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DiBellos and Kopfsteins Secure Hotel HQ

Our 2018 Reunion will take place May 6, 2018 until May 9, 2018 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton at the Airport in Savannah, Ga,

Savannah is an expensive town and after days of searching by Frank, Connie, Scotty and Linda this was the cheapest they could find.

The price runs from \$139 to \$149 a night from three days before until three days after the reunion.

They offer a courtesy bus to/from the airport by calling the hotel at (912) 330-8222 and let them know your flight number and arrival time.

Reservations for rooms may be made by calling 1-800-EMBASSY or 1-(800) 362-2779 don't call the hotel itself. Rates good until April 10, 2018.

The association registration is separate and distinct from your hotel registration. This fee covers the costs of the special rooms at the hotel, transportation to the memorial service, the banquet, professional entertainment, the memorial wreath, food & beverages in the Hospitality Suite, etc.

A trademark highlight of Embassy Suites is

a complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast and evening reception.

What to do around here

Appreciate the history and romance of Savannah in the downtown area. Take a ghost tour through a haunted cemetery. Stroll the streets of Savannah to discover wisteria, azaleas and moss-covered live



Embassy Suites by Hilton at the Airport

oak trees. Learn about the courage, character and patriotism of the men and women of the Eighth Air Force from World War II to the present at the Mighty Eight Air Force Museum. Ask one of our Savan-

nah hotel staff members to suggest more sightseeing activities, including City Market, River Street, The Cotton Exchange, trolley tours and carriage rides, in one of the largest National Historic Landmark Districts in the United States.

Take an excursion to the beach, tennis and golf resort of Hilton Head, SC. There you'll find some of the most beautiful beaches in the world and a variety of wildlife. Venture out to Tybee Island, 18 miles east of Savannah, for historical sites.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

Greetings to All,

As we enter the Holiday Season, I just want to say I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and will have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Frank DiBello

It is a good time of the year to spend time with friends and family, and renewing old acquaintances.

I give thanks to all that help make this such a great country, both past and present. Thank you to all men and women who have served and sacrificed to make our country a great place to live and raise our families.

We are getting close to finalizing our plans for the 2018 Reunion in Savannah, Georgia. There is a lot of history and

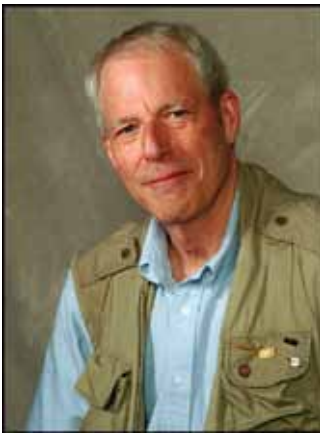
beautiful sights there, as well as good eats! The Embassy Suites Airport, by Hilton promises us a great stay with lots of "Southern Hospitality!"

A full service FREE breakfast and a Cocktail Hour with complimentary snacks and drinks is included with every day's stay. Parking is Free.

There is a Tanger Outlet Mall very close by for those of you that might want to do a little shopping. More info to follow in our next newsletter.

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By Don Hayden TM3 (1961-62)

It never ceases to amaze me how some names can be in place for a hundred years and no one thinks anything about them, then all of a sudden they are awful.

A case in point is in my city of Tulsa where for years and years and years the areas of 1st Street, Archer and Brady Streets were skid row full of pawn shops, bars and brothels.

Archer and Brady were named for early-day Tulsa businessmen.

That was in the late 1890s. And the area was called the Brady District. A convention center located in the heart of the area was affectionately called “the Old Lady on Brady.”

Fast forward to the early 2000s and the area is revitalized with residential lofts, nightclubs and a general air of goodness.

Someone did some research and discovered that Brady was named for Tate Brady and that he had once been a member of (Oh horrors) the Ku Klux Klan.

Well obviously we couldn’t have that; that’s “politically incorrect.”

Never mind that the street doesn’t say “Tate Brady Street” or the “Tate Brady District” - just the mere fact that it was connected to a white-robed character was enough to get city leaders fired up to change the name.

So in their “knee-jerk” way, the city leaders

changed the name to Matthew Brady (for the Civil War photographer who had absolutely no connection to Tulsa).

So if you think about how nice it would be to have a city street named after you, you’d better be lily white.

All this name-changing frenzy extended to the Civil War generals on the losing side.

About a mile from my house is an elementary school named

“Lee.” I’ve known about it all my life in Tulsa and never gave it much thought as to who “Lee” was or might have been,

I even missed the small stone obelisk out by the curb denoting the dedication in 1918 during a Confederate Veteran reunion of Robert E. Lee elementary.

