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EMBASSY SUITES Denver South Is Our Reunion Venue

Tac Missileers, the reunion is less than a year away, by making the hotel commitment for June 19 – 21, 2003 the launch sequence has been initiated.

With only ten months left until the next gathering the reunion organizers have planted our rally flag. The search for our reunion location is finished. The selection was made by Joe and the other officers aided immeasurably by Terry Akre working in and around Denver. The **Embassy Suites Denver South** location was preferred because it gives us the best balance of cost versus location and services for our next get-together.

Initially, we have contracted for 80 suites however, Joe and the other officers feel confident that this number will be short of our actual turn out. This first block of 80 suites was based solely on the number of folks who have already committed to go next year. We didn't want to overstate the estimated turnout to the **Embassy Suites** and then have to pay a penalty for any unfilled suites. As more of our presently uncommitted members sign up for the reunion the number of

suites booked can be increased without much difficulty once we exceed the initial block of 80 suites.

Going forward, the organizers will now concentrate on the activities. So far there are concrete plans for two banquet meals, one Friday and one Saturday. One of the feasts will be an **October Fest** buffet, I hope we can dig up some brassy beer Hall music, and the other will be our traditional semi-formal event. Other activities such as **golf and tours** are also in the making and will be sorted out soon. For starters, Joe has talked with the folks at **Harvey's casino in Central City** and they are showing a real interest in having us up there for a day. Watch for notices concerning additional goings on, changes and the general reunion planning and housekeeping through supplementary newsletters like this one, and via your regular quarterly newsletters. But, check in on the web site on a regular basis for the latest updates as well. The Tac Missileers web site is where you will find all breaking reunion news in near real time.

Now that we have the date and location set the hard but, most important work must begin, getting more members committed to attending the event. Please take the time and make the effort,

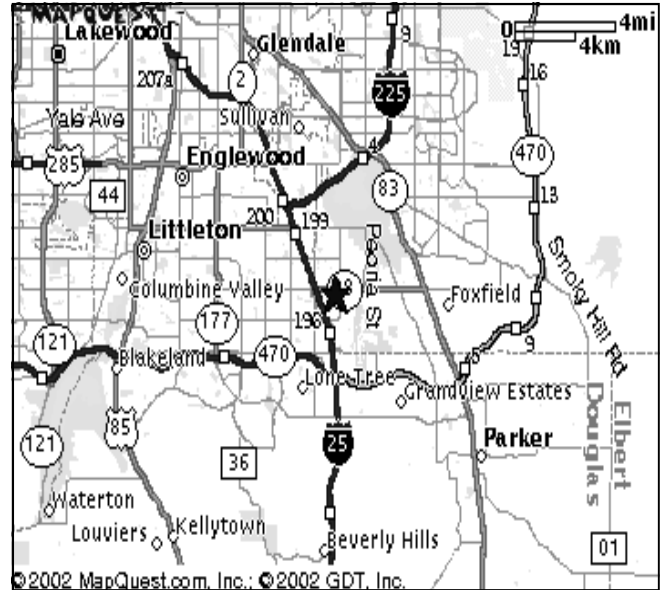
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talk it up among your friends and acquaintances from your missile days in the States, Germany and Asia. The success of the event now rests on the number in attendance, it is really up to you guys to spread the word and gently twist some arms of those yet uncommitted, into signing up. The members who have attended some or all of the other reunions will tell you that they are well worth the effort of going. Even if you never leave the premises of the hotel you will enjoy the camaraderie and feeling of Group connection generated by the encounters with those special old friends and in renewing the other acquaintances from those days many years ago. Talk it up guys, spread the word and let's have the best turn out yet.

The Hotel Specifics:

The Embassy Suites - Denver Tech Center
Denver South
I-25/Arapahoe Road
10250 E. Costilla Avenue
Englewood, Colorado

The hotel amenities include a free cooked to order breakfast each day of your stay and 2 hours of complimentary cocktails, other beverages and light hor d' oeuvres in the evenings. This is a suites hotel, the rooms are have separate bedroom and dining, sitting room areas. Each is equipped with a mini food preparation area. Free Parking is a plus.



