

C-7A Caribou Association

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Pima Air and Space Museum

June 2017

C-7A Caribou Association's 28th Reunion DoubleTree Reid Park, Tucson, AZ September 13th – 17th, 2017

Place: DoubleTree Reid Park will be the headquarters for Reunion 2017.

DoubleTree Reid Park
445 S. Alvernon Way
Tucson, AZ 85711

Front Desk: 520-881-4200

Surrounded by the Sonora Desert and set on 14 acres of lushly landscaped grounds, the DoubleTree has spacious, smoke-free rooms. Upon arrival, you will receive a warm chocolate chip cookie as a welcome gift.

The hotel is four miles from downtown Tucson and across the street from Reid Park which features a zoo, 25 tennis courts, and two professional quality golf courses.

Parking is free. Valet parking is not available.

Room amenities include: Free high-speed internet access, in-room safe, coffee maker, mini-refrigerator, cable TV with 42 inch flat screen, work space, hair dryer, iron, and board. Many rooms offer patios overlooking the citrus tree-lined courtyard or the spectacular mountain views.

DoubleTree Reid Park has a business center, a 24 hour fitness center, a heated outdoor pool and whirlpool, and three tennis courts.

Pets and Service Dogs (50 pound maximum weight) are welcome, but a non-refundable \$50 deposit is required.

Local Transportation. The hotel provides complimentary shuttle service within a three mile radius.

Hotel Reservations:

Make hotel reservations by calling 800-222-8733. Tell them you are with the C-7A Caribou Association. Cut-off date for reserving rooms at our rate is 10 August 2017.

Single or double @ \$ 99.24

Our group rate is good from 10-20 September and includes taxes and daily, hot All-American breakfast buffet. Mention the *C-7A Caribou Association*.

A 10% discount is offered for the on-site restaurants and gift shop.

Hotel Check-In: The check in time is 3:00 PM or later. Unless the hotel is full the night before, some rooms may be available earlier in the afternoon.

Weather: Mid-September temperatures range from the mid 70's at night to the high 90's during the day, with only a trace of rain during the month.

Airport Ground Transportation:

The hotel is seven miles from the Tucson International airport. Taxi fare is \$30. Other options are \$25.

If you are considering flying into Phoenix and then driving to Tucson, it is about a two hour, 115 mile drive. Taxi fare from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport to the DoubleTree Reid Park is approximately \$100.

Reunion Registration: Register for the reunion by mailing your completed form and check made out to the C-7A Caribou Association to Pat Hanavan, 12402 Winding Branch, San Antonio, TX 78230-2770. Upon arrival, pick up your name tag and registration packet

in the War Room

If you do not pre-register, every effort will be made to accommodate last minute arrivals, but we cannot guarantee the availability of an activity due to varying prior-notice requirements.

Reunion check-in is from 1400-2100 in the War Room. For those who arrive later, find the War Room and someone will take care of you. If you arrive before noon, come on in and help us set up!

Reception: In the War Room, from 1800-2000 – our usual snacks, supplemented with a few *hors d'oeuvres* from hotel catering.

The reception is not the evening meal. Be considerate of others and take only an appropriate serving of items for yourself to make sure that everyone gets their share.

The **War Room** will be set with tables to sit around and catch up with old acquaintances. It will open at 3:00 PM on 13 September and close at midnight, and then be available from 7:00 AM to midnight on Thursday through Saturday, and from 7:00 AM until 10:00 AM on Sunday.

Exception:

During periods when reunion attendees are away, e.g., tours, the War Room will be closed (locked up) unless an Association volunteer agrees to act as War Room monitor. The Caribou Association – not the hotel – will be responsible for War Room security throughout the reunion.

