

2009 Mini Reunion in the Old Pueblo Tucson, Arizona

Sunday, October 25 to Thursday, October 29, 2009



Welcome to the Class of 1958 Tucson Mini Reunion. It is with great pleasure and excitement that we invite you to Tucson, Arizona, for USMA's Great Class of 1958 51st Reunion. This is your opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones.

The reunion hotel is DoubleTree Hotel, Tucson at Reid Park, located at 445 S. Alvernon Way. The hotel provides free transportation to and from Tucson International Airport, and has free parking for autos and RVs. We have guaranteed the hotel that we will occupy 125 rooms. More rooms may be reserved at the group rate depending on availability, therefore it is advisable to make your room reservations early.

The base room rate is \$117 per room per night single occupancy; \$124 per room per night double occupancy; \$131 per room per night triple occupancy or \$138 per room per night quad occupancy. Rate is inclusive of a house-keeping gratuity of \$1.00 per room per night. Rate is subject to current state tax of 6.05%, city bed tax of 6% and \$1.00 per room per night. Rate includes the full breakfast buffet in the Cactus Rose Restaurant. Rate will be honored 3 days pre and 3 days post the reunion dates, based on availability. Any reservation made after 27 September 2009 will be subject to availability at the Hotel's prevailing rate.

Two possible RV Parks are available should you want to stay in your RV; Davis Monthan Fam Camp at Davis Monthan AFB, 4.5 miles (520-747-9144) and Far Horizons Tucson Village, 6 miles (520-296-1234).

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West Point Class of 1958 Tucson 2009 Reunion Tentative Schedule of Events/Activities

A finalized schedule and registration form for all events should be available in March

Sunday, 25 Oct

1500-1800 Registration - Bennie Havens Open

1830-2130 Welcome Reception - Cash Bar, Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres

2130-2200+ Bennie Havens Open

Monday, 26 Oct

0630-0930	Full	Breakfast	Buffet
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0900-1500 Pima Air & Space Museum/AMARG (Boneyard) Tour

1000-1730 Bennie Havens Open

1600-1800 Late Registration

1800-2130 Company Dinners

2130-2000+ Bennie Havens Open

Tuesday, 27 Oct

0630-0930 Full Breakfast Buffet

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0800-0900	Class Business Meeting
0900-1300	Arizona Sonora Desert Museum Tour
1000	Depart for Golf
1000-1730	Bennie Havens Open
1800-2130	Gaslight Theater
2130-2200+	Bennie Havens Open

Wednesday, 28 Oct

0630-0930	Full Breakfast Buffet
0830-1300	Kartchner Caverns tour
1000-1600	Bennie Havens Open
1630-1730	Memorial Service
1800-1900	Pre-dinner social (cash bar)
1900-2200	Dinner Dance (seated by companies)
2200-????	Bennie Havens Open

Thursday, 29 Oct

0630-0930 Full Breakfast Buffet ????-1200 Check out 0630 - 0930

Details of Events/Activities

Registration and Welcome Reception - Sunday, October 25

Your completed Tucson Mini Reunion registration form and payment check must be received by September 26. Registration refunds may be made until October 3. Reunion packets can be picked up at the registration desk in the hotel lobby on Sunday from 1500 to 1800 and on Monday from 1600 to 1800. At the Welcome Reception, meet friends, buy a drink, and enjoy the heavy hors d'oeuvres. We also have a special treat for you.

Pima Air & Space Museum and AMARG (Boneyard) - Monday, October 26

Buses wil load at 0915 and depart at 0930 to arrive at the Pima Air Museum at 1000 to pick up our guides for the AMARG Tour. Upon completion of the AMARG Tour, we will proceed to the "Spirit of Freedom" hanger for lunch and touring the Pima Air Museum. The last bus will return to the hotel at 1500.

PIMA AIR & SPACE MUSEUM, where history takes flight, is one of the largest air and space museums in the world, and the largest non-government funded aviation museum. You will see more than 275 aircraft and space-craft including many of the most historically significant and technically advanced craft ever produced, both from the US and throughout the world.

AMARG was established immediately after World War II as a storage facility for B-29 and C-47 aircraft. Today this facility is the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (AMARG and also known as the "boneyard"), which has grown to include more that 4,200 aircraft and 40 aerospace vehicles from the Air Force, Navy-Marine Corps, Army, Coast Guard, and several federal agencies including NASA. For more information go to www.pimair.org.

