



RAFINO REUNION 2024



October 16-20, 2024

***Crowne Plaza Charleston
4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd.
Norfolk Charleston, SC 29418***



RAFINO

Retired Army Finance Organization



“Keeping the Finance Corps Family Together”

RAFINO Reunion 2024 is set for the very near future. As I write this the reunion is just over two months away. This year’s reunion will be in Charleston, South Carolina. Charleston is a beautiful, picturesque and an amazing place to visit. For those who have not been there you are in store for a wonderful experience. This document will provide a compilation of information on the reunion as well as assist you in registering for the event.

DATES: The reunion officially begins on Wednesday, October 16 and goes through Sunday, October 20. For those who want to arrive early, the room block will be available on Tuesday, October 15th.

REGISTRATION: Registration is now open. This year we are using Armed Forces Reunions to handle our registrations. You can register by going to the following link: <https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/rafino2024>, You can complete your registration and get the link for the hotel at this site.

Included in this packet is a copy of the registration form that provides the registration and event fees associated with the reunion.

GOLF COURSES: For those interest in nearby golf courses, here is a listing of local courses:

- Wrenwoods Golf Course – 843-963-1833
- Shadowmoss Golf and Country Club – 843-556-8251
- Coosaw Crew Country – 843-767-9000
- Redbank Golf Course – 843-794-7828
- Yeamans Hall Club – 843-744-3351
- City of Charleston Municipal Golf Course – 843-795-6517

You are responsible for your own transportation and arranging tee times, club rental, etc. for the golf activities.

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OCTOBER 16-20, 2024
CROWNE PLAZA | NORTH CHARLESTON, SC

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 1400 - 1800 Hospitality Room open – Will be closing for Welcome Reception
 - 1400 - 1900 **Reunion Registration**
 - 1830 - 2100 Welcome Reception with Cash Bar
 - 2100 - 2200 Hospitality Room re-opens
- *Own for you for lunch and dinner
*See page 2 for information regarding local golf courses

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 0800 - 0900 **Reunion Registration**
- 0800 - 2300 Hospitality Room open
- 0930 - 1400 Charleston City Tour/Historic Marketplace
- 1600 - 1900 **Reunion Registration**
- 1800 - 2200 DINNER CRUISE – SPIRIT OF CHARLESTON

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 0800 - 2300 Hospitality Room open
 - 0900 - 1100 Finance Corps 2030 Workshop – Hospitality Room
 - 1230 - 1730 Shem Creek Crab House/Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum
- *Own for your dinner

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 0800 - 0930 Hospitality Room open –
- 0930 - 1000 Memorial Service/Camaraderie – Hospitality Room
- 1000 - 1200 Business Meeting – Hospitality Room
- 1200 - 1730 Hospitality Room open – Will be closing for Dinner Banquet
- 1800 - 1900 Cocktail Hour with Cash Bar
- 1900 - 2130 Dinner Banquet with Keynote Speaker – US Army Financial Management and Comptroller SGM, Terry Anderson
- 2130 - 2400 Hospitality Room re-opens

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 0630 - 0900 Hospitality Room open
- Farewells and departures

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date (9/17/24), Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a partial refund less a non-refundable group registration fee (\$50 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date (9/17/24) will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow. The registration fees are no longer non-refundable after this date. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

Hotel
Crowne Plaza Charleston Airport and Convention Center



The Crowne Plaza hotel in North Charleston is ideally located near the Charleston International Airport (CHS) and across from the Convention Center and Performing Arts Center. You can enjoy shopping at the adjacent Tanger Outlet Mall or visit historic downtown Charleston just 10 minutes away. The Crowne Plaza hotel is convenient to I-26 and I-526, making it easy to take in the lush landscape of the Charleston Plantations or visit one of South Carolina's finest beaches; Folly Beach, Isle of Palms or Sullivan's Island. Whether putting for par on the world-renowned golf courses in Charleston, or fishing and sailing, unforgettable experiences await every guest.

Hotel Amenities:

- Complimentary shuttle service within a 3 mile radius of the hotel to include the Charleston International Airport, Tanger Outlet Mall, Amtrak and 30+ restaurants in the area
- Rooms: 42" HDTV; multi-media connectivity port; coffee maker; mini fridge; and in-room safe
- On site restaurant and bar
- 24-Hour Fitness Room
- Outdoor Pool and Patio
- 24-Hour Business Center
- Complimentary Wireless Internet
- Complimentary Parking
- IHG Rewards Program

Crown Plaza Charleston
1-877-227-6963

Location

4831 Tanger Outlet Boulevard,
North Charleston, SC, 29418
843-744-4422

Guestroom Reservation Information

Please call the number above and reference the RAFINO Reunion or you can visit the following reservation link:

https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/north-charleston/chssc/hoteldetail?fromRedirect=true&qSrt=sBR&qIta=99801505&icdv=99801505&qSIH=CHSSC&qGrpCd=RAF&setPMCookies=true&qSHBrC=CP&qDest=4831%20Tanger%20Outlet%20Boulevard%20%20North%20Charleston%20SC%20US&srb_u=1

Once you land on the Crown Plaza Charleston Airport site, click book now or scroll down to enter Check-in and Check-out dates. Once the dates are entered, click Book Now and it will send you to the booking page for the Reunion rate. Select your preferred room type but hitting select and proceed from there making your reservation.

