



**September 20, 2025**



**REUNION 2025 FLASH**

**It's not too late to sign up!**  
**For our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion**

**AC-119 Gunship Reunion: November 12 - 16, 2025**  
**The Island Resort at Fort Walton Beach – Hotel Reservations**

1500 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

To reserve a room, call 850-337-9194 or 800-874-8962 (reference the AC-119 Gunship Association), or to reserve your room online, use this link [\*\*The Island Resort Booking\*\*](#). Our all-inclusive Reunion Rate is \$164.20 for double Queen rooms (you can request a King, based on availability), and includes free Breakfast buffet for up to 2 guests per room, free parking, free high-speed internet, all available Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> thru Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. **Important:** If you need a handicapped accessible room, **you must call Venessa Blackmon** for assistance, Monday-Friday 0800 to 1700 CST at **850-337-9194**. **Scoot Around** rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Call (888) 441-7575 or visit [www.scootaround.com](http://www.scootaround.com) for details or to reserve one.

**Reunion Registration**

Register online at <https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/2025AC119>. **NOTE:** online registrations close **October 13<sup>th</sup>**! After that day, latecomers can contact Doug Wohlgamuth to register. He'll provide instructions and a form to mail with your check to AFR.

**Reunion Schedule :** [\*\*Upcoming Reunion 2025 - AC-119 Gunship Association\*\*](#)

## ORDER YOUR T-SHIRT AND COME JOIN US!!

**Who's Attending - As of September 19**, it's only 2 months before we'll reunite at Ft Walton Beach for our 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Here's who you'll miss seeing if you aren't attending.

Rich & Sandy Atkinson	Jerry & Ellen Hester with Daughters Jerri Hester & Delores Batten	Bill & Karen Petrie
Stan & Cindy Baker		Jim Rash
Jack & Carolyn Bastin with Friends Linda McCoin & Luci Algood	Clement & Suzanne Hill	Jim Ray
Paul & Teri Beagley	Ron & Carol Hinton with Son & Daughter-in-law Brian & Imari Hinton, & Daughter & Son-in-law Diane & Wes Lord	Howard Reid
Jim Boyd	Gary Hitzemann	Matt & Annette Robeck
Berny Bradach & son Mark	Baby Huey Hunter with Daughters Carolyn Hunter & Jo Emanuel & Son-In-Law Ted Emanuel	Michael & Cheryl Ryan
Tom Brander	Lee & Tim Jordan with Daughter Scarlett & Son Jacob, & Brother Dale Anderson	Bob Safreno & Sandy Paxton
Windell & Bernadette Bunton	Mike Krauss	Terry & Theresa Sarul with Daughter Lisa Redden
Chuck & Mary Ann Callahan	Bob Krueger & Phyliss Demske	Gus Sininger with Daughter Lee Ann Whitaker, Grandson Tyler Vaughn, Friend Elvira Chiccarelli, Daughter & Son-in-law Chuck & Donna Glickman
Roy Davis & Paula Pascoe	Wayne & Lynette Laessig with Guests Michelle & Kenny Mayfield	Al & Carmel Smith
Mike & Andrea Drzyzga	Nancy Mac Isaac with Son John Paul	Jerry & Diane Snyder
Bob & Janet Dydo	Steve & Vivien Meleen	Jerry Stout with Daughter Jodie McGaha & Son-In-Law Patrick McGaha
Jim & Tina Farrell	Jerry Michaud	Wayne & Darcy Taylor
Jim & Marilyn Fiala	Eddie & Del Mims	Wilma Tyler with Daughter Tammy Kelly & Son-in-Law Steve Bachmann
Bob Frederick	John & Lynn Morrow with Son Kirk & Grandson Nico	Nathan & Loren Van Duyn
Rod Friese & Friend David King	Tom Newbold	Gene & Brother James Van Over
Lloyd & M.E. Froelich	Rod Olson with Daughter Cyndi Hathaway & Granddaughter Freya Hathaway	Dave Voisey
Ron & Patti Gilbert		Doug & Karen Wohlgamuth
Janis Goryl		
Shelly Gravitte & Tom Freeman		
Rich Hall & Gloria Lister		
Bill Hanson		

