

## 84th Division Alumni Bugler

## Newsletter of the 84th Division Alumni Association

## December 2013



### Upcoming Special Events

16 Feb 2014 Valentine Dinner (Sunday)

03 May 2014 Dining Out (Saturday)

11 Jun 2014 Annual Meeting (Wednesday)

05 Sep 2014 Fort McCoy Retiree Appreciation Day

13 Sep 2014 Steak Fry Cookout (Saturday)





## 2013 September Steak Fry Cook Out

Our annual Steak Fry was held on 14 Sep 13, at the Stenz-Griesell-Smith American Legion Post 449 in Brookfield. There was plenty of food catered by Lori Kunstman, and good fellowship. Music was provided by Skip Pochowski and his merry band of retirees. This event is our fundraiser for the year, and we had many wonderful donations for the silent auction and raffle. A big "thank you" to those who made monetary donations to the Steak-Fry event: MG Donald Brown, MG Michael Berzowski and CSM Don Dennett.

#### Retiree AKO accounts to close by 31 Dec 13

If you still have an Army Knowledge Online (AKO) account (such as me), make sure you go online and check your profile. You must complete set up of an auto forwarding AKO email to a commercial account by December 31, 2013.

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### 84th Alumni Association Sunshine Activities

Individuals aware of any member or spouse, who should receive a get well card or sympathy card, should call Jan Berzowski at 262/468-4928. Please remember to spell the individual's name and provide the address, if available, and give a brief description of the problem when leaving a message. This system works very well for the Alumni Association. I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy healthy New Year. Thank you to everyone for keeping the Sunshine Lady informed of those who need cards. To date 68 cards have been sent! Keep the calls coming.

## **Army Announces Retiree Title Change!**

On page 10 in the latest issue of ARMY ECHOS, a major change to retired military customs and courtesies is discussed. AR25-50 now states that retired military should follow the same rules as active personnel, except that no organization or branch will be shown. The basic premise of the article is that ALL military retirees now use USA in their signature block. Examples:

Jane Doe, COL (USA Retired)
A.B. Smith, CSM (USA Retired)

The cover page lists your board members by new title.

## Final COLA Announced for 2014

The 2014 COLA for military retired pay, Survivor Benefit Plan annuities, Social Security checks, and VA disability and survivor benefits will be 1.5% effective December 1, 2013. It will first appear in the January 2014 checks, which will be paid December 31, 2013. MOAA Dec 2013







## From the President's Desk

## A Purging of Generals?

You may have read about the number of generals and admirals that have been relieved of command or flat out fired during the Obama Administration. There is an email going around quoting some experts in military affairs that this indiscriminate firing of these senior officers is a well-planned effort by the Administration. It is intended to root the services of those who oppose the big-picture plans of President Obama to loosen the grip the services have on gays, females in combat, commander authority, etc. And that <u>may</u> be what is happening.

However, let's be clear about a few things. Some of these senior leaders deserved to be fired! How do you not fire a 4-star who lets his wife use a military plane to go shopping? (I don't accept this excuse that his predecessor's wife did it. Really?) How do you not fire a 3-star who horribly flunked the inspection of the most sensitive weapons in our arsenal – the nuclear missiles? How do you not fire a 2-star for forcing an affair on one of his female captains over the course of a few years? Are you kidding me?

Time and space limits the number of cases I can present regarding major violations of trust by those who are most responsible for setting and maintaining the standards of conduct for our armed services. Yes, there were some colonels and sergeants major involved, too. Suffice it to say that there are two sides to every story and I think we veterans must be smart enough to read through the story and weigh the facts. (You might be thinking about now that I am a devoted Obama supporter. I don't think this newsletter is the place for my political opinions but I can assure you I have MAJOR issues with things this Administration is doing). All I ask is that you read these news stories, weigh the facts, and make up your own mind.

That is what made you a valuable member of our 84<sup>th</sup> Division, and that is what you still must do as a citizen of this country. Don't automatically assume these "experts" know what they are talking about. They might just be using their former military rank to get their foot in the door to collect a paycheck. That's just what we need in America – more political pundits so we can have more discord.

