



THUNDERROLLS

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From The Chairman



First, I hope all of you had a great Holiday season. Second, congratulations to the current team for a superb 2024 Demo season. I received tremendous feedback about the demonstration; how tight the diamond was and how precise the solo hits were, and how good the show line and support looked. Can't wait to see the practice airshow on 20 June 2025 in Dayton! And speaking of Dayton, our reunion site for 2025, we have a lot of details in this edition of ThunderRolls. Sign up early and we, your Thunderbirds Association (TBA) Board of Directors, look forward to seeing you there, 19-21 June 2025, at our first major reunion outside Vegas.

We've also attached the next two years' show schedules. The International Council of Airshows just concluded, and these are the announced show sites for the next two years. If you are interested in hosting or helping with future team visits in your area, please let our Executive Director, Corri Coy, know at admusaftba@gmail.com. This past year we supported the current team including providing meals at Spaceport, New Mexico, during training season, lunch at multiple show sites courtesy of Mission BBQ and the TBA, receptions and meals at numerous show sites including Luke AFB, JB Elmendorf, Hill AFB, Indianapolis, and attending a San Antonio Spurs home basketball game in one of the VIP suites. We want to continue actively supporting the team and coordinating our efforts at the same time, so keep up the good work!

You'll note the tiered giving section of ThunderRolls. Thanks for all your contributions. Your donations matter a great deal. Special kudos again to the Solos, for singlehandedly contributing over \$30K. Our objective is to continue growing our investment account to a point where we can live off the interest and dividends and provide a budget of \$100K/annually. This requires about \$2M and currently our investment fund stands at \$310K. On the TBAA.org website you can contribute via PayPal or Zelle (coming soon), or mail a check to the USAF Thunderbirds Association at 1093 A1A Beach Blvd #433, Saint Augustine, FL 32080.

I want to keep emphasizing our upcoming 75th Anniversary reunion in 2028 and the book we are writing to commemorate that event. WE NEED YOUR STORIES! History is dominated by those who write about the events, so let's make history together and tell us your stories; send them to admusaftba@gmail.com.

See you in June!

Michael "Mo" Beale, USAF Thunderbirds Association Chairman, Solo, (1989-1991)





Thunderbirds,

As I'm sure many of you can relate, it's hard to believe we're through the 2024 show season. We culminated the season with the Nellis "Friends and Family" show on 7 November 2024. I am very proud of Team 24, not just of the incredible ground and air demonstration we tirelessly aim to perfect, but also of our professionalism and dedication to selfless service. These values truly represent the best of our country. I've received many compliments on the conduct of our team and how kind, generous, and professional our members are. I credit our amazing officer and SNCO core for maintaining high standards and employing empathetic leadership. Our leaders have enabled sustained

performance of the highest caliber while maintaining an esprit de corps rarely seen this late in the season.

I'm excited to announce our new command team and officers have arrived and are already cutting their teeth. CMSgt Ryan Smith (previous team member from 2016-18) joined us from RAF Lakenheath and has put his experience to good use. Our new First Sergeant, MSgt Sirivia Rice, is settled in and keeping great tabs on our members' health and supporting families. The new officers include Capt Josh "Shadow" Burress from Columbus AFB as incoming TB2. Maj Laney "Rogue" Schol left her F-35 at Eglin to join us as incoming TB6. Our incoming TB7, Maj Tyler "Wrath" Keener, is leaving beautiful Hickam to direct our operations. Capt Nick "Chronic" Belinski will be the new advance pilot/narrator and learn the challenging role of TB8. Our new TB10 will be Capt Janilie Vecchio, and she's from the Las Vegas area and last stationed at Creech AFB. We had an outstanding crop of applicants and we're excited to train them for their Team 25 roles.

As we prepare for 2025, we're excited about the reunion at Dayton, Ohio, and hope to see many of you there. I know the alumni leadership team has put a lot of work preparing this reunion, and Team 25 is excited to meet many of you and fly an outstanding demonstration.