Wednesday, 13 Sep:

1400-2100 Reunion Registration
 1500-2400 War Room open
 1500-1700 Memorabilia room open
 1800-2000 Welcome reception

Thursday, 13 Sep:

0600 Hotel restaurant opens
 0700-2400 War Room open
 0730 Bus to Sonora Desert Museum
 0900 Bus to Titan II Museum
 1200-1300 Lunch on-your-own
 1500 Load bus for hotel
 1600-1700 Buses arrive back at hotel
 1700-1800 Memorabilia room open
 TBD Dinner on-your-own

Friday, 15 Sep:

0600 Hotel restaurant opens
 0700-2400 War Room open
 0845 1st bus to Pima Air & Space
 0930 2nd bus to Pima Air & Space
 1200-1330 Lunch on your own at the museum
 1330-1600 Bus shuttles to hotel
 1700 Buses arrive back at hotel
 1800-1900 Memorabilia room open
 1900 Plated dinner at hotel

Saturday, 16 Sep:

0700-2400 War Room open
 0900-1000 6th Annual Caribou Bowl in War Room (prize to winning unit)
 1000-1130 Business Meeting

1130-1230 Life Coach Session
 1300 Lunch on-your-own
 1300-1400 Memorabilia room open
 1630 Group pictures
 1800 Social Hour
 1900 Banquet at hotel

Sunday, 17 Sep:

0700-1000 War Room open
 Depart for home

To register for the reunion, your dues must be current, i.e., the year on this mailing label must be 2017 or later. Bou Tax is \$10.00 per year and covers our Newsletters, Flyer mailings, web site, and memorials. Include your dues in your check.

Pima Air and Space

The Pima Air and Space Museum is the largest non-government funded aviation museum in the United States. The museum maintains a collection of more than 300 aircraft and spacecraft from around the globe, spread over five hangars and 80 acres. More than 125,000 artifacts are also on display.

Hangar 1 displays include an A-10 *Warthog*, an SR-71A *Blackbird*, a USAF "Through the Years" exhibit, and a mock-up of a control tower.

Hangar 2 contains the museum's administrative offices, library, archives, and a small exhibit gallery for the Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame.

Hangars 3 and 4 house much of the museum's collection of World War II aircraft, including the prized B-24J *Liberator* and the B-29 *Super Fortress*. The continued growth of the museum's collection required construction of a third building to house World War II era aircraft. Centered around both American and Japanese aircraft recovered from the battlefields of New Guinea, this building gives visitors a detailed look at World War II in the Pacific.

The **390th Bomb Group Memorial Museum**, dedicated to the World War II history of the 390th and the B-17, has its own building in the center of the grounds. Run as a completely separate museum by veterans of the 390th Bomb



Group, the building houses a B-17G *Flying Fortress*, a library, and an extensive collection of artifacts from the members of the 390th Bomb Group.

The **Space Gallery** houses a comprehensive gallery of exhibits on space exploration. Highlights of the exhibit include a full-size mock-up of the *Apollo* capsule, a full-size mock-up of the X-15, and a lunar rock sample.



The museum is adjacent to Davis-Monthan AFB. The 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (AMARG), affiliated with the base, also known as the "Graveyard of Planes" or "The Boneyard", is the largest aircraft storage and preservation facility in the world.

Titan Missile Museum

This is the only publicly accessible Titan II Missile Complex in existence.

The Titan II was capable of launching from its underground silo in 58 seconds and delivering a 9 Megaton thermonuclear warhead to a target more than 6,300 miles away in less than thirty minutes. Titan II complexes across the United States stood "on alert" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for over 20 years.

First 25 to register (wait list also).

Sonora Museum

The Sonora Desert Museum will change your idea of a museum because 85% of the museum is outdoors. The museum has a fusion zoo, botanical garden, natural history museum, aquarium, and art gallery. The museum is home to more than 230 animal species and 1,200 varieties of plants. There are two miles of walking trails to explore.

Highlights include the hummingbird aviary, Warden Aquarium, and the Earth Sciences Center.

**C-7A Caribou Association
Reunion 2017
in Tucson, AZ
13-17 September 2017**

Member Name:		IMPORTANT!!! Will you have a car? (circle one below) no personal rental
Member Street Address:		
City:	State: Zip: Phone:	
Cell Phone:		First Reunion?
Email Address:		Yes No
Bou Year	Bou Unit:	Arrival Date Time
Name for Your Name Tag:		
Spouse or Guest #1 Name for Name Tag		
Guest #2 Name for Name Tag:		Departure Date:
Guest #3 Name for Name Tag:		

Host Hotel: Doubletree, Tucson Reid Park
Make hotel reservations by calling 800-222-8733. Group room rate of \$99.24 (includes tax) is good from 10-20 Sep.
 Rate applies to reservations made by **10 August**
 Calculate your Total Registration Fee below and send your check made out to "C-7A Caribou Association."
Note: Reunion Registration and Association Dues (if not current for 2017) are Required. Other Items Optional.

