 or e-mail him at [dickfordfire@aol.com](mailto:dickfordfire@aol.com). Mailing address: P.O. Box 4399, Sunriver, OR 97707.

*Hosted by Capt. Wayne Capps, Chief of Public Affairs, 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing*

#### **Saturday, May 22**

City of Charleston Bus Tour

Depart hotel: 9 a.m.

Return to hotel: 1:30 p.m.

Cost per person: \$55.00

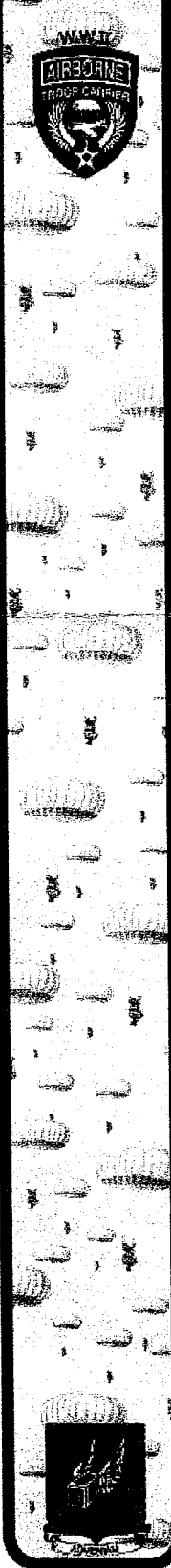
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The Hospitality Room will be open Thursday, May 20 – Saturday, May 22 in the Holiday Inn.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. I can be reached via email at [gertel@wi.rr.com](mailto:gertel@wi.rr.com), or phone at (262) 784-5950 or via the U.S. mail at Gary Ertel, 765 Talon Trail, Brookfield, WI 53045. See you soon!

Sincerely,

Gary Ertel  
President



# World War II 315<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Group 2010 Reunion

- Dates:** Thursday, May 20 – Saturday, May 22  
Departures and Goodbyes Sunday, May 23
- Location:** Holiday Inn Charleston Mt. Pleasant  
250 Johnnie Dodds Blvd.  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464  
<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/CHSMP>
- Room Rates:** \$119.00 per night plus tax of \$13.69 for a total of \$132.69
- Reservations:** 1-800-290-4004 or 843-884-6000  
Identify yourself as a part of the 315<sup>th</sup> Group Reunion
- Reservation  
Deadline:** April 20, 2010 to receive the quoted rate above  
Rooms may be available on an “As available basis” after April 20 but you  
will not receive the group rate
- Cancellation  
Deadline:** May 15, 2010
- Hospitality  
Room:** Open Thursday, May 20 – Saturday, May 22 in the Holiday Inn
- Banquet:** Saturday, May 22. Cocktails at 5 p.m. in the Hospitality Room.  
Banquet at 6 p.m.
- Selections:** Sirloin \$34.00  
Chicken \$32.00  
Pasta Primavera (vegetarian): \$27.00
- Banquet  
Reservations:** Contact Dick Ford. **Reservations required and payment in advance is requested.** Phone # 541-593-6310. E-mail: [dickfordfire@aol.com](mailto:dickfordfire@aol.com).  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 4399, Sunriver, OR 97707.

*Hotel Amenities include Three Oaks Grill Restaurant serving breakfast and dinner on-site, cocktail lounge, health & fitness center, outdoor pool, room service and laundry service.*

## *Taps*

**With deep regret we record  
the loss of these comrades.**

**Robert M. Barker, Sheridan, Wyoming  
2/16/09**

**Robert S. Meskan, Dallas, Texas  
12/17/08**



## *Pertinent Web sites*

**World War II Troop Carrier  
Group Association  
[www.315group.org](http://www.315group.org)**

**Charleston Air Force Base /  
Joint Base Charleston  
[www.charleston.af.mil](http://www.charleston.af.mil)**

**Charleston Tourism  
Information  
[www.charleston.com](http://www.charleston.com)**

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Just a reminder, if you haven't paid your \$20 dues yet this year you can send them to: Dick Ford,  
WWII 315th TCG Treasurer, P.O. Box 4399, Sunriver, OR 97707.  
E-mail: dickfordfire@aol.com.

**Are you on our E-mail List?**

If you would like to receive e-mail updates as well as this newsletter, please send your e-mail address to: vjsmithcolorado@hotmail.com

***Happy Spring! We'll see you in Charleston!***

***Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 15***