Continuously improving alumni relations is important to me and I'm proud to say that we've interacted with and seen many of you on the road, willing to assist any way you can. I can't thank you enough for your support, encouragement, and advice. We have projects and improvements we believe will help the team continue to develop and grow. As I head into my second year, I plan to formalize some requests on some of these projects that alumni are uniquely positioned to assist with. If you are interested, please reach out to your leadership and we'll find a way to facilitate your involvement.

I hope that you have been able to follow our progress on Facebook or Instagram. Our Public Affairs team has posted some excellent photos and videos throughout the year and it's fun to see the improvement through the season.

Thank you again for continuing to be a big part of America's Team!

v/r,

Lt. Col. Nathan "Sheik" Malafa

USAFADS Commander/Leader





Greetings Thunderbirds! Your Board has been meeting twice a month discussing issues important to all of you. The 2025 reunion contract has been signed with the Marriott University of Dayton, the same hotel the team will be staying at. We have a block of rooms starting Wednesday, the 18th of June, for those of you who want to arrive early and play golf in our reunion golf tournament Thursday morning. In another first, we are going to invite some local business leaders from the City of Dayton to golf with us. We'll have plenty of tee times available, so there's no worry about you not getting in on the fun.

You have an energetic and dedicated reunion planning group texting, emailing, and talking reunion details throughout each month. Here's what's been going on behind the scenes: Dutch Freiburger is busy working our golf tournament plans, Gary McCue has been in constant contact with the hotel catering folks finalizing banquet meal options as well as appetizers for receptions, the business meeting coffee and pastry options, and everyone's favorite - perch parties! Cindy McCue is beating the bushes talking with prospective reunion donors, Dan Wilber is handling our photography needs throughout the reunion, Tim Coy is coordinating Friday night's reception at the National Museum of the Air Force, and Alex McGill is coordinating contracts for buses to handle reunion transportation needs. Our budget guy, Jeremy "Loops" Curbey, is calculating our reunion costs and coordinating logistics for the reunion practice show, and your association Executive Director, Corri Coy, is keeping all of us (especially me) on track! You will meet both Corri and Linda Riccardi when you arrive at the hotel, as their sign-in table will be just a few feet to the right from the hotel front desk. We also plan to have folks there from the Dayton Visitor's Bureau to hand out information on local attractions that you and your family can take advantage of while in Dayton. Just a few weeks ago, Tim, Corri, and Linda made a reunion pre-planning trip to Dayton to meet with those we'll be working with at the hotel, Dayton Air Show, the Museum, and the Dayton Visitor's Bureau. We are on track and anxiously looking forward to June 2025.

I know some of you were looking forward to having our reunion banquet at the National Museum of the Air Force. I'm sorry we couldn't make that happen – it just got too expensive. However, we are going to hold a reception at the Museum on Friday evening after the practice show. The Museum reception will be near our beloved Thunderbird F-16 and F-100 aircraft. Bus transportation will be provided from the reunion hotel to the museum and back. We're trying to hold reunion costs down, while doing our best to make this a first-class event for our association members and their guests. Schedule and cost information is provided later in this edition and you will see more information about registration, golf, and all the reunion events in future editions of ThunderRolls, Facebook, and email communications. I look forward to seeing you in Dayton next June!

John "Fitz" Fitzgerald

Vice Chairman & Reunion Chair, TBA Board of Directors



It is Time for REUNION!



Thunderbirds! We hope you plan to join us at the next USAF Thunderbirds Association Reunion, June 19-21, 2025, in Dayton, OH. There will be plenty of time to reconnect with former teammates and friends over the weekend. You'll be able to play golf, watch the Thunderbirds practice air show, and mingle with your teammates alongside our F-16 and F-100 aircraft at the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

Schedule, costs, and hotel information is provided below. Online registration will open in the next few weeks and shared via email, USAF Thunderbirds Association Facebook page, and the Association website. Stay tuned for more information coming soon. We look forward to seeing you there!



BOOK YOUR HOTEL

We have a block of rooms ready for you at The Marriott at the University of Dayton for June 18 - 21, 2025.*

If you want to start making plans - you can book your hotel rooms by:

- Book direct at this link: [Thunderbirds Association Reunion 2025 - Marriott](#)

OR

- Call the Marriott at 1-800-MARRIOTT (1-800-627-7468): Ask for the "USAF Thunderbird Alumni Association Annual Reunion 2025" rate.

