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Welcome home. For many in our association a return to the Washington, DC area is a “back to the future” event, though it’s not science fiction; it really happened. Yeah, we’ll notice how things have changed, and importantly, we’ll remember the challenges our younger selves conquered in our personal and professional lives. It will be so cool.

Our convention headquarters is at the Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Dr, Arlington VA. Many will remember it as being next to former “Paperclip Building”, former home of the Defense Inspector



General. For orientation, the Paperclip Building has been replaced with, see photo insert.

Reunion Brat negotiated a great rate for us at the Doubletree located between Pentagon City

and Crystal City and across from the Pentagon. It’s in an ideal location with access to a variety of transportation modes and supported by the hotel’s experienced concierge staff to help us get to where we’re going. For more on the hotel, check out this photo gallery: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/dcaaedt-doubletree-washington-dc-crystal-city/gallery>

Our Organized Tours

First of all, for those who consider golf a sport, there will be a **golf outing** at Joint Base Andrews golf course at 9:00am, Thursday, September 7. I would include more information, but golfers seem to have a talent for spotting each other. You never find just one golfer. Bill Arnold and Ellis Flores have done the heavy lifting to plan and organize the event.

Monument & War Memorial Tour will visit the world-famous memorials, including the Lincoln Monument, Korean War and

Vietnam War memorials, and the newest one (2004), the World War II Memorial. <https://www.nps.gov/wwii>.

Heck, at the WWII memorial, you can search a computerized database honoring Americans who helped win the war, either overseas or on the



home front. It contains names of Americans

listed by the War and Navy Departments on Killed in Service rosters held by the National Archives and Records Administration, and an unofficial and developing compilation of public acknowledgements honoring U.S. citizens who helped to win the Second World War. To prepare for your visit to monuments and memorial, download the National Park Service app.

Spy & Law Enforcement Museums Tour can get close to home for our organization.

At the **Law Enforcement Memorial**, you can remember 18 OSI people memorialize there, including Special Agents Eugene Smith, Lee Charles Hitchcock, Raymond R. Round, Harrison Dean Pulliam, Rick Alan Ulbright, Daniel Joseph Kuhlmeier, Matthew Joseph Kuglics, Ryan Andrew Balmer, Michael Walter Thyssen, Thomas Alfred Crowell, Nathan John Schuldheiss, David Alan Wieger, Adrianna Maria Vorderbruggen, Chester J. McBride III, Peter

Wagner Taub, Michael Anthony Cinco, *Joseph G. Lemm, and *Louis Michael Bonacasa. <https://nleomf.org>
*Indicates honorary special agent. (AF Security Forces killed on an OSI mission.)

The International Spy Museum has at least a tangential public connection to OSI, albeit far less impactful than the Law Enforcement Memorial. For those members of a certain age, it is located at L'Eanfant Plaza in the immediate vicinity of the James V. Forrestal Building, former HQs for OSI and our Academy. Those members will also recall the rigid carpool stacking protocol in the underground parking. That protocol included an unstacking or time-released protocol. The carpool had to leave on time because you were blocking the next time-released carpool departures.

The Spy Museum embraces its



mission as an educational resource on the secret world of

global espionage and intelligence

work. It holds the world's largest publicly displayed collection of international espionage artifacts. The museum boasts of interactive and immersive exhibits highlight successes and failures, and rapidly expanding digital tools - from cyberwarfare to hacking.

Other activities

The **Washington Nationals** will finish up a home stand on the Sept 6, the first day of our convention. It's a great ballpark, an exciting young team, albeit in last place. While it is not OSI night, it is George Mason University Night, and my granddaughter, a GMU senior, and I will be there. No pressure. You can wait 'til the last minute; trust me; tickets will be available. I you consider the universal truth: Everyone's got to be somewhere – you may as well be at the ballpark. Terrific Metro subway access to and from our hotel area.

The Bible Museum opened in November 2017. It operates daily from 10AM-5PM.



Admission is about \$20, and it has scheduled 60-minute docent guided tours at 11:30 and 2:30. The tours cost about \$10. In fact, one of its current events “The Seven Pilgrim

Churches of Rome” will end September 10, the same day our convention ends. It's on the same block as the Federal Center SW, Metro Subway stop, serviced by the Blue, Orange and Silver lines. <https://www.museumofthebible.org/our-history>

The National Museum of African American History and Culture

is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history, and culture. It was established by an Act of Congress in 2003, following decades of efforts to promote and highlight the contributions of African Americans. To date, the Museum has collected more than 40,000 artifacts and nearly 100,000 individuals have become members. The Museum opened to the public on September 24, 2016, as the 19th museum of the Smithsonian Institution. It's on the Mall, and one of my favorites. <https://nmaahc.si.edu>



The Capitol. The present congressional calendar shows the Senate will be in session beginning September 5, but the House will not be in session until September 12. Most of us have few chances to visit the office of our



Senators or our Representative. At least, while in town, go by their offices and sign their visitors' book. <https://www.congress.gov/members>

Convention Banquet. Our convention banquet will be a rare event. We're incorporating it with the Command's 75th Anniversary celebration. Sharing the evening with people still serving grants us an opportunity to also celebrate what our legacy helped create. While we don't yet know the Command's preference for attire, planning for business dress makes it easy to scale down to business casual. (One thing's certain, they won't scale down to the Haute Couture of John Ziegler's Pike's Peak Range Riders charity horse ride.)

And now the real reason for this newsletter

DUES NOTICE– Beginning July 2023

The chapter fiscal year is July 1 to June 30, and the annual dues are \$15.00. Please make your check payable to **NCC, AFOSISA**, and mail it to: **John Perryman, 2816 Energy Dr, Virginia Beach VA 23456-8313.**

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