



REVETMENTS

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A Memorial to the American Experience in Vietnam

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GREETINGS!!

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES IN THE TAN SON NHUT ASSOCIATION.

Special note from the President:

From this point forward please use the information below when contacting or referencing our organization.

All email should be directed to Andy Csordas via tansonnhutassociation@gmail.com

The organization's **new mailing address is:**

**Tan Son Nhut Association
C/O Andy Csordas
810 Cindy Blair Way,
Lexington KY 40503**

ALSO, PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:



Revetments, our “newsletter”, will be published once every 3 months, beginning with this issue, May 15, 2025.

Also, beginning **NOW**, we will no longer be asking you for any “dues” payments.

“Life Members” will continue to be just that.

All others on the Board maintained Master List will be considered full **Members**.

FYI, if someone you know wants to join, a new Membership Application form has been inserted on the TSNA website, which can be sent in; and after processing, they will become a member, and their name will show on the “MEMBERS” section of the TSNA website.

AND they will receive a membership card as before, with no “Renewal Date”.

In the coming days, further announcements will be made affecting the continued operations of the Tan Son Nhut Association.

All Included, Non-Excluded

Richard A. Cooley
President

Chaplain's Corner-Trust in the Lord

Andy Csordas-Associate Chaplain

This month we revisit some history around King Hezekiah around the years of 726 BC to 713 BC, from 2nd Chronicles. You may recall that Chronicles is basically a history book. 2nd Chronicles chapters 29-31 recount how the young king Hezekiah (his mother was the daughter of Zachariah the prophet), 25 years old when he came to power and how he reopened the temple and proceeded to rid the country of pagan worship items and sites. It is interesting that after that process God's grace provided the country with plenty. It is an illustration of how God's people will be blessed when they follow his precepts.

So in chapter 32 we find King Sennacherib of Assyria coming to attack Jerusalem. Hezekiah prepared the city and the Assyrians laid siege to Jerusalem and other cities in Judah. You may remember the story about how an Assyrian officer challenged the people basically saying we have taken all the other cities in the surrounding counties what makes you think you can win.



Hezekiah and the priests told the people to pray and fast. They cried out to God, **2 Chronicles 32:20** says, ***"Then King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah son of Amos cried out in prayer to God in heaven."*** God answered their prayer and destroyed the Assyrian army. What do you find when you look at other writings of the time to determine if there a correlation between those writings and the scripture? Do you find similar writings?

On the left we have a relief from Sennacherib's palace in Nineveh depicting his conquest of Lachish one of the other conquests on his way to Jerusalem. There is an ancient text called the Sennacherib Prism, shown on the right that talks about King Sennacherib's conquests throughout Phoenicia and Philistia and on to Jerusalem. It talks about utter destruction and conquests in these other places but it does not say that about Jerusalem. It only talks about how he "shut up" Hezekiah like a bird in a cage. It admits he failed to capture Jerusalem and this agrees with the text in Chronicles. God protected them because they trusted in Him.



What is our lesson from this story? Do we trust in God for all things? Do we only call on God when things get tough and we do not know where to turn? Recall that before Hezekiah prayed to God for protection from the Assyrians he had already been trusting God for wisdom on how to govern. That trust provided a good prosperous life for God's people well before the siege of the Assyrians. Unfortunately Hezekiah became prideful and self-centered later in life and that resulted in some bad outcomes for the people and the country, but that is a discussion for a later day.

So today remember what **Proverbs 3:5** tells us, ***"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding"***. If you are like me you may have discovered that when we lean on our own understanding it has not always turned out as we have envisioned. In addition more wisdom from **Proverbs 16:20** tells us, ***"Whoever gives heed to instruction (from the Lord) prospers and blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD."*** Trust in the Lord!

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

EDITOR'S NOTE: As you might have gathered from page 1, there are changes with me and TSNA.

At my request, this is my final issue of Revetments; and at the same time, the new mailing address for TSNA is changed as shown on page 1, and in the Masthead on Page 8.

