

Red Eagles End of the 1st Quarter, Spring Newsletter, 2014

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Fellow Red Eagles:

RED EAGLE REUNION 2014

This is the latest information on the upcoming Red Eagles reunion scheduled for the 17th thru the 19th of October, 2014. If you plan to attend the Nellis Golf Course Club House event, the cost is \$25 per person. The Boulder Station Hotel, Railhead Room, Buffet and social event, the cost is \$40 per person. The combined cost for both events is \$65 per person.

If you have not done so already, please send your check or money order made out to "REAA" for the reunion Friday and Saturday events, to:

JOHN NELSON
4016 Spring Crest Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89129

Reunion Itinerary:

Friday, Oct 17th, 1600 HRS – Beer Call at the 65th Aggressor Sq, Red Eagle Bar, located in building 1770 at 3721 Freedom Circle Nellis AFB, near Freedom Park by the aircraft on pedestals.

Friday Oct 17th, 1800 HRS – A gathering of Red Eagles, (Reunion Sign In), at the Nellis Golf Course Club House located at 2841 Kinley Drive, Nellis AFB. Heavy finger food and drinks, cost - \$25.00 per person, we had to raise it from \$15.00 at the first reunion because we fell short of funds at that time.

Saturday, Oct 18th, 0900 HRS – Golf Event – Details forthcoming, but you may sign up now.

Saturday, Oct 18th, 1600 HRS – Red Eagle Alumni Association meeting at the Boulder Station Hotel, Chardonnay Room, 2nd Floor.

Saturday, Oct 18th, 1800 HRS – Evening Banquette at the Boulder Station Hotel, Railhead Room, Buffet and social

event, cost is \$40.00 per person.

Sunday, Oct 19th – Please return home safely.

Hotel Reservations –

The Reunion Hotel is The Boulder Station Hotel and Casino, located at 4111 Boulder Highway, Las Vegas, NV 89121. There are two ways to make your reservations:

1. You may call the hotel direct at 1-800-683-7777 and identify yourself as an attendee of the Red Eagle Reunion, group code BCIREDE.

2. You may go to the Red Eagle Web site, www.4477reaa.com, and click on the calendar box, then click on the hotel link and make your own reservations.

3. Hotel reservations must be made by Oct. 1, 2014.

Also, you may come early before Oct 17th or you may stay longer than Oct 19th, when you make your reservation include these extra days and you will get the Red Eagle rate, which is \$39.00 weekdays and \$59.00 on Fri and Sat.

We will provide a list of things to do and see in the Las Vegas area during your visit in a future email to all Red Eagles, additionally, an incentive will be provided to REAA members. We will have Red Eagle items for sale at the reunion, Ben Galloway will have a mini-store set up at the golf course for the Friday night event and at the Railhead Lounge for the Saturday night event. Items will include lapel pins, MiG pins, and some other items as well.

We look forward to all Red Eagles



Editor's Column:

Spring is here, time to start moving:

- Time to dust off winter's cobwebs and caring for the outside of the house.
- Prep the flower beds and fertilize the lawn.
- Spring cleaning is always a pain but necessary to clear away the stale smell of winter in a closed-up house.
- Time to take off the snow tires and have the car serviced for the warm weather ahead.
- It's never too early to clean the grill and start cooking outside. Cook some ribs for me.
- You can submit your stories or roster updates by emailing them to: bgalloway5@elpasotel.net or boobro@bresnan.net or mail to:
Ben Galloway
3732 Bar 10 Road
Calhan, CO 80808

and their guests attending the reunion, we can tell stories all night long, but the main thing is to rekindle our relationships and have a good time.

1. If you have responded on your attendance once there is no need to respond again, we have about 117 people signed up so far, 62 Red Eagles and 55 wives or guests.
2. In paying for the reunion events please make your checks payable to REAA.
3. Dress for all reunion events will be casual.

Call or email me with any questions:

Jim (Bluto) Keys
Cell Phone 702-303-8341
jkeys@keysearch.net

Reminder-Alumni Dues are Due in January

Red Eagle Alumni Association (REAA) dues are due the first part of January each year for those of you paying annually. The cost is \$25 per year.

Lifetime membership dues may be broken up in five payments of \$50 over five years and are also due the first part of January as well. Or if you prefer, you can make a one time payment of \$250.

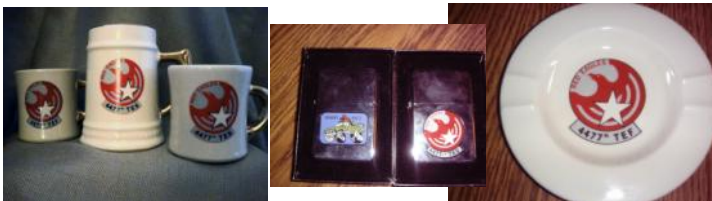
If you have not joined or paid your dues yet, please send your checks or money orders made out to "REAA" (Red Eagles Alumni Association) and send to:

John Nelson
4016 Spring Crest Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89129

Future AF Museum Red Eagles Display

The AF Museum has interest in establishing a '4477th Red Eagle' display; so, if anyone has some memorabilia (no questions asked!) that he/she may have rat holed and might be something displayable, please keep it handy. Once an easy methodology has been established for folks to get their stuff to the museum, the information will be provided.

Thanks - Scotty (Mike Scott)



Red Eagles Fan Designs Plaque

Jim Markevitch contacted us through our Red Eagles Gmail account. As it turns out, he is a fan and has designed a plaque in honor of our squadron. If you are interested in purchasing a plaque, contact him directly. Here is his story and information:

Hi Red Eagles, I was in the Air Force in 1965 and worked on F100-D both on the line and in the docks (43515). I was with the 613 TFS stationed at Torrejon, Spain. Some of the best times in my life were working on the Lead Sleds. I enjoyed both books on the Red Eagles and admire the folks within that organization.

Like the folks in the Red Eagles, I'm retired now and do plaques of "classic" planes & trains. After reading America's Secret MiG Squadron & 'Red Eagles: America's Secret MiGs, I decided to do a tribute plaque. If anyone in your organization would be interested in a plaque, I'd be more than happy to make some.

I can make either the "4477th TEF" or "4477th TES" squadron patch. As far as the aircraft goes, I can make the MiG 17, 21, or 23. Turnaround time would be about 10 to 14 days. Plaque dimensions are 16" X 10" & 1 1/4" thick.

It takes me about 4 to 5 hours to make the template. Once I have that it takes about 2 1/2 hours to complete a plaque. So I would ask \$85.00 for a plaque. Shipping would be about \$14 to \$16 for shipping. (The plaques weight about 4 to 4 1/2 lbs as Ash is a very solid wood) That would be using UPS surface.

All I would need to know is: The type of MiG (17, 21, or 23) and TEF or TES on the squadron patch.

Contact info:

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Grapevine, TX 76051
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