



November 2021 Newsletter

Fellow Nighthawks,

Our April 2022 gathering in Las Vegas at the Orleans Hotel is just under 5 months away. Your Board of Directors just concluded a site visit where we all got valuable “eyes-on” the property and environs, and worked out event details with the hotel, the golf course, and Nellis AFB. Our goal from the beginning of our term has been to provide a memorable experience for all attending Nighthawks and their guests. The Orleans property is amazing! Besides having very comfortable guestrooms, the other spaces for our activities are first-rate.



This event is not just a reunion. It's a commemoration and celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the 18 June 1981 1st flight of the F-117A, and it is all about YOU. YOU conceptualized it. YOU designed it. YOU built it. YOU tested it. YOU improved it. YOU maintained it. YOU provided logistics. YOU flew it in peace and war. Or YOU supported those people listed above. Every one of YOU contributed to the amazing story that makes up the unique history of this remarkable machine. The F-117A's contribution to our nation's Air Power story are vast and continue to this day...hence our event theme: "Short Life, Long Shadow." Past gatherings at Caesar's, Green Valley, San Diego, and the Suncoast have been memorable for all, and our event promises to be the same.

Our banquet guest speaker slate is absolutely stellar...two retired 4-star generals. Listen to General Joe Ralston talk about how a handful of Majors changed the trajectory of modern air combat, and hear General David Goldfein's retrospective on our F-117's long shadow and influence on the future of Air Power.





I realize that the holiday season is upon us, but you can REALLY help us out by registering sooner rather than later. I fully understand that there is continuing uncertainty with travel considerations. Hopefully the following facts will alleviate your concerns about early registration:

1. Our extraordinarily inexpensive event room rates (\$36 weekday and \$70 weekend) are only guaranteed until 20 March 2022. On the 21st of March, the rates will rise to the going rate...anywhere between \$100-\$300 per night. Book before at least 20 March 2022 to make sure your hotel room rate does not go up.
2. Cancelling a reunion registration will not incur any financial loss as long as the registration is cancelled before 1 March 2022. Registrations cancelled between 1 March and 1 April 2022 will result in receiving a 50% refund. Registrations cancelled after 1 April result in receiving a 0% refund.
3. Late registration fees go into effect on 1 April 2022 at the rate of \$30.00 per person (are always non-refundable).
4. Golf and Nellis tour fees will be refunded at 100% prior to 10 March 2022.
5. And one final note: there are multiple hours of open bar included at no extra cost.

Bottom line: All reservations are fully refundable up until 28 February 2022. It only takes a few minutes of your time, and your credit card, of course...but it would be a great help! The link for the sign-up is on the invitation at the bottom of this message. Do it now and you don't have to worry about forgetting.

Next, contact your friends. Encourage them to do the same. You know how it works. "Hey Ace, are you going to the Stealth Reunion in April?" "Yeah, are you?" "If you do, I will!" We have over 1,100 names on our mailing list. That is names, not necessarily current contact information. We continue to solicit your help in locating Nighthawk team members who may want to attend our F-117A anniversary tribute. You are the key to updating and expanding our contact list, and to reaching 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 many 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.

Volunteers are being solicited to help with the many details that take place during the event. If you are interested in helping out in April 2022, please drop a note to Phil McDaniel at email: philipwmcdaniel@gmail.com.

We are in the production phase of creating a never-to-be-forgotten visual slide show documenting much of the history of our lives in the Program. As with our last event in Las Vegas, we are soliciting digital photo files which capture our 40-some-year history. CINC Slideshow is Joe "Haiji" Skaja. Please send a photo or two (digital format like JPEG) that commemorates your time in the Stealth program. Include the picture(s) and a caption (if appropriate). Please send your photos to skajajandg@comcast.net no later than 28 Feb 2022.

Again, Holiday Greetings to each and every one of you 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!



**You and your guests are cordially invited
to attend the
F-117 Stealth Fighter 40th Anniversary Tribute:
"Short Life, Long Shadow,"
sponsored by the Stealth Fighter Association and
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company.**

**Join our guest speakers
General (Ret) Joseph Ralston
and
General (Ret) David Goldfein
at The Orleans Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada,
22-24 April 2022.**

To visit the event website and to register, visit
<https://sites.google.com/view/2022stealthfighteranniversary>
or scan the QR code.

Please spread the word to others who share your Nighthawk experience.



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