**Note: If you want to book a room for dates outside of June 18 - 22, 2025 please call 1-800-MARRIOTT (1-800-627-7468) to make your booking.*

Reunion Schedule of Events

DATE	EVENT	COST (Per Person)
	EVENT REGISTRATION FEE Through May 18, 2025 May 19 – June 10, 2025	\$35.00 \$50.00
THURSDAY, JUNE 19 TIME: EARLY MORNING	GOLF TOURNAMENT – TWIN BASE GOLF CLUB <i>Hit the links with former teammates and some local golfers. Prizes and lunch will be provided.</i>	\$75.00
THURSDAY, JUNE 19 TIME: EVENING	WELCOME RECEPTION – MARRIOTT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON <i>Connect with former teammates over heavy appetizers and drinks.</i> DRESS: CASUAL CASH BAR	\$55.00
FRIDAY, JUNE 20 TIME: MORNING	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – MARRIOTT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON <i>Start the day with a complimentary breakfast before you get ready to transfer to the afternoon practice air show.</i>	No Charge
FRIDAY, JUNE 20 TIME: AFTERNOON	THUNDERBIRDS PRACTICE AIR SHOW – DAYTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (CenterPoint Energy Grounds) <i>Access to the air show grounds is restricted on Friday. The air show organizers have directed that ALL ATTENDEES must arrive at the viewing area via shuttle bus.</i> <i>Complimentary bus transportation will be provided from the MARRIOTT AT THE UNIVERSITY of DAYTON hotel and a shuttle from the parking area near the show grounds will also be available.</i> <i>Special arrangements will be made for those unable to ride the shuttle bus. More details to follow.</i>	No Charge
FRIDAY, JUNE 20 TIME: EVENING	RECEPTION - THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE US AIR FORCE <i>Enjoy cocktails and heavy appetizers and while you mingle with your teammates alongside our F-16 and F-100 aircraft.</i> <i>Shuttle buses will be provided from the Dayton Marriott hotel. Details to follow.</i> DRESS: BUSINESS CASUAL 2 FREE DRINKS + CASH BAR	\$75.00
SATURDAY, JUNE 21 TIME: MORNING	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Patch Wearing Members) <i>Learn more about the Association activities, meet with your current board and learn about the new board members. Please plan on attending! Your presence and input are valuable.</i> CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	No Charge
SATURDAY, JUNE 21 TIME: EVENING	72 YEARS OF THUNDER BANQUET <i>Wrap up the weekend and celebrate over drinks and dinner with friends and family.</i> DRESS: COCKTAIL & BUSINESS SUIT CASH BAR	\$95.00
Informal Perch Parties – Thursday and Saturday night between 2130 and 2330 – 2 Free Drinks + Cash Bar		

Many Ways to Get to Dayton, OH

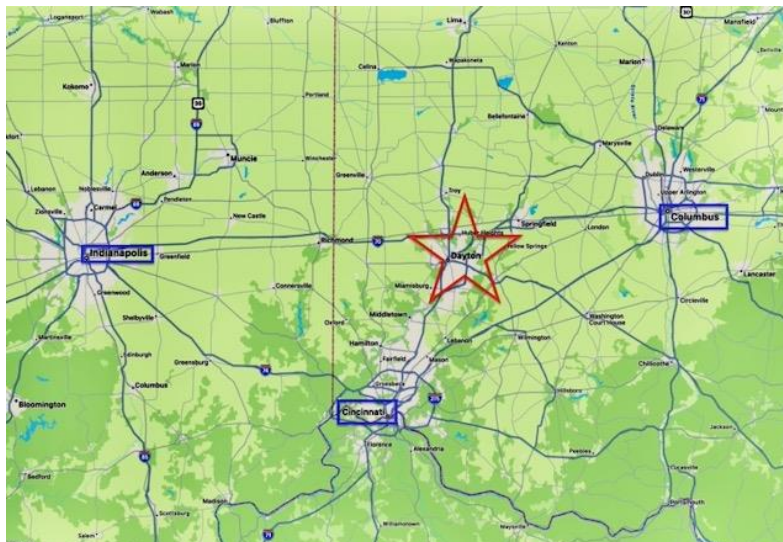
If you're flying in for Reunion 2025, please consider making travel arrangements early, particularly if you'll be renting a car. The Dayton Air Show is a large airshow that attracts many visitors. We're anticipating a significant demand on local rental car fleets to support the airshow and its performers, not to mention travelers flying in for the event. The Dayton International Airport is a medium-sized airport serviced by Delta, American, United, and Allegiant airlines. Before booking your air/car, you might want to compare and consider other area airports that might have better schedules, potentially less expensive, and provide better rental car inventory. See you soon!

