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# IMPORTANT NOTICE

2019 All-Kagnew Station Reunion Ft. Devens / Boston Area Sept 27-29, 2019 Update #2

Greetings to All Kagnew Vets, Families and Dependents,

Due to the economics and logistics involved, the decision was made to move the host hotel to the HILTON GARDEN INN @ DEVENS. This is no reflection on the Hampton Inn at all, but the additional costs for group transportation and the limited opportunities to host our Saturday Banquet Dinner were critical issues.

#### The New Host Location is:

• Location: The Hilton Garden Inn at Devens, MA

59 Andrews Parkway Devens, MA 01434 Phone: 978-772-0600

Dates: September 26th (arrival date) – Sept 29<sup>th</sup> (departure date)

• Room rate/night: \$135.00 (plus tax)

Complimentary Hospitality Room (9/26, 9/27 & 9/28)

• Free Wi-Fi, and Free Parking

### What has been confirmed:

Friday – Tour of Ft. Devens, the Devens Museum with the possibility of access to the TS&C (the quad) buildings. (Still working on that....)
 Tour of Historical Lexington & Concord battlegrounds with a personalized reenactment of the historic first shot of the War for Independence

Plans not yet finalized for a guided tour of historic Boston, hosted by Boston Private Tours.
 Looking into a 6 hour tour from and returning to the Hilton for an \$50/pp
 NOTE: ALL ACTIVITES ARE ALA CARTE – there is no obligation to participate

- Your attendance for the entire period is not necessary but room block expires August 25th
- Saturday Banquet dinner hosted at the Hilton Garden Inn at Devens
- Guest speaker for Saturday dinner Michael Bigelow of INSCOM has agreed to be one of our speakers and is working to present to a paper he is presenting to NSA's Cryptologic History Conference in October and tie it into the history of Kagnew's role in operational security. There has also been a fun suggestion that volunteers be asked to write a "brief but spectacular" memory from our days at Kagnew. Public speaking is not a critical but your memories are...

### WHAT'S NEEDED FROM YOU ASAP!

For sure, we were spoiled by last year's Desert Diamond Hotel and what they did to do to support us. Unfortunately, we can't have that same level of support this year. I will be making the required advance deposit of \$500 on 3-11-19, and commit to a dinner headcount no later than April 26<sup>th</sup> after which forfeiture of deposit and a 50% liability for the anticipated dinner charge apply, so we need to know how many will attend.

SO – WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY ARE DEFINITELY PLANNING TO ATTEND THE 2019 REUNION. IF YOU ARE DEFINITELY PLANNING TO ATTEND, PLEASE SEND US A QUICK EMAIL THAT YOU'RE COMING AND IF ANYONE WILL JOIN YOU.

**Then,** please complete the attached form and return it with you deposit or payment in full. The costs for Friday's program will follow shortly. If you can't commit at this time, we can add to the count, but coming up short will be expensive.

# <u>ALL-KAGNEW STATION REUNION – (Fort) DEVENS, MA</u> <u>SEPTEMBER 26 – 29, 2019</u>

## US ARMY/ASA/STRATCOM/4<sup>th</sup> Operations Company NAVY/USNC/Naval Communication Station

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| Spouse/Guest:                                 |                        |                   |             |      |
| Guest 2:                                      |                        |                   |             |      |
| Address: (Street,                             |                        |                   |             |      |
| Address: (City, St, Zip):                     |                        |                   |             |      |
| Phone:  |                        |                   |             |      |
| Dates at Kagnew Station - from: _             |                        | to:               |             |      |
| Kagnew Assigned Unit: (IE: 4 <sup>th</sup> Op | ons/ASA/ STRATCOM/NA   | VCOM)             |             |      |
| Primary Duty Location (IE: Tract (            | C/B/Stonehouse/AFRTS/) |                   |             |      |
| Please indicate your registi                  | ration for each sche   | duled activity op | tion below: |      |
| Event   | Date                   | # in Party        | Cost/pp     | Tota |
| Reunion 2019                                  | Sept 26-29             | Vet only          | \$40        | \$_  |
| Tour of Devens/Lexington                      |                        |                   |             |      |
| /Concord                                      | Fri. 9/27              |                   | \$TBD/pp    | \$_  |
| Tour of Historic Boston                       | Sat. 9/28              |                   | \$50/pp     | \$_  |
| 2018 Banquet Dinner                           | Sat. 9/28              |                   | \$50/pp     | \$_  |
|   |                        |                   | Total:      | \$_  |
| Total Deposit received with                   | your registration:     |                   | \$40/pp     | \$   |
| BALANCE DUE: Please rem                       | it NLT August 1, 201   | 19 \$             |             |      |
| Send total via check navable                  | e to                   |                   |             |      |

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Your registration will be acknowledged via email