

## 2/9<sup>TH</sup> FA REUNION AT FT SILL

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**DATES:** May 29 – 1June; Arrive on Weds, Depart on Saturday. Three Nights

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$10.00 per veteran attending. This is to cover miscellaneous and incidental costs in preparing for this reunion.

**HOUSING:** *On-Post* - Bldg 5678, Allin Hall (formerly the Hi-Rise BOQ). You will need to book your own reservation by MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> as shown on the Registration Form. This facility is now operated by a civilian contractor, Holiday Inn Express (IHG hotels).

*Off-Post-* On your own

Jerry advises that the \$65.00/night is a very good rate and includes a generous breakfast.

**TRANSPORTATION:** If you are driving to Ft Sill, you're all set. If you are flying, Jerry suggests you check the cost differential between landing in OKC rather than Lawton directly. Some airlines jack up prices for regional landings. You may save (or not). Should you choose the Lawton Airport, Jerry advises that the typical cab fare to the post or town averages \$10.00 with the typical "added person" rates. Suggest "Busy Bee" cab service.

**POST TRANSPORTATION:** The post shuttle runs hourly (8am – 10pm) and has a stop at Bldg 5678; this may be of interest to guest and dependents to explore Ft Sill in lieu of other activities. *Jerry has arranged busses for our field trips (provided by Ft Sill)*

**CAR RENTAL:** For those in need of a rental car, Jerry has a special arrangement with the downtown Lawton Enterprise Car Rental office as shown on the Registration Form. Sorry, offer valid only at the Lawton office.

**MEALS:** The first event, Wednesday evening, will be the "ice-breaker" at the Lawton Country Club. Time is 6:30pm. The cost is \$22/person for "heavy Hors D'oeuvres"; Jerry advises this will be a meal equivalent. All bars are "cash bars". All lunches are "on your own". Mess Hall menus vary (as always) and prices are under \$10/person. Thursday Dinner is "on your own", but we may get a consensus as to "where" if we go as a group. Open to suggestions. The Friday Banquet will cost \$20/person due to some super negotiations done by Jerry. The menu is "All American Chuck Wagon" buffet items.

**ADVANCE MEALS & REGISTRATION PAYMENT:** Required for all Reunion attendees.

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Schedule

Wednesday Night: Ice Breaker Cocktail Party; Lawton Country Club; Time 6:30pm

Thursday: Visit to the enlisted basic training area (1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 19<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery) in the AM. For those who did their basic training here it will be an “eye opener” to see how basic training has changed and is conducted. They have nice living areas and Chow Halls, but tough physical and mental training. The DI’s are most impressive. They are producing well-trained soldiers. Afternoon will be with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 78<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery to see a variety of cannons, to include the 155mm SP Paladin, and the HIMARS Free flight Rocket system. Cannon and Rockets now have GPS in nose fuze. They can put a round through a “knot hole.” Then visit a FDC to see the technology, computerized multi-talented Fire Direction and Radar systems. Then up to OP to observe the FO’s adjusting fires.

*Note: We are working on alternate activities for Spouses & Guests who do not wish to make the field visits. TBA*

Friday: Visit new FA Museum and ADA Museum. Visit newly developed ADA area of the Post. Visit the OCS Hall Fame at Durham Hall and Snow Hall. Also, we are working on a visit to the computerized Fire Direction Training Lab in I-SEE-O Hall. Students are placed in a combat type environment and adjust Artillery, as they would in the field, using a computer. This is amazing training program for FO’s.

Friday night Banquet: Ft. Sill Polo Club. Time is 6:30pm.

Saturday AM: Depart for home.

SPECIAL GUESTS: There will be several Ft Sill dignitaries at our banquet.

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SHIRTS & CAPS: Many of you already have a 2/9<sup>th</sup> shirt and cap. Need to know (ASAP) how many would want to purchase these. If there is sufficient response, we MAY be able to offer for purchase. Send your response (sizes & quantities) to:

[mightyninth@cablone.net](mailto:mightyninth@cablone.net). *All Shirt & Cap orders will be only for those attending the reunion and handled independently of this reunion information.*