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## **DON'T WAIT!** **REGISTER TODAY** **FOR REUNION 2012**



### Reunion News

We're getting closer to the big event in OKC and participation is high and broad.

This reunion is the first "Joint Reunion" with STRATCOMMWING-1 and plans to be historic on many levels.

For those of you who don't know who we are ... The TACAMO Survivors Association is representative of a community of sailors and families that share the experience that is TACAMO. Our members range from active duty, "one tour wonders", and families of TACAMO sailors to those who made an entire career with TACAMO, which is different from all other Navy environments. We share common experiences that are unique to the Navy. We celebrate those commonalities at this reunion by witnessing Captain Baker's inauguration of a TACAMO Hall of Fame and inductees.

Join us as the past and present come together as TACAMO community.

Check out who's attending, by going to [Attending 2012 OKC Reunion](#)

**Not Registered?** <http://tacamo.org/reunion2012.html>

A lot of fun events are planned to visit with old friends and shipmates and make new friends with active duty shipmates.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Make your hotel reservation
- Buy your plane/train/bus tickets now
- Arrange for a rental car if you want one
- Register online or mail your reunion registration form
- Show up in OKC on 6/1/2012 or earlier
- Make your gift to the Hall of Fame & Heritage Center

### TACAMO Hall of Fame & Heritage Center



This year's theme for the reunion is all about Capt. Baker's inauguration of the TACAMO Hall of Fame. It is also his desire and project to build a TACAMO Heritage Center. An actual place to house the Hall of Fame, the archives and memorabilia of the 50 years (and counting) of TACAMO.

This dovetails perfectly with our mission as an "alumni association". We share "Chocko's" desire and enthusiasm in this effort and plan to make it part of our association's mission and our charitable contribution. We hope that our membership also shares this enthusiasm.

The inauguration of the TACAMO Hall of Fame is the first step towards the eventual construction of a Heritage Center where we TACAMO sailors can see and share our "Glory Days" with friends and families. For some it will be a view of what is the legacy they follow in, for others it will be a trip in the "Way Back Machine" to a time when we shared our youth with what now have become long friends.

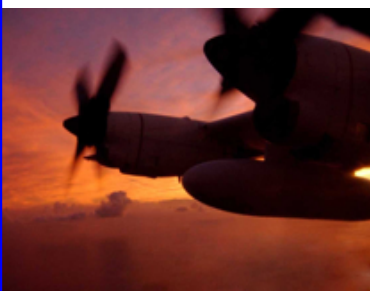
We invite you to contribute money to the TACAMO Heritage Center Foundation and help us make this dream become a reality.

A portion of your registration fee goes to the Hall of Fame & Heritage Center. All gifts collected before June 2 will be presented to Captain Baker at the Banquet.

Gifts can be made at [http://tacamo.org/Hof\\_HC.html](http://tacamo.org/Hof_HC.html)



With the decision in Congress to move the newly-equipped E-6 Mercury TACAMO community from NAS Barbers Point, Hawaii (VQ-3), NAS Patuxent River, Maryland (VQ-4), Waco, Texas (Naval Training Support Unit), and Huntsville, Alabama (Naval Aviation Maintenance Training Group Detachment), a senior command was needed. Strategic Communications Wing ONE would command the squadrons and be the Naval Air Facility host for the maintenance training, communications, and personnel support



## Thursday (5/31)

Reunion Committee will be checking in members @ Comfort Inn & Suites Midwest City – Hospitality Room with a Welcome Reception on Thursday afternoon from 1500 to 1800 with some finger foods and drinks. This cost is included in your registration.

## Friday (6/1)

We have scheduled a shuttle for the day 7am to 11pm to provide transportation to two OKC locations and Tinker AFB Fly-In. See **Shuttle** article on page 3 for more details. The cost is included in your registration.

The Hospitality Room @ Comfort Inn & Suites Midwest City will be open from

- 8A-1030A Continental breakfast
  - 1230P-3P Snacks & drinks
- Food and drinks complementary

Afternoon Shuttle to and from Tinker AFB for Fly-IN, meet and greet. See **Shuttle** article on page 3 for more details

Fly-In Meet and Greet event; light refreshments served on Tinker AFB in Herc Park under the wing of BUNO 159348 between 4P and 6P.

Post Fly-IN will be on your own. Transportation is provided via **Shuttle** to Bricktown. Please see schedule on page 3. The cost is included in your registration.