Company Dinners - Monday, October 26

It has become a mini reunion tradition to set aside one evening for Company Dinners. Company CCQs or their representative should make their own group arrangements. A listing of restaurants, their address, milage from the hotel, telephone number, and web site is included in our information. Please check their web sites for menus and prices. Should you need transportation, the hotel does provide transportation within 3 miles if vans are available.

Class Business Meeting - Tuesday, October 27

The Class business meeting will begin at 0800. It will be necessary to plan breakfast to fit the rest of your morning schedule.

Arizona Sonora Desert Museum - Tuesday, October 27

Buses will load at 0900 and depart at 0915 to arrive at the Desert Museum at 1000. The last bus will return to the hotel at 0100.

ARIZONA SONORA DESERT MUSEUM The name "museum" s misleading; this delightful site is a beautifully planned zoo and botanical garden featuring the animals and plants of the Sonoran Desert. Hummingbirds, cactus wrens, rattlesnakes, scorpions, bighorn sheep, and prairie dogs all busy themselves in ingeniously designed habitats. An Earth Sciences Center has an artifical limestone cave and hands-on meteor and mineral display. The coyote and javelina exhibits have "invisible" fencing that separates humans from animals, and the Riparian Corridor section affords great underwater views of otters and beavers. Reptiles and spiders are safely tucked behind glass so you can take a close look. For more information, go to www.desertmuseum.org.

Golf - Tuesday, October 27

T-times will be arranged at one of the two Randolph Park Golf Courses (Randolph North or Dell Urich). The golf course is directly across the street from the hotel (no more than 200 yards from the front door to the pro shop) so transportation should not be an issue.

Gaslight Theater - Tuesday, October 27 (230 tickets available)

Doors open at 1800 and the show starts at 1900. Transportation is not provided. The Gaslight offers pizza, salads, sandwiches, beer, and sodas at the theater, but be there at 1800. There are 3 other eating options within the theater parking lot, Makayo's and Maxims (on the restaurant list) and little Anthony's Diner. Also, you may prefer to eat at one of the restaurants along the way on Broadway (Romano's Macaroni Grill, Chili's, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Applebees, Sweet Tomatoes, or Mimi's).

THE GASLIGHT THEATER is one of the few must-see hightlights of Tucson! The performers are so much fun and most of them have been doing this for years. The shows are corny and funny and usually involve audience participation; shout, cheer, boo, and hiss, it's all legal here. They take classics and make some great spoofs, it's a crazy romp and you'll leave with a smile on your face. The ambiance is great, you get free popcorn at the tables. The waitresses dress up in costumes, and they will read your name aloud and present you with an icecream cone for birthdays and anniversaries. For more information go to www.thegaslighttheater.com.

Kartchner Caverns - Wednesday, October 28 (120 tickets available)

The first bus will load at 0715 and depart at 0730 to arrive at the Caverns no later that 0900 for the 0920 and 0940 tours. Buses 2 and 3 will leave in 40 minute incruments (i.e. 0810 and 0850) for their respective tours. Each bus will be at the Caverns approximately 2 1/2 hours.

KARTCHNER CAVERNS is a stunning limestone cave in Southeastern Arizona and boasts many world-class features that have been protected since the cave was discovered in 1974. The cavern has been at 2.4 miles long. Kartchner is a wet, "live" cave. Water percolates from the surface and calcium carbonate features continue to grow in the darkness. The part offers tours where you'll see dynamic structures such as stalactities dripping down and icicles and giant stalagmites reaching up from the ground, sometimes meeting to form a massive column. The caverns are host to a wide variety of unique minerals and formations. For more information, go to www.explorethecaverns.com.

Memorial Serivice - Wednesday, October 28

The Class Memorial Service will be held at the hotel in their Garden

Dinner Dance - Wednesday, October 28

A social hour will preced dinner. Dinner options are: chicken parmesan, baked orange roughy, or vegetarian lasagna. Live music for dancing will be supplied by the Rich Stanley band.

