



REUNION 2016

"SEAWOLVES" **50th** **ANNIVERSARY** **1966-1972**

Savannah, GA



DATES:

Wednesday, August 24th to Sunday, August 28th, 2016

HOTEL:

Hilton Savannah DeSoto Hotel, 15 East Liberty St., Savannah, Georgia

RATE:

\$101 per night +(with tax/city fee = aprx \$120.13)

More than 2 persons per room will result in additional charges per person per night.

Contract rate is good for 3 days prior and 3 days after the reunion.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS....**GROUP CODE: UNS**

CALL HILTON SAVANNAH DESOTO HOTEL DIRECT (912) 232-9000

ONLINE RESERVATIONS...HOTEL website main page <http://www.desotohilton.com>

1.) "CLICK" on "Accommodations"

2.) Go to bottom right of the page "click" on "Book Now".

3.) Put in your dates and the **Group Code UNS**

4.) The next page will give you the choice of Smoking/Non-Smoking, 1 or 2 Beds, etc.

You have 2 options (King Bed City View "or" 2 Double Beds City View) for the Group Rate of \$101+ taxes/fees.

This rate is based on 2 persons per room/per night. Extra persons will be \$10per person/per room.

Standard rooms have the basic amenities (click on Room Details).

5.) Finish the reservation by putting in your personal info...

HOTEL INFO.... Step into the Hilton Savannah DeSoto and experience the new definition of Southern style, service and hospitality. Surrounded by beautiful landscaped gardens, magnificent homes, and architectural gems, our contemporary hotel in the Savannah Historic District offers a mix of warm Southern charm and modern style in the heart of Georgia's First City. Your rendezvous with history is filled with 21st century comfort and the light of Southern hospitality. Experience an inviting hotel retreat and get into the spirit of this alluring coastal city. This hotel is a historic Savannah hotel with a contemporary Southern elegance. Standing 15 stories in Savannah's Historic District, overlooking Madison Square, historic mansions, and oaks draped in Spanish moss, Hilton Savannah DeSoto is a timeless sparkle on the Savannah skyline. This downtown hotel is steps from Savannah's treasured landmarks, museums, theaters, parks, and incredible dining and shopping. Walk to exciting attractions like River Street, City Market, Forsyth Park, Historic Savannah Theater, Savannah Civic Center and Savannah College of Art & Design. On-Site Dining: Experience and enjoy a variety of on-property dining atmospheres. The DeSoto Grille: Casual yet elegant, 100-seat restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. With a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, The DeSoto Grille features a daily breakfast buffet, a Southern style lunch buffet served Monday through Friday, an "all you can eat" buffet every Friday night and our award winning Sunday Brunch. Ala Carte items are available at all meals. The Lion's Den Lounge: Perfect place to relax or visit with friends and family while sipping on your beverage of choice. You can also order a light meal or snack to satisfy your appetite. Beulah's: Starbucks™ Cappuccino, fresh pastries, snacks or beverages all made to go. And our newly renovated seasonal Cabana Bar is a great place to grab a cocktail and a meal while sitting pool side and enjoying the 2nd floor roof top views of the Cathedral and Madison Square. Locally, the city provides a free shuttle service called the DOT Shuttle. It offers convenient service from downtown hotels, inns and the Savannah Visitors Center to Savannah's historic sites, squares, River Street, Savannah Belles Ferry, houses of worship and many other attractions throughout the year. The DOT stop closest to the Hilton is ½ block to the west on Liberty Street. For more information visit the website at www.connectonthedot.com or check with the hotel for more details.

NO PETS allowed unless they are Service Animals.

NO complimentary breakfast but, the Hotel has extended a 15% discount on food in their restaurant. (Discount does not apply to food bought at the kiosk)

DRIVING IN....Directions to Hilton Savannah DeSoto Hotel – Off I-95...Merge onto I-16 E/GA-404E via Exit 99A toward Savannah. Exit Montgomery St (aprx 9 miles)...turn right onto W. Liberty St (just past W. Harris St) Hotel is on right at 15 E Liberty (just past Bull..if you reach Dayton St you've gone too far)

RVing....Website <http://www.rvparkreviews.com/regions/georgia/savannah> gives you a list/ratings of local RV Parks.

