2008 APS Reunion News

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GET YOUR REUNION GEAR ONLINE

With a little less than a month remaining before the 2008 reunion kicks off, we're preparing for another fantastic reunion.

Organizers have once again opened an online store where anyone can purchase apparel or other items with custom—designed 2008 reunion logos imprinted on them. Go to the convenient site (shown below) to have a look at the merchandise available there.

Whether you prefer denim shirts or t-shirts, or coffee mugs or mouse pads, there's definitely something for everyone at the Online Reunion Store.

We value your opinions and ideas — please visit the online store, and then let us know what you think.

Our hosts continue to work on exciting plans for our stay in San Antonio. We're hearing from aerial porters from all over the country, and expect to see quite a few of our old friends in San Antonio at the end of the month — we hope you're among them!

Visit our online reunion store:
www.cafepress.com/2008APSReunion

HELPFUL WEBSITES:

Reunion Updates—
www.435APS.com

Welcome to San Antonio—
www.visitsanantonio.com

The River Walk—
www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com
www.RioSanAntonio.com

Shops of La Villita—
www.lavillita.com

Casa Rio (site of our Farewell Dinner Sunday night)
www.casa.rio.com

The Alamo —
www.TheAlamo.org

Spanish Missions—
www.visitsanantonio.com

www.lackland.af.mil

Ground Transportation
http://www.sanantonio.gov/aviation/groundtransportation.asp

435th Aerial Port Squadron
2008 Reunion
San Antonio, Texas

TENTATIVE REUNION SCHEDULE

Oct 31	Arrival **Icebreaker** at Hampton Inn (6 pm) **Dinner— Beethoven's Garten (?)**
Nov 1	Breakfast on own Golf Outing, tours, or individual outings
Nov 2	Breakfast on own Individual outings **Farewell Dinner at Casa Rio**
Nov 3	Departures Optional activities

SAN ANTONIO TRIVIA — DID YOU KNOW?

- The famous arched portion of the Alamo was actually added in 1850 by the US Army when they used the Alamo chapel as a commissary depot.
- The first wave of enlistees trained at what would soon become Lackland AFB in November 1942. Lackland would soon become the premier training location for all Air Force enlisted personnel.
- Brooks AFB was named for a native of San Antonio, Sidney J. Brooks. Brooks was among the first Aviation Cadets to train at Kelly Field in 1917 after the US entered into WWI. Cadet Brooks completed ground school with the highest honors in the first class to graduate. From there, he transferred to Kelly Field for flight training, and was killed on Nov 13, 1917 when his Curtiss JN-4 crashed as he attempted to land at Kelly Field.

YOU CAN HELP GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THE 2008 435 APS REUNION

We're still hoping to let former Aerial Porters and Transporters know about the 435 APS Reunion Group. If you know how to get in touch with someone who is not on our list, please let us know by contacting:

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