Tucson's Restaurants Accepting Group Reservations

(Area code is 520)

Agave Restaurant at the Desert Diamond Casino 1100 W Pima Mine Rd - 20.88 miles 393-2720	Macayo's 7040 E Broadway - 4.37 miles 722-8090 - www.macayo.com
Anthony's in the Catalinas	Maxim Super Buffet
6440 N Campbell - 9.17 miles 299-1771 - www.anthonyscatalinas.com	6940 E Broadway - 4.25 miles 731-2138
277-1771 - www.anthonyscatannas.com	
Cactus Rose at the Doubletree	Mimi's
445 S Alvernon - 0.00 miles	120 S Wilmot - 3.51 miles
750-3000 - www.doubletree.com	747-7273 - <u>www.mimiscafe.com</u>
Claim Jumper	Old Pueblo Grill
3761 E Broadway61 miles	60 N Alvernon51 miles
795-2900 - www.claimjumber.com	623-6000 - www.metrorestaurants.com
El Corral (group of 25 or more)	Pinnacle Peak (group of 20 or more)
2201 E River Rd - 6.02 miles	8541 E Tanque Verde Rd - 8.66 miles
299-6092 - www.elcorraltucson.com	296-0911 - www.pinnaclepeaktucson.com
WWW.cicontanaeson.com	
El Parador	Romano's Macaroni Grill
2744 E Broadway - 1.73 miles	5100 E Broadway - 1.95 miles
881-2744 - <u>www.elparadortucson.com</u>	790-0177 - <u>www.macaronigrill.com</u>
Elle	Sakura
3048 E Broadway - 1.47 miles	6534 E Tanque Verde Rd - 5.25 miles
327-0500 - www.ellerestaurant.com	298-7777 - www.sakuratucson.com
Gavi Italian Restaurant	Takamatsu
7865 E Broadway - 5.5 miles	5532 E Speedway - 3.49 miles
290-8380 - www.gaviitalianfood.com	512-0800 - www.takatucson.net
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La Parrilla Suiza	Terra Cotta
5602 E Speedway - 3.58 miles	3500 E Sunrise Dr - 9.46 miles
747-4838 - www.laparrillasuiza.com	577-8100 - <u>www.dineterracotta.com</u>

Tucson Restaurants Accepting Call-Ahead Reservations

Olive Garden	Chili's
5410 E Broadway - 2.33 miles	5150 E Broadway - 2.01 miles
790-5787 - www.olivegarden.com	747-3330 - www.chilis.com

Other Sites and Attractions

Biosphere 2 - 35.38 miles, Hwy 77, Mile Marker 96.5, Oracle www.b2science.org

The Biosphere 2 is a three and one half acre sealed mini-world, stocked with nearly 4000 species of plants and sea life. The project replicates ecosystems including a tropical rain forest and a million gallon ocean.

DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun - 8.33 miles, 6300 N. Swan Rd, www.degrazia.org

Created by world-acclaimed artist Etore "Ted" DeGrazia and a national historic district, DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun is a legendary landmark of southwestern art and architecture.

International Wildlife Museum - 10.88 miles, 4800 W Gates Pass Rd, www.thewildlifemuseum.org

Containing more than 400 kinds of mammals, insects and birds from around the world, displayed in natural and realistic settings, the museum encourages fun and learning for all ages, with hands-on exhibits and interactive computers.

Old Tucson Studios - 17.65 miles, 201 S Kinney Rd, www.oldtucson.com

Daily entertainment at the Old Tucson Studios is action-packed with stunt shows, gunfights, rip-roarin' musical revues, guided studio tours and trail rides.

Reid Park Zoo - 1.03 miles, 22nd St & Randolph Way, www.tucsonzoo.org

Visitors can explore naturalistic habitats housing exotic animals from around the world and experience the Flight Connection, a full flight walk through aviary.

Sabino Canyon - 11.92 miles, 5900 N Sabino Canyon Rd, www.sabinocanyon.com

Experience the beauty of one of the most unique Southwestern desert canyons on a Sabino Canyon tram ride or hike. Sabino Canyon is a natural desert oasis located in the Coronado National Forest and is home to spectacular desert landscapes and abundant wildlife.

San Xavier del Bac Mission - 15.11 miles, 1950 W San Xavier Rd, www.sanxaviermission.org

Acclaimed by many to be the finest example of mission architecture in the United States, the mission is situated in the Santa Cruz Valley

Tucson Botanical Gardens - 2.25 miles, 2150 N Alvernon Way, www.tucsonbotanical.org

Visitors can view a collection of 16 specialty gardens representing a variety of gardening traditions and botanical themes.

Tucson Museum of Art and Historic Block - 4.65 miles, 140 N Main Ave, www.tucsonmuseumofart.org

Located in historic downtown, the museum blends the traditional with the inventive, by creating sompelling and beautiful exhibitions and also features distinctive buildings and homes that provide visitors with a unique look into Tucson's past.

City of Tubac - 50.55 miles south www.tubacaz.com

Tubac was established in 1752 as a Spanish presidio (fort). Working artists' studios now surround the grounds which once served as the home for a Spanish military garrison. Tubac remembers its origins as the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park located in the village's Old Town.