



**USA/ARMY/ASA/4th Operations Company
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Asmara, Eritrea
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**2025 All-Kagnew Station Reunion
UPDATE #3**

PLEASE READ & RESPOND ASAP

THE REALITY OF INFLATION HAS COME HOME TO ROOST!

Hello again everyone, we hope this finds you all doing well and enjoying life.

Although it has taken longer than anticipated, we believe we have reached a point where we need to make you aware of our findings – so far. Without question, the outstanding hospitality we experienced last year at the Beach Cove Resort in Myrtle Beach would be hard to duplicate – anywhere! That said, this is what we have been able to determine:

1. Based on your survey preference, we have solicited proposals from multiple facilities in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
2. Our OK Reunion Dates being **CONSIDERED** are [Ar/Dep] 9/25-9/28, **OR** 10/3-10/5 **OR** 10/9-10/12
3. The hosting hotel that offered the best proposal was the Embassy Suites hotel, the Downtown/Medical Center location.
 - a. Complimentary breakfast is included
 - b. Complimentary afternoon cocktails and snacks reception
 - c. The room rate = \$149/night – after taxes and parking (\$20) – **the rate is \$196/night**
** The normal room rate is \$221/night + taxes (17.8%) + parking (\$20) = \$280.34
4. All locations have a daily room **rental charge of \$500-\$1,000 for a Hospitality Room**. Based on 50(?) Kagnew Veterans attending, that would represent a \$10-\$20/day additional Registration Fee to cover the room charge(s). We will continue to pursue obtaining a reasonably priced (per day) Hospitality Room for our use.
5. There are multiple attractions to consider within Oklahoma City as you might desire.

6. We are equally concerned as the per person dinner charges are substantially higher than we have had in the past. We have researched dinner at the hotel (**\$115/pp + possible room rental charge**) as well as a local restaurant with a private dining room with a good (but not great entrée menu selection starting @ \$65/pp) and has a \$2,000 F&B Minimum. Also, the offsite restaurant has a limit of **50 guests** in the private dining room. So, what do we do if more than 50 (expected) join us??
7. The loss of a group dinner will also mean the loss of an opportunity for a guest speaker to join us.

We clearly heard your message last September that *YOU REALLY WANT THE ALL-KAGNEW REUNIONS TO CONTINUE*. We are doing the best we can to make 2025 another memorable gathering - one that will have us recall memories and experiences of a special time and place, but we need to be aware of the costs.

SO – before we move forward and commit to any contracts, we ask you:

1. What considered dates DO NOT work for you? _____
2. I/we plan to attend regardless of the cost or location: (Y/N) _____
3. I/we want to attend, but the total cost(s) is beyond our budget 😞 (Y/N) _____
4. I/we plan to attend, but will dine individually: (Y/N) _____
5. I/we do not plan to attend: _____
6. A suggestion has been made that we return to the Beach Cove Resort in Myrtle Beach *assuming a different social activity and no hurricane*
(Available period: Arrive: Friday, Oct 10th – Depart: Monday, Oct 13th)

a. Yes – I/we'd attend

No – Been there/done that

7. Your Name: _____

8. Best Means to Contact You: _____

PLEASE CUT AND PASTE THIS SURVEY IN YOUR EMAIL REPLY OR REPLY WITH YOUR ANSWERS PER QUESTION:

Let us know your opinion ASAP via email at: asa.kagnew@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration,

Best regards to all –

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