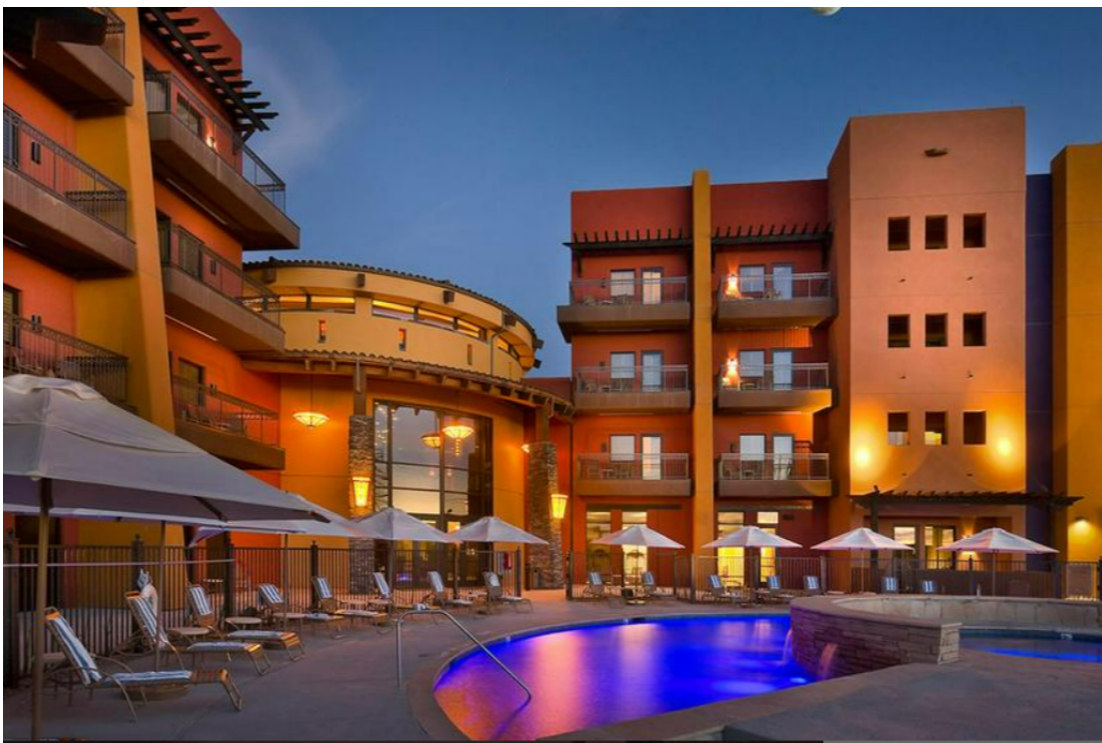


2025 20th FWA Reunion

Oct 30 – Nov 2, 2025

Hotel

The 2025 20th Fighter Wing Association reunion will be held at the Desert Diamond Hotel and Casino, 7350 S. Nogales HWY, Tucson, AZ 85756 from October 30, 2025 until November 2, 2025.



The venue includes both a casino and hotel featuring an outdoor pool and spa tub, gift shops/newsstands, and four restaurants. A business center and dry-cleaning services are also available. Snacks and quickie breakfast items are available for purchase at the coffee shop/café, and you can quench your thirst with your favorite drink at the bar/lounge. The room rate for reunion attendees is \$124 per night.

We have a block of rooms reserved for the reunion, but that block may go fast, so please make your hotel reservation early by calling the hotel at 1-877-777-4212. Refer to the **20th FWA 2025 Reunion Room Block**. You can also use the customized link imbedded in the PDF document emailed to you separately. To register for the reunion, please complete the registration form emailed as a separate attachment, and mail the completed form with a check for the total made out to: **20th Tac Fighter**