#### **BG** Alton Berry Retires.

On December 13, 2013, Brigadier General Alton Berry will retire as the Deputy Commanding General of the 88th Regional Support Command at Ft McCoy. BG Berry honorably served in the 84th Division for many years. In fact, I remember hiring him as a captain just off active duty. He turned out to be a really good investment for our 1st Brigade in Waukegan Illinois. Not only was he an excellent officer, he brought along his wife, Major Gwen Berry, whom I also hired. (Not since Bill and Hillary have we seen such a "one-two punch" from a couple). Unfortunately, Gwen had to retire early to raise her two beautiful and talented daughters. I often joked with Al that as good as he was, he was only the second best officer in that household. If pressed, he might even agree with me. I thank General Berry AND Gwen for their service, and I wish them a safe, happy, and long retirement. Congratulations!

## New Leadership at the Milwaukee War Memorial Center.

In September, 2013, the reigns of the Milwaukee War Memorial Center, the largest war memorial in Wisconsin, were turned over to Michael Berzowski (Major General retired and former C.G. of the 84th) when he accepted the position of Chairman of the Board. While he had been working as the "acting chairman" for about 18 months at the time, he was now free to start building a new team and getting the War Memorial back on its feet. Since then he has brought in some old familiar faces to help him address the many challenges he faces.

I was elected as the Vice-Chairman, and former colonels
Bill McKeown and Bill Ridgely, along with former 84<sup>th</sup>
CXO Goldie Schuh have also been added to the team. Who
says you can't go home again? Working with my old
colleagues has been a real pleasure. I hope we can all keep
our old friends close at the 84<sup>th</sup> Alumni events we have
planned. Look for the calendar of events in this newsletter
and I look forward to seeing you there.
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### Peter (Skip) Pochowski

#### www.84thdivalumni.com

The 84th Division Alumni Association is pleased to provide its members a place to go for information about the Rail Splitters. If you have an idea for something you want to see on the website, please contact me at:

ppochowski@wi.rr.com

Peter (Skip) Pochowski

## Veteran Identifier on Wisconsin Driver's License "Verify – Then Apply"

Wisconsin Act 17 includes a provision that allows veterans to request through the WI Department of Transportation, (DMV), a <u>veteran identifier</u> on their Wisconsin driver's license or state issued identification card.

#### HOW TO APPLY

First call Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA)'s toll free number, 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387) and select **option 1** to verify your current eligibility status. If you are told you are eligible:

You may visit your local DMV service center to request the Veteran Identifier on a duplicate license for \$14.00 or <u>if</u> eligible for renewal at the published rate.

www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/driver-fees.htm.

You will not need to take in any proof of eligibility as WDVA has verified your status with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, (DMV).

If the toll free system indicates you are not currently eligible you have two options:

You can apply online through VetExpress (https://applications.dva.wisconsin.gov/VetExpress)

Submit the signature form and a copy of your DD214/DD215, which provides proof of your character and length of service. Once your eligibility for the Veteran Identifier is determined, you will receive an approval e-mail notification. Please do not attempt to obtain the Veteran Identifier from the DMV without first receiving the approval e-mail from WDVA. The DMV cannot issue the Veteran Identifier if you have not been first verified as eligible by WDVA. Once you receive the determination e-mail, follow the link to the eligibility matrix, where you will also learn your eligibility status of other programs, benefits, and services via VetExpress.

Or you can apply using WDVA form 2241

(http://dva.state.wi.us/WebForms/WDVA\_2241-Eligibility-Application-For-WisDOT-Veteran-Identifier.pdf).

Complete the form. Mail the form and a copy of your DD214/DD215 to the address listed at the top of form. You will receive verification from WDVA when your eligibility has been determined. If you are unsure of your eligibility status, prior to visiting the DMV, verify your current eligibility status by calling toll free, 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387), and choosing **option 1**.

#### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the Veteran Identifier on your Wisconsin driver's license or ID Card you must meet certain requirements related to your term and characterization of military service.

Length of Service: You must have at least one period of service that encompassed at least two continuous years of "active duty" or 90 days of "active duty" during a Statutorily-Designated Wartime Period, where the character of service meets the requirements above.

# Budget cuts, sequestration will affect active, reserve forces readiness

The Army chief of staff told lawmakers if they don't mitigate reductions under the Budget Control Act, 85 percent of brigade combat teams would be ill-prepared for contingency requirements by the end of Fiscal Year 2014.

