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<p>Motto: An Air Evac friendship outlasts time and exceeds distance</p>	

### ARE YOU READY FOR RENO?

The 2012 AMEA reunion will be at Harrah’s Hotel and Casino, Reno, Nevada from Monday, May 21, through Thursday, May 24, 2012. We changed the weekdays for the reunion to get a big deduction on room rates. The schedule is as follows:

5/21	1200-2100	Check In Hospitality Suite
5/22	1800-2100	Buffet Dinner
5/23	1030-1530	Carson/Virginia City Bus Tour, Lunch incl.
5/24	0900-1000 1700-1800 1800-2200	Gen. Business Meeting Photographs Banquet Dinner & Dancing

Our host hotel is located in the heart of downtown Reno, NV with many attractions within a few blocks. These include several casinos, the Truckee River and River Park, National Auto Museum, and numerous restaurants.

If you are arriving by train, the Amtrak station is within one block of the hotel. Most of the major airlines also have service into Reno, and there is a free shuttle that runs from Harrah’s and the airport every hour from

0500 to 2230. This shuttle leaves the hotel on the hour and the airport on the half hour. You can also check on special flight deals to Reno by going to [www.harrahreno.com](http://www.harrahreno.com) and following the “getting here” link.

The AeroMed Association has a special hotel rate of \$60 per night, excluding taxes, for May 20 thru 24. To make reservations, use the discount code SO5AERO at 888-726-6311.

Sam Kittle, Secretary



## Presidents Corner

Mike Mastalski and I are serving as this years hosts for the AMEA reunion. We have put together a schedule of events that allows time to visit with long term aeromed friends and also make new friends with those we did not get to meet during our time in the sky. Harrah's, our Host Hotel/Casino has been very accommodating in providing us with an outstanding space for the Hospitality Suite with direct elevator access located on the 2nd floor of the East Tower. The Hospitality Suite will be open all four days of the reunion whenever conflicting events are not scheduled. All activities, Tuesday Buffet Dinner, Wednesday Bus Trip and Thursday Banquet are included in the Reunion Registration fee. We have not had a reunion west of the Rockies in many years, so we hope that Reno will be a convenient location for all of our members.

John Killian, President



*This picture was taken on Veteran's Day, 11/11/11, at Rotary. Everyone who still had their military service uniform was asked to wear them. I called my son in Illinois to send mine to me. First time I'd had it on since 1972. Well..... Jacket fit, the shirt fit, but Esther had to let out the pants 5 inches! The gentlemen with me are a Marine Gunnery Sergeant and a retired Air Force Colonel.*

Frank Avry

PS: Frank will have celebrated his 95th birthday by the time we see him in Reno. Congratulations, Frank!

## Honor Roll

*Gone,  
But not forgotten,  
Although we are apart,  
Your Spirit lives within us,  
Forever in our hearts*

Danny R. Leadbetter  
Sacramento, CA April, 21 2011

Warren Peterson  
Campbell River, B.C. July 8, 2011

Henry Williams Bobo  
Sacramento, CA July 30, 2011

Maj. Gen. Sandy Gill  
Agoura Hills, CA Aug 21, 2011

LaRue Rich Turner  
Tompkinsville, KY Sep 13, 2011

Fred Beshong  
Melrose, MA Dec 16, 2011

Barbara Worden  
Clifford, MI Dec 28, 2011

Ulysses Hamilton  
Sacramento, CA Jan 7, 2012

## New Members

Carla Wiese

Eileen Hadbavny

Brenda LeFer

Threva Hosford

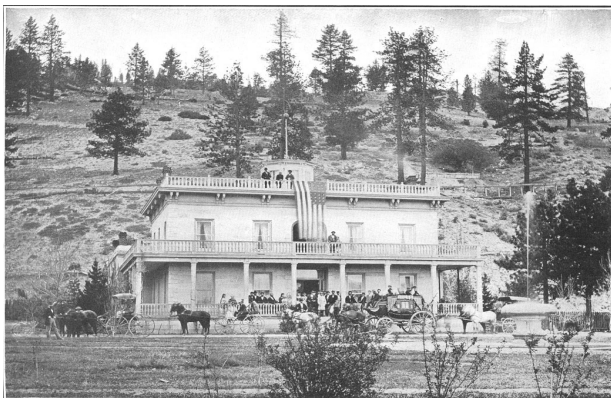
## Wednesday Bus Tour

Here's an adventure you don't want to miss! Northern Nevada is steeped in rich history and the beauty of the developing west. Along the spectacular Sierra Nevada Mountains, the journey from Reno to Virginia City is the one of the best ways to experience this magnificent area.