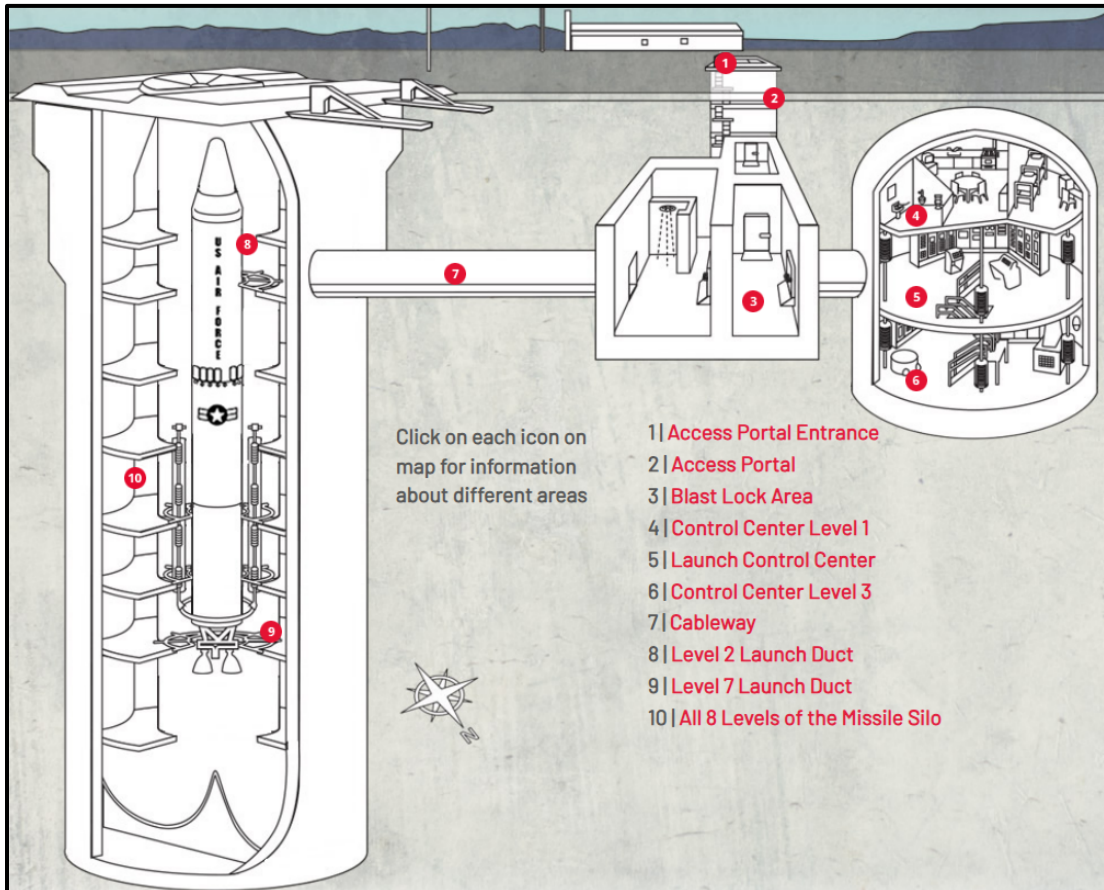
Wing Association to Steve Brown, 10021 N. Alder Spring Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85737.

Reunion guests will first fill up the fourth floor where the reunion hospitality room is located. Once the fourth floor is full, additional reunion guests will be allocated to other floors. There will be a buffet dinner at the hotel on Thursday. On Friday, we will organize dinner at a local southwest flavored restaurant. The banquet will be held on Saturday at the hotel.

Titan Missile Museum

We plan on visiting the Titan Missile Museum on Thursday, October 30th. Reservations are required for the guided tour of the underground facility. The association will make the reservation based on the number wishing to attend as shown on the reunion registration sign-up form. Note that the fee is \$17.50 for military veterans and \$19.50 for a regular adult ticket. The fee will be paid by each attendee at the museum entry.

The museum consists of a preserved Titan II missile site, officially known as complex 571-7, and is all that remains of the 54 Titan II missile sites that were on alert across the United States from 1963 to 1987.



Pima Air and Space Museum

We plan on visiting the Pima Air and Space Museum on Friday, October 31st. Please include the number of your party desiring to attend the museum on the reunion registration sign-up form. The fee is \$20.50 for military veterans and \$22.50 for a regular adult ticket. The fee will be paid by each attendee at the museum entry.



Golf

Golfers can sign up on the reunion registration form for golf on Saturday, November 1st at the Randolph North Golf Course. The course is located about 15 minutes from the hotel in Tucson.

Saturday Evening Banquet

The banquet will be held Saturday evening at the hotel. Please make your meal selections on the reunion registration sign-up form.

The banquet speaker will be Richard “Downtown” Brown who will be making a presentation on the 1986 F-111 raid on Libya, on which he was a key participant.

Dick has 4,650 hours in the F-111 distributed amongst the A, D, E, and F models; over 4,000 of these hours was as an IP. He has the second most flying hours in the world in the F-111. After his Air Force career, he was a captain for American Airlines and ended his flying career with over 20,000 hours of total time.

Dick’s Air Force experience includes assignments at Nellis Air Force Base from 1974 to 1975 and assigned to the 429th TFS in Thailand, RAF Upper Heyford from 1975 to 1981 and assigned to the 79th TFS and 20th TFW CTU and Stan Eval, Cannon Air Force Base from 1981 to 1985, RAF Lakenheath from 1985 to 1988 and assigned to the 493rd and 495th TFS, and again at Cannon from 1988 to 1990 and assigned to the 523rd TFS.

We're all generally familiar with the famous raid on Tripoli—a raid requiring over 15 hours of flying time. Dick can put us in the cockpit with him at low-level as he and his squadron mates rushed toward the Libyan coast through triple A, SAMs, and flares.



Here's a teaser from Dick:

It was January—still during the Christmas holidays—and my phone at home rang. “Hello Dick, this is Sam Westbrook.” I was shocked that General Westbrook would begin the call with this introduction. Of course, my response was “Hello, sir.”

General Westbrook said, “Come to the Command Post after dark at 1700 in plain civilian clothes.” This was my introduction to El Dorado Canyon, which would soon become the most extended projection of tactical airpower in modern aviation history.

Arriving at the command post, I encountered unusual security signing in. Inside, there were four air crews and several senior officers. General Westbrook told us that the 48th Tactical Fighter Wing had been assigned to devise a retaliatory air strike against Libyan assets. The strike would consist of four aircraft flying nonstop from England to Libya and back. The targets would be assigned later. My squadron commander would lead the raid, and I was to be his number 2, which meant I would be the first to strike the assigned target if

Attend the reunion banquet to hear the rest of the story. I'm sure we all have lots of questions about the planning and execution of the raid, and about the one aircrew that didn't make it back.