

20th FWA Newsletter Part II
20th Fighter Wing 2023 Reunion
Dayton, Ohio
31 Aug - 3 Sept 2023



2023 Dayton Reunion Recap and Photos

The 2023 20th Fighter Wing Association reunion in Dayton was a huge success. Missi Zender-Sakach and husband Frank did a fantastic job setting up the three-day event. The venues and food were the best! The weather could not have been better for the entire event period. The golf outing was great and the tours of the National Museum of the Air Force, both inside and out, were excellent. Missi was the lead at this reunion but like all events it took a team to pull it together. **I want to thank all those who played a part, whether big or small, to make this an enjoyable event for all.**

You can gauge the success of a reunion by the attendance at the hospitality suite. The room was full every day from 8am till closing time. It was tiring but I enjoyed everyone having a good time, reminiscing, and just catching up with long parted friends.

Maj Gen (ret) Greg Feest gave a very pertinent talk on how the 20th Tactical Fighter Wing gave him the foundation to have a successful 34-year career. As a 2nd Lieutenant in the 55 TFS and 79TFS he had many mentors and role models, and he recounted all those who impacted his career. Gen Feest also answered questions from the floor on his combat experiences. We were and are a family of patriots!

After a rousing bidding period the signed F111 Wong print went to Mace Carpenter and a basket of goodies put together by Missi went to Bob Vosburgh. All told the auction netted \$950 to the Association.

Ok enough of my words. Let's look at the pictures! Names provided when sent in with photos otherwise try and recognize your friends!

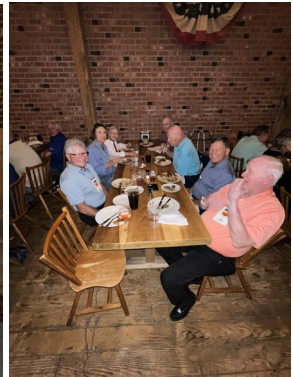
Photos from first day and Buffet Dinner at the hotel





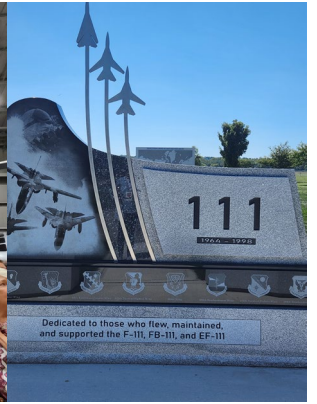
Day two at hotel and Carillon Brewing Company





Day 3 at hotel and National Museum of Air Force







Missi receiving banner in honor of her father to be displayed at the RAF Upper Heyford Heritage Centre



Gen Feest receiving his Ritz Crackers in appreciation for Guest Speaker. But at the presentations his wife Bridget pops up and says. "Oh! no Gino I said he likes the Packers not crackers!" 1



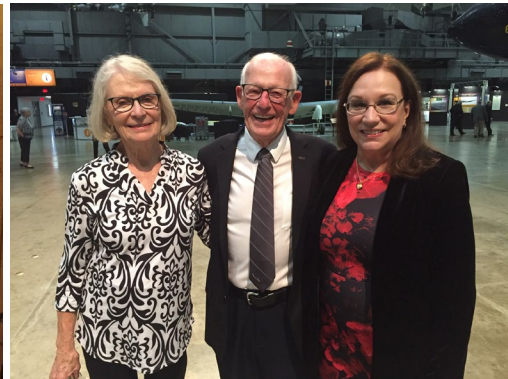
Jimmy & Nancy Lee, Mimi West, Jerry Fetter



Jerry with departing Treasurer gift



Bob Riddick and Maureen Hurley



Marilyn and Bob Riddick, Maureen Hurley



Marty and Gail Gladden



Rod and Pat Allison



Becky and Jim Smith



To Be Continued 2025 Tucson

Tucson Reunion 2025

***Desert Diamond Hotel and Casino
October 30, 2025 – November 02, 2025***



We are still on track for the Tucson reunion in the fall of 2025 at Desert Diamond Casino from Oct 30, Nov 2, 2025. Details will be provided as the events are confirmed.