



TAC MISSILEERS

NEWSLETTER



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“Serving the mace and matador missile crews and all support personnel who fought and won the cold war”

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From Mr. Executive Director... Well Missileers, we start on our 6th reunion and get together. we have had good turn outs during these times. Hope you can come and join our fellow Missileers remembering time spent with each other. I would say good ole days but for some that was not the case but time heals everything. It has

been a blast for me to make sure we enjoy the comrade and remember the good times.

Joe Perkins

From Mr. President... It's almost reunion time again, how time flies!! We are finalizing some Tucson area trips to the Pima Air & Space Museum, the AMARC (the "bone yard"), the stored aircraft at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, the Titan Missile Museum and hopefully a few surprises. Let's not forget our usual group

dinner, and of course the best part will be hanging out and carousing again with all of our Mace & Matador friends.

See ya soon! Julian (Zito) Esposito

Reunion Sign-up Dead Line is April 15th !

Tac Missileers 2007 Reunion in Tucson, Arizona

2 - 4 May, 2007. . Make Your Room Reservations by calling

1- (520) 746-1161

Holiday Inn Palo Verde — Tucson Airport

Room rate of \$89.00 is good for 2 days before and up to 2 days after reunion dates.

Planned Reunion Activities

- AMARC (Bone yard) / PIMA Museum Tour. Thursday, May 3rd. 8:30 AM
 - ◇ (6 Hours) \$49.00 Per person
- TITAN Missile Silo & Tubac Tour. Friday, May 4th, 8:30 AM(6 Hours) ...\$40.00 P/P
 - ◇ This Tour could be a problem for folks with mobility issues, there are 55 steps down into the complex and 55 back up. There is an elevator but it only takes 4 people at a time or one wheel chair and they require advance notification.
- Old Pueblo Tucson City Tour, Friday, May

4th, morning

- ◇ (4 Hours).....\$36.00 P/P
- Town of TOMBSTONE Tour, Saturday, May 5th
 - ◇ (7 hours)\$69.00 P/P
- Banquet Friday 7:00 PM- Tucson Holiday Inn...\$???.00P/P
- Reunion Registration Fee\$ 10.00 per Tac Missileers **member only**
- Membership Meeting, Thursday, May 3rd. 3:30PM

Activities in Detail: SEE PAGE 2

Thursday May 3rd:**Davis-Monthan AF Base Tour of AMARC (Bone yard), lunch stop, (pay your own) and PIMA Air & Space Museum (Six hour tour - \$49.00 per person)**

During the AMARC tour one sees about 4400 post WWII aircraft in storage including some B52G bombers and a few B-1's. The Pima Air and Space Museum takes aviation and military history to a new level with an impressive collection of plains, memorabilia, uniforms, Exhibit Hangers and Space Gallery, more than 130 military and civilian aircraft are on display. – Includes a tour guide and all admissions (MINIMUM 35 passengers)

Friday May 4th:**2) Titan Missile Silo and Tubac - Where Art & History Meet - (6 Hours - \$40.00 per person)**

Titan Missile complex 71-15, located 25 miles south of Tucson, remains the last of its kind. In 1987 all Titan missile complexes were taken off alert and all but this one were destroyed. On April 6, 1994 the museum was designated a National Historic landmark. After watching a video about the history of the Titan and its deadly nuclear delivery capability, you are taken deep in to the "hardened" command center. Here, essential equipment -indeed the center itself- is mounted on springs to withstand anything but a direct hit. Then you pass through a couple of 6000 pound blast doors and walk along a space-age corridor to the silo itself. The 110 foot tall missile weighed 170 tons when it was fueled and ready to fly. Today it is empty and harmless, but still looks very deadly, crouched on its launch pad. Lunch is on your own at the Arizona Family Restaurant in Green Valley then onto the Titan Missile Silo. Following a lunch stroll you will have an opportunity to get up close and personal with famed wildlife artist **Nicholas Wilson** with a visit to his studio. Next we visit the **Village of Tubac**, nestled in the Santa Cruz River Valley, a village, dating back to 1753. We will visit three very distinct galleries. **Cobalt Gallery** features distinctive fine arts. Next, **Clay Hands Gallery** for a personal up close orientation

with potter **Diane Lislie** as she demonstrates her skill on the potters wheel, then across the street we visit with **James Culver**, fine leather goods, a working leather studio. See how his handbags, wallets and belts are made start-to-finish! Tour Includes: **Gray Line Tours** motor coach, **Senior Gray Line Guide**, admission to the Titan Missile Silo. (MINIMUM 35 passengers)