A recent newspaper article recalled the reunion and seemed to go out of the way to say it was Tate Brady’s idea (and referred again to his Ku Klux Klan ties).

We wouldn’t want people to forget.

55 Anniversary of Missile Crisis

Oct. 22 marked the 55th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis and several Sumner sailors who attend reunions regularly were part of the blockage,

In a televised address on October 22, 1962, President John F. Kennedy revealed to the American public that U.S. surveillance aircraft had detected the presence of Soviet missile bases in Cuba, triggering the so-called Cuban missile crisis.

Prior to October 14, 1962, there had been a lull of roughly six weeks during which the United

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\$300.00 and over	\$20.00

Checks made payable to Sumner Reunion Association.

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States flew no aerial reconnaissance missions using high-flying U-2 jets over Cuba. Responding to anecdotal reports of missile-like objects being moved along Cuban roads under cover of darkness, such reconnaissance flights resumed on October 14.

When the photos taken during that flight were reviewed, CIA analysts detected the presence of what they believed were medium-range ballistic missiles capable of hitting multiple targets in the United States.

Early on the morning of October 16, 1962, National Security Adviser McGeorge Bundy showed the aerial photographs to Kennedy, thus marking the beginning of the 13-day Cuban missile crisis.

In the wake of the missile discovery, Kennedy called together a meeting of the nine members of the National Security Council along with five other key advisers.

They mulled a wide array of responses that the United States might take. The options ranged from doing nothing or taking a diplomatic approach on up to an aerial assault on the missile sites coupled with a land-based attack on Cuba.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff advocated the most hawkish approach to the dilemma, unanimously recommending a full-scale attack and invasion as the only real solution to the problem.

Already burned by the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion in April 1961, Kennedy was extremely wary of following the hawkish recommendations of his top military advisers.

He decided to adopt a more measured response to the Cuban missile threat, ordering a naval blockade of Cuba, designed to block and turn back any ship carrying offensive military equipment to the island nation.



This monument at San Cristobal in Cuba marks the site of a medium-range ballistic missile base.

In his October 22 nationwide address, he announced the blockade and also stated that it would henceforth be U.S. policy “to regard any nuclear missile launched from Cuba against any nation in the Western Hemisphere as an attack by the Soviet Union on the United States. . . .”

In the immediate wake of Kennedy’s announcements, some Soviet ships bound for Cuba appeared to turn around and head back to their home ports.

Not so for one Soviet tanker named the Bucharest. Confronted by two U.S. naval vessels on October 25, the tanker continued to steam toward

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Cuba, and was allowed to do so by naval officers who in the end decided that it was unlikely the tanker contained offensive equipment.

Elsewhere, the situation continued to deteriorate. CIA surveillance indicated that work was continuing on the Cuban missile sites, and on October 27, a U-2 spy plane was shot down over Cuba.

Kennedy authorized the U.S. military to prepare for a possible attack on Cuba. In the meantime, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev said his country would remove the missiles from Cuba if the

United States would remove its missiles from Turkey and Italy. Just when it seemed that the crisis would end in conflict, the U.S. and Soviet Union struck an accord under which the latter would dismantle its missiles in Cuba in return for a U.S. pledge not to invade the island.

Secretly, the United States also pledged to remove its offensive missiles in Turkey and southern Italy, but because this part of the deal remained secret, to the world at large it seemed as if the U.S. had bested the Soviets in striking this accord

REUNION ASSISTANCE FUND

Are YOU a former Sumner shipmate ?

Have YOU ever wanted to go to one of our Annual Reunions ?

For those shipmates who are in need of financial assistance, the Association has created a Special Committee to help YOU out. The funds available come from donations of the Sumner crew in the hope YOU will join us.

The Fund is managed in strict confidentiality and no one other than the Committee will ever know of these transactions.

If interested and to find out more about the Fund, please contact one of the following Committee Members:

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To donate to the Fund and assist your shipmates, make your contributions (any amount is greatly appreciated) by check and send to:

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Mark the check and/or envelope "for the Reunion Assistance Fund"

President

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Once again we are asking you to make all your reservations ASAP so that we might better plan our activities.

Also by knowing our numbers we can better negotiate our fees for activities.

We plan to offer a tour through the old Historic District, after the Memorial Service. We will be trying to have an accurate count in the first quarter of 2018, so that we can negotiate prices for bus service and tour prices.

We will need your cooperation so that we can have a good head count for all our expenses.

I appreciate everyone's help in making this a great Reunion.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Savannah in May, 2018!

***"Do You Hear What I Hear":* Noel Regney wrote this song as a call to peace during the Cuban Missile Crisis. The original context has long been forgotten and is now a staple of holiday celebrations.**



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