RUAEA Reunion

Houston 2026

September 25, 2026 ~ September 30, 2026

Holiday Inn Houston - InterContinental Airport

15222 JFK Boulevard

Houston, TX 77032

Come join us along with RUPA, ARECA, RAFA & Clipped Wings

Celebrating USA 250th Birthday and United 100th years!

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Welcome to the 2026 RUAEA Reunion

RUAEA 2026 Reunion is co-sponsored with ARECA (**A**ssociation of **R**etired **E**mployees of **C**ontinental **A**irlines), and RUPA (**R**etired **U**nited **P**ilots **A**ssociation) with all branches of the United Family joining in; Clipped Wings (Former & current UA Flight Attendants) and RAFA (**R**etiree **A**ssociation of **F**light **A**ttendants). We encourage you to bring friends and family to this great city, tours and camaraderie as we all celebrate United's 100th years and the United States 250th celebration.

Our hotel is the Holiday Inn Houston – InterContinental Airport at 15222 JFK Blvd., Houston, TX 77032. Check the hotel information on page C4. **Very important – RUAEA has committed to a block of rooms as we do with each convention so please book through the hotel as described on page C-4. Using any other discount will not add toward our committed block of rooms and RUAEA could incur a financial penalty.**

Registration and late tour sales will be in Trinity Ballroom. The Hospitality Suite will also be located in the Trinity Ballroom and will be the hub of our activities, the place to meet your old friends and make new ones! This is where you will find our 50/50 and Special Raffles ticket sales, as well as Silent Auction items. Each evening there will be a Cash Bar (cash or credit card) and door prizes.

The ***Houston Country Night*** will be on September 29th. There will be dinner and entertainment. The ***Patriotic Soiree*** will be held on September 30th in the Trinity Ballroom celebrating our country's 250th birthday and United Airlines 100th Anniversary. Signup sheet will be available for the Banquet seating. There will be tables for 10 individuals. Our dress code for this evening will be Dressy Casual, jacket and/or tie are optional, Patriotic apparel would also be appropriate. So bring all your friends for a fun time. **Remember that the Banquet is a three-course dinner followed by entertainment.**

There are a variety of tours; many tours fill up fast, so register as early as you can! Taking in the sights with your friends is always fun. While we would like you to take part in our tour package, we know there are so many thing to do and see in the Houston area. You may want to arrive early and/or stay late to do somethings on your own. The hotel is offering the convention rate three days prior to and three days post-convention based on availability. If you wish to utilize the rates prior to and after the Reunion, please contact the hotel directly at dsalinas@holidayinn-iah.com.

See pages C 9-10 for details and sign up early.

Special tables will be in the Hospitality Suite with items for sale by Clipped Wings. Proceeds go to their philanthropic group - Special Olympics. The Mainliner Club will have items for sale. For any questions or concerns, please contact us at ruaeaconvention@gmail.com or **Hank Gosselin** – RUAEA VP-Conventions at henrygosselin@comcast.net.

Transportation Information

For travel to and from Houston, don't forget UA discount, whereby you receive 20% off a confirmed fare. Almost all other carriers serve Houston. ID90 is available on most carriers. Be sure to check Travel in Flying Together for booking and listing information. One of the best ways to access Flying-Together and the travel section is to go to ruaea.org and click on the link.

RUAEA Reunion Information

50/50 RAFFLE AND SPECIAL RAFFLE

The popular 50/50 Raffle will be held each evening in the Hospitality room, at 6:30 PM. The drawing for the Special Raffle will be held Tuesday, September 29th at 6:30 PM. The special raffle will feature hotel points, gift items and gift cards. Tickets for 50/50 and the Special Raffle may be purchased during Hospitality Suite hours. Please buy your tickets early if you are going on a tour as sales end each evening at 6:15 PM.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

This meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 29th, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, in the Trinity Ballroom. The state of affairs of RUAEA will be announced by President **Ruth Morabito**. There will also be presentations by Executive VP **George Midwin**. **There will be door prizes so be sure to attend.**

BENEFITS PANEL PRESENTATION

This presentation will be following the Business Meeting, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon on Tuesday September 29th. Presenters will be from various Departments of United Airlines including Representatives from Alliant Credit Union. Breakout sessions will be from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM in the Oak Ballroom. Workshops are planned after the presentations, one for Cyber Security and another for Travel Benefits as well as more personal discussions with Alliant Credit Union.