Group Name: RAFINO

Reunion Dates: October 16-20, 2024

Rate: \$149+ applicable city and state taxes (currently totaling 14% per night, per room)

Cut-off Date: 9/26/24 Late reservations will be processed based on space availability at a higher rate.

Cancellation Policy: Room cancellations must be made at least 24 hours in advance or you may be charged a fee.

Keep in mind that the Booking Link is the best way to book the reservations.

You can edit your stay details – including arrival and departure date once you have clicked on the link.

Check-in is at 3PM / Check-Out is 11AM

Parking & Shuttle Information

Parking is complimentary for registered guests.

The hotel does provide an airport shuttle. It is suggested that you call the hotel directly prior to arrival date to make arrangements and receive confirmation of availability and instructions.

Wheelchair Rental

ScootAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call (888) 441-7575 or visit www.scootaround.com for details and to make reservations.

Reunion Registration

To register for the reunion please re-visit: <https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/RAFINO2024>

RAFINO REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at <https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/RAFINO2024> (4% convenience fee will be added to credit card charges). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before September 17, 2024. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form. Please do not staple your payment to this form.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: RAFINO

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Date Received _____
 Inputted _____ Nametag Completed _____

	Price Per	# of People	Total
<i>CUT-OFF DATE IS 9/17/24</i>			
<u>MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE - INCLUDES REUNION SOUVENIR, WELCOME RECEPTION, HOSPITALITY ROOM AND OTHER REUNION ITEMS</u>			
RAFINO Members, Spouses & Guests	\$175	#	\$
Non-Members, Spouses & Guests	\$200	#	\$
All Children under 12	\$50	#	\$
<u>EVENTS</u>			
FRIDAY, 10/18: Finance Corps 2030 Workshop – Please indicate # attending	No Charge	#	
<u>TOURS</u>			
THURSDAY, 10/17: Charleston City/Historic Marketplace	\$67	#	\$
THURSDAY, 10/17: Spirit of Charleston Dinner Cruise – Maximum 120 guests	\$125	#	\$
FRIDAY, 10/18: Shem Creek Crab House/Patriots Point	\$108	#	\$
<u>MEAL</u>			
WEDNESDAY, 10/16: Welcome Reception - INCLUDED – Please indicate # attending	Included	#	
SATURDAY, 10/19: BANQUET <i>(Please select your entrée)</i>			
Seared Chicken Breast with Apricot Demi and Fresh Mango Garnish	\$50	#	\$
Grilled Baseball Sirloin with Green Peppercorn Demi-Glace	\$58	#	\$
Vegetarian – Penne Pasta with Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Fire Roasted Tomatoes, Garlic and & Basil with Fresh Parmesan	\$50	#	\$
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.			\$

FIRST _____ LAST _____ (for nametags)

YEARS ON BOARD 19____ TO 19____ FINANCE UNIT _____ 1st TIMER? (YES____) / (NO____)

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____

ADDITIONAL GUEST NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ EMAIL _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____ PH. NUMBER (____) _____ - _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____
(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? YES NO **(PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).**

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (____) _____ - _____

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-4:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

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Events

CITY TOUR & CHARLESTON'S HISTORIC MARKETPLACE



Begin the day with a two-hour guided tour of the Holy City, named for its many picturesque churches. Favorite sites include the Battery overlooking Charleston's harbor and Fort Sumter, colorful Rainbow Row, the Citadel, and White Point Gardens. Arrive for an early lunch and shopping on your own in the Market Area, Charleston's historic marketplace surrounded by restaurants and eateries of all types.

SPIRIT OF CAROLINA DINNER CRUISE



Come discover the history, beauty and fun of cruising Charleston Harbor while having dinner aboard the Spirit of Carolina. The evening will consist of great food, entertainment, and fun under the stars as you cruise Charleston's historic harbor. Enjoy a classic four-course dinner starting with the Traditional Charleston She-Crab Soup, Spirit Line Salad, and a choice of multiple entrees (seafood, chicken, and beef), all served with chef's choice of accompaniments, beverage, and house dessert. (Vegetarian, Vegan, and diabetic selections are available.)

FINANCE CORPS 2030 WORKSHOP



BG Paige Jennings, Commander of USA Financial Management Command; BG Rebecca McElwain, Director of Operations and Support, ASA (FM&C); and COL Michelle Williams, Commandant of the USA Finance & Comptroller School will participate in a US Army Finance Corps 2030 Workshop. The soon to be released Army FM 4-80 (Comptroller and Finance Operations) will be the focus of the Workshop.

PATRIOTS POINT / SHEM CREEK CRAB HOUSE RESTAURANT



Start with lunch at Shem Creek Crab House. You'll be given a lunch voucher to exchange for grilled fish salad, grilled chicken sandwich, soup and salad, hamburger, or fried shrimp and flounder platter with chef's choice of accompaniments and beverage. After lunch, head over for a tour of Patriots Point, home of the largest naval and maritime museum in the world. Visit the carrier USS Yorktown, the submarine Clamagore, the Sumner-class destroyer USS Laffey, and a replica of a Vietnam Support base. Priceless war planes used in conflicts spanning from WWII to Desert Storm are featured aboard the Yorktown's 40,000 square foot hangar bay and atop the 888-foot flight deck. Patriots Point is also the home of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society and their official Medal of Honor Museum with interactive exhibits.