Day	Time	Tours/Events	# People	Price P/P	Total \$
Wed, 9/13	1400-2100	Reunion Registration – outside War Room at hotel		x \$30	
		C-7A Member Dues - \$10/Year (if BouTax date is less than 2017)		x \$10	
Wed, 9/13	1800-2000	Welcome Reception		Free	
Thu, 9/14	0800	Bus departs hotel for Sonora Desert Museum (return by 1600)		x \$35	
	OR 0915	OR Bus departs hotel for Titan Missile Museum (return by 1330)		OR x \$25	
		Note: You can do ONE of the two activities above, but NOT BOTH.			
Fri, 9/15	0845	Bus from hotel to Pima Air and Space Museum (return by 1700)		x \$25	
Fri, 9/15	1900-2000	Plated dinner at hotel (enter number) _____ pork loin _____ sea bass _____ chicken breast		x \$40	
Sat, 9/16	1900-2200	Banquet (plated dinner) at hotel (enter number) _____ beef short rib _____ salmon _____ chicken breast		x \$40	
TOTAL REGISTRATION PACKAGE (Send Check)					

Recheck the car information block (upper right corner of this page). Make sure you filled it in.
Fill in EVERY BLOCK of the # People column above, using 0 if you will not do that activity.

Emergency Contact Name:	Phone:
Make check payable to "C-7A Caribou Association" and mail with this registration form to: Pat Hanavan, 12402 Winding Branch, San Antonio, TX 78230-2770 Contacts for Pat: pathanavan@aol.com or 210-479-0226	

I volunteer to help with registration, War Room, memorabilia shop, message center, etc. Please contact Pat Hanavan.

KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

Menu Details

September 15 Dinner

Each entree will be served with:

Romaine hearts with cherry tomatoes, Ranch and Italian dressings, rolls and butter

Mashed potatoes and chef's choice of vegetables

Chocolate layer cake, coffee and iced tea

Entrée Choices

Piccata *chicken breast* with lemon and caper butter

Seared skin-on barramundi *sea bass fillet* with bay scallops and tomato herb butter sauce

Roast herbed *pork loin* with bock beer and brown sugar jus

September 16 Dinner

Each entree will be served with:

Lettuce cup and spring mix with cucumber, carrot curls, and sliced radish, Ranch and Italian dressings, rolls & butter

Roasted new potatoes and chef's choice of vegetables.

New York cheesecake with berry compote, coffee and iced tea

Entrée Choices

Braised *short rib* with orange and brandy demi

Lemon crusted *salmon fillet* with shrimp scampi sauce

Stuffed *chicken breast* with spinach, feta cheese, country olives, roasted artichoke, and red pepper butter

Caribou Bowl

In the War Room on Saturday from 0900-1000, teams of 6 (recommend 2 ladies on each team) will compete in the 6th Caribou version of the G.E. College Bowl of the 60's. Questions will be based on T.O. 1C-7A-1; T.O. 1C-7A-2; tests given at the CCTS; wing and squadron histories; and general knowledge from the 60's and 70's (news, celebrities, music, TV, films). In 2016, the 457th TAS won the fifth Caribou Bowl.

Business Meeting

On Saturday, the Business Meeting will be from 1000-1130 in the War Room.

Check this out! The information you need to attend the 28th C-7A Caribou Association reunion is here!

Notice!!!

The car information in the upper right corner of the registration form on page 3 is **VERY IMPORTANT** in completing our reunion planning. Please, make sure you complete this item before you send in your registration.

The **Titan Missile Museum** allowed us only one group tour. The **first 25** registrations for the tour will be signed up with a **waiting list** kept for others.



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