Gen. Ray Odierno was blunt, as he testified Sept. 18 before the House Armed Services Committee. His statistics on the Budget Control Act regarding the service's readiness posture included both active and reserve component brigades, if the speed and magnitude of cuts are not stopped. Odierno and other service chiefs said the Budget Control Act, coupled with sequestration, will have a long-term impact on the country's readiness and modernization.

"We'll be required to end, restructure or delay more than 100 acquisition programs, putting at risk the Ground Combat Vehicle program, the Armed Aerial Scout, the production and modernization of our aviation programs, system upgrade for unmanned aerial vehicles and the modernization of our air defense command-and-control systems, just to name a few," Odierno warned.

He also said that not until Fiscal Years 2018 to 2023 would readiness in modernization begin to rebalance, and it would come at the expense of significant reductions in end strength and force structure. Presently, the active Army is slated to drop from a war-time high of 570,000 to 490,000 soldiers by fiscal 2017.

Further budget cuts would bring that number down to 420,000 in the active Army, 315,000 in the National Guard and 185,000 in the Army Reserve. "This will represent a total Army end-strength reduction of more than 18 percent over seven years; a 26 percent reduction in the active Army, a 12 percent reduction in the Army National Guard, and a nine percent reduction in the U.S. Army Reserve," he said.

"Additionally, this will result in a 45 percent reduction in active Army brigade combat teams. That means less tanks, less Bradleys, less trucks, less M-16s, less mortars, less artillery systems ... it impacts all of our workload, because we're getting smaller," he stressed. AUSA 11/1/13

#### Army Dropping Number of Paratrooper Units

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. -- The legendary Pathfinders have taken their final jump and the Red Devils aren't too far behind. The two paratrooper units -- formally known as the 5th Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division and the 508th Infantry Regiment -- are closing out long histories as a result of the U.S. Army's reconfiguration and budget cutting. Among the changes being made is a reduction in the number of parachute positions across the service. In the case of the Pathfinders at Fort Campbell and the Red Devils at Fort Bragg, their units trace their history back to being among the first to drop into Nazi-occupied France at Normandy on D-Day during World War II, helping set the stage for the allied siege that eventually drove the Germans out of the country.

The cutbacks have some airborne alumni worried about the future of paratroopers at various posts. Kenneth "Rock" Merritt, a retired Command Master Sergeant Major with the 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C., said the military's focus on Special Forces could be detrimental to units such as the one he served with until retiring in 1977. "My big concern is ... I just wonder how long they're going to keep the 82nd Airborne on airborne status," Merritt said. "I'm wondering if some day, somebody's going to get the bright idea and the 82nd Airborne is going to go back to the 82nd Infantry." *Military.com Dec 13* 

### DOD seeks plan to shut down U.S. Commissaries

Defense officials have reportedly asked the Defense Commissary Agency to develop a plan to shut down all U.S. commissaries-about three fourths of its stores, according to a resale source familiar with details of a meeting with representatives of the Joint Staff and Pentagon comptroller's office.

The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) has 178 commissaries in the U.S., including Alaska and Hawaii. Almost 70 stores operate overseas. Operating costs for the overseas stores account for 35 percent of DeCA's budget and 16 percent of total worldwide sales. *Army Times* 12/02/13

#### Sexual Assault Record on every Evaluation

The Army will use soldiers' professional evaluations to hold them accountable for sexual assault in the service. Raters must assess all soldiers on their efforts to foster a climate intolerant to sexual assault and harassment in all Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Reports and Officer Evaluation Reports for rating periods that begin after September 27<sup>th</sup>, according to a memo issued in late September.

OERs and NCOERs will include comments from the rater about the efforts the officer or NCO being rated to "foster a climate of dignity and respect" and the follow the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program (SHARP). Army Times 10/28/13

#### Reserve Officers Association Opens to NCOs

As Reserve duty has changed so has the ROA. That's why today we're proud to welcome NCO's from all services. Because service isn't about the rank on your sleeve, it's about the sacrifice you make. Today the sacrifices of Citizen Warriors at home and on the battlefield go largely overlooked by a population weary of war and a Congress strapped for cash. ROA is here to make sure no Reservist, regardless of rank, ever falls through the cracks. Your needs are our mission and that's why we've expanded to make sure all Reservists have a voice, stronger than ever, in the Reserve Officers Association.

