

2021 AC-119 GUNSHIP REUNION XXI

OCTOBER 6 – OCTOBER 10, 2021 AT FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA

“BACK HOME AGAIN AT THE FOUR POINTS”



In 2000 our Association Founding Fathers got us together to celebrate who we are, the friendships and bonds we'd formed, and to affirm our place in military and SEA History. 400 of us met at Fort Walton. Since then, we held Reunions every year except 2020 at locations all over our great country, doing exactly what our Founding Fathers set out to do. We added more reasons to get together, like NEW friends and including family members of our honored KIAs. Show family, friends, and history your pride in being part of this

AC-119 Gunship family. Join us, while you can, at the Four Points Hotel in Fort Walton Beach!

NOTE: you must have a COVID vaccination to attend. If you won't or cannot, contact Roy Davis or Mike Drzyzga [Contact Roy or Mike](#)

Hotel Room Reservations – Four Points by Sheraton

1325 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

- **All-inclusive rooms prices are \$110.88 for a King Bed (no view), \$133.28 for two Queen Beds with Courtyard garden view, or \$172.48 for 2 Queen Beds in the tower with a beach view. **Hotel Reservations** are not part of the **Reunion Registration** and you must contact the hotel separately. Use their website [Book your group rate for AC-119 Gunship Association Reunion](#) or call 1-850-243-8116 for the hotel direct or 1-800-325-3535 for central reservations to **reserve** your room. Tell them you are with the AC-119 Gunship Association. **BOOK NOW!** You can reserve rooms at our Reunion rates from Monday, Oct 4th to Tuesday, Oct 12th, 2021, but our **Reunion rates are only guaranteed through Sept 20th**. After that, the rates are only good for as long as rooms are available. Bottom line: since you can cancel without charge as long as you cancel no later than 24 hours prior to your reservation check-in date, **reserve** your room by Sept 20th to guarantee you get our Reunion rate.**

After making your **Hotel Reservation**, **Register for the Reunion!**

- Register online at [Online Reunion Registration](#). **Note:** When you Checkout, you'll see a place where it asks "Are you a returning customer?" and "Do you want to create an account?" Those are PayPal fields and you can ignore them. Just go to the end of the Checkout page to complete your registration using either PayPal payment or a credit card. It's a good idea to print your completed registration and bring it to the Reunion. If you cannot pay online, CALL Doug Wohlgamuth at 813-781-5728 (he's East Coast time). **Note: Reunion Registration cut-off is October 5th**. If you cancel on or before then you can receive a refund, or make a donation. If you cancel after Oct 5, we may have to pay contracted costs, so no refunds (but, talk to us if there are special circumstances like family emergencies or losses).
- **When you arrive**, head to our Reunion Table to pick up your **Reunion Registration** packet with name tags, Event tickets, etc. If we're not there when you arrive, check-in at the Hotel Desk and go to the Hootch to pick up your **Reunion Registration** packet.

Transportation

- **Airlines:** Allegiant, American, Southwest, United, & Delta fly to Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport (VPS).
- **Car:** Parking at the hotel is [free](#).
- **RVs/Campers:** Hurlburt (850-797-0103) and Eglin (850-883-1243) FamCamps: no reservations; call a couple weeks ahead; Geronimo RV Resort (850-424-6801); and Destin West RV Resort (850-203-4533).

Reunion Agenda

Wednesday, Oct 6 [Reunion Registration](#); Hootch; anything you want to do on your own!

NOTE: Our Hootch opens and stays open **daily** from about 0800 until about 2200 **except** during our Meet and Greet, Banquet, and Farewell BBQ. Hootch snacks and beverages are free (donations are always welcomed :->)

Thursday, Oct 7 [Reunion Registration](#); Hootch; and Pensacola Area Tour!

- **Tour Time TBD:** this Pensacola area tour, COVID permitting, is \$25 and will include the Vietnam Wall South, Pensacola Historic District, Naval Air Museum, and lunch (not included in tour price) at the Cubi Bar Café.

Friday, Oct 8 [Reunion Registration](#); Hootch; 18th and 73rd Legacy Squadrons' Picnic, and Meet & Greet!

18th and 73rd Legacy Squadrons' Picnic across from the Hurlburt Main Gate in the Picnic Area (not "on" the base) is **free** to Reunion attendees but will depend on deployments and COVID. For now, sign up and we'll provide more details as we get closer. Plan to attend, and meet today's Air Force warriors who carry on our Gunship heritage and legacy!

1700 - Meet & Greet Cash Bar

1800 - Meet & Greet on the North Pool Deck and Patio is \$41; kids ages 4-12 are \$20.

- Introductions of Reunion newcomers, special guests, and KIA Family members.
- **Buffet includes:** Beef Wellington hors d'oeuvre, Swedish Meatballs; Bacon wrapped Scallops w/horseradish sauce; vegetable Spring Rolls; fried Chicken Fingers w/honey mustard; vegetables Crudit  w/onion and Ranch Dip.

