



Alpha Troop 2/17 Cavalry Reunion

May 29th – June 2nd, 2019
San Antonio, TX



The hotel and reservation phone number:
El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel
110 Lexington Ave
San Antonio, TX 78205
Phone: (210) 223-9461

Welcome to the 2019 reunion of the Alpha Troop 2/17 Cavalry. Please join us for an exciting time in San Antonio, TX! We know you will have a wonderful time sharing the experience with old and new friends. We welcome any family or friends who would like to attend with you. The El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel is well loved for its retro lobby, elevated pool with a tiki bar plus the hotel offers free Wi-Fi and a large fitness center. Each room has soft bedding along with a 37" flat screen TV, coffee maker, microwave, hairdryer, and iron with ironing board. The hotel offers two different places for you to eat and drink within the grounds. Mango's offers the daily breakfast buffet each morning for you to get your day started off right. Tiki's Lounge serves appetizers and drinks for you to enjoy while you can look out at the Riverwalk from the veranda.

Be sure to call the hotel directly for your reservations. Tell them you are with the Alpha Troop Reunion to get the **discounted rate of \$109 plus tax. This includes two passes per room per day to Mango's. Please be aware that overnight parking is \$12 per night.** For more information please visit the website at <https://www.eltropicanohotel.com/>. Please inform the hotel if you need a handicapped accessible room. Hotel Reservations must be made prior to **April 14th, 2019** to guarantee space and rate. Reservations made after this date will be on a space available basis and the discounted rate will not be guaranteed. Rates are good for 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion. We look forward to seeing you!

We ask for your own safety that someone accompanies you on your trip or that you ensure your family is aware of your traveling plans. Please provide us with the name and phone number of someone not attending to be contacted in case of emergency. Thank you.

Cancellation Refund Policy: Complete refunds will be sent 30 days before the reunion minus \$17 of the processing fee per person. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER April 29th, 2019.**

All tours must achieve the minimum (30) number in order to complete the tour. Gratuities for the driver and guide are included. We need all attendees to understand that the cutoff date of April 29th, 2019 is primarily to assure the minimum number for tours. **IT IS NOT A CUT OFF DATE THAT MEANS YOU CAN NO LONGER SIGN UP FOR THE REUNION.** Please be aware that if you decide on-site that you want to take a tour, it will be based on space available on the coach.

The hospitality room (hooch) will be open starting Wednesday May 29th, 2019 and continuing throughout the reunion.

Agenda

All tours include transportation, guide (when applicable) and entrance fees. Meals are included only if indicated. Tours will board approximately 15 minutes prior to the departure times listed here. Check signs available at the registration desk in case of changes.

Wednesday May 29, 2019

10:00 am – 12:00 pm and
2:00pm – 4:00pm

Check in

2:00 pm

Hospitality room open (Hooch)

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm



Tour #1 Dinner at Casa Rio on the Riverwalk \$31 for Dinner only OR \$51 for Dinner and Water Taxi

This historic restaurant was founded in 1946, sitting on land that was granted in 1777 by the King of Spain. This was the first business on the river walk! Dinner will be the Enchilada Platter (1 Beef Enchilada, 1 Cheese Enchilada, 1 Chicken Enchilada, and Guacamole Salad. Served with appropriate sauces, Mexican rice, and refried beans) Both the restaurant and the hotel are located on the Riverwalk. If you do not wish to walk to the restaurant (about half a mile) you can ride the water taxi. The water taxi boards at the hotel and unloads to the lower level of the restaurant.

Thursday May 30, 2019

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Tour #2 Fredericksburg \$39 (Includes transportation and admission)

Fredericksburg is a city in central Texas about an hour from San Antonio. This area is known for its wineries. In the town square is a replica of a 19th Century German church that once stood in the city. You will visit the National Museum of the Pacific War featuring World War II exhibits, including a recreated combat zone. You can spend time at the museum then walk along the main street and explore the variety of shops. Have lunch on your own at one of the many local restaurants. Return trip will go through Luckenbach, TX, made famous by the country song by Willie Nelson!



Evening and Dinner on your own

Friday May 31, 2019

9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Tour #3 Sites of San Antonio \$32 (Includes transportation and box lunch)

On this tour you will visit some of the most famous San Antonio sites: The Alamo, Mission San Juan, and SAS General Store!

Visit the Alamo - Live the history of the events memorialized in books and films. Be awe-struck by the atmosphere of this historical mission and its surrounding grounds. One of America's pieces of history that is not to be missed. This site will be explored on your own.



Explore Mission San Juan - Originally founded in 1716 in eastern Texas, then transferred to its present location in 1756. It was a self-sustaining community. Their products helped support the San Antonio missions, but also the local settlements and presidio garrisons in the area. By the mid 1700s, San Juan, with its rich farm and pasture lands, was a regional supplier of agricultural produce and with the surplus established a trade network from Louisiana to Coahuila, Mexico.

Box lunches will be delivered to the bus by Jimmy Johns. The choice will be between Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef, or Veggie sandwich. The boxes also come with chips, cookie, and a bottle of water.