Who is eligible:

Non-commissioned, commissioned and warrant officers of the uniformed services of the United States - Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, NOAA, Army National Guard, and Air National Guard

See more at:

www.roa.org/membership#sthash.3ShXQcaN.dpuf

#### "Band of Brothers" history tours of a lifetime

Return to 1944 as the Allies prepare for the invasion of Europe on our Beyond Band of Brothers tours. These all-inclusive historical tours visit iconic sites such as the beaches of Normandy, the Ardennes forest and Hitler's Eagle's Nest. Join our Central Europe Remembrance tour or our Third Reich tour of Germany to pay witness to the rise of National Socialism and its nightmarish results. The end of the 11-day Beyond Band of Brothers tour overlaps seamlessly with the beginning of the Central Europe Remembrance tour, a unique, 18-day trip that is the ultimate World War II tour.

www.beyondbandofbrothers.com







The Wisconsin Badgers Football team will be playing the South Carolina Gamecocks in the Capital One Bowl in Orlando, FL, on January 1, 2014, at 1p.m. eastern time.

#### TRICARE Retiree Dental Program

The DOD has selected Delta Dental of California to continue administering the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) for the next five years. If you are already covered, you do not need to take any action. The following are a few of the enhancements:

- -A decrease in your monthly premium
- -An increase in TRICARE's annual max amount for covered services for each person enrolled, to \$1,300 per year
- -An increase in the annual max amount for dental accident coverage for each person enrolled, to \$1,200 per year
- -An increase in lifetime orthodontic max amount for each person enrolled, to \$1,700
- -A third cleaning covered for children and adults with diagnosed type 1, or type 2 diabetes

The TRDP coverage year now will run from January 1-December 31. You can find a network dentist by visiting www.trdp.org/

## Retirees can manage their DEERS records and ID Cards online

Retirees can now access their Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) records online through DS Logon. DS Logon is the new, secure DOD logon ID that allows service members, retirees and family members to access the DEERS Self Service Application.

To obtain a DS Logon account, go to <a href="https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/identitymanagement">https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/identitymanagement</a> and follow the prompts to create an account or you can register in person at an ID card facility or VA Regional Office.

# Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Teams up with Fisher House Wisconsin

Port Washington, WI (September 11, 2013) — Just in time for Veteran's Day, Stars and Stripes Honor Flight (SSHF) will release a coffee table book that captures the emotion and events of the Honor Flight experience. Proceeds from

the book will not only benefit Honor Flight, but also Fisher House Wisconsin.

Through breathtaking photographs, Honor Flight: A Visual Journey is a glorious art book that celebrates the treasured memories of WWII veterans as they travel on a Stars and Stripes Honor Flight to Washington, DC to see their memorials. SSHF curated five years of photographs from 18 Honor Flights to find the most moving images that tell the Honor Flight story through the eyes of our aging heroes.

Proceeds from the book will be evenly split between Stars and Stripes Honor Flight and Fisher House Wisconsin. SSHF will use the proceeds to fund future Honor Flights out of Milwaukee. Fisher House will be breaking ground at the Milwaukee VA in the spring of 2014 to build a "home away from home" for our veterans so their family members can be close to them during hospitalization for an illness, disease or injury.

"Honor Flight is all about saying Thank You. But sometimes thank you is not enough," says Joe Dean, founder of Stars and Stripes Honor Flight. "What we realized during the process of the Honor Flight experience, is that we shouldn't wait 70 years to show our veterans how much we appreciate them. We have young servicemen and women returning from their tours of duty hurt and in need of healing. Fisher House helps our wounded warriors heal with their families close at hand. We want to help make that happen here in southeast Wisconsin. We believe a family's love is good medicine."

**Honor Flight:** A Visual Journey is a 330-page book and will sell for \$100.

Funding is made possible through the generous support of We Energies and the Wisconsin Energy Foundation.

Honor Flight: A Visual Journey is a completely local project. Photography is courtesy of Visual Image Photography. Quad Graphics will print the book and Scan Group is doing all fulfillments.

