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## YAGRGRAM #90 - SPRING 2023

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### YAGRS/MMA - 2023 REUNION HOTEL INFORMATION

We have a signed contract with the Hyatt Regency Dulles Airport in Washington DC. Dates are Monday, July 3 through Saturday, July 8, 2023. Room rate is \$129 a night plus 13% room tax. Tour descriptions/cost are listed on the registration form. We have a viewing room, in the hotel with reserved seats, for the evening of July 4th fireworks display.

You can reserve a room by going to the link below. It is very easy and convenient. This link was previously sent out the Ships Coordinators for distribution.

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/DULLE/G-YAGR>



You can also reserve by calling 703-713-1234 and use the code G-YAGR. REGISTER EARLY as we will not be able to increase the number of rooms when the room block is filled. Rooms reserved after that will be at the going rate.

2023 REUNION WILL BE PATRIOTIC RED, WHITE & BLUE

### **Memo from Lee Doyel**

I wish to reemphasize that the hotel contract at this reunion is more restrictive than those in previous reunions. The hospitality industry has recovered big time from the covid situation. They are more in the drivers seat than ever. It is harder for small groups to get a group rate deal. We had to make some adjustments/concessions this year (as last year) to the normal routine. So, as in the past be prepared to be flexible. One thing that is set firmly is the Hyatt will not give us additional rooms at the contract rate if we reach the number contracted for. Based on past YAGR attendance the daily blocked room numbers are in the graph below. As you see there is a maximum and minimum for each day of the reunion. If we fill the daily contracted number, additional room(s) rate will be at the going rate which will probably be over \$200 a night. If we go under the contracted minimum, YAGRS will have to pay the difference. So if behooves everyone that is planning to go to the reunion to sign up early to preclude having to pay a non YAGR room rate.

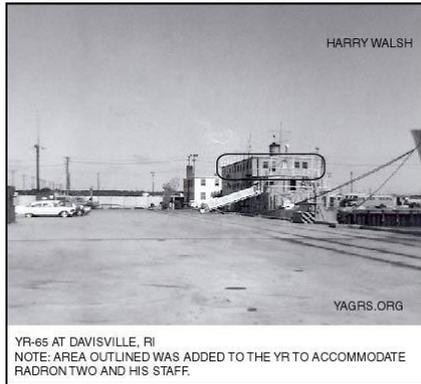
As you can see we have less rooms contracted for than in the past. This is based on the most recent attendance numbers. It is apparent that YAGRS is diminishing in numbers and it is becoming more difficult (ie time, effort, economic) to work up a viable reunion for decreasing numbers. With 2 persons per room we can accommodate a maximum of 120 and 100 minimum. Remember these numbers also include the Marlin Mariners who will be signing up for rooms and tours.

Also you should be mindful that that some of the tours may have limited space. Therefore it is wise to commit early for a tour to ensure a space. If a tour fills up and cannot take any additional persons, I will use the date of the registration form to set priority for who gets to go on the tour. So the earlier you register the more likely you will get the tour. The fireworks and Marine parade are the two tours that are likely to fill up beyond capacity. So get your registration form in. As in the past the deadline for all tour sign up and banquet commitment is 30 days prior to the reunion date, which in this case is June 3, 2023. Jun 10, 2023 is the hotel "cut off date"

for returning any YAGR blocked rooms that have not been reserved and will be returned to the hotels general inventory.

Reunion shirts may also be in jeopardy. Last year the vendor was gracious enough to print a fewer number than normal. Hopefully I can get them to do the same this year

to right: pic from Davisville RI



**GUEST ROOM BLOCK AND CONTRACTED GUEST ROOM COMMITMENT**  
 The table below sets forth the total number of guest rooms set aside by Hotel for Group's use during the Of ("Guest Room Block") together with the associated daily contracted guest room ("Contracted Guest Room C Group's daily Guest Room Minimum (as defined herein).

