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Dear WASP,

GOLD MEDAL WASP HOMECOMING last year was so much fun with 17 WASP in attendance and we are planning on making it bigger and better this year! So, please put Avenger Field on your calendar on the last weekend of May. Plan to arrive in Sweetwater on Friday, May 27th or Saturday May 28th, and depart Sunday, May 29th. Here are just a few reasons for you to return to Avenger Field this year:

- Your hotel room with two beds will be paid for by the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce for two nights. You will need to call me (325) 235-0099, email or write me to make your free reservation for your complimentary room.
- American Airlines and Air Compassion for Veterans have donated 20 round-trip tickets to DFW for WASP to attend HOMECOMING 2011. The 20 tickets may be used only by WASP and will be assigned to the first 20 who make their reservations to attend.
- We are also petitioning Southwest Airlines to provide more tickets and will do what we can to help more than the first 20 who respond to attend.
- Museum Board Member, Lana Kraeszig, and her Pecan Plantation 99s will pick up those flying into Dallas Thursday afternoon or Friday morning and provide lodging in their homes and your meals at Granbury and will fly (or drive) you to Sweetwater on Saturday morning and back to Granbury Sunday. You may stay in their homes Sunday night and fly out on Monday if you prefer. Those of you who would like to use one of the complimentary airline tickets should call Lana Kraeszig and talk to her before making your flight reservations: Cell (817-559-9201) or Home (817-579-5454)

- Transportation and any assistance that you might need will be provided for you here in Sweetwater.
- There will be an Honor Parade on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. for those who have driven in on Friday. Cars and motorcycles will gather at the Texas Theater downtown, which has been restored to the appearance that you will remember from your time here in training. The parade will travel to the museum.
- You will be our guest at the Luncheon and Dinner/Dance on Saturday. We will also provide your dinner if you arrive in Sweetwater on Friday. Your breakfasts will be provided by your motel. Please call the museum (325-235-0099) so that I can make your motel reservations for you.
- WASP Bee Haydu will be the featured speaker at the luncheon at 11:30 on Saturday at Texas State Technical College. TSTC now stands where your barracks were, near the Wishing Well and the “Solo Flight” bronze statue.
- Highland High School U.I.L. One-Act Play cast will perform their award winning play about the WASP & Jackie Cochran, Fastest Woman Alive, at 1:30 pm at the museum for your pleasure.
- The Sweetwater Municipal Band provides wonderful WWII Era music at the evening gala at HANGAR ONE. Most of you know that the museum is in a 1929 hangar at Avenger Field. We will also have a Sunset Memorial Saturday evening.
- The WASP #12 Stearman that many of you flew here at Avenger Field in training is being brought to HOMECOMING 2011 from Pennsylvania by owners Andy and Mike Porter sponsored by 3 of our museum board members. We are so excited to have this Stearman here for the first time since 1943-'44.
- Two film-makers plan to attend to film for projects they are currently working on. One of them is shooting a film titled “Stearman Spirit” and the other is expanding his interviews from the Florida WASP with whom he has already been working.

We know travel is becoming more difficult for some of you, but we don't want you to miss all of the fun and reminiscing and we will do whatever we can to make it possible for you to travel to Avenger Field this year. ***Please mail your responses on the next page*** to PO Box 456, Sweetwater, TX 79556...or email us at waspmuseum@yahoo.com ...or call the museum (325) 235-0099 or my cell phone (325)518-0099.

____ Yes, I plan to attend and will be driving to Sweetwater on Friday for the event, and so I will need a room for Friday and Saturday night.

____ Yes, I plan to attend and will need transportation from Dallas, and so I will need a room in Sweetwater for Saturday night only.

____ No, I am sorry that I am unable to attend this year on May 28th.

WASP Name: _____

I will be accompanied by _____

(Your escort will need to make complimentary reservations for the Luncheon and Dinner, and will need to make his/her own motel reservations if not sharing your complimentary room)

WASP Phone #: _____

WASP or escort's Email: _____

Thank you for your quick response that will enable us to begin making plans to for you at WASP HOMECOMING 2011.

With much affection,

Sharron Davis
Executive Director
National WASP WWII Museum