## Saturday 6/2

We will have the Hospitality Room @ Comfort Inn & Suites Midwest City open from 0800-1000. As part of your registration a continental breakfast will be available.

## Golf Tournament

Players will report to Tinker AFB at 0700 for breakfast and golf. Sign-up for golf

<http://tacamo.org/reunion2012.html>

## Tacamo Today – Picnic

Tours of aircraft, CNATT and VQ7 will be held from 1100 to 1430 at Hanger Bay 2. See **Transportation** information on page 4.

## Tacamo Hall of Fame Banquet 6pm – 10pm

The men and women of TACAMO  
&  
The TACAMO Survivors Association  
request the pleasure of your company for a TACAMO Hall of Fame Banquet  
Saturday, the second of June  
social at six o'clock in the evening  
dinner at seven  
The Reed Center  
5800 Will Rogers Road  
Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110  
Key Note Speaker:  
Captain Andrew S. Riddle, USN (Ret)

~Menu~

Thick cut of inside Round of Beef with Chef's Special Seasoning Topped with a Red Wine Cabernet Reduction Sauce

or

Juicy Chicken Breast grilled over a live fire covered with Sweet and Spicy Cranberry Jalapeno Mago Sauce

All Entrees will be served with a Dinner Salad with the Choice of 2 Dressings, Chef's Choice of Seasonal Vegetable, Chef's Choice of Potato, Dinner Rolls, Coffee, Tea, and Water and Chef's Choice of alternating Dessert.

Civilian: Business Casual (Tie Optional)

**After Gathering: Sheraton Inn - Emerald Eye Martini at Emerald Restaurant & Bar.**

**ZERO TOLERANCE**  
for  
**drinking and driving**  
**in OKC.**  
**Ride the shuttle bus.**



## Shuttle Bus– Friday ONLY

We have a shuttle bus going between the Reed Conference Center, OKC National Memorial, Bricktown and return to Reed Conference Center parking lot from 7a to 230p and 7p to 1030p. The shuttle will also travel from Reed Conference Center to Tinker AFB Tacamo Herc Park at 330p and 4p. A detailed schedule listed below.

*Tips are welcome for the drivers, AM and PM. Look for the Tip bucket on shuttle.*

Shuttle Bus transportation To/From Oklahoma City and Tinker AFB		
Reed Center > <b>OKC Memorial/Bricktown</b>	Every hour on hour	7am, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12pm, 1, 2, 3
<b>OKC Memorial/Bricktown</b> > Reed Center	Every hour on 1/2 hour	730am, 830, 930, 1030, 1130, 1230pm, 130, 230
<b>Reed Center &gt;Tinker AFB</b>		<b>330p</b>
<b>Reed Center &gt;Tinker AFB</b>		<b>4p</b>
Tinker AFB > <b>Reed Center</b>		600p
Tinker AFB > <b>OKC Memorial/Bricktown</b>		630p
<b>OKC Memorial/Bricktown</b> > Reed Center	Every hour on hour	7pm, 8, 9, 10
Reed Center > <b>OKC Memorial/Bricktown</b>	Every hour on 1/2 hour	730pm, 830, 930, 1030**
You must find your own ride back to Reed Center, after		
**Last shuttle back to Reed Center at 1030pm. 1030pm		

### Future Reunions

The Reunion Planners have taken action to obtain some fun places to tour. We are trying hard to make our reunions fun and engaging to our community. Please give us some feedback on locations you would like to tour.

- Seattle – Home of Boeing
- Branson – Speaks for itself
- San Francisco/ Moffett Field
- Charleston, SC – History & AFB/Liberty Port
- Barbers Point, Hawaii
- Guam
- Washington DC – Memorials
- Portland, OR

Email suggestions to

<mailto:tacamosurvivors@gmail.com>

### Legal Counsel Search

In our attempt to grow our Association and make it more responsive to our membership, we are in search of legal counsel to guide us through the legalities of being a viable Non-Profit Association. Please help us find an attorney, preferably from within the community, that will work

pro-bono to help us advance our Association and its endeavors. You can send us an email in this regard, thanks.

Mike Vos @ [mailto:oldtacamo@yahoo.com](mailto:mailto:oldtacamo@yahoo.com)

### Talk Story, your TACAMO story

Every one of us has our own personal experiences that exemplifies the family and community that is TACAMO. Please share your stories and photos by post on Tacamo.org > Comm Central> Sea Stories.