Reno, nothing more than a cow town in the 1860's, changed its tune when the first transcontinental railroad rolled through in 1869. It was filled with legendary people and legendary events that helped shape it into the Biggest Little City in the World. Some of those unique points can still be found if you know where to look.

To the south is Pleasant Valley with its thermal hot springs and mystic mountains. And just up the canyon is the Washoe Valley. This flat ranch land was the perfect place to settle and develop a small community. If you're a Bonanza fan you might even recognize the stories of those that called this place home. A visit to the historic Bowers Mansion will bring the connections to life. Not to mention the curses of prominent religious leaders on the area.

Just over the ridge is Carson City, Capital of the State of Nevada. This charming town will highlight the Sophistication and wildness the west had to offer. The historic capital building and homes of rich and famous will certainly bring life to one



of our nation's smallest capital cities. We will enjoy lunch at Red's Old 395 Cafe one of the most fascinating eating establishments west of the Mississippi.

Along the trail to Virginia City, keep an eye out for the Virginia and Truckee Railroad. This fully restored turn-of-the-century iron horse was one the richest railroads in the world. It was responsible for transporting the immense wealth of the mines of Virginia City, not to mention the silver barons, business tycoons, and presidents that visited the area.



Also there are the many mine works from when "just spitt'n on the ground revealed a vein of silver and yours for the tak'n." The mansions, the businesses, the wild boom and bust life will come to alive as you are immersed into a town that epitomizes the Wild West.



Today's Virginia City is remarkably the same as it was during its heyday with wooden sidewalks, restored mansions, "Old West" saloons the Piper opera House and mine tours. Mark Twain began his illustrious writing career at Virginia City's own "Territorial Enterprise." You can visit his as well as numerous other museums, shops, mansions and churches in this richly historic town. Don't miss the Delta which bears Virginia City's oldest business name, dating back 150 years to 1862. Here you can view the Suicide Table, so called after three owners committed suicide due to crushing house losses incurred while gambling. You may also want to meander down to Grandma's Fudge for something to satisfy your sweet tooth before re-boarding the bus for the return trip to Reno.

Come see, touch and feel the splendor, the mystery, and the majesty of this proud and unforgiving land. Hear the stories and legends of those that made it great.

## Things to do in Reno!!

You can't come back from Reno/Tahoe empty-handed. From the spectacular to the sublime, this area has the boutiques, retail stores, shopping malls, and outlet stores you need to take back the perfect gifts for those you left behind.

Our hotel is located right in the heart of the Truckee River Arts District. Both the CalAve and Riverwalk sections of the district feature unique shopping excursions to specialty shops, antique stores, boutiques, galleries and unique culinary attractions. This area is quickly becoming Reno's preeminent neighborhood retail, restaurant, entertainment and business district. No big box stores here in this newest, hippest section of Reno.

In Reno's sister city, Sparks, The Legends at Sparks Marina offers outlet shopping, dining and entertainment in a large complex next to a 77-acre lake surrounded by walking paths, trees and sandy beaches. Located off I-80 just 6.5 miles east of Harrah's, The Legends is anchored by Scheels, the World's Largest All Sports Store. Sprinkled amongst the exquisite water fountains, landscaping, large outdoor fireplaces and artistic sculptures, the center also features unique themed restaurants, including Jazz, A Louisiana Kitchen; Cadillac Ranch, which boasts a mechanical bull; and Rack & Pinz, which has a bowling alley inside. The complex also features an array of top brand outlet stores, many exclusive to the Northern Nevada region. Outlet retailers include: Adidas, Ann Taylor, Banana Republic, Bath & Body Works, BOSE, Carters, Converse, Easy Spirit, Gamestop, Gymboree, Guess, Harry & David, Kenneth Cole, Lane Bryant, Leather Works, Michael Kors, Nike, Off Broadway Shoes, Olive Garden, OshKosh, B'Gosh, Saks 5th Avenue, Off 5th, Sanrio/Hello Kitty, Tommy Hilfiger, and Vans, to name just a few.