Friday May 4th:

3) Old Pueblo Tucson City Tour - (4 hours-\$36.00) Discover the origins of Tucson as established by the Spanish Conquistadors in the mid 1500's. Bring your camera! Get an overview of Tucson from the heights of **"A" Mountain**. Tour **Barrio Histórico**, the finest collection of adobe homes in the Southwest! See **El Tiradito Shrine**, El Presidio neighborhood and quaint La Casa Cordova, the oldest adobe home in the city. Swing through Snob Hollow. Visit **Old Town Artisans**, an historic treasure trove complete with unique gift shops. See the **University of Arizona**. You'll finish up at **San Xavier del Bac Mission**, "Sistine Chapel" of the southwest. Founded by Father Kino in the late 1600's, it is known as "The White Dove of the Desert." (Minimum 35 passengers)

Saturday May 5th:

4) Tombstone, The Town Too Tough To Die (7 hour—\$69.00 per person) Saturday tour for anyone staying – Tombstone & the OK Corral, the Crystal palace Saloon, Boot hill Graveyard, Tombstone Epitaph, lunch at the Longhorn restaurant in Tombstone included,. Package includes Boot hill Graveyard map of burial plots, Historama presentation, OK Corral & souvenir copy of the Tombstone Epitaph plus lunch. (Minimum 35 passengers)

FREE TOURS--Gray Line Tours has donated two free tickets to each tour. A raffle will be held before the start of each tour and two winners will be reimbursed for the cost of the tour. Remember, we must make the minimum of 35 passengers to conduct each tour

OUR 2007 REUNION HOTEL

Holiday Inn Palo Verde-Tucson Airport

4550 South Palo Verde Boulevard

Tucson, Arizona 85714

Call

520 746-1161 To Make Your Reservations

The hotel's convenient location and long list of amenities has made **Holiday Inn Palo Verde Tucson Airport** the preferred location for the downtown Tucson and South Tucson areas. It is only minutes away from Tucson Int'l Airport, Tucson Electric Park for baseball spring training, Davis-Monthan AFB, and many of Tucson's largest businesses, including Southwest Gas, Raytheon, Intuit, IBM and Texas Instruments to name only a few. Only blocks away, the Aviation Parkway offers a fast hassle-free route to downtown. The hotel staff speaks English, German, Japanese, Croatian, French, Russian and Spanish

HOTEL AMENITIES INCLUDE

A Full Cooked Breakfast Is Included With Our Package

- Bathtub Shower -- Cable / Satellite TV - Coffee Maker -- Complimentary Use of Meeting Room - double Glazed Windows - Free Morning Newspaper Delivered

to Room - In Room Video Check-out

- Individually Controlled Air Conditioning - Phone with Voice Mail -- Rollaway Bed/Cot - Separate Hanging Closet — Sofa-bed -- Windows Open by Guest
- Pets Allowed - Outside Pool - High-Speed Internet Access
- Whirlpool — Kids eat free — Dedicated 24 hour lounge
- Iron/ironing board - Coffee maker - Health fitness center - Hairdryer
- Air Conditioned public area - 301 Guest Rooms — 53 Suites
- 270 Non-Smoking Rooms - 107 Double-Bedded Rooms
- 192 Single-Bedded Rooms
- 2005 Last Renovation Date**
- 6 Floors - Cocktail Lounge
- 1 Restaurant — Ice Machine — Newsstand
- On-site Guest Self-Laundry Facilities (washer/dryer)
- Porter/Bellman — Room Service
- Safety Deposit Box available at Front Desk
- 534 Car Complimentary Parking



The 69th Pilotless Missile Squadron early Matador unit, 498th Tac Missile Group, 586th and 587th Tac Missile Group patches for sale on eBay recently. Starting bid price around \$50.00 each. I didn't see what they finally went for.

The 11th Tac Missile Squadron patch below was not in the sale. I just included its picture to round out the early patches used by our groups and squadrons.



The list of all missileers who have signed up to attend the reunion at Tucson as of February 20, 2007. Come on guys, call in to the hotel, make your reservation and join us. Everyone attending please return the form on page 5 along with your check to Max Butler as soon as possible so we can finalize the arrangements in Tucson. Dead Line April 15th. We are sure that many others will join at the last minute and we have heard from many other missileers that intend to be there so this list will grow.

