12th TFW/BG Reunion Dates: Thurs. 7th – Sun. 10th Oct. 2010, Depart on Monday.

Hotel: Holiday Inn DFW South, 14320 Centre Station Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76155. **Room Rate:** \$99 + 15% room tax (includes breakfast for two). Identify yourself as 12th TFW when making the reservation. This special rate is in effect for 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion dates listed above, based on room availability. Room cancellations accepted before 5 PM. Checkout time is 12 noon.

Cut-Off Date for Rate: 5 September 2010 (book early; you can adjust or cancel later) **Hotel Phone:** 817-399-1800. Use this number for the 12th TFW/BG discounted rate.

DFW Airport: Hotel is 3 miles away and offers a complimentary shuttle service.

Agenda

Welcome Reception: (Thurs. 7th)

We will begin to gather in the hotel Hospitality Room in the late afternoon and evening for drinks, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, to renew old friendships and to 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.

We will have a silent auction during the reunion. It will start on Friday evening and conclude on Saturday evening during the BBQ supper.

8 Oct. Friday AM: Visit to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

We will leave the hotel about 8:30.* At the Bureau we will take a tour, see a video, examine the displays and allow time to shop in the gift store. There is a 45-minute walking tour; if you need a wheelchair, be sure to note that on your reunion registration. Also, there are no cell phones, cameras or video equipment of any kind allowed. You must bring an ID, and all purses and bags will be searched as we go through security. Leaving the Bureau, we will stop for lunch at a local buffet. The cost of today's tour includes the lunch.

After lunch there will be **two options**. Some will go to Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company for a private tour. This is a production factory in operation. There will be noise, odors and temperatures of the working environment. FYI!

The second option will be to ride the bus to Grapevine, a quaint shopping area with lots of stores and specialty shops.

Busses will return to the hotel about 5:00.*

9 Oct. Saturday AM: Tour Fort Worth, visit the Stockyards and eat lunch.

We will leave the hotel about 9:00.* We will have a guided tour of the Fort Worth area, with a stop at the Stockyards for the daily cattle drive and lunch. **Please note that today's tour price does not include lunch.** There are many restaurants in the Stockyards and everyone will have lunch on their own at the restaurant of their choice. After the Stockyards, we will travel to the FAC (Forward Air Controller) Museum. After a tour and some time to explore this area, we will return to the hotel about 4:00.*

9 Oct. Saturday Evening: BBQ & Fun at the hotel.

We will have a real Texas BBQ supper, in the hospitality room, beginning about 6:30. *The silent auction will end and we will have a live raffle and way too much fun!

10 Oct.

Sunday: Memorial Service, Squadron and Unit Meetings, in the morning.

Free time in the afternoon to visit, do more shopping, sight-see on your own or just relax. The evening festivities begin with a cocktail hour at 6:00, followed by group pictures and then the **Banquet**.

*Times are still tentative.

Things to know about the reunions for first time attendees

A. Wives and significant others are encouraged to attend and is the basis for activity selection.
B. *There is 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 next reunion site search and events preparation.

C. General business meetings will be held on Sunday morning and are specific to each group. We will recap where we are, discuss any issues, set new directions, vote in new officers and choose the next potential reunion site.

D. A group photo of all 12th TFW Assoc. members and then members with their companions will be taken before the banquet dinner. A sports coat or suit is encouraged and photos can be purchased. The member group photo will be posted on the 12th TFW web page.

E. A hospitality suite with drinks and snacks will be set up for socializing, the renewing of old friendships and the making of new ones during the evenings throughout the reunion.

F. Show 'N' Tell: Your photos and military memorabilia can be displayed in an area set up for others to see and enjoy.

Action Required: Complete the Reunion Registration forms and mail with check or money order <u>no later than 30 August, 2010.</u>

Send To: Mary Bushnell, 1000 Ferndale St. South, Maplewood, MN 55119.

Any questions on reunion activities: Contact Mary at 651-739-0051 or by email: mhbusnell@aol.com

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