

A-6 INTRUDER REUNION
APRIL 9-14, 2024
TOWN & COUNTRY RESORT, SAN DIEGO

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

- 1400 - 1800 **Early-Bird Reunion Check-in / Registration**
- 1500 - 2400 Ready Room Opens

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

- 0800 - 1700 Ready Room Open
- 0900 - 1100 **Reunion Check-in / Registration Open**
- 1300 - 1530 VA-75 Return to VN Brief (in the Ready Room)
- 1300 - 1800 **Reunion Check-in / Registration Open**
- 1800 - 2100 **Welcome Reception** (*Cash Bar*)
- 2130 - 2400 Ready Room Open

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

- 0700 - 1400 Golf Outing
- 0800 - 1200 Reunion Registration Open
- 0930 - 1230 *Hall of Heroes/Only Yesterday Tour*
- 0945 - 1545 *San Diego Air & Space Museum/Coronado Tour*
- 1200 - 1700 Ready Room Open
- 1330 - 1630 *Hall of Heroes/Only Yesterday Tou*
- 1800 - 2130 Steel Beach Picnic on board USS Midway
- 2200 - 2400 Ready Room Open

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

- 0800 - 2400 Ready Room Open
- 1015 - 1400 *Harbor Cruise & Old Town Tour*
- 1130 - 1500 *Lunch at Cordiano Winery*
- 1600 - 1830 VA-75 Return to VN Brief (in the Ready Room)
- 1500 - 1800 **Reunion Check-in / Registration Open**
- 1630 - 1700 Banquet Seating Reservation Sheets will be collected.
Instructions will be in your registration packet.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

- 0800 - 1400 Ready Room Open
- 0900 - 1100 Intruder Association. Business Meeting (Ready Room)
- 0900 - 1500 *La Jolla, Mt. Soledad, & Old Point Loma Tour*
- 1800 - 1900 Intruder Pre-Dinner Cocktails (*Cash Bar*)
- 1900 - 2200 Intruder Dinner (*Cash Bar*)
- 2200 - 2400 Ready Room Open

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Farewells and departures

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

WELCOME RECEPTION

Wednesday, April 10

Renew old friendships at an informal *al fresco* reception featuring award-winning Mexican-inspired fare and a no-host bar. The perfect opportunity to catch up and plan your reunion activities.

Reservations required – see Reunion Registration form

VA-75 RETURN TO VIETNAM BRIEF

Wednesday, April 10

Professionally produced presentation relating the very personal experiences of a contingent from the “Sunday Punchers” during their guided visit to Vietnam. Squadron members will be on hand for a questions.

No cost – presented in the Ready Room

“STEEL BEACH” PICNIC ON BOARD USS MIDWAY

Thursday, April 11

Spend the evening on board the longest serving aircraft carrier in US Navy history, and feast on barbecued burgers, hot dogs, chicken and all the traditional picnic fare that was served during “steel beach” standdown days at sea. The museum ship will be open for touring and a no-host bar will be available. Admission to the MIDWAY museum is included in your registration package and will include a free return during normal visiting hours.

**Round trip bus transportation to/from MIDWAY available at additional cost
The San Diego trolley stops two blocks from the museum**

SAN DIEGO AIR & SPACE MUSEUM/CORONADO TOUR

Thursday, April 11

Spend the morning in Balboa Park to explore the San Diego Air & Space Museum. The museum offers a dazzling collection of historic U.S. and foreign aircraft and aviation memorabilia, which bring to life the more significant events associated with flight and space exploration. The International Hall of Fame honors, in portraiture and narrative, those men and women who have made a substantive contribution to the advance of aerospace sciences. See some of the legendary aircraft of this era, including the inspiring Spitfire and the vaunted Japanese Zero. Then we’ll head over to the Ferry Landing Marketplace for a late lunch on your own while enjoying spectacular views of San Diego across the bay. After lunch we’ll do a quick driving tour of Coronado, to include a drive by of the US Naval Amphibious Base where the US Navy SEALs are trained on our way back to the hotel.