Driving Time to University of Dayton Marriott:

Cincinnati/Northern KY International Airport (CVG) – 1 hour

John Glenn Columbus International Airport (CMH) – 1 hour, 15 minutes

Indianapolis International Airport (IND) – 2 hours



Lots of Things to Do in Dayton!

Explore Dayton! Make plans to take some extra time and explore all that the Dayton area has to offer. Here are a few suggestions:

- National Museum of the United States Air Force – the world's largest military aviation museum
- Carillon Historical Park – A 65-acre park including the 1905 Wright Flyer III and Carillon Brewing Company
- Boonshoft Museum of Discovery – A science and children's museum with live animals and a planetarium
- Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm – Explore nature trails, meet farm animals, and learn about conservation
- Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark – Stroll through gardens and let the kids explore the Children's Discovery Garden
- Young's Jersey Dairy (nearby in Yellow Springs) – miniature golf, petting zoos, homemade ice cream

Visit the Destination Dayton website at: <https://www.daytoncvb.com/things-to-do/> to learn more.

Hill AFB, UT

On Friday June 28, 2024, the Northern Utah Thunderbirds “old heads” provided lunch for the Team during practice for the weekend airshow at Hill AFB. TSgt Chris Tidline, Egress 2018-22, who was serving on the Airshow Committee, provided us escort to the flightline. Our group provided 72 sack lunches for the team, each consisting of a sandwich, chips, and a cookie prepared by Cutler’s Cookies and Sandwiches of Layton, Utah. We delivered the lunches to the team in between the first and second practice sessions. The following Thunderbirds contributed the funds for the provisions: Greg Kimoto, Mike Salvador, Mike McLaren, Steve Spencer, Rick Culver, Kelly Martin, Dave Ridgway, Tom McCarthy, Steve Loy, Chris Suarez, Chris Tidline, Dean Fritz, John Bieniek, Paul Strickland, Ryan Bodenheimer, and myself. This is the second airshow (2022 and 2024) we have provided lunch for the team. I think I can speak for all of us in saying we really enjoy the opportunity to feed the team. We didn’t have a lot of interaction with the team because they were turning jets, but they did express their appreciation.

Rick Copp

TBA Board Director (2019-2023)



JB Elmendorf-Richardson, AK

Taking care of the Team—On 22 July 2024, Thunderbirds Association Member Jope “Manny” Manseguiao (Ground Radio Comm, 2000-2003) fed the Team upon the Star arrival from Nellis for the 2024 Arctic Thunder Open House at JBER Alaska. He put out a nice spread! Boss Malafa made a classy move, calling Manny and thanking him! Special thanks to the new “Sleeve” MSgt Sirivia Rice for facilitating this! Well done!

Tim Coy, TBA Ex-Officio Director



Two Air Force Photographers

Story and photos by SMSgt (Ret) Patrick Nugent (Team Photographer 1982-1984)

A fascinating comparison of two distinct career paths for Air Force photographers! Two distinguished photographers were key speakers during the Texas Photography Festival and were hosted by the George H.W. Bush Library and Museum in College Station, Texas, Saturday, September 21st.

