

84th Railsplitters Association

Bugler

President's Message



Spring Greetings to All Fellow Railsplitters,

Spring is here and I certainly hope everyone survived the brutal cold or went somewhere warm for the winter. Remember when we were happy to see the snow and now we can't wait for it to go away. If it wasn't snowing, it was raining and cold. Now we can start looking forward to warm weather and outside activities. Speaking of activities, mark your calendar for Saturday, May 11, 2019 to attend our annual Dining Out at the Western Racquet Club. We have booked some new entertainment for that evening that I am sure you will enjoy. The flyer for this event is enclosed with this edition of the Bugler. I look forward to seeing you all. Come and enjoy the food, friends and music.

Our annual meeting and Army Birthday celebration will be held Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at the Cudworth-Stenz-Griesell-Smith Legion Post starting at 6:30 PM. Snacks and beverages will be provided. I am also excited to let everyone know we will have a guest speaker at this meeting. The speaker that evening will be the County Veterans Service Officer, Mr. Rick Flurry. I'm sure he will bring us up to date on any recent updates and Veteran news. Please bring your list of questions you need answered. Elections will also be held that evening.

Our annual Steak/Chicken Fry will be held Saturday, September 14, 2019 at the Stenz-Griesell-Smith Legion Post. Casual attire, jeans or shorts are the dress for the day. Keep in mind that this event is our annual fundraiser for the year, so please bring your checkbook and bid generously for the auction items. As always, donated items are greatly appreciated.

I wish everyone good health, enjoy the sunshine and I look forward to seeing you at the Dining Out.

Dean P. Orley COL (USA Retired)
President 84th Railsplitters Association, LTD



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Upcoming Special Events

- Dining Out—11 May 2019
- Annual Meeting—12 June 2019
- RAD at Ft McCoy—6 Sep 2019
- Steak Cook Out—14 Sep 2019

Please Join Us!

FAMOUS RAILSPLITTERS

Most of us know that President Abraham Lincoln was a Railsplitter, but did you know these other Railsplitters?

JD Salinger, writer

Henry Kissinger, former US Secretary of State

Scott Fitzgerald, Wisconsin State Senator

And of course, you!

84th Railsplitters' Charitable Giving

War Memorial Center—POW/MIA Project

Fellow Railsplitters,

Since World War One 3,481 citizens of Milwaukee County have died in action in America's wars. Each of them is listed in the area known as the Honor Roll on Veterans' Plaza at the War Memorial Center (WMC). We honor all of them annually on Memorial Day with the downtown parade and appropriate ceremonies that follow at the WMC. One of the unsettled issues that concerns the WMC board of trustees is the lack of recognition regarding those Wisconsinites who have been listed as Prisoners of War or Missing in Action. Several years ago the board approved action to create a POW/MIA Memorial at the WMC to ensure these Americans are never forgotten. Since then we have taken several steps to jump-start this project.

First, the board set aside funds for initial planning purposes. Additionally, an annual golf outing was established (4 thus far) that have raised additional funds for a total of over \$20,000 set aside for the exhibit. A contractor has been working on the project and it is starting to take shape. The plan is for the exhibit to open later in 2019.

Your 84th Railsplitters Assn LTD has been generous in its donations to several WMC projects for many years. This includes the rebuilding of Veterans Courtyard, the remodeling of Memorial Hall, etc. The Association's board tentatively approved a \$1,000 donation to the POW/MIA Project, pending a formal review at the April 18 board meeting. The Exhibit will list photos and histories of all Wisconsin POW/MIA's. With that done, we will have accounted for all of our killed in action/POW/MIA. And that is the right thing to do.

Once again, from the members of the WMC to the members of the 84th Railsplitters Assn., thank you for your continued support.

Peter (Skip) Pochowski
Member of the Board
War Memorial Center



"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."

84th Railsplitters Association
cordially invites you to attend
The 2019 Annual Dining Out
Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the Western Racquet Club
1800 Highland Drive, Elm Grove, WI
1800 cocktails (cash bar), 1900 dinner and program

Join us for an evening of merriment, camaraderie and a few toasts!

