

Laredo AFB Reunion 2009

A well attended reunion was held in Colorado Springs, Colorado from September 23-26, 2009. 72 members and guests registered with 82 attending the dinner/dance on Saturday Evening. Many of the attendees arrived early and were greeted with summer like weather in the Colorado Springs area. We had one short spell of cloudy and inclement weather but overall the Colorado fall weather was fantastic.

On Wednesday we began our registration and of course the hospitality suite became our focal point where we greeted old friends and adjusted to the two years of us all getting older.

On Thursday 30 members of our group were able to tour the Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station. Everyone was ecstatic with the tour and I heard nothing but fantastic, outstanding, wonderful and many more glowing terms. We topped off our day with a delicious buffet dinner at the Academy Hotel.

On Friday we continued to share the friendship of old and new friends. Friday was our golf tournament at the Eisenhower Golf Course at the Air Force Academy. The 41st Pilot Training Squadron took the honors for the second reunion in a row. The 40th has vowed to come back strong in 2011. Many attendees took the opportunity to tour the Air Force Academy. Those not golfing or touring took advantage of shopping and sightseeing in the local area.

Saturday was a perfect Colorado fall day with cool temperatures and plenty of sunshine. Approximately 45 attended the football game between the Air Force Academy and San Diego State University. The Academy prevailed. Saturday evening found us at the Academy Officer's Club for our dinner dance and entertainment. As the evening ended many farewells were shared as several members had early departures. The service and food were outstanding.

Sunday morning found most of the group having breakfast at the hotel and bidding farewells until the next reunion. It was a fun filled four days as many new memories and new friendships were established.

As usual the hospitality suite was the focal point of our reunion and it was filled to capacity when other activities were not taking place. Many stories we had heard before and remained similar as in the past. Many were new thanks to the first time attendees. We still had those same stories where you could see our members shooting down their one hand with the other. You know how pilots are!!

Our next reunion will be held in Fredericksburg, Texas in late April (tentative) 2011 under the leadership of Dick Hearne, Jim Harrington and others. Stay tuned to our web site for update announcements and additional information as the time nears. Our normal mailings (postal and email) will occur as in the past. Please keep your information updated so we can keep our rosters current. Thanks to everyone who made our reunion a success.