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3rd TACTICAL FIGHTER WING REUNION FOR BIEN HOA

FROM: Ron Mahar via Joe Moore

TO: All Animals and Friends of Animals

SUBJECT: July Reunion of Bien Hoa Air Base, 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing

We were all members of the 3rd TFW at Bien Hoa and this is the first I've seen of any reunion or organization from that group. I see that Pete Piazza is helping with it. He was with the 3rd Security Police Squadron during Tet and went down in history as the hero of Bunker Hill #10 when Captain Reginald V. Maisey, Jr., was killed and Pete took over the SP defense command, defending the east perimeter through the dark hours of 31 January 1968 until daylight brought back-up from the Army. Pete received several awards for that action, including the Silver Star. He has published a number of articles in Air Force Magazine and on the VSPA web site, to which I've several times referred you. He has corresponded with me in my own research and has been extremely helpful.

I've compiled several e-mails sent to Ron Mahar below. If any of you attend the reunion, you must do so individually. I am not able to travel, so regretfully won't be there, but I hope someone among you can go---so the Animal Den can roar one more time. If you think you can go, contact Tim Pierce and get on his mailing list: tap6869nam@yahoo.com.

Joe

On Mon, May 27, 2013 at 9:43 PM, Ron & Donna Mahar <rodo48@adelphia.net> wrote:

Tim, I saw your Reunion notice in the VFW mag and wondered if it was unit specific or Bien Hoa AB in general. I was at Bien Hoa from 9/67-9/68 and currently correspond with a bunch of guys from the same unit (3rd Svc) and most from the same hut, most of them were there after I was. Hope to hear more about how you're doing with your plan. Ron

From: Timothy Pierce, tap6869nam@yahoo.com
2013 Reunion Update

To date, your reunion committee has been contacted by over 125 former servicemen that served at Bien Hoa AB.

Chuck Golba, former member of the 303 MMS 67-68 has put together t-shirts and hats for the reunion. The hats are standard Vietnam Veteran with 3 ribbons on the front. The sides can be stitched with Bien Hoa AB on one side and your dates served on the other, example: 66-67. The hats are adjustable.

The t-shirts can be ordered in all standard sizes. The first option t-shirt is black with a colored crest on the front and 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing. The second is white, on the front left is Bien Hoa AB Vietnam, the back has a camo F-100 and printed F-100 Super Sabre. The hat price is \$17.00 each, the t-shirts are \$10.00. Make your checks payable to Charles Golba 202 Broadmoor Dr. Louisburg, Kansas. If you are attending the reunion your gear will be handed out at

the reunion. If not, it will be mailed out in August for an additional \$5.00 shipping fee. All orders must be placed and paid by July 1st, 2013.

Just a reminder to make your lodging reservations as soon as possible. We have a block of rooms reserved for the reunion. If you wait till July 15th, there may not be enough rooms for everyone.

We have set aside time for a business meeting, we hope you'll bring ideas and suggestions for the members to discuss. Topics we'd like to cover are, interest in creating a web site, forming an association, looking for members interested in hosting the next reunion. If you have a topic, send a letter or email and it will be added to the agenda.

We plan to set aside an area for everyone to bring photos and other items of interest you would like to share.

There will be a sign in sheet at the Hospitality Room. We look forward to seeing you all at the reunion!

From: timothy pierce
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2013 7:50 AM
To: rodo48@adelphia.net
Subject: 2013 Reunion Newsletter

The Bien Hoa AB/ 3rd TFW Reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn Dayton/Fairborn located at 2800 Presidential Dr, Fairborn, Ohio 45324 Ph: (937) 426-7800.

When booking your rooms you will need to advise them you will be part of the 3rd TFW group to receive the discount rate at the Holiday Inn. The room rate with breakfast buffet is \$100.00 per night. The hotel will provide a 10% discount for meals at the hotel restaurant. Airport transportation can be arranged through the hotel at a cost of \$15.00 per person, one way. You'll need to give the hotel 7 days advance notice to receive this price.

The schedule of activities are as follows:

Thursday, August 22nd, 2013

Check-In, Hospitality Room opens at 7pm Friday, August 23rd, 2013

Golf day (*Those interested, contact Pete Piazza at wpiazza@aol.com

Hospitality Room opens at 9am and the business meeting is at 3pm

Saturday, August 24th, 2013

Hospitality Room opens at 9am The Air Force Museum opens at 9am, Free Admission!

Hospitality room Banquet dinner at 6pm, casual dress.

Sunday, August 25th, 2013

Check-Out

Note: Event fees are payable along with the registration form and must be received by July 15, 2013. Please send your checks (payable to Buddy Tate) along with your registration form to: Buddy Tate at 565 Hickory Ln. Burlington, NC 27217

If there are any changes a follow up newsletter will be sent out.

In the meantime if you get any new leads contact Buddy Tate at

tate4224@bellsouth.net or call

(336) 260-0467 or Tim Pierce at

tap6869nam@yahoo.com or call (864) 653-7510

REGISTRATION FORM

Bien Hoa AB/3rd TFW Reunion
August 22nd-24th, 2013
Dayton, Ohio

*Please mail prior to July 15th, 2013

Name: _____

Spouse's name: _____

Guests name/s: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Event:

Price: #attending: Total:

Hospitality Rm \$20.00 _____ = _____

Banquet \$34.00 _____ = _____

Total due: _____

Mail this form and your check to: Buddy Tate

565 Hickory Ln. Burlington, NC 27217

* please circle your choice of beverages:

soda diet soda bottled water beer lite beer

orange juice whiskey vodka bourbon gin

tomato juice rum

*Assorted snacks will be provided.