

# HC-7 2012 Reunion



**ALL HANDS: TIME IS DRAWING NEAR FOR OUR 2012 REUNION. THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN ALL OF THE INFORMATION YOU WILL WANT TO KNOW!!!**

# HELSPUPRON SEVEN 2012 REUNION

## .... Angels of the Seventh Fleet ....

January 20, 2011

## Ahoy Seadevils, Relatives and Friends of HC-7!

You've been patiently waiting - so here is all of the 2012 Reunion information!! To all who are not aware, as well as those who are, we are very excited to announce the location for our **2012 HC-7 Reunion**. After much time of deliberating, traveling, and planning, Mikey Haines and I have signed a contract for

**Sunday, April 22 to Thursday, April 26, 2012.** It is smack dab in the heart of the Old West at the Radisson Suites Hotel in Tucson, AZ (6555 E. Speedway Blvd.). **Make sure you put this on your calendars and make arrangements to attend.** Mikey and I experienced the many things Tucson and the Radisson have to offer and felt everyone would thoroughly enjoy their reunion time spent here.

First, all of the rooms are all two room suites. The nightly cost is basically the same as it was in Charleston, for those who attended last year, at \$89.00 per night for one or two occupants, \$99.00 triple occupancy, and \$109.00 for quad occupancy, + a \$2 bed tax and 13.05% sales tax for city hotel rooms.

### Everything the hotel has to offer at this price is truly outstanding:

1. The two room suites have 800-900 Sq. ft. w/choice of king or 2 doubles, separate dressing area, bath & shower, along with private balconies (except ground floor suites), 2 flat screen TVs, 2 telephones (one cordless), refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron, oversized executive desk w/ ergonomic chair, professional lighting, & Sleep Number Beds.
2. Included is a daily, complimentary, complete American Buffet Breakfast with all of the trimmings.
3. Free Wireless Internet in all suites.
4. Large, heated swimming pool with decking and lounge area.
5. Hydro Spa centrally located within a lush courtyard, and close to our Hospitality Suite.
6. State of the art fitness center as well as a complimentary pass to Gold's Gym (1 mile from hotel).
7. Detached Hospitality Room w/covered patio and seating, locking doors for night time security of HC-7 Memorabilia and libations.
8. Beautifully maintained grounds with grass, mature growth, & trees.
9. Completely handicapped accessible.
10. Convenient elevators.
11. Indoor & outdoor dining.
12. Executive golf course, right next door.
13. Upscale shopping center with much more shopping close by.
14. Free shuttle within 3 miles of hotel.

## Things to do in and around this Old Western Town:

1. Davis Monthan Air Base
2. Davis Monthan Bone Yard – which houses several HC-7 birds
3. Pima Air & Space Museum
4. Old Tucson – Historical Wild Western Town Movie Set.
5. Bio Sphere
6. Arizona Sonora Desert Museum & Sonora Desert live Wild Life Exhibits
7. Saguaro National Monument & Forest
8. Sabino Canyon
9. Mt. Lemon
10. Kitt Peak Observatory
11. San Xavier Mission
12. University of Arizona
13. Randolph Park Zoo
14. Kartchner Caverns State Park
15. Tombstone & the OK Coral
16. Sierra Vista & Fort Huachuca
17. Golf behind the hotel (and many other fine courses around the city) Bring Your Clubs!!
18. Great restaurants and eateries abound, plus excellent dining options right at the hotel.

Tucson at this time of year is simply inviting. The temperatures average high 70's and low 80's during the day with temps in the mid to upper 60's at night (very low humidity). It is ideal to be outside at any time of the day or night. The pool at the Radisson is heated and can be used at any time. There is a Hydro Pool (Jacuzzi) that is somewhat secluded and close to our hospitality room. Tucson has an international airport for easy flight scheduling, and rental cars are readily available for those who wish to reserve them. The Radisson is on the East Side of the city and is only 12.9 miles from Tucson International Airport.