REGISTRATION

Registration forms are on pages C-9 and C-10, including your meal and tour selections. You must register for the event even if you are not participating in the tours or other gatherings to qualify for the negotiated hotel rates. Tours are subject to cancellation if we do not have sufficient participation. We urge you to register early to be sure space is still available**.** If your tour is cancelled, you will be notified at the email address or phone number you have provided on the registration form. Reimbursement for canceling tours after the cutoff date will be considered as long as there is no financial loss to the Convention. Don't forget, if you have questions, contact us at **ruaeaconvention@gmail.com**.

We encourage you to register online at ruaea.org and pay with a credit card.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Registration fees are non-refundable. For tour and dinner cancellations prior to the Reunion, please contact **Shirley Claggett** by **September 20th, 2026** at ruaeaconvention@gmail.com or write to her at 1007 South 262nd Place, Des Moines, WA 98198. **Dinners may be canceled at the Reunion up to September 26th, 2026.**

All Refunds will be considered after the Reunion if there is no cost to the Reunion Event.

Hotel reservations should be cancelled directly with the hotel as they have a 24 hour cancellation policy. Also your credit card will be charged for the first night's stay 24 hours prior to arrival.

Ground Transportation

Hotel has a free shuttle from and to IAH on the hour and half-hour 24/7.
Free Parking at the Hotel if driving.

The Retired United Airlines Employees Association Reunion
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Our contract includes accommodations for 2 persons per room and breakfast for 2 at a rate of $109.00 per room night, plus tax. If you require different accommodations, such as additional guests per room or a handicapped-accessible room, please specify these needs when making your reservation. **Please note that this rate is available only to those who register for the Reunion. Registration with the hotel does not register you for the Reunion, this must be done separately either online at ruaea.org or mailing the form to the registration office (see pages C-9 & C-10).**

We encourage you to make your hotel reservation as soon as possible, as space may be limited, and early reservations greatly assist us in the planning process. Start planning your 2026 vacation to celebrate RUAEA's 51st year, the 250th year of this country's Independence and the 100th anniversary of United Airlines! Stay tuned for more information in upcoming RUAEA Newsletters over the next few months.

Reservations can be made by calling 800-465-4329. Please mention the RUAEA block code RUA to receive the discounted rate of $109 + tax which includes breakfast for two.

Rate will be available three days prior and three days post based on occupancy. Once you have made your reservation for days between September 25th – September 30th; you can extend your stay at the same rate for up to 3 days prior to the Reunion or 3 days after. However, this cannot be done through reservations. This has to be done manually by our hotel representative Deirdre Salinas. This can be accomplished by e-mailing her at dsalinas@holidayinn-iah.com, there is no phone contact. You can also call **Hank Gosselin** at (253) 653-5946 or email henrygosselin@comcast.net.

Hotel Information

- ★ **Check in: 4:00 pm and Check out: 11:00 AM – There is a 24 hour cancellation policy. Please read requirements when making your reservations.**
- ★ **Reservations must be made by August 26th, 2026 to guarantee the Convention rate.**

Ground Transportation

Free shuttle service from and to IAH as well as Free Parking at the Hotel if Driving! Shuttle runs approximately every 30 minutes

Restaurant Discount

The Blue Dixie Kitchen which is adjacent to the hotel offers 15% discount with your Reunion badge.

