

F-106 2019 Tucson Reunion Wrap-Up

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It was Another Great Reunion!

We hope everyone has recovered from the Tucson Reunion! Thank you for all the nice compliments and suggestions. Dave Stiteler and I have been busy wrapping everything up and we want to pass along several topics from this past 2019 and our 2020 reunion.



1. 2019 Reunion Notes: 220+ attended. All tours were thoroughly enjoyed! Old Tucson Dinner seemed to be the most Fun & popular! Had a few last minute cancellations. We reimbursed as much as we could that weren't a cost hit to our reunion, a couple no-shows... Everyone should have received their refund checks by now. The "Visit Tucson" incentive sponsored by the CVB and Radisson credited our Reunion account \$1250, that will be used in our General Reunion Account for donations and seed money for the 2020 reunion.
2. Lessons learned: We had 24 beautiful raffle prizes donated and the raffle drawings during the final banquet took far too long. For the 2020 reunion

we will use the "Chinese Raffle" method which will greatly speed up the drawings. The Radisson Suites Speedway facilities were outstanding and we reported just a few minor issues.

3. The Reunion Finance Review Members: Dick Stultz, Gary Foust, Pat Perry, Abe Newman, reported everything in order. Recommended and approved to donate 50% of available donation money to be given to F-106 related projects. **Great News:** We sent \$2,000 checks each to KI Sawyer Museum (F-106 needs painting) and Palm Springs (F-106 B model restoration). Note: we originally voted to donate to the F-106 restoration at Pima, but upon talking to them they would not designate it to the F-106 only, so we went with the committee's next choice.
4. The next F-106 All Troops Reunion will be in southeast U.S., with Jacksonville FL leading. target is Oct/Nov, 2020. Bobski & Dave Stiteler will be doing a site visit in Jacksonville this November.
5. Many of you have been asking how to contact Dan Ross, The VA Service Officer who spoke at our M&G and also helped out several people Friday night. His contact info is email: danvet22@gmail.com and phone (520)730-6069. Remember Dan is a local Tucson Rep. You should be contacting your local area VA Service Officer, at your VFW, American Legion, VVA etc...
6. There will be many photos and the opening video available soon on the F-106 website: <https://www.f-106deltadart.com/> From Pat McGee: All - Anyone can register on the Photo Gallery website at <https://www.f-106deltadart.com/piwigo/>. This creates a personal folder under your name. You can then upload any photos there. I am notified every time this occurs and will move/arrange etc all the photos to the reunion folder.
7. We had past commanders hand out the Vietnam War Commemorative Lapel Pin and congratulate all who served between 1955 and 1975 (any location). Here is a link to the Proclamations page of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration: https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/about/proclamations_2/ Vietnam Veterans Can Get Free Commemorative Pin at Base Exchanges article: https://www.military.com/military-report/vietnam-veterans-can-get-free-commemorative-pin-base-exchanges.html?ESRC=mr_190325.nl
8. We have updated our F-106 Troops database from the information provided at the reunion. Please pass on the 2020 reunion information to your buddies! Send us their email and contact information.

Looking forward to seeing you all again!

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Co-Chairs



Dave & Bob with Indian Joe - Old Tucson



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