

Fellow Association Members,

We're now inside of 30 days from the 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing's Centennial Celebration on 26-28 October. Response for this historic event has been fairly good following Pete's original notice, so I'm targeting this reminder to those who may have dropped their radar lock on this momentous event.

This Centennial event is obviously an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The primary focus is honoring **all** current and former 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing members, officer and enlisted, not just 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter Association members. During our time at the 1FW, we all helped further the "America's First Team" legacy which began in the summer of 1917 during WWI. Our Wing has set the standard of excellence by providing unmatched air power to the U.S. and our Allies for 100 years. Without question, this dominance has been responsible for the major victories achieved by this nation in the 20<sup>th</sup> century while also ensuring no American soldier has been killed by an enemy air attack since 1953. We have a proud heritage worthy of celebrating.

Here are the event details:

- The Centennial Dining Out will be held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center on Thursday, 26 October. The 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter Association has blocked rooms at the Embassy Suites which is short crawl from the Convention Center.
- Please **RSVP NLT 10 Oct** so we can get an accurate headcount.
- Please feel free to forward this note to any former 1FW teammates that aren't currently Association members. And invite them to join our Association, too.

#### RSVP AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

There are two steps to the registration process.

1. Go to the e-invitation link:

<https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=358096&k=01644A097251> and respond to the invitation. Denote your rank and select "Guest of the 1 FW" under "Organizational Unit" in the pull down menu.

2. Go to the Centennial Home Page link: <http://www.langleyafa.org/1FW100>

Follow the instructions under "All Individual Participants" column. To register, hit the red "Select Here" within the "Participant Register/Pay On Line" box. Choose the radio buttons for the activities you wish to attend, then "Submit" your choices. Next, you'll be taken to the payment page to complete the process. You'll also notice a quick link button titled "Link for Hotel Room" which gets you into our Embassy Suites homepage. We've blocked rooms at \$99/night for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. The direct hotel number is 757-827-8200—our blocked room code is FFC.

I apologize upfront that some of the requested information in the Langley AFA website is redundant with the 1FW e-invitation. This parallel response process helps the 1FW Project Leads better track registrations. The Dining Out tables/seating chart will be grouped by squadron/group/wing affiliation so please

be sure to identify your "Company/Organization" as the 1st Fighter Assoc. and add the unit with which you prefer to be associated (i.e. 1st Fighter Assoc./27FS).

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In closing, please come to Langley and join us in celebrating this historic 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary milestone with current and past 1st Fighter Wing members who have sustained such an incredible tradition of excellence. It'll be epic, hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

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