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Fellow Nighthawks,

Spring greetings from your Stealth Fighter Association's (SFA) officers and Board of Directors! Registration for our F-117 40th Anniversary Tribute on 22-24 April 2022 in Las Vegas is open. It may be accessed by going to the signup website as detailed in the invitation reprinted above. Your Board is planning an outstanding experience for you and your guests, and we continue to teleconference monthly to finalize the details for this event.

F-117s Flyby Scheduled Over Palmdale Lockheed Plant: Yes, your F-117s are still flying (and that fact is now unclassified)! You've probably seen photos and articles in the media. The planes are being operated by personnel from Materiel Command. Ostensibly they are being used in testing and research roles. The SFA is in contact with the current operators, and in discussions to include them, if desired, in our Las Vegas event. A public flyby is scheduled for 18 June 2021 over Lockheed Plant 42, at the Palmdale Regional Airport, California. More specific timing and attendance details are unavailable, but they will be published as soon as they are known via another email. If you are interested in going and you wish to meet up with fellow Nighthawks, please RSVP with a brief email to seldom352@gmail.com with your number attending. If there is enough interest, I will coordinate a rendezvous at a local watering hole and a group hotel discount rate near the Lockheed Plant in Palmdale.

Interesting F-117 and Aerospace-Related Websites for Your Perusal:

Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies: www.mitchellaerospacepower.org

Podcast #7 has a 30-year retrospective on Desert Storm that includes M/Gen (Ret.) Greg "Beast" Feest

Nevada Aerospace Hall of Fame: www.nvahof.org

In McCarran Airport, there is a wall dedicated to Nevada's aviation milestones, including the F-117A



SFA Merchandise: We have partnered with an apparel embroidery company, ThreadLogic.com, so that SFA members can order shirts, hats, and bags, with the Association's logo. You can look at available items at their website address listed above. Prices begin at around \$20 for polo shirts or hats (plus shipping), and we have been very satisfied with the quality of the items received to date by Board members (Port Authority Core Classic Pique Polo shirt shown). For future reference, we will open just three, 2-week long, order windows between now and the reunion. The reason for the limitation is extra setup charges incurred for small order sizes. The windows will be 1-15 November 2021, 1-15 March 2022, and at the Las Vegas event, 20 April-4 May 2022. The order window openings and instructions will be in future newsletters.

Help Us Find Members: We continue to solicit your help in locating Nighthawk team members who may want to attend our F-117 anniversary tribute. Your Board has been working hard to both update and expand our contact list, and to reach out to team members who may have never attended one of our events. We can't do it without your help...there are only nine of us, and hundreds of you! So, please talk up this event. Anyone can send an email to F117nighthawkfinder@gmail.com or go to the www.f117sfa.org website and contact us through the link there.

Again, Spring Greetings to all Nighthawks from your SFA officers and Board! Help us get the word out about our F-117A 40th Anniversary Tribute in Las Vegas in April 2022. We hope to see you there.

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