RUAEA ~ RUPA ~ ARECA ~ CLIPPED WINGS ~ RAFA REUNION 2026
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Saturday	Sept. 26	9:00AM –	RUAEA Exec Board Meeting ~ Maple Room
		1:00PM – 4:00PM	RUAEA Board Meeting ~ Maple Room
		12:00PM – 6:00PM	Registration ~ Trinity Ballroom
			Hospitality Suite ~ Trinity Ballroom
Sunday	Sept. 27	10:00AM – 6:00PM	Registration ~ Trinity Ballroom
		10:00AM – 6:15PM	50/50 – Special Raffle Sales ~ Trinity Ballroom
		10:00AM – 1:00PM	Tour 1 - Houston City Tour
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Hospitality Get Together ~ Trinity Ballroom
			Cash Bar (cash or credit card)
		6:15PM –	50/50 Drawing – 7:30PM Door Prizes
Monday	Sept. 28	10:00AM –6:00PM	Registration ~ Trinity Ballroom
		8:00AM – 6:15PM	50/50 – Special Raffle Sales ~ Trinity Ballroom
		9:30AM – 4:30PM	Tour 2 - NASA Space Center Tour
		TBD	RUPA Board Meeting ~ Maple Room
		TBD	ARECA Board Meeting ~ Maple Room
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Hospitality Get Together ~ Trinity Ballroom
			Cash Bar (cash or credit card)
		6:15PM –	50/50 Drawing – 7:30PM Door Prizes
Tuesday	Sept. 29		Registration on Request
		9:00AM –	RUAEA Business Meeting ~ Trinity Ballroom
		10:00AM – 12:00Noon	Benefits Panel Presentation ~ Trinity Ballroom
		1:00PM – 3:00PM	Benefits Breakout Session ~ Oak Ballroom
			Cyber Security Workshop
			Travel Workshop
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Houston Country Night with Entertainment ~ Trinity Ballroom
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Cash Bar (cash or credit card)
		6:15PM –	50/50 drawing
			Special Raffle Drawing Silent Auction closeout
Wednesday	Sept. 30	9:00AM – 2:30PM	Tour 3 - United Airlines Maintenance Tour
		5:45PM – 9:00PM	Patriotic Soiree, Flag Presentation, Invocation, Dinner, Entertainment and Dancing
		4:30PM – 8:00PM	Cash Bar (cash or credit card) ~ Trinity Ballroom

All Veterans are invited to take part in the Flag Presentation

RUAEA 2026 TOUR SUMMARIES
Sunday, September 27th, 2026

Tour #1 ~ 10:00AM ~ 1:00PM
Houston City Tour - $40.00 p/p

See a host of historical highlights, cultural points of interest, and murals in Houston on this sightseeing tour. Enjoy unobstructed views and listen to stories about the city as you cruise past important landmarks like the historic City Hall, Market Square, Downtown Aquarium, and Graffiti Park. Leave the brochure at home—your guide has better stories to tell.

- A great way to get your bearings in Houston for the first time
- Includes a map to help you get around
- An ideal option for art-lovers in Houston
- Pack lots of sightseeing into one handy booking
- Map and orientation, Gratuities, Hotel pickup and drop-off

RUAEA 2026 TOUR SUMMARIES
Monday, September 28th, 2026

Tour #2 ~ 9:30AM ~ 4:30PM
Space Center Houston - $80.00 p/p

With this combo package, enjoy round-trip transportation and general admission tickets to Space Center Houston with your NASA expert who will navigate your group through the Space Center's most noteworthy exhibits, presentation theaters, and the amazing "Rocket Park".

During this tour, our expert guide will have you experiencing the Space Center like a true NASA All-Star including boarding a 905 Space Shuttle, seeing a live presentation from a real-life NASA astronaut currently stationed at the International Space Station, learning about the possibilities beyond planet Earth with the Starship Gallery displays, marveling at the future of special travel with the futuristic Artemis exhibit, and riding the trams!

With so many amazing things including the Saturn V Rocket, one-of-a-kind Independence Plaza, and stargazing Starship Gallery, your NASA guide can also take group photos for memories to last a lifetime!

RUAEA 2026 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES
Wednesday, September 30th, 2026

Tour #3 ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ 2:30 p.m. ***Times may vary***
United Airlines Maintenance Center

We are hopeful that, together, RUAEA and United will be able to provide a tour of this facility. Since this may or may not be implemented until just prior to the Reunion, we will only offer tour sign-ups on the day attendees register on-site for the reunion. The cost will be $10 per person to cover transportation and administrative expenses. Tours will begin early Wednesday morning, September 30th, and continue on a scheduled basis as needed, depending on the number of sign-ups and how many people that United can accommodate. More information will be forthcoming and available in the newsletter.

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Convention Committee

Chairperson **– Gary Peterson**

Tour Chair **– Joan Smith and George Midwin ~** ***Registration Chair*** **– Liz Gilmer**

Entertainment Chair **– Liz Gilmer and Hank Gosselin**

Decorations Chair **– The Gooselaw Family ~** ***Raffle Chair*** **– Sue Peterson**

Registrar **– Ron Paluch ~** ***Treasurer*** **– Shirley Claggett**

President **– Ruth Morabito ~** ***Vice President Conventions*** **– Hank Gosselin**

Assistant VP Conventions **– Ron Bertacini**

Site Selection Committee **– Dave Garland and Ron Bertacini**

Newsletter Manager **– John Chu**

Photographers **– Veronica & Francis Domaratius**
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Houston Country Night
Tuesday, September 29th, 2026

Sliders Buffet
Mini Cheeseburgers, Mini Buffalo Chicken Sliders,
Mini Pulled Pork Sliders
Lettuce, Tomato and Onion, Coleslaw and Potato Salad,
Brownies and Cookies

Bring your Western wear

There will be entertainment for your listening and dancing pleasure!

