



REVETMENTS

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A Memorial to the American Experience in Vietnam



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From this editions guest editor

I personally would like to thank Larry Fry for all the years of service and the dedication to the Tan Son Nhut Association. I know many other feel as I do and we offer a sincere "Thank You" to Larry Fry. See Page 6 for a tribute.



Larry and Lois Fry, with Andy Csordas

Revetments, our newsletter, will now be published every three months.
Please feel free to contribute, stories, pictures or information for future publications.

Thank You

I am this month's guest editor, but if any of you readers would like to volunteer and help publish future editions of Revetments, please let Andy Csordas or Paul Mortensen know. As you can see, I definitely need help. Our contact information is listed below.

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Chaplain's Corner-How God Turns Bad Circumstances to Good

Andy Csordas-Associate Chaplain

Many times we are not happy with our circumstances or with a decision that affects our family, our career or our friends. It has certainly happened to me and I am sure you can think of things like that in your past. I can remember times in my working career that I was extremely disappointed by a lack of a promotion.

In one case I was interviewing for a newly created Territory position which would have put me over approximately 20-25% of the nation in that part of the organization. Someone else, much better connected at corporate, received the promotion. I knew I could do the job, had more experience in the specific job function, etc. but was not as connected. I then ended up reporting to the other person. Don't get me wrong, he was a good guy and not difficult to work for, but I did think I was better qualified. No hard feelings, I just continued to do my job to the best of my abilities. About a year or so later, the newly created position was eliminated. The other person being better connected survived and picked up a corporate position. If I had been in that role, not as well connected, I would have been looking for another job. I thanked God that I did not get that promotion.

Sometimes it is very interesting to look back and say; wow what I wanted would not have been a great thing in the long term after all. A story about bad things happening to someone is in Genesis. You likely remember Joseph, the younger son of Jacob. Apparently Joseph was a bit spoiled and a little on the arrogant side. His older brothers were not thrilled when Joseph told them about his dream where his entire family would bow down to him. He then got sold into slavery by his brothers, was falsely accused of trying to rape his Egyptian master's wife, thrown into prison for years, etc.

But during the entire time he trusted God and kept his integrity intact. As the story continues he then interpreted Pharaoh's dream about the coming famine. He was put in charge of everything in Egypt. His family was starving in Canaan and came to Egypt for grain. Of course there are lots of details I have not included, but the thing to remember is the really bad things that happened to Joseph enabled him to save his family with God's help and allowed the Israelites to flourish.



When his brothers were buying grain from him and found out who Joseph was and the power he held over their lives they were quite terrified. But here is what Joseph said in **Genesis 45:5**: ***“And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you”***. And in **verse 7**, ***“But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance”***.

Of course his brothers were just like us; we try to tell God how to do it and do not trust God for things, both big and little. We have our own plan and sometimes it can lead you further down a path you do not want to go. The brothers apparently did not learn and lied again after their father died telling Joseph that Dad said to not take revenge on them for their misdeeds. Joseph had no intention of taking revenge on his brothers because he saw God's big picture.

So the lesson for us is provided in **Proverbs 3: 5**, ***“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding”***. Where are you today, do you trust in your own understanding or do you trust in the Lord?

* Opinions expressed are those of the author, not necessarily those of the Tan Son Nhut Association

Rendezvous for Veterans, Family and Friends of Tan Son Nhut AB

Mail this form along with your check made payable to TSNA or Tan Son Nhut Association to :

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September 18-20, 2025

Tucson AZ

For any Veteran, family member, friend who was stationed at, or passed through Tan Son Nhut AB Vietnam and all military/aviation enthusiasts

2025 Tucson Tours and Social Gathering

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

Badge Names

Member _____ Guest _____

Questions? Email us at:

TSNAreunions@gmail.com

All Social/Networking activities are planned at tour locations. NO activities are planned at the hotel, so you may stay wherever and join us at the activities. We have reserved rooms at the Heritage Inn on Davis Monthan AFB for anyone who has base access. Please contact Paul at the email shown on the left to reserve one of these rooms. Hotel accommodations at the Heritage Inn are at \$104.00 per night. All rooms have one Queen sized bed.

Please mark which days you will be attending

Date	Location	Activity	Cost
Sept 18	<input type="checkbox"/> Pima Air & Space Museum	Welcome reception, tour, lunch, speaker	\$33.00 per person, includes welcome, tour, lunch and speaker
Sept 19	<input type="checkbox"/> Titan Missile Museum	Tour followed by lunch at Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant	\$20.00 per person plus you purchase your own lunch
Sept.20	<input type="checkbox"/> Military Vehicle Museum	Tour followed by closing reception	\$20.00 per person, includes closing reception

Other things to do in Tucson AZ:

Casinos

Nogales Mexico

Mt Lemon

Mission San Xavier

Sonora Desert Museum

Also visit Fort Huachuca, Marine Corps Air Station, US Army Desert Proving Grounds

Gold Panning/mining

Science Center

Saguaro National Park

Tohono Chul Botanical Garden

Kartchner Caverns

Biosphere 2

(some locations may have limited)

Total cost if attending all three tour and reception events is \$95.00 per person, plus the cost of the meal you order at Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant.



We are seeking Corporate Sponsors for these events, please notify Paul at tsnareunions@gmail.com if you would like to be, or know a sponsor.

Veterans, friends and families of Tan Son Nhut

You are invited to the Tucson Social Gathering and Rendezvous for Tan Son Nhut Veterans, family, friends and supporters.