Hotel is offering discounted Valet Parking @ \$10 per day. There is NO "Self Parking"

FLYING IN...SHUTTLE INFO...Since the hotel is located downtown in the Historic District, the hotel DOES NOT offer Courtesy Airport Shuttle to/from hotel. Here are some suggestions for your transportation to/from hotel.

1. K-SHUTTLE – Provides Transportation to/from the Savannah Intl Airport and the Hilton Savannah DeSoto To keep prices low, give a small amount of your time, and share the ride with a few other passengers. In exchange, K-Shuttle gives you prices that are more economical than a taxi or limo and a solution that is more convenient than driving and parking at the airport. At this time, prices are \$20 one way/\$30 roundtrip per person. Please call to confirm.

To Make A Reservation... **a)** Online (www.kshuttle.com) provides 24-hour booking for advance reservations

b) Call Toll free (877) 243-2050; **c)** Call Direct at (912) 966-0590.

2. UBER – If you are familiar with UBER, my Savannah sources tell me, it is available in Savannah. If you are “not” familiar with UBER and want to try it...these websites will give you step by step info.

www.uber.com/about www.wikihow.com/Use-Uber

3. PERSONAL SHUTTLE SERVICE – A direct shuttle with Roundtrip Airport/Hotel is available.

Above and Beyond Transportation will provide round trip transportation from the Savannah / Hilton Head Airport for the cost of **\$60.00 per person**. Call (912-236-9114) to make a reservation in advance. At the time of booking you will have to submit your flight itinerary. Contract details will be provided when you make your reservation.

REUNION TOURS

TOUR #1 Thursday, Aug 25th – SAVANNAH CITY TOUR \$28 pp (includes admissions)

We will depart the DeSoto Hilton Hotel at 8:30am on an Old Town “Trolley” and take a 90 minute narrated tour thru the largest National **Historic** Landmark **District** in the United States. Savannah contains more than twenty city squares filled with museums, churches, mansions, monuments and famous forts of the Revolutionary & Civil War eras. The Historic District of Savannah is the heart of one of the most beautiful cities in the world, with cobblestone streets, manicured gardens, and oak-shaded parks drizzling with silvery Spanish Moss. Once we have concluded our Historic District tour you will board an executive coach for the remainder of the tour. We will stop at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist for a 30 minute tour. This Cathedral is a glorious Savannah attraction and is an architectural masterpiece. The stained-glass windows and delicate sanctuary arches and magnificent details make a breathtaking backdrop to the gorgeous Savannah skyline. The Cathedral has been named one of the top 10 churches in the world to see! Another point of interest you will see is will Bonaventure Cemetery...though this is not Savannah’s oldest cemetery, it is certainly its most famous and hauntingly beautifyl. Part natural cathedral, part sculptural garden, it transcends time. The cemetery became famous when it was featuyred int eh 1994 novel “Midnight in the Garden of Good and Eveil by John Berendt, and in the movie, directed by Clint Eastwood. You will conclude the tour by having “free time” to explore and grab some “lunch on your own” at the City Market in the Historic District.

We will arrive back at the hotel aprx 2:30p. Duration of the tour is aprx 6 hours Tour price does not include gratuity.

TOUR #2 Friday, Aug 26th – MIGHTY EIGHTH & WEBB MUSEUM \$20 pp (includes admissions)

We will depart the DeSoto Hilton Hotel at 9:00am on an executive coach and head out to Old Fort Jackson for an “Overview Tour” about the history of the Fort. The fort was built to protect Savannah from British and French troops during the War of 1812. Due to the possible heat/humidity we will not stop, but only “drive thru”. From Fort Jackson we will proceed to the Mighty Eighth Museum. This museum showcases America’s involvement in WWII. Through multi-media presentations, you will spend time visiting the sights and sounds of an era gone by. Experience the story of American air power through personal stories of the men and women of the Eighth Air Force. Some of the Aircraft on view: F-4 Phantom; B-47 Stratojet; MiG17; Messerschmitt ME-163 B Komet. Exhibits on POW's, Tuskegee Airmen, Women in the Military, Korea, Viet Nam, and many more!! You will have aprx 2 hours to explore the Mighty Eight Museum before going to beautiful Columbia Square in Historic Downtown and visiting the Webb Military Museum. This is a small museum that features curator Gary D. Webb's lifelong collection of military artifacts, dating from the Civil War to present day. The museum honors our servicemen from all wars and branches. Many of the displays contain named groupings of servicemen highlighting their stories of services. A visit to Webb Military Museum will certainly bring back one’s love of history and the realization of how much we respect our men and women in uniform. You will have aprx 2 hours to explore the Webb Museum and have lunch “on your own” before heading back to the hotel.

