



# DESRON 30 News

## Reunion Association Newsletter



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### Director's Letter

*By Dick Myers*

Well, I have checked with Toto and he assures me we will have good weather and low winds in Wichita this fall.

The events look like great fun, and the banquet will be very tasty.

Hope you will start signing up soon.

*Dick*

### Financial Report May 2017

*By Dick Myers*

As I said in the last issue, funds from the new membership fee are coming in, but our reduced membership numbers are cutting into our balance. For this year we should not have to change the rate for the membership fee. We need your dues.

As of the date of this newsletter, we have slightly more than \$5,000 in the bank. This balance remains after paying all the expenses due to the cancellation of the Savannah reunion.

### In Memoriam

*By Dick Myers*

Our sympathy goes out to the families of all deceased members of the DESRON30 Reunion Association, including the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	RANK
<b>U.S.S. Cotten</b>			
Amsden	Donald	S.	MM3
Bailey	Leon	C.	
Heath	Herbert	Abner	F3c
Howze	Jesse	N.	

LAST NAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	RANK
Koneczny	Leonard	M.	
Lahti	Ernest	Frank	GM3c
Ledyard	Robert (Bob)	H.	
Leighton	Paul	A.	DK1
Maegli	Robert	F.	S1c
New	Herman	W.	
Nickerson	Stuart		
Niemi	Melvin	E.	S1c
Niewola	Edward	Paul	EM2
Patterson	Edmund	F., JR	SGM3
Pearl	Vincent	J.	GM1
Rizzo	Nick		
Schott	William	P., JR	
Sherwood	Percival	A.	MML1
Strong	Chester	Waymond	S1c
Thornton	Edward	L.	SN
Winter	John	Richard	S2c

### Tours in Wichita

*By Getaway Easy Travel*

The following information on tours being offered in Wichita has been provided by Getaway Easy Travel.

#### Thursday, September 13, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – Botanica, The Wichita Gardens

Since its opening with four gardens and a horticultural library in 1982, Botanica has added 30 additional themed gardens and exhibits. This botanical paradise on the plains comprises over 18 acres of stunning garden scaping that features over 4,000 species of plants, both native and new to the region. All gardens are designed to emphasize collections

in display settings that feature plants particularly well-suited to south-central Kansas. The Gardens are decorated with a collection of 50 elegant sculptures, flowing streams, fountains, and waterfalls that complement the beauty of the plants and create a visually stunning atmosphere. After a short, guided tour to introduce you to the gardens, you will have time to explore and enjoy the gardens on your own. Lunch will be served in this beautiful setting today.



**12:30 p.m. – Exploration Place, The Sedgwick County Science & Discovery Center**

Exploration Place's mission is to inspire a deeper interest in science through creative and fun experiences for people of all ages. With its nine exhibits, including the all new aviation exhibit "Design, Build, Fly," you are sure to enjoy this interactive experience.



**3:00 p.m. – Old Cowtown Museum**

Old Cowtown Museum's collections reflect aspects of life on the frontier in the late 1860s and 1870s. They include historic structures and their period furnishings, clothing and domestic textiles, tools and machinery,

farming equipment and rolling stock. An archival collection of photographs, letters, and documents also provide primary source material for historical research. A separate study collection and reproductions are used by costumed history interpreters to bring this historical period to life. There are 54 historic and recreated buildings at Cowtown located along the banks of the Arkansas River. Twenty-seven of the buildings are original and have been relocated to the grounds from Wichita and other sites in Kansas. Relocation of these structures protected them from demolition and preserved them for the future. Stroll back in time on the wooden sidewalks and watch out for those nasty gunfighters!



**Friday, September 14, 2018 –**

**10:00 a.m. – Wichita Aviation Museum**

Housed in the former Wichita Municipal Airport terminal, the mission of the Wichita Aviation Museum is to preserve the birth and living heritage of Kansas aviation and to educate the world on the past, present and future of flight and promote the Spirit of Flight in the Air Capital of the World. With more than a dozen aircraft on display, you will learn about all of these things and more during our visit this morning.



**12:30 p.m. – Lunch will be served at a favorite local restaurant today**

**2:00 p.m. – Wichita Sedgwick County Historical Museum**

The Wichita Sedgwick County Historical Museum is a nonprofit museum dedicated to preserving the history of the city of Wichita and educating the public on the city's heritage and unique qualities. The museum, located downtown, resides in what was once the original City Hall. The gothic style structure houses four floors of interpretive information and interactive exhibits, all of which are open to the public. The museum has a variety of permanent exhibits that outline the city's past, including economic developments, notable figures, and the technological changes that have taken place over time.



**3:30 p.m. – Museum of World Treasures**

Experience a trek through time at the Museum of World Treasures. History comes alive as you delve into the lives of dinosaurs, Ancient Egyptians, past presidents, pop culture icons, and so much more. From shrunken heads and mummies to an extensive World War II collection, there are incredible stories around every corner of the Museum.