Attire: Military Dress Mess or Dress Blues; Class A with white shirt and bow tie;
or Civilian appropriate civilian attire (coat and tie, etc.)

Menu:

*Warm English Popovers with whipped butter,
Caesar Salad, and your choice of*

Filet Mignon

with Yukon Gold potato puree, seasonal vegetables and sauce béarnaise

or

Artichoke Stuffed Chicken

with Leonnaise potatoes, steamed asparagus, tomatoes and feta cheese

All meals include wine for toasting, coffee, tea and dessert

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____. Please reserve a place for me and _____ guests at the 84th Dining Out

Rank: _____ Name: _____ Filet ____ or Chicken ____

Phone Number: _____

Guest: _____ Filet ____ or Chicken ____

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Prices:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Beef</u>	<u>Chicken</u>
O6 & up	\$43	\$37
E9, CW3		
O4, O5	\$38	\$32
All Others	\$33	\$27

Please return this form with your check payable to the 84th Railsplitters Association, LTD

To: CSM David Gramins

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**This form is available in a format
which can be completed by computer
in the PDF version or on the Events Page**

Kindly reply by May 4, 2019

Hard at work!



wall flowers



Formations



Memories




Please send your pictures to railsplitters84th@yahoo.com.

Friends of all sizes



Cooks and tanks



Traveling the World with Jerry and Lisa Wold

Arlington National Cemetery

If you are attend a burial service at the Arlington National Cemetery, it is quite a privilege to witness. In January of this year, Lisa and I attended the internment of her uncle Ernest "Zeke" Zellmer, Captain USN Retired, at the Arlington National Cemetery. During WW2, Zeke was a submarine communications officer on the USS Cavalla. The ceremony was with full military honors, which included a six-horse caisson, Navy band, platoon of sailors, and rifle squad. After the burial, the family and friends attended a luncheon at the Women's Memorial on the cemetery grounds. (We had never previously been in the memorial.)

If you are fortunate to visit the Arlington National Cemetery, as you drive up Memorial Drive, and prior to turning left to park, you will see in front of you, the Women's Memorial complex.

The Women In Military Service For America Memorial, at the Ceremonial Entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is the only major national memorial honoring all women who have defended America throughout history. Their patriotism and bravery are a part of our nation's heritage and are now recognized.

Visitors to the Women's Memorial experience the collective history of women in the military along with the individual stories of registered servicewomen. The Women's Memorial recognizes all women who have served in or with the United States Armed Forces—past, present and future; documents the experiences of these women and tells their stories of service, sacrifice and achievement; makes their contributions a visible part of our history; illustrates their contribution equal to that of men in defense of our nation; and serves as inspiration for others.

The Women's Memorial was dedicated on October 18, 1997, and is endorsed by the Departments of Defense, Transportation, Veterans Affairs and, Interior.

Hours of Operation: 8:00am – 5:00pm, excluding private evening events. It is open every day except Christmas.

The Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization that depends on the donations of individuals, corporations, organizations, and state and local governments to equip and maintain the Education Center, theater and exhibit areas, expand the permanent artifact collection, and continue to locate and register eligible women.

Space Available lodging note: Over the past two years, the Navy Gateway Inns and Suites rates have gone up significantly, rivalling the Army's IHG lodging, and the Marine Corps Inns. The best value is still the Air Force Inns.



Rest in Peace:

BG (Ret) Carl Newhouse, former Assistant Commander of the 84th Division (Tng)

COL (Ret) Jill Morgenthaller, former 6th Brigade Commander, G6, and other positions

SFC (Ret) James Bryl, former 5091st Retention NCO

Remember to send any information, or correspondence for Get Well, Encouragement, Sympathy, etc. to Mary Orley at
(414) 425-0256 or email, maryo_44@yahoo.com



SPACE-A TRAVEL

The Basics for Those Who Want to Hop!

