

A GATHERING OF 'GATORS IN VEGAS

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I've taken the option of signing an agreement with "Reunions" Inc. to produce a memory book from pictures to be taken at our reunion during the time (6-10PM) we're having our pre-dinner cocktails, dinner and dance on 26 April 1986. Their literature is inclosed and please note that there is no obligation or charge--but I ask that you have your pictures taken and consider their offer. They saved us copying and postal costs on this newsletter and directory. I will have to put the "dummy" together after they send me the proofs. I estimate that if all goes well you may expect the book in late July or early August. Considering the overall cost of your reunion, the book's cost of \$10.00 is not bad.

If there is anyone of you who would be willing to take his Video Camera to our reunion and tape various functions, I'm sure that many of us would be pleased to purchase copies of a two hour (SP) tape for a reasonable price (I've been running a mental tape of our reunion through my head every night since I started this Quest).

MANDATORY INFO: Our block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Casino will only be held until 23 March and will then become available to the AFA Convention which is going to take most of the rooms in Vegas.

* YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS AND PAY THE HOTEL DIRECTLY. The checks you send to me cover the cost of party, dinner/dance and breakfast and include taxes and tips. No Host bars will be available at each function for which you are responsible to pay prices and tips. If there are no unseen cost over-runs I plan to provide champagne for dinner toasts and breakfast.

USAA was a big help to us in locating so many of you. DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU AND YOUR ADULT CHILDREN ARE STILL ELIGIBLE FOR THEIR INSURANCE PROTECTION? Check their rates for car, life and home insurance and I think you'll be surprised. I was surprised that so many of you dropped their coverage when you left the Air Force. Call 1-800-531-8 plus your area code for information.

The Holiday Inn Casino has an outdoor pool and it may be cool in April. There are laundry and valet services, free parking, a beauty shop plus full gaming facilities. Many of you have indicated a wish to see the Valley of the Sun. If the total adds up to a bus full I'll book one ahead of time. If not the Gray Line makes pick-up at the hotel and you may want to book for the Saturday AM tour--6½ hours for \$26.00 including lunch/person.

Be thinking (and the Lord loves the brave) and prepare to volunteer at our Sunday Breakfast. We should form a viable, tax exempt association ie President, V. Presidents, Secretary (newsletters) and Treasurer. The latter two should be separate people. I think that each class should have a representative to help decide important issues and locate lost classmates. I've found over 90% of mine, so it can be done. We SHOULD DECIDE ON THE 27th WHEN & WHERE THE NEXT REUNION WILL BE HELD AND WHO WILL HOST IT (that's the leg man).

We may want to opt for regional reunions vs national (some of the excuses I've been getting can bring tears).

I'll need help registering classmates!