



Registration Information and Form

474th TFW Roadrunner Reunion
November 5 - 8, 2014
Gold Coast Hotel Casino
Las Vegas, NV

Roadrunners;

MAKE PLANS TODAY to join with us and your many friends and comrades as we again gather in Las Vegas to share fellowship, recent personal experiences... and yes, in some cases, yarns and tales that may press the edge of the envelope.

If you have missed a few reunions in the past we hope you will attend this year. Our reunions are held in the autumn because the weather is generally very good and it's a 'low traffic' visitor period for Las Vegas. Las Vegas is also quite accessible via commercial air form nearly anywhere in the world... and Southwest Airlines, our largest air carrier into McCarran International Airport, frequently offers great senior and 'Get-Away' air fares.

We are a non dues paying and unchartered 'club' that basically exists to host reunions every two years in the F-111A's 'hometown' of Las Vegas, NV. We maintain a website (f111reunion.com)... check it out (Hint: check the site periodically to see who will be attending this year's reunion as we intend to update it frequently.) We also maintain a current "TAPS" and "Missing Member" list on the site

Here is a brief synopsis of what we have planned for you this year...

5 Nov - Wednesday – Normal check-in time at the Gold Coast Hotel Casino desk is 4:00 pm. Plan to arrive earlier and check in at the front desk. You may have to check your luggage with the Bell Captain in the event your room is not ready. However, the **Roadrunner** registration desk will be open at 1200hrs (located in the Salon E ballroom on the second floor). Here you will receive your registration packet which includes your name tag and **Roadrunner** Directory, and other administrative information. This is a great place to make initial contact with other **Roadrunners** as they arrive. There will be plenty of tables set up and a 'no host' bar will be available for those who want to start serious socializing a bit early.

At 1730hrs we will begin Happy Hour with a 'no host' bar and a Gold Medal American dinner buffet will be served beginning at 1800. The dress is casual and in the past many of our attendees have proudly worn their SEA 'party suits' or flight suits.

6 Nov - Thursday - Today you have options. You have a 'Leisure Day'. Use it to check out some of the 'new' things in town like near-by 'City Center' - the largest private development project in the world. Or the Atomic energy Museum, the National 'Mob' Museum... which relates directly to the host city's heritage, or the 'worlds largest' Ferris Wheel, '**The High Roller**', or you may simply chose to visit old friends and there is always shopping and what Las Vegas is famous for... gambling.

or

You can sign up for a trip to Creech AFB (formerly Indian Springs Aux Airfield) and a visit to the 432nd Wing... The 'home' of USAF UAV Operations. This option is a bit tentative but the wing will do everything possible to accommodate our group. **Attendance must be limited to the first 52 members/guest signing up** (Refunds will be made at time of registration if cancelled by the 432nr Wing)..

We will open the Hospitality Suite (10th floor) at 0900 - 1700hrs be sure to check it out.

Registration will continue for 'late - comers' in the hospitality suite. This is the favorite gathering place for most of the past attendees - Coffee is available all day. Donuts are provided as well as soft drinks, juices, beer, wine and the hard stuff (mix your own) - Compliments of your reunion committee (and funded from your registration fee...). This is a great place to spend time mixing with other **Roadrunners** and their wives. Scrap books with literally hundreds of pictures (of much younger guys) from our deployments and other gatherings

are available for your review. Bring any photos you have and share them with others (seems to start lots of stories) THIS IS 'THE PLACE' TO HANG OUT EVERY DAY.

7 November - Friday - You can always start your day at the Hospitality Suite. However, this is the day for our reunion feature event... the trip to Nellis AFB to attend the **"AVIATION NATION AIR SHOW"**. It is a 2-day air show held every Veterans Day weekend and is the largest public event in the state of Nevada. There will be hundreds of thousands of people there Saturday and Sunday... that is why we are going on Friday. No crowds, and yet the flying events will be taking place (practice) and most static displays should be in place. Our lunch will be prepared and hosted by the local chapter of The Red River Rats in one of the flightline hangers. Planned bus departure from the hotel will be around 1030hrs and we will plan to return to the hotel upon conclusion of the Thunderbird performance around 1500-1530hrs.

8 November Saturday - A busy day, but a fun final day. It begins with a champagne brunch and ends with the Banquet and Dance as the final event of the reunion. Hopefully, not too many speeches. And... don't forget the hospitality suite.

Your local committee is excited and working hard to ensure all members and guests attending this year's reunion has a great time. Our planned activities and program will mirror those of the past and is focused on maximizing your opportunity for fun and fellowship.

Local Shows: We have not planned a 'show night' but we do encourage you to plan your own on Wednesday or Thursday evening. Currently there are some great shows in town and you may find some good price deals if you shop around (ask if they have a military discount or any 'two-for-one' specials). Two good websites are: vegas.com and lasvegasshows.com.

Room Reservations: All rooms in the Gold Coast have been significantly upgraded in the past few years. The local economy and competition has driven the rates down... for our reunion the rates are:

Standard Room: \$33.00 @ night Nov 5 - 6 ... (\$97.00 @ night Friday and Saturday)

Premium Room: \$42.00 @ night Nov 9 - 10... (\$114.00 @ night Friday and Saturday)

You make your own reservations simply by:

Calling the hotel direct at (888) 402-6278 and informing them of the group code: A474TFW and select your room at the above rates.

or

Using the hotel website: <http://www.goldcoastcasino.com/groups> and entering group code **A474TFW** and follow the site prompts to select your room of choice at the above rates.

Registration Form: Attached is the registration form. Review the form particularly noting the planned activities and any associated costs. Please complete the entire form and return by 1 October 2014. When returning the registration form be sure to enclose a personal check payable to Harry Richard (our reunion treasurer) for registration fees and selected activity costs. **Any changes or cancellations must occur by 7 October 2014.** Any later cancellations will be subject to a 10 percent penalty.

COMMITTEE CONTACTS: Have questions ask any of us...

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Please complete the enclosed Registration Form today... and have a safe trip to Las Vegas!!!