Embassy Suites Reunion Location

Our Special Reunion Suite Rates Are:

- Single/double (1-2 persons) \$79.00
- Triple/quad (3-5 people) \$84.00

Right now you can book a suite for up to 5 days at these prices. I am sure I can get that 5 days time limit extended if some of you wish to stay longer. However, for the time being I am waiting to get an idea on the total number of suites we will eventually book before pressing for the stay extensions.

Call now to make your reunion reservations at 1-800-654-4810 and state you are with the "Tac Missileers Group" Please include the name(s) of your significant other(s) along with yours when you give your reservation information to the hotel. We want use the data to make up proper name tags for them.

The *Tac Missileers Corporation* is registered in the state of Florida. Membership dues have been established in the amount of \$15 per year to run from January through December. Notifications concerning annual dues will not be mailed to individual members. Announcements in the *Missileer News* will be the only notification given. The *Missileer News* is published quarterly. Special editions may be published if necessary. Articles submitted by members are encouraged and welcome. Subject matter can be anything about the Mace or Matador, or mission support organizations and activities. Articles of approximately 500 words fit best, but anything and everything will be considered.

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Editorial

Just as I thought I would have a few weeks off, free of thoughts about editing or re-writes, gathering materials, looking for stealth typos or planning the layout of the next edition of the newsletter Joe called on me and said, "I need a special edition, quick. Tell everyone about the reunion plans". Well, I can tell you, that got my attention level up immediately.

As I started to think and plan how to put this special edition together the more energized I became. I am in fact getting real enthused about the on going planning that Joe and the others are doing, some of the new ideas they are working on and of course about the eventuality of going to Denver again for the **June 2003 Tac Mis-sileers reunion**.

Not only do I look forward to meeting all who will attend but I am raring to go with the prospect of seeing all those special cronies from the Hill once again. I know that all of you have a close group of buddies from the missile days that you will always have a deep rooted connection with. Each of us thinks that our particular group was the most excellent and our times were the best of times but I'm going to use the privilege of the Editor's Bully Pulpit and tell you that there was never ever any other group of Air-men and Officers who can come close to the BEST, the ones that served together on the Hill at the 887th, Grünstadt. They were in one package the most straightforward, loyal, exasperating, kindest, craziest, funniest, fall down drunk in the mud at night and stand up straight and tall with spit shined boots, starched fatigues and a get the job done attitude the next morning. Drive you around the bend one minute with some pettiness but pick you up and carry you home the next. We bought and wrecked the best cars, married the best Fraüleins, We enjoyed the finest dinning hall cuisine because of our

Best Cooks. We were never overrun by the enemy because our Security Police were the Best. Our equipment worked better and the site never burned down because our AGE Troops and Firemen were the best. Our orders and paperwork was were always accurate because our Chief Clerk and First Shirt were the best. Our means of communication were always 5-by-5 because our Communications Troops were the best. And, we were always health because our Medics were the Best.....How's that for inciting some argument? Now, I know that I'll get a load of nay saying emails and calls telling me I'm off my rocker about who was the BEST but, conserve your energy. **Prove me wrong**, use that energy to get those emails and phone calls going, work that grapevine and spread the word. Reach out to your old buddies and encourage them to sign up for the reunion. Get them to actually commit by calling the hotel and reserving a suite. It will be an enjoyable few days and regardless of which ones or how many of your old buds show up, we all were the BEST of the best.

Home Coming

OK gang, The date and place are set. Time to start planning for our reunion next June. This one will be a homecoming, a return to beautiful Denver, Colorado.

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will you be able nisce with your Force buddies, plan on having, our reunion, an fest celebration of course, derful German and

"gemutlichkeit" that many of us celebrated during our stay in Germany. So guys, dig out that Lederhosen that you buried in the closet 40 + years ago and girls get out that pretty Oktoberfest Dirndl you have hanging up. It's party time! You just gotta make this one.
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