Get more information at <a href="http://honorflightbook.com/">http://honorflightbook.com/</a> or call Stars and Stripes Honor Flight at (262) 238-7741.





#### ADVENTURES IN TRAVEL

#### Have you ever been to Germany for Octoberfest?





(Entrance to Ramstein Air Base)

(Ramstein Inn and KMCC)

Octoberfest is a 16-day festival running from late September to the first weekend in October in Munich, Germany. We thought we would try to make a big fall 'space available' trip to Europe/Germany. My computer browser was loaded up with dozens of travel websites for Germany, Italy and the UK.

I typically track flights from bases days/weeks before trying for a flight. Most military flights to Europe originate from the east coast. BWI airport typically has four commercial charter flights per week (called Patriot Express), to Ramstein Air Base at \$17.20 from CONUS, and \$29.70 to CONUS. I saw a C-17 flight from Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, through Dover AFB, DE, and ending at Ramstein AB, Germany. The WPAFB recording stated that seats from Dover to Ramstein would be determined later, if available. We took a chance and drove on a Wednesday to Wright-Pat and stayed on base. We have started to pack sparingly with small bags at 30lbs/bag, in case we might need to catch a flight on a small aircraft. (We figure with getting a no-cost flight, if necessary, we can always buy more clothes.)

The Wright-Pat terminal is located in the new base operations building, and staffed by civilians. Thursday morning we showed up for the flight and parked our SUV in the long term parking. The flight to Dover took one hour. After arriving at Dover, we checked to see if we were already signed up for Germany. Dover has a wonderful USO in the terminal, and stays open until midnight. Our C-17 took no passengers to Ramstein, so we ended up taking a C-5 very early the next morning.

Going east, it is approximately a 7-1/2 to 8 hour flight. After landing, we got our bags and went quickly through customs. The Ramstein terminal is large and has a USO and a Subway in it. They process a large number of service members to/from the desert. Directly across from the terminal is the brand new Ramstein Inn, part of the Kaiserslautern Military Community Center (KMMC). This complex houses the Base Exchange facilities, travel agency, Harley Davidson/car dealership, Chili's, Macaroni Grill, Haufbrau House, along many fast food sites in the huge food court. This building is like any large mall in a U.S. city. If you are not already registered, there is a reservation office immediately to the left as you enter the Ramstein Inn.

The Inn's courtesy shuttle, which runs from approximately 0600-2000hrs, delivered us to an older two room renovated unit for our first two nights. For most of our stay at

Ramstein, an international soccer tournament was taking place and the participants had rooms at the main lodging.





(The Ramstein Inn Lobby)

(One of many corridors in the mall)

Ramstein Air Base is a multinational installation under a four star general. At the end of the work day, both the German and U.S anthems are played. It is located next to the town of Ramstein-Miesenbach (about 2 miles from the Ramstein Inn to the bus/train stop), and just north of the city of Landstuhl, home of the Army's large Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Twelve miles to east is the larger city of Kaiserslautern, with all of these communities located in the German state of Rhineland-Palatinate.

Under the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) with Germany, we retirees are not allowed to make purchases at exchange facilities. Exceptions to this are meals in the clubs and restaurants, and you may purchase wine, beer, and snacks at the front desk. The Germans, Brits and other nations have clubs/eateries on base which you may use; retirees, not spouses, may use the dining facility. (A rule of thumb is, if a store or kiosk takes euros and dollars, you can make purchases, if they only take dollars, you probably can't)

Even though renting a car is easy to do, we decided to make use of trains, buses, and taxis (12-14 euros local?). Most cities have a ticket office, along with ticket machines at even small train stops. You can purchase a ticket online (www.bahn.com) or at a train stop (look for the UK flag for English), credit card or euros, to use after 9a.m., with the Regional Day Ticket (Länder-Ticket). It can be used in the Rhineland-Palatinate region, until 3a.m. the next morning. These tickets cost 22 euros for 1 traveler, and 4 euros for each additional person up to 5. We used this mode travel around the region. Short hop trains or buses use cash.







