Dates: 23 – 26 April 2014

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Pensacola, 200 E. Gregory St, Pensacola, FL 32502

Room Rate: \$102 + room tax (<u>does not</u> include breakfast). Identify yourself as 12th TFW when making the reservation. This special rate is in effect for 2 days before and 2 days after the reunion dates listed above, based on room availability. Room cancellations accepted before 6:00 PM. Check-In time is 4:00 PM; Check-out time is 12 noon.

Cut-Off date for Rate: 23 March 2014 (book early; you can adjust or cancel later)

Hotel Reservations: (850) 433-3336 x5527 / x5528 or 1-877-227-6963

Group Code: FLY for the 12 TFW Assoc. Reunion Rate

http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/pensacola/pnsgh/hoteldetail

Pensacola Regional Airport: Crowne Plaza offers complimentary shuttle service.

Reunion Schedule and Activities

Wednesday, 23 April 2014: Registration and Welcome Reception

Registration will begin in the Hospitality Room (Grand Central Station) in the afternoon and continue into the evening. Drinks, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres available. Renew old friendships and start new ones. You are welcome to bring snacks or drinks of your own, if you would like. All alcohol must remain in the Hospitality Room per hotel rules.

Thursday, 24 April 2014:

Morning: National Naval Aviation Museum

We will depart the hotel at 8:15 AM for a tour of the National Naval Aviation Museum at NAS Pensacola. http://www.navalaviationmuseum.org/

Lunch: Cubi Bar Café or Golf Course Snack Bar (not included in price)

Afternoon: 479 Flying Training Group (FTG) Tour

479 FTG trains Combat Systems Officers (Navigators/Electronic Warfare Officers/Weapons System Officers) using the T-6A Texan II and T-1A Jayhawk aircraft. The tour will consist of briefings, tours of training and maintenance facilities, to include flight simulators and static display aircraft. Shuttle Bus to hotel will be available immediately after lunch to return those not participating in tour of 479 FTG. Tour Bus will return to hotel at 5:30 PM.

Evening: Dinner on your own. Hospitality Room open, **Silent Auction** bidding begins.

Friday, 25 April 2014:

Morning: Free (Old Pensacola, Dolphin Cruise, Hospitality Room)

Lunch: On your own

Afternoon: Aviation Rescue Swimmer School and/or USAF Aircrew Water Survival School Tour: Tour Bus will depart the hotel at 12:30 PM for tours of one or both of these activities. Tour Bus will return to hotel at 5:30 PM.

Evening: Traditional Bar-B-Que Buffet Dinner, Grand Ball Room, 6:30 PM Silent Auction bidding ends following Intermission Purchase & Pick-Up Silent Auction Items following Dinner

Saturday, 26 April 2014:

Morning:

Memorial Ceremony: Veterans Memorial Park, 10:00 AM Business Meeting: 11:15 AM at the Hospitality Room

Lunch: On your own

Afternoon: Hospitality Room Open until 3:00 PM

Evening: Cocktail Hour and Group Photo, Grand Ballroom, 6:00 PM

Banquet: Southern Comfort Buffet Dinner, 6:45 PM

Things to know about the reunions for first time attendees:

- **A.** Wives or significant others are encouraged to attend.
- **B.** There will be a **Silent Auction** of donated items which can be most anything, new, used, crafted, edible and drinkable. Your donations for this event are appreciated. The proceeds are used to help fund the reunion and next reunion site search and events preparation.
- **C.** General Business meeting will be held on Saturday morning. We will recap where we are, discuss any issues, set new directions, vote in new officers, choose the next potential reunion site and pay dues for the next two years (\$30 checks are OK).
- **D.** Group Photo of all 12th TFW Assoc. members and then members with their companions will be taken before the Banquet Dinner. A sports coat/suit is encouraged and photos can be purchased. The member group photo will be posted on the 12th TFW Assoc. website.
- **E.** Hospitality Room (Grand Central Station) with drinks and snacks will be set up for socializing, the renewing of old friendships and the making of new ones during the evenings Wednesday and Thursday, Friday morning, and until 3:00 PM Saturday.
- **F. Show 'N' Tell:** Your photos and military memorabilia can be displayed in an area set up for others to see and enjoy in the Hospitality Room. *Note:* Must be picked up by Saturday 2:00 PM.

G. Blue Angels: The Blue Angels will be on the road during our visit. If you arrive early, you might catch a practice show on Tuesday or Wednesday AM. http://www.blueangels.navy.mil/

Action Required: Complete the Reunion Registration forms and mail with check or money order so as to <u>ARRIVE Not Later Than 15 March 2014.</u>

Send To: William H. Cathey, 1555 Horizon Blvd, Kerrville, TX 78028. Any questions on reunion activities: Contact Bill at 830-896-5799 (H) or 830-370-8280 (M) or by email: whcktc@aol.com

Any questions on general 12th TFW reunion news and information: Contact E J Sherwood, 480-396-4681 or email: <u>EJ12TFW@cox.net</u>

Please make your hotel reservations now.

We hope to see you there!

12 TFW Association Staff