TOPGUN 50th Anniversary

SITREP #4

- **Registration for events** - **The deadline to register for the Anniversary events is approaching. Many have made hotel reservations but we haven't seen your registration come in yet! All attendees and their guests must be registered in advance and badged to access all events including the Ready Room.**

- The deadline is approaching! To register, please go to this link: **TOPGUN 50TH ANNIVERSARY REGISTRATION**

- **Hotel Reservations** - The block of discounted hotel room is filling quickly. To ensure that you will have hotel accommodations, please make your reservations this week. **The deadline to make hotel reservations is April 9, 2019.** Use the following links to make reservations online or by phone, call 619-297-5466 and ask for the TOPGUN discounted rate. **TO MAKE RESERVATIONS ONLINE:**

  Hotel link: MEMBERSHIP HOTEL RESERVATIONS

  Hotel link: ACTIVE DUTY HOTEL RESERVATIONS

- **Attire for events**: The attire for the Welcome Aboard Reception on Thursday is casual (flight jackets, flight suits optional). The Friday night dinner is Gents: coat and tie (Active Duty, uniform optional), Ladies: Cocktail Attire. The Midway on Saturday is business casual (uniform, flight suit and flight jacket optional). **Please note that the Midway is requesting that no one under the age of fifteen be in attendance.**

- Many of you have asked for a list of registered attendees, a final list of attendees will be sent out with the last and final SITREP as this is still a moving target.

- **Photo request for slide show**: We are accepting photos to add to our program. If you have photos that you would like us to add, please e-mail them to Mary Buonaguidi.

- Questions? Please contact Mary Buonaguidi, TOPGUN Meeting Planner.
  E-mail: Mary.Buonaguidi@ConferenceDirect.com. Phone: 760-845-5588

FOLLOW-UP TO NAS FALLON OPEN HOUSE VISIT:

The TOPGUN staff invited former TOPGUN instructors to connect with the current staff on March 8th. This was the day of the 1v1 Grad exercise and the MIG debrief by Viper and Wizzard. For all in attendance this was a memorable and reaffirming trip. The culture and the spirit that have allowed TOPGUN to produce extraordinary leaders and remain at the forefront of tactical aviation for 50 years has been carefully preserved and is central to everything the staff does.

From the morning skit which rivaled a Dean Martin roast, the mass brief, the Skipper's brief of issues facing TOPGUN and the Navy, the Burger Burn, the 525 knot arrivals, the staff wives providing dinner for Red Force/Blue Force and guests to the SRO post event mass engagement at the "O" club, this exceeded even TOPGUN standards. The environment in which these Jr. officers operate today is complex and demanding. All of us in attendance were deeply touched by the level of professionalism, the commitment to excellence, the work ethic and the humility of these young leaders. Their families were both generous and gracious beyond expectations. The F-22 pilots and other USAF pilots flying adversary stated that "this does not exist anywhere else". The legacy is in good hands!

"Ho Chi" Bien said it best. "I was impressed (sometimes awed) by the local leadership and youthful passion of the students and instructors, the confidence and professionalism with which they attack their mission, and their acceptance of the very sobering career-long duties thrust upon them……I have been ever proud of this institution and the endless opportunities it presented me, but few are the days I was more proud of that heritage than 7-8 March 2019".

Moving forward, communication will be via e-mail. The following Instructors e-mails are still missing:

- Alston, Bob
- Anderson, Jeffrey
- Andrew, Jeremy
- Bartlett, Jerry
- Bateman, Sara
- Bennick, Patricia
- Blank, Chuck
- Blount, Carlton
- Bondesson, Jeffrey
- Boyes, Steven
- Broska, Dennis
- Brown, Dave
- Bryant, Terry
- Burns, John
- Buxbaum, Jan
- Cameron, Wallace
- Cook, Jim
- Cunningham, Steve
- Danowski, Sean
- Dollard, Bill
- Dougherty, Charles
- Farley, Dave
- Featherston, Frank
- Fitzwater, Patty
- Free, Janet
- Geanette, Bill
- Gonzalez, Mark
- Griffin, Colin
- Harshany, Edward
- Hildebrand, Chuck
- Hildebrandt, John
- Huntzinger, Ralph
- Jackson, Mark
- Kane, Jerry
- Kontos, Mark
- Littlefield
- Mccarty, Gordon
- McCaskill, Ryan
- Molidor, Mark
- Moriarty, Patrick
- Mower, Harold
- Neumann, Michael
- O'Connor, Stanley
- Palin, Gary
- Pearn, Debra
- Pileegor, Charles
- Prusak, Christopher
- Pujals, Anthony
- Redmond, Bill
- Reid, Jim
- Rizzo, Jerome
- Robinson, Earl
- Robinson, Bart
- Rogers, Cecile
- Rudy, William
- Samit, Harry
- Scharer, Don
- Seddon, John
- Seifert, Jennifer
- Shebloski, Steve
- Sobowski, Mike
- Tallon, Kevin
- Taylor, Winford
- Todd, John
- Turner, Macon
- Vringian, Kirk
- Way, Heath
- Weight, Ed
- Williams, Warren
- Windeluth, Rich
- Wright, Ed

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