

435th Aerial Port Squadron REUNION NEWSLETTER

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2009 REUNION—TACOMA, WASHINGTON

You're probably wondering what you'll find to do while you're in Tacoma for the 2009 APS Reunion.

Opportunities abound for visitors to the Pacific Northwest, and especially in the greater Tacoma area.

The city of Tacoma has enjoyed a Renaissance of sorts in the last 25 years, and visitors who remember the Tacoma of old will be pleasantly surprised at the Cosmopolitan nature of Tacoma in the 21st century.

Whether your tastes run to sporting events or an evening of jazz or the history of the region, you'll find something to satisfy your curiosity. Looking for a great seafood meal? You'll find it at one of the many restaurants either in the downtown area or on

the waterfront.

Yearning to return to nature? Mt Rainier National Park is a short drive from Tacoma, and even in November, you can enjoy a hike ranging from easy to more advanced.

If you're looking for scenic photo opps, you're as close to nature as you can be when you visit Pt Defiance Zoo & Park, Tacoma's greatest treasure and over 700 acres of urban park.

If you have a few hours to spend, you'll find plenty to do while you're in town for the 2009 APS reunion.



Tacoma Waterfront



Pt Defiance Zoo, overlooking Commencement Bay



Washington State History Museum with Chihuly glass art in the foreground.

Reunion Count Down!

74 Days

TACOMA FUN FACTS

- Dale Chihuly, world-renowned glass artist, is a native of Tacoma.
- The Tacoma Dome is the largest wood-domed arena in the world, using 1.6 million board feet. It requires 265,000 square feet of roofing—enough to cover 140 average homes.
- Despite our rainy reputation, the average annual rainfall in the Pacific NW is 39.9 inches (less than New York!), 75% of which falls between October & March. The driest month is July, the wettest is December.



REUNION STORE OPEN @

WWW.CAFEPRESS.COM/435APSREUNION09

All this merchandise and more is available at the 2009 Reunion Store. Other merchandise is available with previous reunion or basic reunion logos.



SPECIAL REUNION RATE AVAILABLE FOR APS REUNION

The Courtyard Marriot in Tacoma has offered reunion attendees a special discounted rate for the 2009 reunion. As part of the 435 APS Reunion Group, you may reserve your room(s) at \$118 + tax (reduced from the regular rate of \$219)

For lodging information or to make reservations, go to

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/seatd-courtyard-tacoma-downtown/>

or call 253-591-9101

Ask for reservations under "435 APS Reunion" to access the special rate.

For more Reunion information, please go to www.435APS.com