For the hunter or outdoor enthusiast. Cabela's Sporting goods is located 9.5 miles west of our hotel on I-80. This is a unique shopping experience that celebrates nature and the lifestyle of the outdoor enthusiast. Just remember not to hunt any bighorn sheep. A customer's average stay at a Cabela's store has been estimated at 3 1/2 hours.

## Banquet Speaker

We are honored to have as our speaker for the banquet Chief Master Sergeant Charles R. Cole. Chief Cole is the USAF Chief, Medical Enlisted Force (CMEF), Office of the Surgeon General, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.



As the personal advisor to the USAF Surgeon General on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, and proper utilization and progression for the 32,000+ Total Force medical enlisted community, he defines, shapes and executes health care policy in support of 42,000 personnel at 75 medical treatment facilities with a \$5.4B budget. He ensures a cost effective, patient-centered and prevention based healthcare continuum for 2.1M beneficiaries worldwide. He also builds strategic partnerships with senior enlisted leaders at DoD/ASD(Health Affairs), VA, federal agencies, academia and allied medical services.

Chief Cole grew up in a Navy family and spent his youth at different locations before joining the Army in 1982, where he served as a medic for 3 years. He joined the Air Force in 1985 and his background includes duties as an Independent Duty Medical Technician (IDMT), Aeromedical Evacuation Technician, Squadron Superintendent, AFPC Assignments Functional Manager, ACC 4N0X1X Command Functional Manager, Group Superintendent and USAFE CMEF. He has 617 flying hours, primarily on the MH53J Pave Low helicopter. Chief Cole deployed most recently as the 332d Expeditionary Medical Group Superintendent, Balad Air Base, Iraq where he led 380 tri-service personnel in the world's busiest trauma facility.

**To apply for membership in the AeroMed Evac Association (AMEA) complete this form (at least bold face items).**

Enclosed is my annual/advanced payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$12 per year)

**OR**

I request Life Membership and enclose a check for \$100.00 (or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ partial payment towards full amount to be paid within one year)

**Name of Member:** \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ Known by Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Is spouse an aeromedical member? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what position? \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

On-line Addresses (if available): E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Homepage \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers: (Home)\_( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work or FAX\_( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**May we post your address on the AMEA's Webpage (info available only to other AMEA members)?** OK \_\_\_\_\_ Not OK \_\_\_\_\_

**Post your phone number on AMEA's Web page (info available only to other AMEA members)?** OK \_\_\_\_\_ Not OK \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership:** New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Re-Join \_\_\_\_\_

Status: Retired \_\_\_\_\_ Active Duty \_\_\_\_\_ Reservist \_\_\_\_\_ AirNatlGuard \_\_\_\_\_ Dependent \_\_\_\_\_

New Member History: List Aeromedical units, Locations, Dates assigned and Aircraft flown: \_\_\_\_\_

Military Department: USAF \_\_\_\_\_ US Army \_\_\_\_\_ US Navy \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your AE Duty Position ( Commander, Pilot, MSC Officer, Flight Nurse, Admin, Logistics, Aero Med Tech, Flight Mech, Engineer, Casualty Staging Personnel, Other): \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks  
Payable and  
Mail To:**

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John Higuera, Treasurer  
3184 Fountain Plaza Dr.  
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**AMEA Reunion Registration Form Only (not used for hotel reservations or membership application)**

**AeroMed Evac Association  
Reunion 2012 Registration  
May 21—24, 2012  
Reno, Nevada**

**PLEASE  
PRINT  
LEGIBLY**

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Name (Last, First)

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Name of Guest

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Address

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Additional Guest

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City, State, ZIP Code

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Additional Guest

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Telephone Number

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Additional Guest

**Do You Plan to stay at Harrah's Reno?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If 'Yes' Number of Rooms: \_\_\_ Number of Days: \_\_\_

2012 Membership Dues \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12 (Required if not current for 2012 or Life Member)

Reunion Registration (per person) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$121.50

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Total for all attendees)

**Registration Deadline is April 21, 2012**

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