## ***Caps Available***

*By Heather Sugg*

There is a limited supply of baseball caps available: 5 Cotten, 5 Daley, 5 Dortch, and 2 Gatling. Cost of the caps is \$15, plus less than \$3 to mail. If any are left by the time of the reunion, they will be available in the Hospitality Room. Please contact Heather to get your baseball cap at [hsugg1@cox.net](mailto:hsugg1@cox.net).

**Have a great  
summer!**

**See you in Wichita  
in September!**

# 2018 DUES REQUEST

AND MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE

Make checks payable to:  
**DESRON 30 ASSOCIATION INC.**

Please mail the completed Dues Request and payment to:

**Richard Myers - 220 North Decatur Lane - Decatur, GA 30033**

**IF YOU ARE A WIDOW OR YOU HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED YOUR 2018 DUES,  
PLEASE DISREGARD THIS REQUEST.**

**PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH ANY CHANGES TO THE ROSTER.**



PLEASE CHECK HERE FOR ANY  
CHANGES TO THE ROSTER AND  
SHOW CHANGES BELOW

**\$20.00**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell / Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**SHIP SERVED ON AND DATES (Check one)**

USS Caperton (DD-650) \_\_\_ USS Cotten (DD-669) \_\_\_ USS Daly (DD-519) \_\_\_

USS Dortch (DD-670) \_\_\_ USS Gatling (DD-671) \_\_\_

Dates Served Aboard Ship \_\_\_\_\_

Rank/Rate Aboard Ship (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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Remarks -

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# DESRON 30 REUNION

USS COTTEN (DD-669) / USS DALY (DD-519) / USS DORTCH (DD-670) & USS GATLING (DD-671)

Holiday Inn Wichita East I-35 549 South Rock Road, Wichita, KS, 67207 316-686-7131

**September 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Wichita, KS**

## Schedule of Events

### **WEDNESDAY - September 12<sup>th</sup>**

Hospitality room opens at noon for registration and early birds. The rate will be \$94.00 plus tax which includes free parking, free WiFi and free airport shuttle. Hotel has a fine restaurant on site for breakfast. Group rate good two days before and after reunion dates. Make your reservation before 8/12/2018 directly with the Holiday Inn at 316-686-7131.

### **THURSDAY - September 13<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Tour #1 - Botanica / Discovery Center / Cowtown**

8:00 am Board group motor coach and depart for tour of the Highlights of Wichita.

9:00 Begin a 30 minute docent led tour of Botanica followed by time on your own to enjoy the gardens and a provided lunch.

12:00 Board the motor coach for Exploration Place – The Sedgwick County Science & Discovery Center.

12:30 Enjoy the interactive Sedgwick County Science & Discovery Center – Exploration Place.

3:00 Tour Cowtown - 54 historic and recreated buildings. Stroll back in time on the wooden sidewalks and watch out for those nasty gunfighters!

### **FRIDAY - September 14<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Tour #2 - Aviation & Historical & World Museums**

9:30 am: Board motor coach to the Kansas Aviation Museum in the Air Capital of the World.

10:00 Explore Wichita's Aviation history at the Kansas Aviation Museum.

12:00 Approximate end of tour.

12:30 Lunch provided at a favorite local restaurant.

2:00 Learn the story of Wichita at the Wichita Sedgwick County Historical Museum.

3:00 Bus leaves for Museum of World Treasures.

3:30 Experience a trek through time. Delve into the lives of dinosaurs, Ancient Egyptians, past presidents, pop culture icons, and so much more.

### **SATURDAY - September 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am: Crew Meeting

Open: For your shopping convenience - Hotel Complimentary Shuttle within 5 miles, upon availability.

6:00 pm Cash Bar @ Holiday Inn.

7:00 pm Evening Dinner Dance - Another Dimension provides entertainment  
Featuring all of your old time favorites! Don't forget your dancing shoes!!

### **SUNDAY September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Check out is 11 am - This Concludes the reunion. Safe travels and GOD Bless!

**The Banquet Dinner will be in buffet form and consist of:**

*Tossed garden greens salad (make your own), homestyle fried chicken, slow roasted BBQ brisket or baked cod. Mashed potatoes with country gravy, green beans, sweet cornbread, homemade fruit cobblers. Soft beverages, Coffee / tea.*

PLEASE PRINT Your:

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Tel # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Please PRINT name(s) as you wish on your name tag(s):

Shipmate First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #1 First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any dietary restrictions below. Also provide an emergency contact telephone number.

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Registration fee \$65 per person includes Hospitality Room, Saturday Banquet, band, name tags, etc.

Registration fee

Thursday - Tour # 1 Includes all admissions & lunch

Friday - Tour #2 Includes all admissions & lunch

Number of person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$65 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$79 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$89 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in this Registration / Tours form and return your check or money order payable to: **DesRon 30**

Mail form and check or money order to:

Richard Myers  
220 North Decatur Lane  
Decatur, GA 30033-5947

Please register and submit this form and payment to be received before **Monday August 6, 2018**

If you have questions, feel free to contact me at (404) 508-3308 / or e-mail

[ramunlim@yahoo.com](mailto:ramunlim@yahoo.com)

(Please use email subject line -- 2018 DesRon 30 Reunion)