David Valdez founder of the Texas Photography Festival began his career taking routine military photos, likely covering a variety of assignments and gaining experience. His talent and dedication led to higher-profile assignments, photographing high-ranking military leaders and events. After a few Federal Government Agency photographer positions, his career led to becoming the personal photographer for President George H. W. Bush. This role involved documenting both formal and candid moments of the president's life, events, and historic moments during his term.

Chris Allen, like Valdez, also began with standard military photography assignments.

Competing to become the Thunderbirds Team Photographer his work shifted to aerial and action photography, capturing dynamic moments with the USAF Thunderbirds Aerial Demonstration Team, a role that required precision, technical skill, and the ability to handle high-speed, high-pressure environments. He also competed and was selected to work at the White House Communications Agency (WHCA), supporting the presidential photographer. The WHCA is responsible for setting up communications and audiovisuals for the president, providing opportunities to work closely with the president and staff.

Though both photographers started with similar beginnings in the Air Force photo lab, their careers took them in unique directions. Valdez became the chronicler of a president's life and legacy, while Allen mastered high-speed aerial photography before moving into a technical role that supported presidential operations. Both demonstrate the range of opportunities available to military photographers and the rewarding experiences that come from working in high-profile, high-pressure environments.

Such discussions can open doors for aspiring photographers by shedding light on various opportunities, from journalism and media to documentary and archival work.



David Valdez, Air Force photographer 1967 – 1971, founder of the Texas Photography Festival and President George H. W. Bush personal photographer; Chris Allen USAF Thunderbird team photographer 1988 – 1991 and worked at the White House Communications Agency (WHCA) 1991 – 1993 gave a behind the scenes look into the White House. The presentation was hosted by the George H.W. Bush Library and Museum in College Station, Texas, Saturday, September 21st.



George H.W. Bush Library and Museum in College Station, TX.

ThunderFun 2024

ThunderFun 2024 is in the books! Seventy-four Thunderbirds, family, and friends convened at the Island Resort in Fort Walton Beach, FL, September 5-8 2024, for a weekend of fun and camaraderie. Highlights of the weekend included an icebreaker, happy hours (with Fred in attendance), karaoke, a trip to Crab Island, and a great dinner on Saturday night with music and dancing to close out the weekend. Ms. Rebecca L. Bartlett, daughter of #11 Walt Williams (1987-1988), donated \$2,500 to pay for the Thursday night icebreaker. Rebecca is an attorney who provides VA Disability Compensation Representation. Thanks Rebecca! J.R. Roberts and Rick Copp designed the first ThunderFun coin. Linda Mayfield is selling them for \$20 with the funds going to the next ThunderFun "Fred" fund. If interested, contact Linda on Facebook Messenger or email her at mayfe43@yahoo.com. Thanks to Linda Mayfield and her team for a great time!!!



Friends and Family (VIP) Air Show Ticket Requests

One of the most common requests we get from our membership is access to Friends and Family Air Show Tickets. The 2025 show season will be kicking off shortly and requests are already coming in. In 2024, we streamlined our ticket communication and distribution processes handling over 350 ticket requests for a total of more than 1700 electronic tickets.

Remember that we only get a limited number of tickets from the team, which never really satisfies the requests from our membership. As a result, we must limit the number of tickets that can be requested by any member. Please take note of the following:

1. All ticket requests should be sent via email to the Association email: admusaftba@gmail.com. Include the name of the show, date and number of tickets requested. You will receive a confirmation email from the Association.
2. Each request is limited to a maximum of 6 tickets. If you need more than 6 tickets you will be placed on a waitlist for the additional tickets. Children aged 10 and under do not require tickets if they are with an adult.
3. For high demand and 2-day air shows, there is no guarantee you can get tickets for both days. Please indicate your preferred day in your request.
4. Requests will be fulfilled on a first-come, first-served basis.
5. If you are unable to attend, please notify the Association ASAP so that the tickets can be redistributed to another Association member.

The team moved to digital/e-tickets a couple of years ago. This means that you will not receive paper tickets via regular mail, but rather, a digital ticket will be sent via email approximately one week before the show. The 2025 show schedule is posted later in ThunderRolls.