Contributions by RUAEA, Alliant Partners, and RUPA

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RUAEA's Patriotic Soiree
Wednesday, September 30th, 2026

MENU

House Salad and Fresh Baked Rolls

Filet Mignon, Boursin Mashed Potatoes and Roasted Asparagus
-Or-
Panko Crusted Grouper, Wilted Spinach,
Mashed Potatoes topped with Lobster Sauce

Vegetarian Option

Dessert, Coffee or Tea

Plus Entertainment!
Bring your dancing shoes (boots) / Patriotic apparel for a fun time
or just listen to good music
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Conv. Treas. use only	Batch No.	Form No.	Group No.	Check Amount

2026 RUAEA – RUPA – ARECA – Clipped Wings Reunion Registration Form

* Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is August 28th, 2026 *

* The deadline for Reunion Registration is September 9th, 2026 *

(Please Print Clearly)

File Number	Member Of: (Check all that apply)						Retired From: Department & Domicile
	☐ RUAEA	☐ RUPA	☐ ARECA	☐ CW	☐ RAFA	☐ Other	
Last Name:			First Name:				Name Tag: (If Different)
Street Address:							**Are You a Veteran?** **Y** ☐ **N** ☐
City:		State:		Zip:			Phone:
Spouse Last Name:		First Name:		Veteran ☐ Y ☐ N			Name Tag: (If Different)
Guest 1 Last Name:		First Name:		Veteran ☐ Y ☐ N			Name Tag: (If Different)
Guest 2 Last Name:		First Name:		Veteran ☐ Y ☐ N			Name Tag: (If Different)
Guest 3 Last Name:		First Name:		Veteran ☐ Y ☐ N			Name Tag: (If Different)
Email address (to be used for receiving Reunion updates or Tour information changes)							
Would you like your email address or cell published in the Reunion Directory?						☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Enter email address:						**Cell phone:**	

Instructions:

1. Complete both pages of this Convention Registration Form.
2. Check your choices for dinner entrée and tours. Make certain you record the correct number of people attending each event. Please indicate Guest # on meal and tour choices.
3. Make certain the Member's **File Number is entered at the top of the form** and the total number of people is indicated for the ***non-refundable*** Registration Fee.
4. There will be sign-up sheet for banquet seating. Each table seats 10 people.

Reunion 2026		Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	× Price (P/P)	= Total
Registration Fee – Non Refundable ***Fee Required for each Attendee* **					**$20.00**	$
	Houston Country Night				$55.00	$
	Banquet					
	Filet Mignon				$65.00	$
	Panko Crusted Grouper				$65.00	$
	Vegetarian Option				$65.00	$
					Total of registration plus meals =	$
					Total balance of tours from **Page C-10** =	$
					Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File Number on Check	$

See Registration Form Page 2 (C-10) for information on how to register and pay for the 2026 Reunion.

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Tour Registration

Date – 2026	Tour Description	Tour #	Cost P/P	Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	Total Cost
Sunday, Sept. 27	Houston City Tour	1	40.00				
Monday, Sept. 28	NASA Space Center	2	80.00				
Wed., Sept. 30	UAL Maintenance Center	3	10.00				
						Sub Total from this page (Enter on **Page C-9**)	
RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE REUNION							

TO BE LISTED IN THE REUNION DIRECTORY,
YOU MUST REGISTER BY
September 9th, 2026

Please inform us of any special access or accommodations for any tours you are booking.

You can register and pay for the Reunion by the following two methods:

1. **Register and pay online with Credit Card at https://ruaea.org/reunion or use attached QR Code.**
2. **Make Check Payable to: 2026 RUAEA Convention**
   Mail completed Registration Form and Check to:
   2026 RUAEA Convention, c/o Shirley Claggett, 1007 South 262nd Place, Des Moines, WA 98198.
   Email – ruaeaconvention@gmail.com