



# GEEIA-MDA-EI "CAN-DO"



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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

GEEIA-MDA-EI ASSOCIATION

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## FIFTEENTH BIENNIAL WORLDWIDE GEEIA-MDA-EI REUNION 8-11 OCTOBER 2009 BILTMORE HOTEL OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

The Fifteenth Biennial Worldwide GEEIA-MDA-EI Reunion will be held at the Biltmore Hotel Oklahoma, 401 S. Meridian Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 8-11 October 2009. The Biltmore Hotel has offered us a block of rooms at a special rate of \$71.00 (plus tax) for all single and double occupancy. However, reservations must be made no later than 24 September 2009 to obtain this rate. After 24 September 2009, rooms may be reserved, depending upon availability. Please make your reservations directly with the Biltmore Hotel. The telephone number for the Hotel Reservation Office is (800) 522-6620. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU STATE YOU WILL BE ATTENDING THE GEEIA-MDA-EI REUNION! Check in begins at 1600. Check out time is 1200. A courtesy van operates between the hotel and the Oklahoma City Airport. To use the van, call the hotel at 947-7681 and ask for the Front Desk. See reverse for a map showing the location of the hotel. For additional information, please contact Jim Street, 1101 Choctaw Ridge Rd., Midwest City, Oklahoma, 73130-6130 or by email at <streetjames@att.net>.

We have changed our pricing this year. We will now require a Registration Fee of \$45 per person. This will include the price of the dinner, the Wine and Cheese Social and a 'GEEIA' lapel pin. Please use the attached Registration, Dinner Reservations and Volunteer Form to make your dinner selection(s). All Forms should be returned to Jim Street at the address shown below, by 25 September 2009.

We need volunteers to work as Hospitality Room Bartenders and "go-fers". If you are willing to pitch-in, please mark "Yes" on the Registration Form.

In the past, reunion attendees contacted old friends and urged them to attend. Many did, and were really glad they came! Let's all do what they did, and call or write friends who haven't attended recently, or in the past, and encourage them to do so. Our reunions have continually

improved over the previous one, with more, and better, activities for the attendees. Our last reunion in 2007, was outstanding, with an impressive turnout, including many first-timers, of over 150 people. We are continuing to increase our membership. We now have 1,001 names in our Personnel Registry, and are adding new members regularly. Please give serious consideration to attending this outstanding function, and see what we are all about.

Again, please return your completed Registration Form to Jim Street, with a check or money order payable to: GEEIA-MDA-EI Reunion, not later than 25 September 2009.

### THE REUNION SCHEDULE

#### THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2009

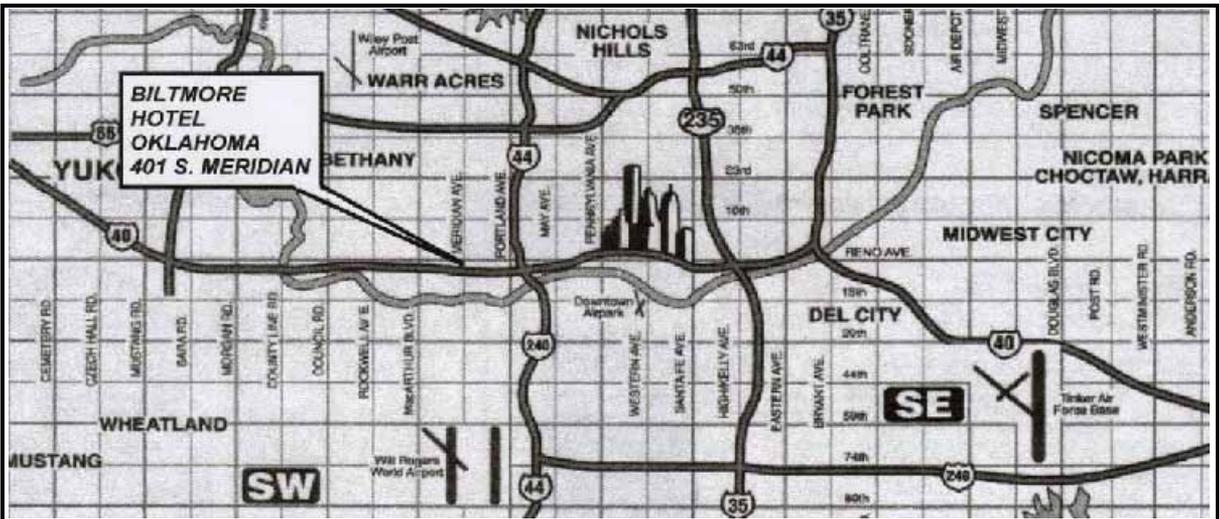
Travel Day and Hotel check-in. Wine and Cheese Social Mixer, 1800-1900 hours.

#### FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2009

Hospitality Rooms (Rooms 403 and 404): The Reunion Committee has arranged for two Hospitality Rooms (PLEASE FEED THE KITTY!!). The rooms will open at 1200 and close at 2400 hours. Sign in will be Friday 1400 to 1800 hours and Saturday 1400 to 1700 hours. There will be space available for the display of items of memorabilia brought by attendees. Please label any items you want returned, with your name, and identify that you wish the item(s) be returned.

#### SATURDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2009

The Hospitality Rooms will be open from 1000 to 1700 hours, and after the banquet. The Dining Room will open at 1800 hours. There will be a Hotel Service Cash Bar. Dinner will be served at 1900 hours. Choices for dinner are Roast Prime Rib Au Jus or Cornish Game Hen. Dinner will be followed by an informal program featuring Colonel Carl Williamson, Commander, Air Force Communications Agency, as our Guest Speaker.



Map of Oklahoma City showing the location of the Biltmore Hotel Oklahoma

After the Dinner, attendees are encouraged to again visit the Hospitality Rooms, which will remain open until 2400 hours.

**SUNDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2009**

Buffet-style Memorial Breakfast 0830 to 1000 hours, in the Allegheny Room (pay as you go). The Hospitality Rooms will be open from 1000 to 1400 hours.

**DRESS CASUALLY - STAY LATE, AND PARTY IN THE GEEIA-MDA-EI "CAN-DO" TRADITION!**

We are looking forward to seeing all who can attend to have another 'GO' at maintaining the GEEIAMDA-EI 'CAN DO' spirit! SEE YOU IN OCTOBER!

*Walter J. Chapman*

Walt Chapman, Chairman  
<geeia361@crosstel.net>

**NOTICE**

Dinner choice changes, or cancellations, will be taken until 1800 hours, Tuesday, 6 October 2009. Cancellations after that time will result in forfeiture of your Registration Fee. Please plan accordingly and if you must cancel, do so before the cutoff.

**BILTMORE HOTEL OKLAHOMA**  
401 South Meridian Avenue  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73108  
RESERVATIONS: 1-800-522-6620  
405-947-7681

[www.biltmoreokc.com](http://www.biltmoreokc.com)

*Remember to tell them you will be attending the GEEIA-MDA-EI Reunion!!*

**HEADS UP ON TRICARE**

TRICARE for life is a supplement to Medicare for military retirees. As more and more veterans become eligible, the cost of this program reached \$8 billion in 2008.

The Federal Budget Office, charged by the new president with finding places to cut spending out of the budget, has now targeted this program for substantial reduction. According to the report, TRICARE costs must be reduced to make way for a more universal health care package for non-veterans.

The recommended method, to start in 2011, is that instead of the program paying full expenses, as it now does, to make coverage a \$525 deductible, and have the veteran pay HALF of the next \$4,725.

You may want to write or email your congressman if you do not want to see these benefits cut. To read the full report, go on-line and click on <http://www.cbo.gov/doc.cfm?index=9925> On the left side, click on the binoculars, and then search for TEL.



A group from San Antonio enjoying the festivities at the 2007 reunion.

*Please check our website periodically as any changes regarding the reunion activities will be posted there immediately. [www.geeia-mds-ei.org](http://www.geeia-mds-ei.org)*

**REGISTRATION, DINNER RESERVATIONS AND VOLUNTEER FORM  
FIFTEENTH BIENNIAL WORLDWIDE GEEIA-MDA-EI REUNION**

(PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHETHER YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE REUNION OR NOT . THE INFORMATION WILL BE USED TO UPDATE OUR PERSONNEL REGISTRY AND DATABASE)

Registration Fee: \$45.00 per person. Includes cost of dinner, and Wine and Cheese Social. ( ) Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

( ) I Will ( ) I Will Not be attending the Reunion.

( ) I will be attending the Reunion, but not the dinner.

( ) Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus ( ) Cornish Game Hen

( ) Vegetarian Meal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ 9-Digit Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Last GEEIA-MDA-EI Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Your AFSC: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Grade (then): \_\_\_\_\_

Will your spouse and/or friend(s) be accompanying you?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Yes ( ) No I wish to take the Oklahoma History Center tour on Friday Oct 9. Transportation cost \$10.00 per person. If Yes, indicate number of persons \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Yes ( ) No I wish to take the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum tour and lunch on Friday Oct 9. Transportation cost \$10.00 per person. If Yes, indicate number of persons \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Yes ( ) No I wish to take the trip to the Remington Park Casino tour on Saturday Oct 10. Transportation cost \$10.00 per person. If Yes, indicate number of persons \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Yes ( ) No I volunteer to help in the Hospitality Room ( ) Friday ( ) Saturday ( ) Sunday

( ) Yes ( ) No I volunteer to help as Bartender

( ) Yes ( ) No I volunteer to help as a "Go-fer"

( ) Yes ( ) No I wish to receive the GEEIA-MDA-EI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER (A \$1.00 donation is requested to cover costs)

Please mail this form with your check or money order payable to ' GEEIA MDA-EI REUNION '  
to- Jim Street, 1101 Choctaw Ridge Rd., Midwest City, OK 73130-6130 NLT 25 Sep 2009

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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