**Attached are pictures of the Radisson Suites Tucson for everyone to view:**



**Radisson Suites Tucson**



**Front Entrance**



**Lobby**



**Breeze Bar**



**Breeze Bar & Lounge**



**Breeze Cafe**



**Breeze Café & Bar Patio**



**Pool & Lounge Area**



**Night Swimming & Lounge**



**Jacuzzi Hot Tub**



**Dining Under the Stars**



**Hospitality Room & Patio**



**Hospitality Room (1/2)**



**Hospitality Room (other 1/2)**



**Banquet Room**



**Double Bed Sleeping Room**



**Suite Sitting Room**



**Suite Sitting Room**



**HC-7 Free Shuttle**



**Hotel Staff Welcomes Seadevils to Their 2012 Reunion**

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January 20, 2011

**The following is important.** Please make your reservations as soon as possible because we have prearranged for only so many suites per night, and we are likely to need more.

Having said this, **Our cut-off date for the current price guarantee and number of suites is February 20, 2012.** Now, if we wait until then, we may not be able to get any more suites, and even if they are available, they will most likely be at the Radisson's normal prevailing prices and not the deeply discounted rate HC-7 is currently guaranteed.

Please understand we don't want anyone to be forced to look elsewhere or pay more because they didn't act and reserve their suite early enough. **If you reserve now, and find it necessary to cancel, you will be able to do so, without penalty, providing you cancel a full 24 hours prior to your day of arrival.**

**FYI - For those of you who would like to arrive earlier, or stay later, this special HC-7 rate is available for 3 days prior to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April as well as 3 days after the 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**YOUR COOPERATION IS REQUESTED SO ALL WHO ARE COMING TO THE 2012 REUNION WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE THEIR ACCOMMODATIONS, WITH THE REST OF US, AT THE RADISSON SUITES TUCSON.**

**TO RESERVE YOUR SUITE, YOU HAVE THREE (3) OPTIONS:**

1. Call the hotel at 520-721-7100 ask for reservations and refer to the HC-7 Navy Helicopter Squadron.
2. Call 800-333-3333, Radisson's central reservations number with the same information as above.
3. Go on line to [www.radisson.com](http://www.radisson.com) and use the following code: **412NHS**

**Mikey and I look forward to being with all of you at this great event.**

**George Rapoport (Rap)**

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ggrapim@gmail.com

2426 Omaha Drive  
Kingman, AZ 86401



**& Mikey Haines**

(Picture from 2010 Reunion in Charleston)

# HC-7 2012 Reunion Itinerary

- Sunday:** Early Reunion Registration & Pictures  
 April 22 **Hospitality Room Open All Day** - Redington Room
- Monday:** Reunion Registration and Pictures  
 April 23 **Hospitality Room Open All Day** - Redington Room  
 4-5 pm Welcome Aboard Reception - Margaritas & Mini Taco Bar  
 (Hosted by Radisson Suites) - On the Pool Patio
- Tuesday:** **Hospitality Room Open All Day** - Redington Room  
 April 24 **10 am Meeting: All Hands** – 2014 Reunion - Hospitality Room  
**11:30 am** Leisurely Buffet Lunch @ the Pool Patio  
**2:00 pm** Presentation by Historian Ron Milam Catalina Ballroom  
**4:30 pm (prox)** Air Crew Wings Presentation Catalina Ballroom  
 Will Follow Directly After the Historian Presentation
- Wednesday:** **Free Day**–Site Seeing, Shopping, Pima Air Museum Tour (TBA)  
 April 25 **Hospitality Room Open All Day** - Redington Room  
**5 pm-6 pm** Cocktails - Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)  
**6:30 pm** Invocation  
**6:45 pm** Sit-Down Dinner is Served- Catalina Ballroom  
**7:30 pm** Pledge of Allegiance, Opening Address, Guest Speaker  
 (TBA), Events, Door Prizes & 50/50 Drawing  
**9:30 pm** (approx) Breeze Bar and Patio - Gathering of Seadevils
- Thursday:** **8:30 am** Farewell Buffet Breakfast... Carry to Breeze Café Patio  
 April 26 to Eat, Say Goodbyes & Farewells  
 Check out of Hotel

**We Hope You Had a Wonderful Time**  
***All Hands - Next Muster Will Be in 2014***  
**Seadevils & All - Have a Safe Trip Home**

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## RV Parks in the Tucson Area

For those of you who prefer to stay in your RV for the 2012 Reunion, listed for your convenience, are 3 nice RV Parks . All you need to do is copy & paste the Internet addresses into your browser and take a look. Rates and locations are available on the respective Internet Sites. These are the RV parks closest to the Radisson Hotel: For additional places Google "RV Parks Tucson AZ" or check in a Tucson, AZ phone book.