### Fallen Shipmates

Sadly, some of our friends and shipmates have passed in the last few years. We would like your help in tracking those who have passed. Please log on to tacamo.org passing page then identify our "Fallen Brothers and Sisters" by adding or modifying the database. Please take a minute to tell us of anyone you may know from within our community that has passed in the last few years. Thanks ... log onto [Tacamo.org](http://Tacamo.org), click on Crew>Passings

### History Note:

#### Mid-80s

Early Development of the ECX to E-6A Navy inquiries to industry ECX becomes the E-6A E-6 training at Waco and Huntsville PEP for pilots and flight engineers First E-6 ops in Hawaii

#### 1990s

E-6A introduction and early ops, community relocation and consolidation in OK, start of the E-6B E-6 alert at Travis AFB VQ-4 start of E-6 ops Tinker AFB homeport, construction, consolidation, relocation Continuous airborne coverage becomes continuous alert coverage Airborne Command Post conversion

#### 2000s

Airborne Command Post ops to Operation Iraqi Freedom

**TACAMO is a U.S. military term that stands for ... "Take Charge and Move Out"**

### Related Links:

- ✓ [TACAMO.org](http://TACAMO.org)
- ✓ [2012 OKC Reunion Registration Form](http://2012 OKC Reunion Registration Form)
- ✓ [oldtacamo.com](http://oldtacamo.com)
- ✓ [www.navytimes.com](http://www.navytimes.com)
- ✓ [STRATCOMMWING-1 www.tacamo.navy.mil](http://STRATCOMMWING-1 www.tacamo.navy.mil)

### **Sunday, 5/3 – Early Lunch**

Join us at Primo's d'Italia  
@ 11am for an early lunch

**Come eat and say your  
farewells until noon.**

Located in front of Comfort Inn  
5661 Tinker Diagonal, Midwest City  
[primositalian.com/](http://primositalian.com/)

Reservations  
suggested  
405.736.9090

### **REUNION ATTENDEES,**

There have been questions posed regarding the price differential between Active Duty Wing shipmates and TSA's pricing for the weekend of events. Registration money and budget for this reunion are as follows:

#### **Single Registration = \$100**

- \$20 - Registration costs includes - Hospitality Room, Name tags and office supplies Snacks, Drinks and supplies
- \$20 - TSA Gift Bag
- \$20 - All Day Shuttle  
OKC Memorial/Bricktown & Fly-in Social
- \$30 - Hall of Fame Banquet
- \$10 - Donation to  
TACAMO Hall of Fame and Heritage Center

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**If You Need A Ride To Saturday's Picnic** – Let's carpool from Reed Conference Center to Tinker AFB Tacamo Hangers

- Please stop by the Hospitality Room to sign-up or email [tacamosurvivors@gmail.com](mailto:tacamosurvivors@gmail.com) if you have extra space in your car to carry attendees to the Picnic on base. **(Name, Mobile Phone # and email address)**
- If you need a ride to the Picnic, please stop by the Hospitality Room or email [tacamosurvivors@gmail.com](mailto:tacamosurvivors@gmail.com) to sign-up for transportation. **(Name, Mobile Phone # and email address)**

### **Airport Transportation**

Be aware, there is not transportation to the hotels in Midwest City, OK.

### **Car Rental Companies**

If you are renting a car, maybe you can buddy-up with a shipmate <http://www.flyokc.com/RentalCars.aspx>

**Airport Express:** <http://www.airportexpressokc.net/> - overview

\$29 per person to Midwest City. Cheaper if you travel with others in your party. Call ahead for pricing (888) 851-7835

## **HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

- Best Western Plus Midwest City 405.737.6060  
Ask for Linda for the Tacamo Survivors Group  
Rate: \$81 plus 13.5% tax per night per room
- Comfort Inn & Suites Midwest City 405.733.1339  
Ask for ZINA or Government  
Rate @ \$80 plus 13.5% tax per night per room

**Due to a softball tournament and the OK State Game Warden Association Convention being held the same weekend as the TACAMO reunion, hotel rooms are limited.**

## **MEMORABILIA WANTED FOR REUNION**

Please bring your pictures, cruise books, and any memorabilia you would like to share to at the reunion. (ID all items)

All items will be collected in the Hospitality Room. On Saturday afternoon, all items will be moved to the Reed Conference Center where all will be displayed in the main hall at the banquet.



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