

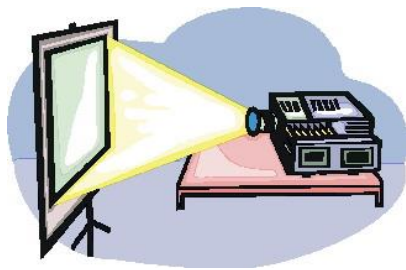


**F-106 All Troops Reunions Newsletter 4/20/24
EXTENDED - Last Call For Early Bird Drawing May 1**

2024 Reunion Norfolk! Sep 4-7

Dear F-106 Troop,

We have decided to EXTEND The Last Chance to get into the Early Bird Drawing: If you register for your tours and events by May 1st, you will be entered into a drawing to win a FREE ROOM NIGHT! Drawing will be held at the Saturday evening Final Banquet. We will Accept mailed post marks dated by May 2.



We just found out that our outstanding Audio Visual person, Greg Maciolek, will not be able to attend the Norfolk reunion due to another major commitment. So we are looking for a volunteer to manage our Audio Visual equipment for our reunion week. We also are looking for a donation for one high quality projector capable of projecting onto a 10' wide screen for our reunion week. The projectors will interface to a laptop for Power Point Presentations and videos. We also need someone to take videos and recordings during the weeks events. Please contact Bobski if you can help out in any way! We

do have an offer from Doug Henson who lives in Livermore CA, to pick up the projector as he may be flying in for the reunion.

Here's is the latest information on the 2024 Norfolk Reunion:

Our Reunion Hotel is Pet Friendly! The Norfolk Airport Doubletree does charge a one time non-refundable fee of \$50 to have your pet accompany you:)

Here are some of the Reunion highlights with links in blue:

1. Dedicated [F-106 2024 Reunion Website](#). Our Website contains (highlighted blue are live links):
 - [Visit Norfolk information](#)
 - [Doubletree Airport Hotel registration & link](#)
 - [Norfolk area, airport and Doubletree Hotel Directions](#)
 - [Tours Info](#)
 - [Online Reservation Form](#) (also downloadable file/printable form for those who want to mail check)
 - [Attendance Roster](#) See whose coming and encourage your buddies to sign up!
 - [Hotel Rooming List](#)
 2. Pay online by CC (fees applicable) or mail in.
 3. Optional Tour *Cancellation Insurance* covers both tour events and meal functions.
 4. Direct phone contact to MRP (817-251-3551) if you have questions or to confirm receipt of your payment, change, or cancel your reservation.
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The bus rental process is very challenging. Bus rental prices drive a major portion of our tours cost. For example for the Thursday "Langley Area" tour each bus that holds 55, the cost is \$1650/ bus! We believe we will need two buses that Thursday. The Friday "Visit Norfolk" tour bus cost us \$1800/bus. We will start with reserving one bus for that Friday. **Both days tours will be "first come first served." That is after we fill the two buses on Thursday (Langley) and after we fill one bus on Friday (Norfolk); anyone after that will go on a standby list.** If anyone drops out that will create an immediate opening.. **Remember the final signup/cutoff via the MRP website for Tour/Event Reservations are due by August 4, 2024.**

1. For the Visit Norfolk Tour on Friday, the "Doumars Waffle Cone Making demo" is free, however each person pays for their own purchase! I've sampled their ice cream and it is delicious! They also have a "fifties" style menu:)

2. You may want to consider purchasing the *Tour Cancellation Insurance* for \$15, as it covers all tour events and meal functions. Registration Fees are non-refundable unless otherwise noted.
3. We have noticed a lot of people have been clicking on the attendance roster and rooming list. Please don't make the mistake of "waiting for the other buddy to sign first" Over several reunions we have heard the sad words " I wish I had signed up for that past reunion, now so and so is gone:(Please pass the reunion information along to all your Six buddies. One more thing, you may be pleasantly surprised to meet someone you wish you had met many years ago and it was too late... **Remember we all have one major thing in common: We all were associated with one of the finest aircraft that has ever flown! We all did our our part!**

Here are some of the 2024 Reunion highlights:

- 9/4 - 9/7, 2024
- Doubletree (Hilton chain) Norfolk Airport location
- Hotel will be completely remodeled for reunion, new room bathrooms, carpeting, furniture, painting, lobby, and a new in hotel full service restaurant!

Our F-106 Hospitality Room will be open daily (9 AM-11PM). BYOB, Snacks encouraged to bring, memorabilia for sale, raffles and silent auction items...

- **\$112 rate, includes parking! (king/double rooms)**
- **Breakfast buffet, \$15 per person or order off full menu**
- Free Doubletree Shuttle to/from Norfolk airport & 2 mile radius
- "Show Your F-106 2024 Reunion Badge" for local attractions, restaurants and retailers that will give you discounts:)

We recommend you check out to receive a FREE Visitors Guide:

[Visit Norfolk](#)

The Doubletree Airport Hotel has already opened up a reservation website for us and our special rate, go to:

<https://hil.tn/feeg7x>

From Jim Sidebottom: Thanks Jim for all your interesting articles!

[Air Force offers new bonuses to entice troops to move to cold bases](#)

[Air Force Expects to Pin First Warrant Officers in January 2025](#)
[Kadena Air Base shows off new air power with an 'elephant walk'](#)

WE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE, SEEN BELOW, FROM AN AVIATION AUTHOR IN ENGLAND WHO IS INTERESTED IN CONTACTING THOSE WHO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE F-15. I AM FORWARDING HIS CONTACT INFORMATION OUT TO THOSE WHO MAY WANT TO RESPOND TO THIS PERSON. HE HAS BEEN AN AUTHOR FOR 25 YEARS WITH PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE. ANYONE WHO STEPS FORWARD WILL RECEIVE A DRAFT BEFORE PRESS. HE HAS COVERED THE F-15 MANY TIMES IN THE PAST.

PLEASE REPLY DIRECTLY TO MARK AYTON AS I PERSONALLY AM NOT INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

RICK MITCHELL

On April 14, 2024, Mark Ayton <m100ayton@gmail.com> wrote:

My name is Mark Ayton. I'm a professional aviation author and editor based in England. I'm currently writing an entire magazine about the F-15 Eagle family of jets and I could really do with some help from you folks. I'm trying to speak with Eagle pilots, weapon systems officers, maintainers and munition troops about their experiences of operating the F-15.

Please might you be able to connect me with such folks with a view to me speaking with them about their F-15 experiences? That would be much appreciated and help preserve some of the history of the F-15. FYI, all write-ups will be sent back in draft form for review.

I really hope you can help support this project.
Look forward to hearing from you.

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Remember:
The F-106 All Troops Reunions

are for anyone whoever flew, maintained or supported the F-106!

Register soon and pass this information on to your F-106 buddies!

Our F-106 Website: (click photo for link to website, <https://www.f-106deltadart.com/>):



If you have any questions you may email or phone us.

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