(Typical second class seating)

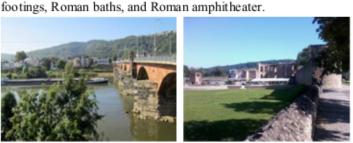
The local bus comes on base during business hours five times per day to service local workers. There is a free base military shuttle running every half hour from 0600-1800hrs. A free shuttle stops a few times per day for the off base Landstuhl Regional Medical Center during office hours.





(The Roman Porta Nigra or Black Gate) (McDonald's outlets are everywhere) Our first trip took us at 7:30a.m., by bus to the Landstuhl train station. At 9:09a.m (German trains are very punctual) we used our Länder-Ticket to take a two hour train ride to Trier, Germany. The local/regional trains all have lavatories on them, which is a good thing. Trier is arguably the oldest city in Germany. It sits on the Mosel River, just downstream from the Luxembourg border. The Romans settled Trier and made it a major focus in the region. The city is the oldest seat of a Christian bishop north of the Alps. Some of the sights are: the Porta Nigra (black gate), Cathedral, old town, the bridge which still has the original Roman





(Mosel Bridge with Roman footings)

(Trier Roman baths)

We left Trier midafternoon so as to get back before dark. The train left every hour, but the one I chose stopped in Saarbrücken, where we had to change trains for Landstuhl. In Landstuhl we took the local train four miles to Ramstein town, and then walked back to the Ramstein Inn.

Our next excursion took us by local bus (12 miles) to Kaiserslautern, the largest city in the area. It has a large train station where, using a credit card, we purchased another Länder-Ticket with a 9:20 a.m., departure for a 1 1/2 hour ride to Bingen on the Rhine River. For 19.5 euros each, we bought a round trip scenic boat cruise on the "Romantic Rhine" part of the river. This section of the river is filled with many hillside castles and vineyards. This section was controlled by many 'robber barons' who charged tolls to get past their castles.





(Castle in the Rhine River)

(River cruise boat at Bingen)

The scenic trip took us two hours downstream (north), to the quaint town on Saint Goar, where we spent an hour having a nice lunch and viewed the shops. The trip back upstream takes about 21/2 hours, and we got off at Bingen, while the tour boat crossed the river to the larger city of Rüdesheim, where most of the shopping takes place. We then reversed our trip back to base.

We next took the free shuttle up the hill to the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and post. We walked out the gate and down the hill to town and back up the next hill where the Landstuhl town castle is located. The German Emperor told the local knight to build a castle outside of Kaiserslautern as added protection.





(1 of 2 Medical Center Fisher Houses)

(Castle life in Landstuhl)

We decided not to head down to crowd infested Munich for the real Octoberfest. My original plan was to head home on or about September 30th, but the first two days we tried to fly back, the terminal was packed. After the second day we took a three hour train through Trier, to the train stop near Spangdahlem Air Base (11/2 hours by car). Our train ticket gave us the bus ride up to the town, where a kind local lady with us on the bus had her son drive us the four miles to base, to avoid using the taxi.

That Tuesday night as we ate at the J.R. Rockers club on base, CNN talked about the government shutdown; no wonder everyone was trying to escape Germany at the end of September. The bases only had the Armed Forces Network on the television, and we were only worried about catching Badger and Packer games. Some experienced fellow travelers had the same idea as us, and on Thursday (naturally it was a German holiday) we caught a C-17 headed to Fort Drum, NY, and on to McGuire AFB, NY. I made rental car reservations at both places, not sure of where we would deplane. The aircraft was carrying 6-8 working dogs along with a dozen of their Army handlers coming home from the war. It was interesting to watch a frisky dog sniffing two hummers to settle it down on a long flight at 35-40,000 feet.





(Fellow passengers Rover & handler) (Arriving at Ft Drum, NY, air terminal) After landing at Fort Drum, near Watertown, NY, I called Avis

who picked us up; we signed for the car and started out for WPAFB, OH, 600 miles away. South of Buffalo, NY, we caught a few hours' sleep, and on Friday we headed back to get our SUV. As we picked up our car from long term parking, I noticed a 747 on the runway with the United States of America on its side (so much for the government shutdown). We dropped the rental car at the Dayton, OH, airport, and resumed our extended trip arriving Friday night at our final destination-home.

World Travelers Jerry & Lisa

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