**0945 board bus, 1545 back at hotel
\$74/Person includes bus, guide, and admission. Lunch on your own.**

ONLY YESTERDAY AND HALL OF HEROES

Thursday, April 11

Enjoy a private tour of the amazing Only Yesterday auto collection, comprised of dozens of vintage vehicles and automotive memorabilia, including a 1930 Duesenberg. Whether you're a car enthusiast or not there is plenty of nostalgia to enjoy, from a fully restored 1955 Good Humor ice cream truck to an American LaFrance fire truck. In the same building we'll visit the Hall of Heroes, a collection of military artifacts and memorabilia which bring the stories of service people to life. The museum's mission is to connect artifacts with those who used them in a very personal way. ***Please note: this tour is limited to 20 persons for each departure time.***

0930 board bus, 1230 back at hotel AND 1330 board bus, 1630 back at hotel
\$45/Person includes bus transportation.

HARBOR CRUISE/OLD TOWN

Friday, April 12.

Start the day with a one-hour narrated harbor cruise of San Diego Bay. We'll cruise the the South Bay and see the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier, US Navy Surface Fleet, the Coronado waterfront, Naval amphibious Base Coronado (home of the Navy SEAL's) and the Coronado Bay Bridge, After disembarking you will continue onto Old Town, the birthplace of California as the American flag was first raised here in 1846. Five original adobe buildings are part of this historic park, which includes museums, retail shops, and restaurants. Lunch on your own in Old Town. ***Note: Those with walking disabilities will find it difficult to get around in Old Town and down the ramp to the boat. Restrooms are not ADA accessible***

1015 board bus, 1400 back at hotel
\$66/Person includes bus, guide, and cruise. Lunch on your own.

CORDIANOS VINEYARDS TOUR & TASTING WITH LUNCH

Friday, April 12

Cordianos Vineyards is a 70-acre estate that grows premium wine grapes in the San Pasqual Valley, Escondido. This is a family-owned and operated vineyard that takes pride in the craftsmanship of quality wines and of the labor practiced for ages in the old country. The winery is a lifelong dream realized - a reflection of the love and passion of its proprietors, Gerardo and Rosa Cordiano. Enjoy delightful views of the valley while savoring a home prepared Italian Lunch and wine (one bottle for every two people) overseen by Coridano Winery sommeliers. Additional bottles of wine can be purchased at a military discounted rate.

1130 board bus, 1500 back at hotel
\$98/Person includes bus, escort, lunch, and wine.

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LA JOLLA, MT SOLEDAD, & OLD POINT LOMA

Saturday, April 13

Today we will travel north to La Jolla, the “jewel” of San Diego. Many say that La Jolla is to San Diego what Beverly Hills is to Los Angeles – a beautiful enclave to the north with lovely beaches and a great small village vibe. After seeing the sights in La Jolla, we will head to Mt Soledad National Veterans Memorial where a 27-foot tall cross, built in 1954, serves as a memorial to honor veterans, living and deceased, from the Revolutionary War to the current global "War on Terror." Time will be allowed for photos and reflection on the more than 3,500 memorial plaques that are part of the Memorial. Continue your journey along the coast and through the beach towns of Pacific Beach and Mission Beach. You will pass the surfers at Windansea Beach, the Giant Dipper Roller Coaster at Belmont Park, and the Sky Tower at SeaWorld. Make your way along Sunset Cliffs, which offers a view of the Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, where interments date to the early years of the California Territory. Then it's onto Liberty Station (formerly the site of the Naval Training Center) for lunch on your own where you will find many art studios, Liberty Public Market and unique eateries. After lunch we will head to Point Loma, home to the Cabrillo National Monument commemorating the landing of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, who sailed his ship the San Salvador into San Diego Bay in 1542, to become the first European to set foot in California. Contemplate his remarkable journey as you stand next to the statue of Cabrillo and enjoy sweeping views of the bay, the downtown San Diego skyline, Coronado and Naval Air Station North Island. On clear days, Tijuana, Mexico and Mexico's Coronado Islands can also be visible. We'll spend some time at the Visitor Center, and you may choose to take the short walk to the Old Point Loma Lighthouse

0900 board bus, 1500 back at hotel

\$56/Person includes bus, guide and National Park Admission. Lunch on your own.

INTRUDER DINNER

Saturday, April 13

Enjoy a sit-down farewell dinner with your former squadron mates and newfound friends. Dress is “business casual” – NO coat/tie or formal wear necessary! Cost includes table wine. No-host bar before the dinner.

Reservations required – see Reunion Registration form

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