

**FREEDOM THROUGH VIGILANCE
ASSOCIATION**

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Dear Freedom Though Vigilance Association Members:

I'd like to invite you to another special reunion this fall, celebrating the 70th anniversary of USAFSS! Our 37th annual FTVA reunion will be held 27 – 29 September 2018. The June newsletter, the FTVA website, and our Facebook page contain all the documents and information you need to plan for a terrific weekend. For planning purposes, we again ask you to quickly respond and sign-up early for this year's festivities. Please join us as we reminisce and celebrate our rich heritage!

The annual golf tournament will kick off the festivities on Thursday, 27 September 2018 at the Golf Club of Texas (same venue as last year) with a **Shotgun Start at 10 AM (Check-in at 0900)**. This is a change from previous years and allows golfers to make it to their respective evening events on time.

We continue with the schedule we set last year on Friday, 28 Sept. Don't over-sleep because we will start early. We open the Bernard A. Larger Auditorium (Bldg 2007) at 0830 for coffee & donuts, and begin the Hall of Honor Ceremony at 0900, recognizing this year's inductees. This move promotes better awareness and participation of the current 25th AF workforce. The Remembrance Ceremony will follow at the EC-47 memorial on Security Hill at **1100** and then on to the traditional picnic at Stapleton Park around **1145**.

Our annual membership meeting will again be held on Saturday (29 Sept) at 0930 at the Security Service Federal Credit Union Board Room (3rd Floor). In addition to hearing the annual status of our finances and Board elections, we always look forward to catching up with our FTVA chapters during the general membership meeting.

This year's banquet is a special event, celebrating the 70th Anniversary of our Command; USAFSS (Oct 48 - Aug 79), ESC (Aug 79 - Oct 91), AFIC (Oct 91 - Oct 93), AIA (Oct 93 - Jun 07), AFISRA (Jun 07 - Sept 14), and 25th AF (Sept 14 - present).

You won't want to miss this year's extravaganza as we are holding the Command's 70th Anniversary Ball in the Gateway Club, Lackland AFB, Building 2490 on Saturday, 29 September 2018. Cocktails start at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. At this time, we do not have confirmation for our guest speaker, but as soon as confirmed we will send out notification on who it is. **(You get to the Gateway Club by taking exit 4 – Valley High Drive – off of Loop 410 or by entering the Luke Gate (Gateway East) entrance off of West Military Drive/Loop 13)**

For those who haven't visited recently, Security Hill is part of Lackland AFB. Due to DoD and Air Force security requirements, base entry is restricted. You must have valid identification that grants access to Lackland AFB such as an active/retired Military ID, active Military-related civilian ID, or be on the pre-approved entry access roster. **If you do not have a valid military identification and are not on the pre-approved roster, you will not be able to get on base.** Please see the included Lackland Base Entry Procedures form for full details.

The Board would like to personally thank all of you for your support to our association and the 25th Air Force active members serving around the world, including the current conflict zones. Hope to see many of you and let's make this reunion our biggest and best ever!

Remain In Touch,
Ted Colquhoun
FTVA President