Saturday, Oct 9 Association Meeting; Hootch; anything on your own; Banquet!

0900-1100 - Business Meeting for all Regular and Associate Members.

1700 - Banquet Cash Bar

1800 - Banquet on the North Pool Deck and Patio is \$49; kids ages 4-12 are \$24.

- **Buffet includes:** Blackened Mahi Mahi w/pineapple rum sauce, Jamaican Jerked Chicken, Baked Ham w/citrus glaze, Roasted fresh vegetable, Caribbean Confetti Rice, Tossed Salad w/Ranch or Balsamic Dressings, and Banana Pudding.

Sunday, Oct 10 Golf; Hootch; anything you want to do on your own; Farewell BBQ!

Early - Golf Tournament is \$10 and Doug Wohlgamuth will coordinate details with golfers.

1700 - Farewell BBQ Cash Bar

1800 - Farewell BBQ on North Pool Deck and Patio is \$44; Kids ages 4-12 are \$22.

- **Buffet includes:** BBQ Baby Back Ribs, BBQ Half Chicken, Southern Potato Salad, Twice Baked Potato Casserole, Smoked Baked Beans, Southern Green Beans, Tossed Salad w/Ranch or Italian Dressing; Summer Fruit Salad w/Citrus-Honey-Pecans; and Banana Pudding

Breakfasts and Lunches are on your own. The Four Points has excellent, affordable breakfasts!

Reunion Special Information

- **We will notify you and update the website if anything changes. The important thing right now is to complete your **Hotel Reservation** and your **Reunion Registration!****
- **Reunion Helpers:** Coordinator Gus Sininger can use help on a few things at the Reunion. If you can help, please contact him and let him know what you can help with, like:
 1. **Welcome Team** to greet folks and give them their Reception package Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday afternoon or evening (after that, Reception packages will be in the Hootch)
 2. **Hootch-Sitters** to be the “Go To” person in the Hootch for a specific morning, afternoon, or evening. You’ll replenish snacks/beverages and make sure questions or requests get to Gus.
 - a. Wednesday afternoon or evening
 - b. Thursday morning, afternoon, or evening
 - c. Friday morning or afternoon (no Sitter needed during Meet and Greet)
 - d. Saturday afternoon (no Sitter needed during Association Meeting and Banquet)
 - e. Sunday morning or Sunday afternoon (no Sitter needed during Farewell BBQ)
- **Silent Auction: If you’d like to contribute**, something that fits in luggage works well. If you have an item you think needs to be bid upon as an Active auction item, please let Gus know and he’ll coordinate with our Auction Team on whether it will be a Silent or Active auction item.
- **Special Raffle:** a **Commemorative Kimber 45 Pistol**, Classic 1911 model, Stainless Steel, Combat Trigger and Ambi (ambidextrous) Safety, in a special box, crafted and donated by Cherokee Firearms gunsmith Ron Soderquist. Raffle tickets are 1 for \$10; 6 for \$55, and 13 for \$110. This pistol has special AC-119 commemoration pistol grips; and comes with two magazines, carrying case, and gun lock. Buy your tickets from Doug Wohlgamuth, who will hold all tickets for the actual Raffle, which will occur at the 2022 Branson Reunion. Look for more info on our web Reunion page and in the Firing Circle.
- **Oral History Videos and History Book Bios:** Over 250 of our air and ground crew, plus family members and spouses, have made oral history videos and/or written History Book bios. New videos and bios are posted on our Association web site. Videos may be done solo or with your spouse, crew or other crew members. If you have not made a video or written a bio, we encourage you to do so. You can sign up to do a video or History Book Bio when you complete your Reunion Registration. Click on this link for some tips for making a video or writing a bio. [Bio and Video Info and Samples.](#)
- **Books:** we have 7 books written about and by AC-119ers in our Store. Their experiences and legacy are treasures to read, learn from, and enjoy! These include our original History Book; a book with all the original plus new Bios; a book of Stories; *Spooky, Spectre, and the Man* by Mike Friel about Ron Terry’s battles to create and utilize fixed-wing gunships; a book of the cartoons that were our way of inserting humor into SEA; *The Gunship Chronicles* by Larry Barbee including his Stinger 41 story; and *History of Fairchild C-119 Flying Boxcar* by Wendell Cosner. Your actual selections and purchase in the Store are via Amazon.

ON YOUR OWN: Things to see and do in Fort Walton Beach and Vicinity

- Do a BX run :->
- Dinner Cruises
- Flea Markets
- Armament Museum
- And, walking distance to beautiful white sand beaches, area dining, night life, & entertainment!
- Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park
- Mini Golf
- ½ or full day Fishing Trips
- Scuba dives