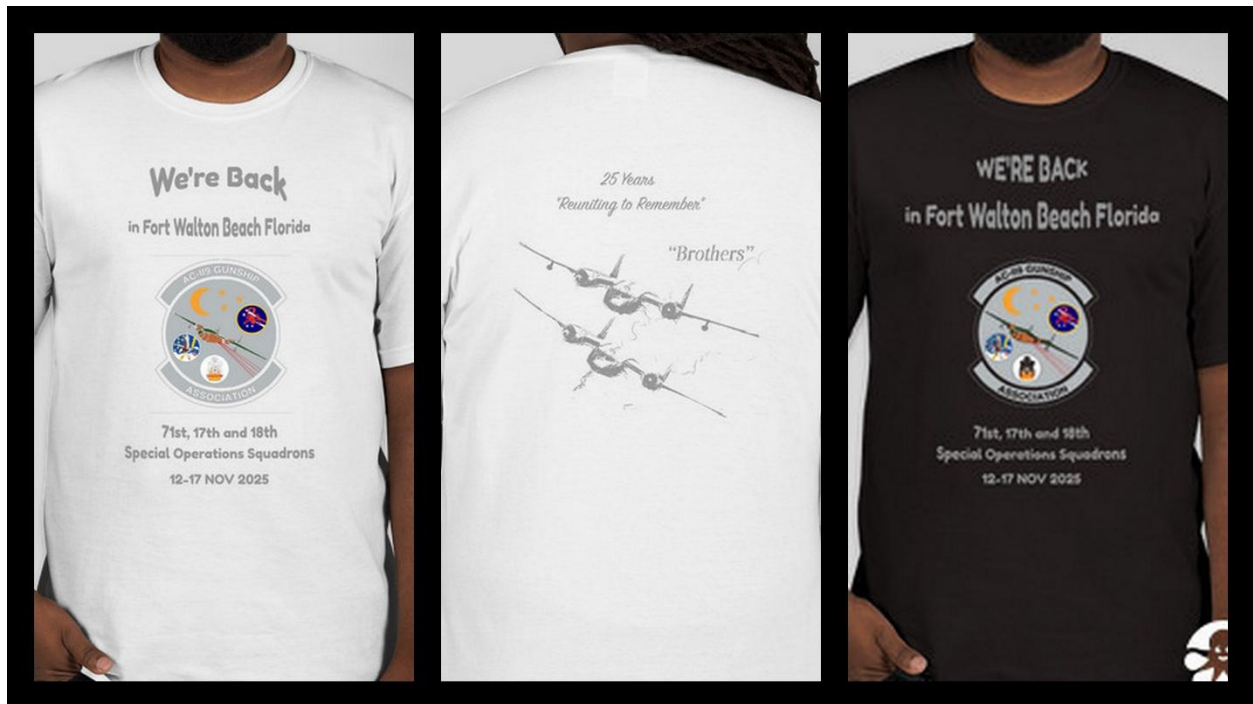
Register at [AC-119 Reunion at Fort Walton Beach](#). Register separately for our FREE Meet & Greet hosted by Hurlburt's 18<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Test & Evaluation Squadron, at [Reunion 2025 – Navarre Meet & Greet Registration – AC-119 Gunship Association](#)

## **TIME IS RUNNING OUT ON T-SHIRTS – ORDER NOW!!**

T-Shirts for our 25<sup>th</sup> AC-119 Gunship Association reunion in Fort Walton Beach FL are ready for order. The last day to order is [27 September](#). T-shirts will be shipped on or about 15 October and should be delivered by 25 October to the address you provide on your order form. T-shirts are available in black, white, short and long sleeve in men, women and youth sizes. To order t-shirts, click on the link below. Buying a T-shirt will help us with our KIA Reunion Program. Please watch the video on the order form. Thanks.

Note: If you do not have internet access, you can order T-shirts by phone. The phone number for Custom Ink is (209)560-7243 and the order number is 82502180.

### **T-SHIRT ORDER FORM**





## YOU'RE INVITED! BURGERS, BEER & BROTHERHOOD, IT'S FREE

### Navarre Memorial Park Meet & Greet | Friday – 2:00–5:00 PM

We're kicking off Reunion 2025 with a ***can't-miss event!*** Join the **18th SOTES Legacy Squadron** for an informal **Meet & Greet** at beautiful **Navarre Memorial Park**, just west of Hurlburt Field. This relaxed afternoon gathering is all about reconnecting, remembering, and raising a cold one with fellow squadron members and friends.

This casual get-together was a ***huge hit*** last time—and we're bringing it back! Plus, it's a perfect chance to visit the newly public **Hurlburt Air Memorial Park**, right nearby. Even if the 18th SOTES deployment pace affects their turnout, we're still gathering to kick off the reunion right!

🕒 **Start Time:** 2:00 PM

🕒 **Wrap-Up:** Around 5:00 PM

🚗 **Carpools available** (and we'll roll into the Hootch afterward!)

👉 **IMPORTANT:** This event is separate from the AFR Registration.

**Please register here to attend the meet and greet:**

[🔗 Reunion 2025 – Navarre Meet & Greet Registration - AC-119 Gunship Association](#)

Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with all your squadron family. We'll see you at the park!

**ALSO, you have a Special Opportunity:**

**Visiting the USAF Armament Museum, Friday, November 14th at 9:00 AM**

The Museum already features our Shadow and Stinger lithographs proudly on display, but the real highlight is the legendary AC-130A "First Lady." This aircraft has been fully restored inside and out, complete with working electrical systems, and is only open on special occasions. The Museum has offered to arrange private access for our group, making this a one-of-a-kind visit you won't want to miss.

To make things easy, Mike Drzyzga is organizing an informal carpool for those interested. We'll depart from the Island Resort Hotel on **Friday, November 14, at 9:00 a.m.**

🚗 **Do You have a car?** If you're planning to attend and have space in your car to take a few fellow AC-119ers, please let Mike know when you **RSVP by Nov.1<sup>st</sup>**, Email: [drzyzga513@hotmail.com](mailto:drzyzga513@hotmail.com), Phone/Text: **201-310-2943**.

For more details about the museum and its exhibits, visit the [Air Force Armament Museum Foundation website](#).

This visit promises to be a highlight of Reunion 2025—don't miss the chance to step inside the legendary "First Lady" with your fellow AC-119ers!