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
December 28, 1961 - March 7, 1962**

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

September 18-20, 2025

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
Biosphere 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



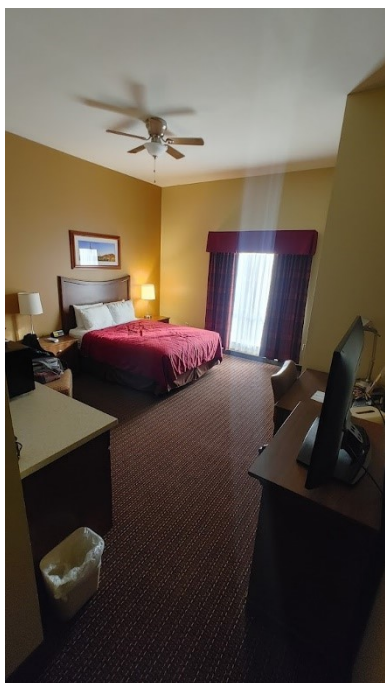
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Elevate your travel experience at Courtyard Tucson Airport. Refresh in our guest rooms with plush Marriott bedding, ergonomic workspaces, and private balconies in select accommodations. Stay active at our outdoor pool and 24-hour fitness center, or 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

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 :

Paul Mortensen
1214 N Earhart Parkway
Payson, AZ 85541



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	\$55.00 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 mobility access)

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 Res-



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.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are 2 different notes from Chuck Templeton. I've lost track of which one is first, so here they are, both good, no matter the timing. Thanks Chuck!

At 79 it is entirely possible that I, like many other OLD FOLKS, look back and remember. Just today it is cold and rainy and here in Tennessee we have no snow, the smell of the wet ground permeates the air. It brought back a memory of my first duty station at Pease AFB in New Hampshire. As part of the Security portion of the Air Police unit I was assigned to, we were tasked with the defence of the Base along with guarding uploaded B47 bombers on alert status. Assigned to the west perimeter you walked along the end of the tarmak next to open, well trimmed ground and when it rained the smell is what I remembered. That memory leapfrogged to Thailand and guarding the bomb dump during the rainy season. Not to be outdone the VietNam rainy season memories kicked in, Delta Sector and Delta Bunker 9, Of course when dominos of memory start to fall, the rest of the memories start to flood in. The common consensus is that with age, many bad memories disappear leaving the memories you wish to save. This is the case with me for the most part. Traumatic memories remain and the Lord has blessed me with the ability to forgive, especially to forgive myself.

Chuck Templeton

Greetings Family and Friends

60 years, an Air Force remembrance

Having not talked a lot about my military service and this being Memorial Day, I decided to share some more about being a SECURITY POLICEMAN in the Air Force.



One of the first things was to find out what my career field has become. The links below describe what it is like now, however, this training, equipment and tactics shown here, was not the way it was during my service.

Much of what you see here was developed in Vietnam and following conflicts. The different mission(s) following 9-11-2001 stretched my career field.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGvv7WWxCng>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZEL1Wb7f1E>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHP-A6FPITg>

This is my 60th anniversary of my High School Graduation. It is also the anniversary of my enlistment. June 15, 1964. Suffice it to say, my life would have been much different without my two enlistments in the Air Force.

If you watched the YouTube links above, you have seen what we did during those years. For me, Pease AFB New Hampshire, NKP Thailand, Luke AFB Phoenix AZ, Tan Son Nhut Viet Nam, Misawa AB Japan, and Kadena Okinawa were the locations where these duties took place.

Grateful is an overused word, but one of the best words to describe my feelings to those I served with, who had gone before and for those who currently serve, I salute you.

Enjoy your Memorial Day

Chuck Templeton





MEMORIAL DAY

LET US NOT FORGET

*"Thanksgiving is a day when we
pause to give thanks for the things we have."*

*Memorial Day is a day when we pause to give thanks to the people who
fought for the things we have."*



IN MEMORY
MEMORIAL DAY, 2012

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Thanks to TSNA Member John Bowen.
for another great drawing.

IN MEMORIAM:

Former member **Garry Burson**, 765th Trans. Batt., passed away in January, 2025, according to his classmate and active TSNA member Ron Hill.

NEW MEMBERS:

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Gerald R. Brandenburg, from Twin Lake MI. 377th SPS K9. Aug 66 – Jun 70. Dog Handler, Guard. K9 = "Sampson", was and always will be my best friend. Email: Shiloh1589@gmail.com.

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