So many of us have heard of Space-A travel but don't know the first thing about how to do it. It's a benefit program that allows us to fly on DoD aircraft when there is available space—hence the name Space-Available Travel. It is a privilege—not an entitlement—and it is normally free. The most common destinations are in many parts of the USA (including Hawaii and Alaska), Germany, England, Spain, Italy, Japan, and South Korea. There's a lot to learn, but some veterans use this often traveling around the world—just like our globetrotters, Jerry and Lisa Wold. There are web-sites that have all the information you need such as www.spacea.net. Here are some the details from that website.

The available seats are offered by category. Retired and their dependents are in Category VI which is after the travelers on emergency leave, active duty and all the other categories. Basically, it's the last category. But don't let that discourage you! You should know that Retired means receiving retirement pay and possess your retirement ID; "gray area" retirees have limited eligibility but not their dependents.

First, you need to sign up. Retirees can sign-up anytime—hey, they're retired! You want to sign up early so you have priority within your category. The sign up is valid for 60 days. You sign up at the location you plan to compete for seats—each location has its own independent list. There are different ways to sign up; mail, email, on the web, fax, or in person. You can use AMC Form 140 available at: <https://www.amc.af.mil/Portals/12/documents/AFD-140926-014.pdf>. There are also web sites that offer one-stop sign-ups such as <http://www.takeahop.com/signup/>

Now you need to know when you can travel. This isn't like an airline that has a normal schedule months in advance. Since 9/11, less and less flight information is provided in advance. They typically will give out the schedules 72 hours in advance if you call the terminal. You'll find some information on spacea.net website and others. You'll have to do your research and plan on being flexible.

You'll usually need to be at the terminal at "show time" which is 2-3 hours before the departure. You have to "declare yourself present" which is their lingo for checking in to the flight. Then they have a "roll call" to put you on the list. Then they put you on the manifest which means you made the cut and you have a seat! That's not to say you still might be removed from the flight—there is an order of selection on who could get cut. You won't get cut for another Space-A passenger but you can get bumped for duty/medevac or high priority cargo.

You have to be ready to travel when you check in. You should know what type of plane you're traveling in because some are a little more "rustic" than others. The temperature on cargo aircraft can vary greatly so you might want to layer your clothing to account for cold and hot environments. Most larger planes will allow you to bring two pieces of baggage but the smaller planes have limitations. TSA rules apply to hazardous items and you should be allowed a personal carry-on such as a backpack. There's a dress-code too! Know the rules so you don't get turned away from your flight because of the slogan on your tee-shirt. You might want to bring your own ear plugs since the noise level might be a little higher than a normal aircraft. They hand out the foam earplugs, but you might want to be prepared with your own. You may want to pack your lunch, too. There isn't a flight attendant asking if you would like coffee! Although, the Patriot Express flights have meals, hot towels, free movies, etc. There is a fee for the Patriot Express flights since they are contracted seats on commercial carriers.

There's so much to learn about Space-A travel! To most people, Space-A travel ranks right up there with Public Speaking - everyone is afraid of doing it the first time. Much of this fear comes from lack of knowledge and the unpredictability of flights. The more you learn about Space-A travel the less fear you will have. Actually doing a Space-A trip is the real teacher and don't be surprised if you learn some hard lessons your first time out! On the other hand, your first experience may be a pleasant one where everything goes as planned.

For more information, you can start at www.spacea.net.

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Do you have an email address? If so, our preference would be to send out the Bugler, announcements and invites via email. As you know, the cost of postage increased earlier this year and as stewards of funds collected through membership dues, events, etc, we would rather keep our printing and postage costs minimal. If you are already receiving communications from us via email, thank you! If we don't have an email address for you, please send an email to either MSG (Ret) Goldie Schuh, email: goldgrl123@hotmail.com or CSM (Ret) Dave Gramins, email: csmgramins@wi.rr.com. You'll also see all of the fun pictures in color!

