

12TFW - 2018 Tucson Reunion Update As of December 2017

The 2018 Tucson reunion is now just four months away. **It is never too early to make hotel reservations--** especially if you plan to participate in the Range trip so as to receive the \$109 Reunion Rate for shoulder dates. **Reunion dates rate is \$109/night (includes Breakfast Buffet for 2, a \$20 value!)** The Radisson also offers an airport shuttle for \$10/person. **So, stop procrastinating, make your hotel reservation today!**

There has been sufficient interest in visiting the **Barry Goldwater AF Range** near Gila Bend on **Wednesday, 4 April 2018** to observe air-to-ground gunnery by A-10s and F-16s, for the Association to reserve a bus. If you are interested in this all-day excursion (3 hours travel time each way), reserve your seat by e-mailing or calling the Reunion Coordinator-- first come, first served. Also, make your reservations and transportation arrangements to **arrive at the Radisson NLT Tuesday evening, 3 April 2018.** Depending on Range scheduling, we may need to depart for the Range as early as 0700 hrs Wednesday morning. Cost for transportation and picnic lunch for the Range visit is \$50.

Wednesday, 4 April 2018: Registration in the Hospitality Room from 1200-2100 hrs. Hospitality Room/Bar open with light snacks and *h'orderves*. Dinner on your own.

Thursday, 5 April: Morning visit to the Pima Air & Space Museum; lunch at the Davis-Monthan AFB Club; early-afternoon visit to the AMARG aircraft "Boneyard". Return to the Radisson by mid-afternoon. Hospitality Room/Bar open. Dinner on your own.

Friday, 6 April: Morning visit to either the A-10 equipped 355th Fighter Wing at Davis-Monthan AFB or the F-16 equipped 162nd Wing (Arizona Air National Guard) at Tucson Int'l Airport. Friday afternoon free. Hospitality Room open. Informal dinner at the hotel.

Saturday, 7 April: Morning Memorial Ceremony honoring fallen comrades, Association Business Meeting. Afternoon free. Hospitality Room/Bar open. Saturday evening Banquet at the Radisson will conclude the Reunion.

It is not too early to talk up the Tucson Reunion with long lost wingmen and/or acquaintances that you have made at previous reunions. Tucson has many attractions, and the weather is typically pleasant during the time of our visit. For more Tucson information follow this link: <https://www.visittucson.org/>

Radisson Reservations: *Wednesday, 4 April 2018 Check-in through Sunday, 8 April 2018 Checkout*, \$109/night rate (includes Breakfast Buffet for 2, a \$20 value). Check-in on Tuesday if participating in the Range visit. Rate is effective 3 days before and 3 days after Reunion dates, subject to availability. Call Radisson Suites Tucson Reservations at **520-721-7100**. They will either take your reservation or hand you off to Radisson Central Reservations **800-333-3333** (Toll Free). Our **Group Code: 418TAC**. On-line Reservations: <https://www.radisson.com/tucson-hotel-az-85710/aztucsr/rooms> (instructions follow)

NOTE: Reunion Registration forms will be e-mailed/mailed NLT early January 2018. Registration cost (range visit, all activities, and events are *a la carte*) NTE \$300 per person.

Look forward to meeting you or seeing you again at the Reunion,

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On-line Reservation Instructions:

If you encounter roadblocks in executing these instructions, you may need to change your browser pop-up settings. If you still have problems, please make your reservations by phone.

Copy and Paste the Radisson Suites Tucson link below to your web browser.

<https://www.radisson.com/tucson-hotel-az-85710/aztucsr/rooms>

Click on **Book Now** upper right hand side of page

Book Now page pops up

Complete **Check In** and **Check Out** dates by clicking on the little calendar and scrolling through to April 2018 and select your dates

Select number of **Rooms**, number of **Adults** and **Children** (if different from that shown)

Click on **MORE SEARCH OPTIONS**

Click on **Rate Type** pull-down ▼ and select **Promotional Code**

Enter **418TAC** in **Enter Code or ID** box

Click on **SEARCH** on the right side of the page

Search Results page pops up

Three types of rooms for \$109/night during the 4-7 April 2018 Reunion dates. **Shoulder dates may be \$109/night or higher subject to availability.**

STE4 and STE5 are **Premium Suites** with a room divider between the bedroom and living room. A 1-Bedroom suite is similar to a spacious, undivided single hotel room with a living/work area. All rooms have new furniture and 100 of the hotel's 299 rooms have received complete make-overs during the last year.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

NLT 24 hours prior to 6:00 PM hotel time for the first night that you have reserved

Only Arizonans know what the local time really is; but after some research, I conclude that that AZ remains on Mountain Standard Time (MST) following the 11 March 2018 change over to Daylight Savings Time (DST) by the rest of the U.S. AZ Standard Time should be the same as Pacific Daylight Time (California) during the period of the reunion.