Corri Coy, USAF Thunderbirds Association Executive Director



Tiered Giving Since Reunion 2023

THUNDERJET \$20,000+

Mo Beale

Steve Dwelle

Lockheed Martin

THUNDERSTREAK \$10,000+

Chachi Tzavares

Jim Latham

Tony McPeak

SABRE \$5,000+

Jim McCoy

Carl Buhler

THUNDERCHIEF \$2,000+

Hillwood Development – A Perot Company

David Gleinke

PHANTOM \$1,000+

Gary McCue

Keith DeBerry

Rick Copp

Wayne Holum

TALON \$500+

Kelly and Jeff Martin

Brad Zomer

Glenn Scoggins

John “Fitz” Fitzgerald

FALCON \$250+

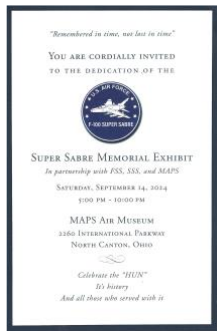
Dale Sullivan

THANK YOU

For your support!



On 14 September 2024 the Military Aircraft Preservation Society (MAPS) Air Museum held the grand opening of their Super Sabre Memorial Exhibit. Featured in the exhibit are four Thunderbird paintings created by world-renown aviation artist Keith Ferris. Remaining members of the F-100 teams were invited to attend. The museum is in Canton, Ohio. We encourage you to visit and check out what the museum has to offer. You can find more information here at <https://mapsairmuseum.org/> and <https://mapsairmuseum.org/super-sabre-memorial-exhibit/>



Once a Thunderbird, Always a Thunderbird

The first week of October 2024, our TBA Executive Director received a request for tickets to the Pacific Beach Airshow in Huntington Beach, CA. That request came from Jenny Ludovico – her maiden name was Jenny Melancon. Jenny was just four months old when her father, Captain Mark Melancon (slot) died in the 1982 Diamond crash. The Association reached out to Steve “Jethro” Chealander, who was a teammate of Jenny’s father. Jethro met her at the airshow. Working together with #7 and Thunderbirds Public Affairs, they arranged for her to meet members of the current team and placed her and her husband at the comm trailer with headsets. The Air Boss, Wayne Boggs (Honorary Blue Angel and Honorary Thunderbird), recognized her as well. Thanks to Jethro and the Team!



Note: *There may be some time between an individual's death and when we print an obituary. They are printed after the USAF Thunderbirds Association is notified.*

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family members and friends of these cherished members of our Thunderbirds family. If you know of a passed Thunderbird, please email the information and a photograph of the Thunderbird, if possible, to the Association email: admusaftba@gmail.com

Col (Ret) Kevin A. Collins, #10 Executive Officer 1981-1983, passed away on October 27, 2024 in Colorado Springs, CO. He is survived by his wife Barbara, and two sons, K. Patick and Sean, along with four grandchildren and an "adopted" son and daughter who were Netherlands exchange students. He retired from the Air Force in 2003 as the Vice Commander, USAF 10th Air Base, USAF Academy, CO. After retiring, he became the Deputy Executive Director and Director of Operations for the Classical Academy (TCA) charter school in Colorado Springs. Col (Ret) Collins is interred at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery, Colorado Springs, CO.



SSgt Duane "Gus" Edelman, Crew Chief 1962-1963, passed away on November 6, 2023, near Farmington, MN. He is survived by his wife Francis, four children, nine grandchildren and his sister Donna. After leaving the Air Force, he was a commercial airline pilot for 38 years where he worked to develop the electronic flight bag. He is interred at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN.



SSgt Henry J. Henzler, Radioman, 1953-1955, passed away on October 20, 2018, in Albuquerque, NM. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Nadine, and two children. He was the first radioman for the original Thunderbird team. He worked for El Paso Natural Gas for 30 years and traveled extensively after he retired. He is interred at the Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Albuquerque, NM.



SMSgt (Ret) David M. Hunnewell, Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Technician, 1990-1994, passed away on November 13, 2024, near Phoenix, AZ. He is survived by his wife Tracey, three children and three grandchildren. After his 28 years in the Air Force, Dave worked for Veteran Affairs for 13 years. A Celebration of Life was held at VFW Post 9400 on January 16, 2025. He is interred at the National Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ.