SAS General Store – This is not your typical shoe store. In addition to aisles of high-quality shoes for men and women, you will want to spend time checking out the children's toys, games and books, enjoy freshly popped popcorn for 5¢ a bag and soda from the fountain for a dime. You will also find beautifully restored vintage automobiles alongside handmade soaps and jellies, jewelry and accessories. This is definitely a place that must be seen to be believed.



4:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Tour #4 Rio Cibolo Ranch \$68 (Includes transportation, dinner and entertainment. Cash bar will be available)



Enjoy Texas style barbeque plus entertainment and a wagon ride around this historic ranch. As part of the tour you will get to see some Texas Longhorns up close and personal! Rio Cibolo Ranch is 130 acres that was founded to provide entertainment for visitors. The ranch has gorgeous gardens and even a creek running throughout the grounds.

Saturday June 1, 2019

9:00 – 11:00 am

Business Meeting

Ladies - take this opportunity to spend time exploring the Riverwalk at your leisure

Enjoy lunch at any of the many restaurants along the Riverwalk

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Memorial Service

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Pictures and Hotel sponsored reception

The onsite coordinator from ACR is a professional photographer and will have an area set up for group shots – large group, small groups, couples – whatever you want. She does not charge your group or ACR anything to be onsite and manage the entire reunion. Nor does she require a minimum amount. She makes her money for this event by the pictures sold. She puts out the pictures before the banquet, you order whatever you want, they are printed during the banquet and can be picked up and taken with you as you leave. The large group shot is \$20 for an 8 X 10, others are less. (She does many of the pictures for the Air Force Academy, schools and special events in the Colorado Springs & Denver area)

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Banquet \$38

Choice between Churrasco Steak, Pecan Chicken, or Tilapia with roasted new potatoes. Dinner is also served with Chef's choice of vegetables, rolls with butter, dessert, iced tea, coffee, and decaf.

Speaker

Lew Jennings has graciously agreed to joins us and be our banquet speaker. Author of “19 Minutes to Live”, Lew will come to San Antonio following the VHPA reunion in Kansas City. As many of you know, Lew spent plenty of time as an A Trooper, flying over 700 Air Cavalry Cobra gunship helicopter missions and received Three Distinguished Flying Crosses for Valor.” You won’t want to miss this presentation.

Sunday June 2, 2019

8:00 am – 12 pm

Hospitality Room (hooch)/Tear Down and Farewells

Check out

Extra Registration Information

Please be sure to make your El Tropicano hotel reservations today (you can always cancel, if need be) at 210-223-9461. The cut-off date for making reservation is **April 14th, 2019**. Submit the below reservation form as soon as possible so that A Complete Reunion can make the appropriate plans for the hooch, tours, etc. Thank you!

This reunion is brought to you by the Alpha Troop Association, Inc. www.alphatroopalumni.com or find us on Facebook – Alpha Troop Association. If you wish to speak to someone concerning the organization, contact BOD Chairman, Glen Venno, at 810-599-9999 or you can email him at gvenno36@comcast.net. Reunion questions should go to A Complete Reunion.

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This name will be used on your Name Badge:

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Spouse _____ Guest(s) _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Number of Persons X Cost per person = Total Cost

Tour #1 Dinner at Casa Rio on the Riverwalk w/o Taxi _____ @ \$31.00 = _____
w/ Taxi _____ @ \$51.00 = _____
Tour #2 Fredericksburg _____ @ \$39.00 = _____
Tour #3 Sites of San Antonio _____ @ \$32.00 = _____
Lunch Choice: Turkey ____ Ham ____ Roast Beef ____ Veggie ____
Tour #4 Rio Cibolo Ranch _____ @ \$68.00 = _____

Banquet
Churrasco Steak _____ @ \$38.00 = _____
Pecan Chicken _____ @ \$38.00 = _____
Tilapia _____ @ \$38.00 = _____

Registration (Includes hospitality room and processing fee)

Each attendee must pay this fee _____ @ \$30.00 = _____
Annual membership _____ @ \$25.00/year = _____
Bogart Foundation donation _____
General Association donation _____

TOTAL= _____

Emergency Contacts (Someone NOT attending):

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____
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Please identify any special accommodations you may need:

SEND THIS FORM & A CHECK (PAYABLE TO "A COMPLETE REUNION") FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO:

Alpha Troop Reunion
c/o A Complete Reunion
PO Box 25806
Colorado Springs, CO 80936

Contact Sherry or Carly at 719.380.1412
email us at sherry@acompletereunion.com or
carly.acompletereunion@gmail.com and visit our website at
www.acompletereunion.com

Refund Policy:

Cancellation before April 29th, 2019 will receive a full refund minus \$17.00 processing fee. There will be no refund after that date. All tours must have a minimum number of people per tour.

If you register for a tour and do not attend you will NOT receive any refund.

You will receive a confirmation letter detailing your selections within 7-10 days of us receiving it.