

REUNION REPORT – 2011

The Reunion was scheduled and held from 26-30 October 2011. Registration was to begin at noon, Wednesday the 26th, in the Fiesta (Hospitality Room) at the Holiday Inn on The Riverwalk.

We were a bit late opening up the Hospitality Room because it was occupied by another organization holding a meeting. They were to be out by 1100 so we could set-up. They cooperated as best they could and with a short delay, we were underway!

Members and guests started rolling in and it was a fun afternoon meeting new and old friends. We had a large representation from the F-111 types and that was encouraging.

Thursday started off with the tour to Fredericksburg and the Museum of The Pacific. Everyone that responded on our Survey said they enjoyed the Tour. One individual said the Tour wasn't long enough and he was right. One could easily spend two full days at the Museum.

The Hospitality Room stayed busy, especially after the Tour returned. Some short white haired lady started making folks write their names on their Hospitality "glasses" as we were going through so many that our supplier was running out! The evening was topped off with the Buffet Dinner.

Friday was a full day as well. There was Golf for the hearty and Lunch and Cruise on the San Antonio Riverwalk. It was a bit nippy but some didn't even notice. There was a Board of Directors meeting in the afternoon and the separate Squadron Dinners that evening. Reports were that all the Squadron Dinners were excellent and well represented.

Saturday started off with the San Antonio Sight Seeing Tour & Alamo. Hospitality Room was, of course open, and well utilized. (White haired lady was there again monitoring "glasses".) There was the Open Business Meeting in the afternoon just prior to the Banquet Dinner and then Dancing in the Tango Ballroom. The 20th Fighter Wing was very well represented by Lt/Col. Mike who brought us all up to date on the Wing's activities.

We were pleased to have the Aerial Achievement Award winners from calendar years 2009, Capt. Jeffrey "Juice" Shulman, and 2010, Capt David "Stevie" Underwood. We were also pleased to have in attendance our Force Multiplier award winner from 2009, SSgt. Dustin Gleave.

Keynote speaker was Lt/Gen Steve Polk, USAF, Ret., who presented a very stimulating and quiet urging for all to be aware of what has happened around the world in recent years, especially Europe, and therefore take heed.

Most Members, that responded back with the Survey, didn't rate the Hotel above average. There was clearly a lack of timely service in the Restaurant. That information was passed on to the Hotel Management.

Virtually all Members responding to the Survey said they enjoyed themselves and look forward to the next Reunion in 2013.