

2018 Reunion Blast

NEWS YOU CAN USE ABOUT THE MAY 23-27, 2018. SKY SOLDIER REUNION. ALEXANDRIA, VA

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Personal Safety

Traveling During the Reunion and Anywhere Else

- Prevent others from knowing where and how much money you are carrying. Purchase a SmarTrip® card or a multi-ride farecard.
- Don't purchase a Metro farecard or pass from people on the street. It might be counterfeit.
- Keep your jewelry and other valuables out of sight. Turn rings so that precious stones are on the palm side of your hand.
- Keep a firm grip on your purse. Avoid wrapping the strap around your hand or wrist.
- Use a purse with a secure clasp. Keep the purse close to your body and your hand on the clasp.
- Carry your wallet inside your coat or side trouser pocket, never in your rear trouser pocket.
- Place a rubber band around your wallet to feel resistance if it is removed from your pocket.
- Beware of loud arguments or commotions that may be staged to distract you while your pocket is picked.
- If your pocket is picked, yell out immediately to warn others. Don't be afraid to shout. Tell the train or bus operator and request the police.
- Avoid standing near train car doors to lessen your chance of being crowded or bumped by others. If you're jostled in a crowd, a pickpocket may be responsible.
- If you feel uncomfortable, move towards other people or ask a Metro employee for assistance.
- Ride a rail car that is occupied by other people, or in the first Metrorail car, where the operator of the train will be located.
- Keep small electronic devices concealed while traveling in the Metro system.
- If you must use your device, maintain an awareness of what is happening around you and hold your device with both hands to make it more difficult to snatch.
- When using an electronic device avoid sitting or standing near doors on rail cars or Metro buses.
- If your electronic device is taken, DO NOT resist or chase a thief. Take note of the suspect's description including any identifying characteristics and clothing. Report the theft immediately to the Metro Transit Police Department at 202-962-2121. If the incident happens aboard a train, get off at the next station to report it.