

Family Newsletter

Peterson - Jackson - Wakefield - Mack – Connor - Knighton
July 2009

What:	2009 Peterson – Jackson – Wakefield – Mack – Connor & Knighton Families Reunion
When:	August 7, 8, 9, 2009
Where:	Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Exec Center 5655 Greenwich Rd Virginia Beach, VA 23462 1.800.860.7109
Hosts:	Glenn & Shirley James & Family 1908 Cokesberry Court Virginia Beach, VA 23456-5924 Ph# 757.430.2470 Cell (240) 577-5813 james6804@cox.net

Words from Hosts:

We are rapidly approaching the date of our family reunion and we hope all are as excited as we are. Just wanted to take this opportunity to remind those that may have forgotten that, July 07th is the finale date to get your hotel reservation at the agreed upon rate. As we get closer to that date, the hotel will minimize the number of rooms they will block for us. If you are told that the rooms are not available at the agreed rate, please call me immediately at (240) 577-5813 and I will contact the hotel representative that I have been working with to correct the matter. Remember, after July 7th the hotel will not offer the rate as given to the family.

We had marked June 1st as the deadline for submitting the reunion fees, but we certainly do not want any of our family members to miss this reunion. Reunion fees can be paid at the signup table on Friday in the “Meet and Great” room. Please refer to the information below for reminder of reunion fees.

Finally, we are having extremely nice weather here. Make sure to bring plenty of sun-loving clothes!

Warmest Regards,
Glenn, Shirley, Chris, and Vikki

1. Hotel: You should call the hotel before July 07, 2009 to make your reservations. Please state that you are reserving your room for the

Peterson Family Reunion. The rates are \$129.00 per night (1-4 persons per room)

- a. Holiday-Inn Virginia Beach-Exec Center
5655 Greenwich Road
Virginia Beach, Va. 23462
(888) 897-0084
 - b. What you can expect at the hotel:
 - i. Indoor and out door pool
 - ii. Fitness room
 - iii. Restaurant and lounge
 - c. Attractions:
 - i. Virginia Beach Oceanfront
 - ii. Downtown Norfolk – Nautilus Marine Museum
 - iii. Historic Williamsburg
 - iv. Historic Yorktown
 - v. Historic Jamestown
 - vi. General MacArthur Memorial Museum
 - vii. Virginia Beach Marine Museum
2. Transportation:
 - a. Norfolk International Airport is located roughly 20 minutes from the hotel. Rental car service is available at the airport. Holiday-Inn Executive Hotel does provide free shuttle service to and from the airport. Additionally, the hotel will provide shuttle service to areas within 15 minutes from its location.
 - b. Newport News/Williamsburg Airport is located roughly 40 minutes from the hotel with easy access to Interstate 64 to the hotel in Virginia Beach. Rental car service is available at the airport. (On many occasion I find it cheaper to fly in and out of this airport)

3. Reunion Fees:

- a. If you have not done so yet, it is extremely important that reunion attendance fees are sent out. As we get closer to the reunion it becomes very critical that we have as close as possible count so that we can plan the meals

accordingly. Reunion fees are as follows:

- i. Adult and Children over 16 years of Age - \$55.00
 - ii. Children 6 to 16 Years of Age - \$35.00
 - iii. Children 5 and under – Free!
- b. **Please send payment to:**
 Glenn James
 1908 Cokesberry Court
 Virginia Beach, Va. 23453

Family Milestones and Notices

- Cassandra Richardson informs us that her niece, Akiliah Murphy (great grand daughter of Rosa Mae (Peterson) James) and her Katy Texas Basketball teammates won the KBA Tournament Championship!!!
- Photos and videos from the June 2009 wedding of Rhonda (daughter of Johnny and Cassandra Richardson) and Paul Martin may be viewed at www.noreaj.com/PaulRhondaWedding/index.htm or click the appropriate link at www.noreaj.com.
- Anthony Young, the great great grandson of Allison Peterson, told Butch that he created a PowerPoint presentation for a class project from information he gathered from the family webpage. He received a good grade!
- A family business and craft directory has been added to our family webpage. It currently features crafts or businesses by Sharon Ford, Cassandra Richardson, and Tanja Ford. See the *Business Directory* by clicking the link at the top of page at www.noreaj.com/PetersonFamilies. If you would like to have your business or craft listed on the page then send Butch the appropriate information as detailed on the page.

Urgent Notification System: Contact Butch by email or phone when you have urgent family news such as a death that demands instant notification. Butch will then send out the information via email to those family members for whom he has email addresses. Those who receive the information by email should then pass the urgent news on to other family members by phone and

word of mouth. **This system does not substitute for how you currently pass on such urgent information but instead it adds to it.**

Family Web page: Visit the family webpage at: www.noreaj.com/petersonfamilies. The webpage contains photos and videos from our past family reunions. There are obituaries, family genealogy charts, US Census records, and some family history. If you have information that you would like presented on the webpage then contact Noriega (“Butch”). It is **you** who must provide the information that is necessary to document and preserve our family history.

Our Family Tree Charts: We need to correct, update, and expand the “official” family tree that will be on display at the upcoming reunion. I need your help. If you have not forwarded your family information to me then please do so as soon as possible. You may check the family webpage to see if your specific family tree information is already included and is correct. If necessary, ask a young family member to review or print the relevant family tree(s) for you. Use it as an opportunity to get our young folks involved with our history.

Our webpage has been updated to include more individual family trees. Take a look!

Photo Scanning Service: If you have old photographs of your parents, grandparents, sisters and brothers, yourself, or other relatives, I will scan and copy them to DVD for you for free. Scanning old photos and documents and placing them on DVD or CD is currently the best way to preserve them from the deterioration that occurs over time. If you mail me your old photos and or documents I will scan and copy them to DVD and return them to you within two weeks.

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Happy 4th of July!

See you in Virginia Beach!