Date	Day	1 KING BED	2 DOUBLE BEDS	Daily Contracted Guest Room Block	Daily Contracted Guest Room Minimum
03 Jul 2023	Monday	15	15	30	15
04 Jul 2023	Tuesday	25	25	50	15
05 Jul 2023	Wednesday	30	30	60	30
06 Jul 2023	Thursday	30	30	60	25
07 Jul 2023	Friday	30	30	60	25
08 Jul 2023	Saturday	30	30	60	25

**ship's coordinators** : Lee Doyel

Ship's coordinators maintain an email list that is used to forward memos from the chair and advance notices of reunion plans to crew members. If you wish to be included, send an email to your ship's coordinator. Due to various circumstances, I now need coordinators for AGR-1, 6, 7 & 9. I can supply group lists to anyone who takes one of these ships. Duties are not extensive. Primarily forwarding what I put out to the ship's email list.

AGR-1

AGR-2 Ralph Rappuhn [rrappuhn@aol.com](mailto:rrappuhn@aol.com)

AGR-3 Chuck Parker [chuckparker@gmail.com](mailto:chuckparker@gmail.com)

AGR-4 Steve Mierzejewsk [stevejackie43@gmail.com](mailto:stevejackie43@gmail.com)

AGR-5 Bob Werstler [rdwerst@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rdwerst@sbcglobal.net)

AGR-6

AGR-7

AGR-8 Ron Stasiak [ronstasiak@rocketmail.com](mailto:ronstasiak@rocketmail.com)

AGR-9

AGR-10 Paul Langenus [plangenus@cox.net](mailto:plangenus@cox.net)

AGR-11 George Sleeper [gsleeper@roadrunner.com](mailto:gsleeper@roadrunner.com)

AGR-12 Jesse Germany [jgermany31@gmail.com](mailto:jgermany31@gmail.com)

AGR-13 Richard Willhite [willys55nut@comcast.net](mailto:willys55nut@comcast.net)

AGR-14 Howard Oberstein [howardoberstein@sbcglobal.net](mailto:howardoberstein@sbcglobal.net)

AGR-15 Lee Doyel [mldoyel@cox.net](mailto:mldoyel@cox.net)

AGR-16 Frank McNamara [ec2sc1@comcast.net](mailto:ec2sc1@comcast.net)

**Dues Payment Form - dues are \$17/year**

Make checks out to YAGRS. Mail to:

Ray Ostrowski, Treasurer

123 Barbara Dr., Newburgh NY 12550

Ray can also be reached at: e-mail: [rayrosie@hotmail.com](mailto:rayrosie@hotmail.com)

phone: 845-565-6243 cell: 845-245-5707

Current membership year ends May 31, 2022. Highlighted date on address label is the date your current membership expires. If that date is **5/31/2022** or earlier, please update your membership by making a dues payment. Upon dues payment, you will receive an updated membership card and crew list. Please complete the information below and mail to Ray Ostrowski with dues payment.. You may pay for more than one year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

North American Air Defense Command with support from Y.A.G.R.S.

N.O.R.A.D.

Semi-Automatic Ground Environment

Still standing as of November 2022 S.A.G.E. Block House

Stewart Air Force Base New York (in the Town of Newburgh)

1<sup>st</sup> Air Force (ADC)

4601 Support Squadron

SAGE at Stewart

DC-02 (Direction Center)

Operational – 08 January 1957

Closed – 01 January 1969

23 sites (SAGE) Nation Wide

113,000 Square foot building

60,000 Vacuum tubes per computer

2 Computers – Second Floor –

3 million watts

20 million BTU air conditioning system

Wiring could circle globe 3 times

Floor #1 Computer equipment and phone company

Floor #2 Main Computers

Floor #3-4 Command Post, Display consoles (130), officer and crew quarters

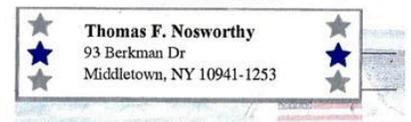
1,000 people per day to operate 3 shifts – 24/7 –

Note: Advanced Info Sub-Station (my definition) (now part of the National Guard) located in Bullville, NY at 17K and Rt 302 – 10 miles north of the “block house” at Stewart Air Force Base.