<http://www.crazyhorserv.com/>

<http://www.abtucson.com/>

<http://www.beaudryrvresort.com/>

## Misc. Information

Once again, the address of the Radisson Suites Tucson: 6555 E. Speedway Boulevard, Tucson, AZ

*Vegetarian or Special Needs Banquet Meal* - Please notify me, prior to the reunion, or tell someone on our Registration Desk @ the Hospitality Room of any special health or dietary requirements you may have for your Banquet Dinner Meal. Every effort will be made to accommodate your needs.

**REGISTRATION FOR REUNION:** On site registration will be required in order to obtain your Name Tag and have your Reunion Picture taken for our web site. So, please plan on registering, before you enter the Hospitality Room for the first time. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

**MEMORABILIA:** There will be a limited selection and supply of HC-7 Memorabilia Items available at the reunion. I will be bringing Hats, Golf Shirts, T Shirts, Lapel Pins, HC-7 Patches, Big Mother Patches, HC-7 Stickers, etc. If you want anything specific, please order prior to the reunion, or if I do not have it for you at the reunion, I can take orders and ship to you after I return home.

For all interested, Sign-ups for the Pima Air Museum Tour for Wednesday will be handled at the hotel front desk. Preferred method of payment-charge the tour to your room and pay for it at checkout.

**Attention Golfers:** - Golf courses are plentiful in Tucson; all of you duffers plan to bring your clubs.

**VIDEO:** Click on the following link to view the video of the Radisson Suites, made for you. Turn up the volume & enjoy. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5JYN6pDNAIw>

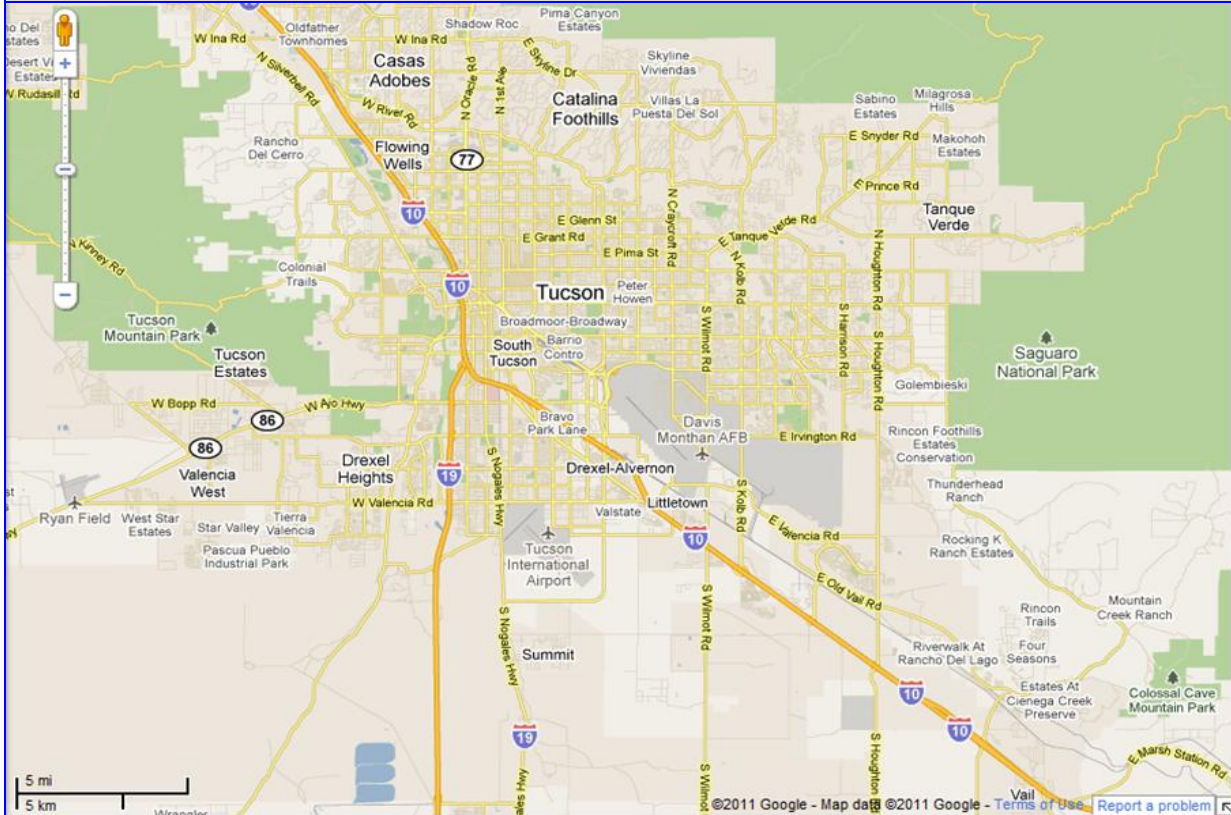
Suggested dress for the Banquet Evening, although not mandatory, is "Smart Casual". As always, those who choose to wear a jacket & tie are encouraged to do so.