We will arrive back at the hotel aprx 3:00p. Duration of the tour is aprx 6 hours. Tour price does not include gratuity.

TOUR #3 Saturday, Aug 27th – GIRL SCOUTS/ANDREW LOW/PAULA DEEN \$24 pp (inc admission)

We will depart the DeSoto Hilton Hotel at 9:15am on an executive coach with a trained driver/guide who will share the history and highlights of the Girl Scouts with a stop and tour of the Andrew Low House. As you stroll through the Andrew Low House, you will journey back in time to the late 1840's, when Andrew Low and his family lived in this sophisticated mansion that sits on lovely Lafayette Square. This house preserves one of the finest collections of period furnishings relating to the history of Savannah and the Low family. It includes examples of works by some of America's most prestigious furniture makers including Duncan Phyfe. Additional holdings include silver, porcelain, paintings, prints, photographs, and archival materials relating to the Low family. We will finish the tour with a Paula Deen Tour including Ardsley Park (Paula's first home), Whitefield Chapel (Paula's Wedding site) and Savannah Bee Company (Wilmington Island). Arrive back at the hotel approx 12:30pm. Duration of tour approx 3.5 hours Tour price does not include gratuity.

PLEASE... This tour is for "Non-Seawolves Only" ALL "Seawolves" should be attending Business Meeting

FYI... 2018 Reunion is anticipated to be on the West Coast. If you would like to have your city considered as a Reunion Destination....below are some guidelines to assist in your quest.

***** Guidelines for Selecting a Reunion Destination *****

1. Hotel should have at least 225 rooms (usually block 175)
2. Hotel "comp" policy...how many rooms have to be sold to earn 1 free
3. Extra rooms needed: 1.) Hospitality Room (capacity at least 150 + display tables) 2.) Ships Store
4. Banquet Facility capabilities to serve 500 people
5. Hotel Parking – Is there plenty of parking for members driving in as well as rental cars. Does it have RV parking? Is there a daily fee to park? We like "free"...don't need the added expense of daily \$\$\$ for parking.
6. Airport friendly? (a.) Is this city a Southwest/Jet Blue Airlines destination? (cheaper fares are usually available when Southwest/Jet Blue etc. fly into that city) (b) How many miles is hotel from airport (c) Taxi and/or shuttle prices reasonable)
7. Does Hotel offer Courtesy Airport Shuttle?
8. Venues for the group to enjoy? Military connection? Usually try and do a "City Tour" and 1 other event outside the hotel.

Please keep in mind that Reunions are to be completely self-supporting. Any costs incurred during a particular function or event is normally included in the registration fees. Other events identified during the reunion such as tours, shuttles and banquet are usually self sustaining as well. Payment for support from a site coordinator or concierge would increase the registration fees for members. Most of your larger hotels will offer "free" shuttles to areas within a couple miles from the hotel. Hotel Concierge services and fees should be the sole responsibility of the member and they should make their own arrangements.

Based upon our past reunions, hotel should have a minimum of 250 rooms (usually block 175), banquet facilities for at least 500, and facilities for our hospitality room and ships store. If hotel shuttle is not available, transportation costs to and from hotel should be reasonable. There should be adequate parking for autos, and possibly RV's. Shopping and restaurants within walking distance is always a plus. It is always possible to use other properties (hotels) in the area to supplement the primary hotel as well if reunion reservations exceed anticipated attendance.

Just remember...in deciding on a site, you might pay a lower hotel rate, but airfare into that city and transportation/shuttle to the hotel needs to be considered. It needs to be in an area that is very accessible to surrounding restaurants, shopping, etc. Easy to get to and even walkable to certain restaurants, etc

If you have 2016 Reunion questions or Reunion Destination questions...Please call 619-838-0985 (Gary's cell) "or" 619-838-0985 (Barb's cell). You can also email us at gleseawolfdet9@cox.net

Thank You!!
Gary & Barb Ely