These pages about the cold war sent in by Thomas Nosworthy, USS Locator, AGR-6

Tom Nosworthy

2-7-23



LEE,  
I RECENTLY RECIEVED  
THIS INFO FROM A  
NEW CO-WORKER AT TOWN  
HALL. HE IS RETIRED  
AIR FORCE AND WAS  
ASSIGNED TO NDRAD (EAST  
COAST) 60'S + 70'S  
THOUGHT WE COULD  
PRINT IT IN THE REUNION/  
NEWS LETTER

"FAIR WINDS"   
THE GREATEST CASUALTY IS BEING FORGOTTEN.

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## Memories of a Cold War relic

Secret bunker dazzled youth, inspired career

**N.Y.** BY JEREMIAH HARRIGAN  
Times Herald-Record

**NEWBURGH** — Like plenty of 10-year-old boys with a passion for machinery, Stephen Poje loved hanging around in the basement with his dad. Except the basement of Stephen Poje's youth was a top-secret bulwark against the possibility of nuclear holocaust.

Poje's dad was an engineer in the late 1950s and early '60s in the basement power plant that supported the Semi-Automatic Ground Environment Building, a massive four-story concrete bunker on the edge of what was then Stewart Air Force Base.

Memories of Beaver Dam Lake boyhood days spent inside a top-secret bastion of the Cold War were triggered by a recent article in the Times Herald-Record about a group that continues to hope to make a Cold War museum of the building.

If young Poje's time in the SAGE Building basement was



Times Herald-Record/JEFF GOULDING

During a press tour in 2003, visitors gathered in the war room in the former SAGE Building at Stewart International Airport. A local group is interested in turning the building into a Cold War museum.

What he found there was what he believes must have been among the first interactive video displays, something he remembers as resembling

**"They could point this sort of pistol with a wire going to the computer at a radar**

cal significance.

Her global history classes just finished creating a variety of projects meant to illustrate student understanding of the Cold War and its global impact.

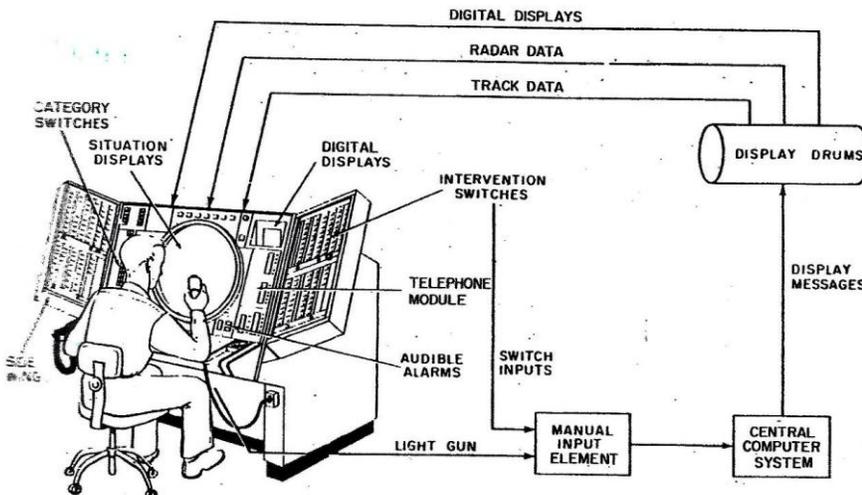


Figure 1-24. Communication Flow between Operating Personnel and Automatic Equipment

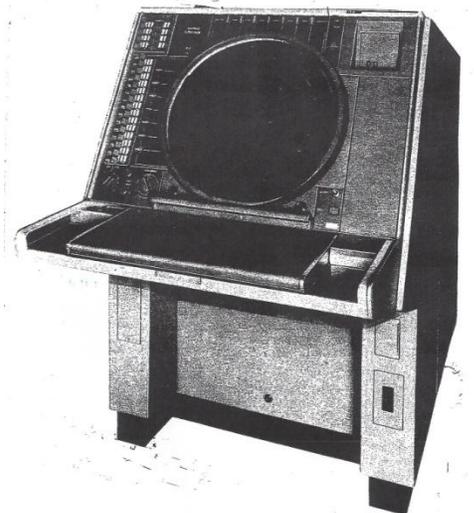


Figure 1-7. Situation Display Console, OA-100B/PSQ

**YAGR'S 26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REUNION  
WASHINGTON, DC – July 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**BANQUET, HOSPITALITY ROOM AND TOURS RESERVATION FORM**  
THIS FORM WILL NOT TAKE CARE OF YOUR HOTEL YOU MUST CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECTLY

**Please return completed registration form ASAP but no later than June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Mail to our treasurer Ray Ostrowski, 123 Barbara Dr., Newburgh, NY 12550. Print your name exactly as you want it to appear on your name tag. Make checks payable to YAGRS Association.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
SPOUSE/GUEST \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDITIONAL GUEST(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
SHIP \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION	PRICE PER PERSON	NUMBER OF PEOPLE	TOTAL
ALL ATTENDEES MUST PAY REGISTRATION FEE. INCLUDES HOSPITALITY ROOM AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$25	X	\$

**SATURDAY – JULY 8TH, BANQUET**

Seared Chicken Breast with Demi Glace	\$40.00	X	\$
Herb Crusted Pork Loin	\$40.00	X	\$
Baked White Fish	\$40.00	X	\$
Vegetarian Vegetable Lasagne	\$40.00	X	\$
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT FOR REGISTRATION AND MEALS</b>			\$

DATES/TIMES	TOURS	COST PER PERSON	NUMBER OF TICKETS	TOTAL
TUESDAY JULY 4TH	DC fireworks show (inside hotel with reserved seats)	\$75.00	X	\$
WEDNESDAY JULY 5TH	George Washington's Mount Vernon tour – Historic former plantation, lunch voucher included	\$70.00	X	\$
THURSDAY JULY 6TH	DC guided highlights tour – 4 hour coach tour of all the highlights of DC with photo stops, box lunch included	\$80.00	X	\$
FRIDAY JULY 7TH	Marine Barracks evening parade – 1 hour of US Marine Band/Drum and Bugle Corps – reserved seats	\$40.00	X	\$

Total amount for tours	\$
Total amount for registration and meals	\$
Total for shirts from page 2	\$
<b>Total amount payable to: YAGRS ASSOCIATION</b>	\$

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION YAGRS 26TH Annual Reunion July 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## TOUR REGISTRATION DEADLINES: June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*Any registrations that arrive after the above date will be registered on a case-by-case basis, based on availability.*

### TOUR DEPARTURES:

*Please report to pick-up point in hotel 15 minutes prior to departure times.*

### TOUR CANCELLATIONS:

*There will be no refunds or exchanges after June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please note that we do require minimums on all tours*

*Tours may be changed if we do not reach tour minimums and a full refund issued – All tours are ADA accessible*

REUNION SHIRTS	# OF SHIRTS	COST
SMALL @ \$25		\$
MEDIUM @ \$25		\$
LARGE @ \$25		\$
X-LARGE @ \$25		\$
XX-LARGE @ \$26		\$
	<b>TOTAL COST</b>	\$

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hyatt Regency Dulles

2300 Dulles Corner Blvd. Herndon, VA 20171

Official contracted reunion dates: July 4<sup>th</sup> through July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Hotel room rate: \$129 + taxes \*includes breakfast

Hotel Rooms – please designate either 1 King or 2 Doubles. (if you require an ADA approved room please call ASAP as these rooms are limited.

Room cancellation to avoid penalty: “Cancel 3 days prior to arrival”

Reservations: Call hotel @ 763-713-1234 and ask for reservation group

Code is G-YAGR – Room Booking link for YAGRS/MM Assoc.

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/DULLE/G-YAGR>

There will be a limited number of rooms for pre and post nights at the above official contracted rate, so make your reservations early.

Email or call Brian Forrester at [brian@hettravel.com](mailto:brian@hettravel.com) or 480-332-7294 if you have any questions with hotel related issues.

Cutoff date for room reservations is June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Hotel parking is complimentary

In the event that you have to cancel your reservations we will make a full refund if you cancel before June 10, 2023

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION: Next of kin, Adult child, or close friend

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

The cell phone # you will have with you at the reunion \_\_\_\_\_