If you have any questions, I can be reached @ [gprapim@gmail.com](mailto:gprapim@gmail.com) or on my cell @ 928-279-9559

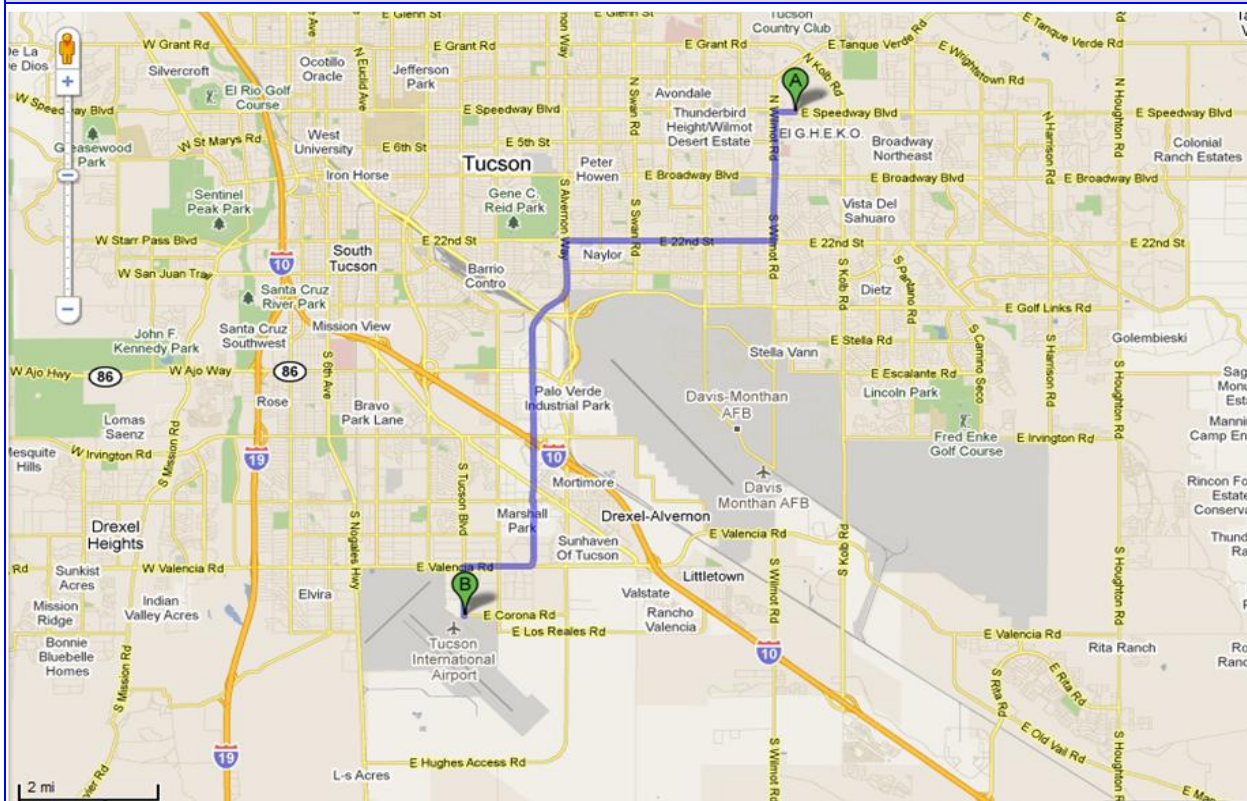
**AS A REMINDER, THE LAST DAY TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM AT THE HC-7 DISCOUNTED RATE IS: FEBRUARY 20, 2012**