In looking over the list I noticed that of these 39 names, 11 of the 39 are from one squadron, need I tell you which one it is? And I know that maybe two and possibly three more from that same squadron will be in Tucson also.

1. **Marc Hagan**
2. Waymond Snell
3. Stephen Perdue
4. Robert Bailey

5. Elvin Bellum
6. William Simpson
7. Diane Jamiolkowski
8. Charles Sisson
9. Larry Idleman
10. **George Glaush**
11. Kenneth Corf
12. William Russell
13. William Russell
14. David Durain
15. David Jessup
16. **Henry Barlow**
17. Clarence Davenport
18. John Dulaney
19. Robert Armbruster
20. Randy Doi
21. Ronald Lyscik
22. Bruce Armstrong
23. Samuel Williams
24. **Arnie Hanson**
25. **Michael Brashear**
26. Merwin Edholm

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE STILL ON FOR 2007

1 YEARS \$15.00

3 YEARS \$30.00 "What a deal"

Membership dues are used only to publish and mail the Tac Missileers Newsletter and to pay for the Tac Missileers Web site.

It is always membership drive time...if you haven't sent in your money...make your choice of either of the membership options and send your check to:

Tac Missileers Membership Director

A note on our dress for the banquet We want everyone to be comfortable but, we hope that the men will wear a tie and suit or sports jacket for the Friday Banquet. Please, No Shorts or T-shirts.

**TAC MISSILEERS - TUCSON REUNION
May 2-3-4 2007**

Reunion Activities Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ Zip _____

Email address: _____@_____

I AM attending the Reunion with _____

I have made reservations at the Holiday Inn () yes () no

I intend to stay elsewhere while at Tucson () yes () no

My ACTIVITY SELECTION:

REGISTRATION FEE — 1 0.00 per member (member only) = total \$ 10.00

ACTIVIY FEES PER PERSON

Thu. May 3 AMAROC Pima Air & Space Museum # _____ @ \$ 49.00 pp = total \$ _____

Fri. May 4 Titan Silo & Tubac tour # _____ @ \$ 40.00 pp = total \$ _____

Fri. May 4 Old Pueblo Tucson City Tour # _____ @ \$ 36.00pp = total \$ _____

Fri May 4 7:00 PM – Banquet Tucson Holiday Inn # _____ @ \$ 40.00 PP ** = total \$ _____

Sat. May 5 Tombstone Tour # _____ @ \$ 69.00 pp = total \$ _____

Grand Total = \$ _____

Checks made payable to: **TAC MISSILEERS CORP.** And mail this Form along with your check to:
Max Butler 3270 Bufkin Springfield Rd, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620
Any questions? Phone Max at 812-307-0187

Because of some freeloading at our Denver and Nashville banquets access to the Friday banquet will be restricted to members and their guests who have proof of payment at the banquet room door.

Max Butler Must Have The Form And Check By April 15th

Tac Missileers, this is your only opportunity to sign up for our 2007 reunion at Tucson. If you are on the fence about it, come down on the side of joining us in May. Max Butler must have your completed form and your check in his hand by April 15, 2007. Gentlemen, May 2nd is just around the corner - any forms received after April 15th unfortunately will be too late. If you have not attended one of our great reunions you have missed some truly good and interesting times, places and people. Don't hesitate, just do it. We meet for the fun and not to compete and compare. It doesn't matter what your job or rank was when you worked on the Martin Mator or Mace. Our reunions are strictly for the camaraderie, fun and remembering the "good" ole times and for making new memories with those wild and crazy guys you served with. So don't worry, be happy. Join us in Tucson. We truly hope to see you there.

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Mystery Site Identified as Hahn Site V



By Charles Herring and Joe Teriellis

In reference to the question of the identification of the site shown in the lower right block on page 8. That was the old Site V, 405th TMS site. I pulled launch crew duty at this site from August 1961 to July 1962.....I visited that site back in May of 1991 and found no remaining evidence of any military activity there. The

concrete pad was there and the place was then being used as a training site for front loader drivers moving piles of dirt from one place to another. There seems to be more structures on the site today but I can't make out what they are using the Google map feature.

Sincerely, **Charles K. Herring**

Volume 8 Issue 2, page 6: The "Which Site was I?" is Site V of the 586th. I used to lay awake at nights in my apartment in Kirchberg listening to the hum of the NTCUs. Knowing if I didn't hear them.....someone else had to go to work. I worked at Site VI.

Joe Teriellis