

**FREEDOM THROUGH VIGILANCE
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Dear Freedom Though Vigilance Association Members:

I'd like to invite you to another special reunion this fall, celebrating the 69th anniversary of the USAFSS! Our 36th annual FTVA reunion will be held 28 – 30 September 2017. The June newsletter, the FTVA website, and our Facebook page contain all the documents and information you need to plan for a terrific weekend. For planning purposes, we again ask you to quickly respond and sign-up early for this year's festivities. Please join us as we reminisce and celebrate our rich heritage!

The annual golf tournament will kick off the festivities on Thursday, 28 September 2017 at the Golf Club of Texas (same venue as last year) with a Shotgun Start at Noon.

We have modified the line-up of events on Friday (29 Sept) this year. Don't over-sleep because we will start early (0830 for coffee & donuts) at 0900 with the Hall of Honor Ceremony in the Larger Auditorium. This move was to ensure better awareness and participation of the current 25th AF workforce. The Remembrance Ceremony will follow at the EC-47 memorial on Security Hill at **1100** and then on to the traditional picnic at Stapleton Park around **1145**.

Another change will be our annual membership meeting will be held on Saturday (30 Sept) at 0930 at the Security Service Federal Credit Union Board Room (3rd Floor). In addition to hearing the annual status of our finances and Board elections, we always look forward to catching up with our FTVA chapters during the general membership meeting.

This year's banquet will be held in the Gateway Club, Lackland AFB, Building 2490 (You can take exit 4 – Valley High Drive – off of Loop 410 or use the Luke Gate (Gateway East) entrance off of West Military Drive/Loop 13) on Saturday, 30 September 2017. Cocktails start at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. You won't want to miss this year's extravaganza because we are honored to have **LtGen/Dir (ret) Jim Clapper as our guest speaker** this year.

For those who haven't visited recently, Security Hill is part of Lackland AFB. Due to DoD and Air Force security requirements, base entry is restricted. You must have valid identification that grants access to Lackland AFB such as an active/retired Military ID, active Military-related civilian ID, or be on the pre-approved entry access roster. **If you do not have a valid military identification and are not on the pre-approved roster, you will not be able to get on base.** Please see the included Lackland Base Entry Procedures form for full details.

The Board would like to personally thank all of you for your support to our association and the 25th Air Force active members serving around the world, including the current conflict zones. Hope to see many of you and let's make this reunion our biggest and best ever!

Remain In Touch,

Ron Haygood
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