Come visit and share stories with other Vietnam Vets, friends and families of anyone who was stationed at or passed through Tan Son Nhut AB

Contact: TSNAREUNIONS@gmail.com



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Titan Missile Museum,

Also known as **Air Force Facility Missile Site 8** or as **Titan II ICBM Site 571-7**, this is a former ICBM (intercontinental ballistic missile) site located south of Tucson, Arizona. It was constructed in 1963 and deactivated in 1984. It is now a museum run by the nonprofit Arizona Aerospace Foundation and includes an inert Titan II missile in the silo, as well as the original launch facilities.

It was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1994. It is the only Titan II complex to survive from the late Cold War period.



It remains as the only location in the country where visitors can view an entirely preserved ICBM Titan Missile

Pima Air and Space Museum, Tour, welcome reception, lunch with speaker

Pima Air and Space Museum Is one of the Largest Non-Government Funded Aviation & Space Museums in the World with 400+ Historical Aircraft Across 80 Acres of Arizona.



Bring your cameras and capture some wonderful memories

Come as strangers—Leave as Friends

Tucson Military Vehicle Museum, Tour and closing reception

An exciting experience not readily available west of the Mississippi River – The Tucson Military Vehicle Museum and driving experience! While many significant private collections exist as well as notable museums - none are in the Southwest part of the United States. There is a huge regional audience that will find this type of museum incredibly appealing. By leveraging the success in attracting global visitors as an international aerospace history museum – the same stature with a military vehicle museum is now available.



Other Attractions to visit in the Tucson area

Fort Huachuca

US Army Desert Proving Grounds

Davis Montham AFB

Casinos

Mt Lemon

Sonora Desert Museum

Saguaro National Park

Kartchner Caverns

Marine Corp Air Station, Yuma

Fort Tuthill Military Recreation Area

Luke AFB

Nogales Mexico

Mission San Xavier

Flandrau Science Center

Tohono Chul Botanical Garden

Bosphere 2

And don't forget the golfing

No activities are planned at the hotel, all social/networking activities are planned at the tour locations

Tucson Welcomes You

We have two hotels in Tucson just waiting for you.
Don't wait, make your reservations now.

This Rendezvous/Muster Event is open to all who have an interest in Military History and in the legacy of Tan Son Nhut AB and the Vietnam conflict.

ALL HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN August 19, 2025



Courtyard by Marriott at Tucson Airport

Elevate your travel experience at Courtyard Tucson Airport. Refresh in our guest rooms with plush Marriott bedding, ergonomic workspaces, and private balconies in select accommodations. Stay active at our outdoor pool and 24-hour fitness center, or enjoy Tucson's outdoor recreation. During your stay, experience the best of Tucson at nearby attractions including Davis Monthan AFB, Pima Air and Space Museum, Titan Missile Museum, Tucson Military Vehicle Museum. Desert Diamond Casino is less than 10 minutes away. Our convenient location just half a mile from Tucson International Airport with free parking makes our venues a great choice to muster for this special event. Enjoy your stay at Courtyard Tucson Airport.

Heritage Inn on Davis Monthan Air Force Base

The Heritage Inn is a beautiful, newly constructed lodging facility located at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona. This expansive and state-of-the-art lodge is proud to serve as your home away from home, offering all the comforts and amenities travelers require at an exceptional value. We serve all guests who have base access.



Reservation Information

No activities are planned at the hotels, all activities are at the tour locations

Marriott Courtyard [520-573-0000](tel:520-573-0000) 2505 E Executive Dr, Tucson, AZ 85756 \$110 per night plus taxes. Reserve rooms under TSNA or Tan Son Nhut

Heritage Inn [3230 W Davenport St. Bldg. 2542, Tucson, AZ 85707 520.228.3230](tel:520-228-3230) \$104 per night. Each room has queen size bed, Reservations made through Paul Mortensen, TSNAreunions@gmail.com

Tribute to Larry Fry

This what Larry wrote in his last edition

Per Larry Fry: As you might have gathered, there are changes with me and with TSNA.

At my request, this is my final issue of Revetments; and at the same time, there is a new mailing address for TSNA .

I have thoroughly enjoyed doing the membership duties, as well as Revetments, for the past 17+ years, and through those 2 jobs, have met and known a lot of great people.

So, mainly for health reasons, the time has come to write this note, and to also thank the TSNA Board's acceptance of these changes; and especially to Andy Csordas, "Mr. TSNA", for taking on even more responsibility.

Larry E Fry
Chaplain Services Specialist
Tan Son Nhut Air Base



2025 Tan Son Nhut Association Scholarship Awards

The following deserving students have been awarded a four year, \$2,000/year, scholarship by the Scholarship Committee.

Evangeline Benson of Conway Arkansas will be attending the University of Central Arkansas.

Nicholas Lucas of Danville Kentucky will be attending Bellarmine University.

John Parker of Madison Alabama will be attending Auburn University.

Hailey McQuillen of Lexington Kentucky will be attending Case Western Reserve University.

Reed Willis of Nicholasville Kentucky will be attending the University of Kentucky.

Sydney Keister of Georgetown Kentucky will be attending Ohio State University.

Ruth Inman of Georgetown Kentucky will be attending Morehead State University.

Kathryn Hogue of Nicholasville Kentucky will be attending Eastern Kentucky University.

Andrew Hickey of Georgetown Kentucky will be attending Hanover College.

Alexa Gallagher of Marshall Arkansas will be attending the University of Central Arkansas.

Conner Facey of Lakeland Florida will be attending Florida Southern College.

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Pictures or stories of Christmas/Winter at
Tan Son Nhut,

Pictures or stories about Saigon scenes,
including the zoo, street scenes, modes of
transportation,

Pictures or stories about past reunions

Or pictures or stories about your unit.

PLEASE SEND THOSE TO
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