**PLAN TO ATTEND - WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A BALL !!**

[Click here to see actual Map of Tucson](#)



[Click here to see actual map of Tucson Airport to Radisson Hotel](#)



**Radisson Suites Tucson - 6555 E. Speedway Blvd. - Tucson, AZ**



# HC-7 2012 Reunion Registration Form

(Please Print Legibly & Return, with Your Check to address at bottom of page)

Name (s) as you want them on Your Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse and/guest (s) Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Your mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Computation of Reunion Fees

Sunday 22 April **Hospitality Room Open**  
Early Registration, Pictures, & Memorabilia Sales  
Gathering of Seadevils, families, & Guests

Monday 23 April **All Day Hospitality Room**  
Reunion Registration, Pictures, & Memorabilia Sales  
4-5 pm: Welcome Aboard Reception - Margaritas & Mini Taco Bar (Hosted by Radisson Suites)

Tuesday 24 April **All Day Hospitality Room**  
10 am: Meeting - All Hands - Determine Location for 2014 Reunion  
11:30 am -1 pm: Leisurely Buffet Lunch in Pool Area **\$ 30.00 x (each) \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
2 pm: Historian Presentation by Ron Milam - Catalina Ballroom  
4:30 pm: Air Crew Wing Presentation - Catalina Ballroom (time approximate—to follow Historian)

Wednesday 25 April **All Day Hospitality Room**  
Free Day Sightseeing & Shopping  
5-6 pm: Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)  
6:30 pm: Invocation - Catalina Ballroom - Dinner Served at 6:45  
6:45 pm: Banquet Sit-Down Dinner- Catalina Ballroom **\$ 50.00 x (each) \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEAL CHOICE** (Please Enter the number of each Entrée you would like)

Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ Pan Seared Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Breast of Chicken Florentine \_\_\_\_\_

7:30 pm: Pledge, Opening Address, Guest Speaker (TBA), Raffle, Events, 50/50 Drawing

9:30 pm: Breeze Bar & Patio - Gathering of Seadevils (Time Approximate)

Thursday 26 April 8:30 am: Complimentary Farewell Buffet Breakfast  
Carry Outdoors to Breeze Patio to eat, & to Say Good byes and Farewells

**Hospitality Room (Beer, Wine, Soda, Water, Snacks-All 4 Days): \$ 20.00**

**Reunion Fund: \$ 20.00**

**HC-7 Historian Fee: \$ 20.00**

Please Make  
Checks Payable  
& Mail To:


**George Rapoport**  
**2426 Omaha Drive**  
**Kingman, AZ 86401**

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# BALLOT FOR THE 2014 REUNION

Mark your choice of One location for the 2014 reunion.

The Location with the most votes will be announced @ the Banquet

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- DALLAS, TX
  - ASHEVILLE, NC (HC-7 VA Memorial)
  - BRANSON, MO
  - CHICAGO, IL
  - LAS VEGAS, NV
  - NORFOLK, VA
  - SAN ANTONIO, TX
  - BOSTON, MA
  - JACKSONVILLE, FL
  - SEATTLE, WA
  - ST. LOUIS, MO
  - PHILADELPHIA, PA
  - OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS BALLOT AND YOUR COMPLETED REUNION  
REGISTRATION FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO:  
George Rapoport, 2426 Omaha Drive, Kingman, AZ 86401**