Horace N. Kerman, Jr., Jet Mechanic and Assistant Crew Chief, 1958-1961, passed away on April 30, 2024, in Logandale, NV. After leaving the Air Force, he worked for the U.S. Postal Service and retired in 1994. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, two children and two step-children, eleven grandchildren, and one great grandson. A private Celebration of Life was held at the Calvary Community Church in Overton, NV.



SMSgt (Ret) Mark J. Nuernberg, Crew Chief #3, 1985-1988, passed away on July 16, 2024, in Milwaukee, WI. He is survived by his wife Janice, two brothers, one sister, and an extended family. After retiring from the Air Force, he was employed at the Bluemound Country Club. A funeral service was held on July 24, 2024. He is interred at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove, WI.



MSgt (Ret) Bruce W. Reed, Phase Inspector and Crew Chief, 1982-1985, passed away on July 24, 2024. He is survived by his daughter, Samantha, two grandsons, and his sister. He retired from the Air Force after 24 years of service. He was interred on August 6, 2024 at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix AZ.



SMSgt (Ret) Jared T. Williams, Chief, Quality Assurance, 1968-1971, passed away on August 3, 2024, in Newnan, GA. He is survived by his wife, Susanna, and daughter Nicole. He was selected as “Thunderbird of the Year” for 1969. After retiring from the Air Force after 22 years, he worked an additional 26 years in leadership positions for the Department of the Army in Morale, Welfare, Recreation and Family Programs where he was recognized at the national level for his efforts. He is interred at the Fort Mitchell National Cemetery, Fort Mitchell, AL.



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Changed Address, Email, or Phone Number Lately?

It is important that we have updated contact information so you can receive ThunderRolls, email communications, text messages and/or phone calls. If you have moved lately or changed your email address please remember to forward this information to our Executive Director, Corri Coy, at the Association email: admusaftba@gmail.com.



2025 Show Schedule

FEBRUARY

16	Daytona 500 NASCAR Race Flyover	Daytona Beach, FL
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MARCH

16	Las Vegas Motor Speedway NASCAR Race Flyover	Las Vegas, NV
22-23	Thunder & Lightning Over Arizona	Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, AZ
29-30	Defenders of Liberty Air & Space Show	Barksdale AFB, Shreveport, LA

APRIL

5-6	Aviation Nation	Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, NV
12-13	Southern California Airshow at March Field	March ARB, Riverside, CA
19-20	Dyess AFB Open House	Dyess AFB, Abilene, TX
26-27	Air Power Over Hampton Roads	JB Langley-Eustis, Hampton, VA

MAY

3-4	Wings Over Wayne Air Space & Technology Expo	Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, NC
10-11	Toledo Air Show	Toledo, OH
17-18	Power in the Pines Open House & Air Show	JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, (McGuire AFB) NJ
24-25	Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach Park	Wantagh, NY
29	US Air Force Academy Graduation	USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, CO

JUNE

7-8	Beale AFB Open House	Beale AFB, Marysville, CA
21-22	Dayton Airshow (TBA Reunion)	Dayton, OH
28-29	Tinker Air Show	Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City, OK

JULY

2-6	Battle Creek Field of Flight Air Show & Balloon Festival	Battle Creek, MI
12-13	Fort Wayne ANGB Open House/Airshow	Fort Wayne, IN
19-20	Wings and Eagles Airshow/Sentry Eagle Open House	Kingsley ANGB, Klamath Falls, OR
23	Wings Over Warren/Cheyenne Frontier Days	F.E. Warren AFB, Cheyenne, WY

2025 Show Schedule

AUGUST

9-10	Gary Air Show	Gary, IN
16-17	Chicago Air & Water Show	Chicago, IL
23-24	Quad City Air Show	Davenport, IA
30-1 Sep	Cleveland National Air Show	Burke Lakefront Airport, Cleveland OH

SEPTEMBER

6-7	Festival Aerien VOLARIA Airshow	Montreal-Mirabel Airport, QC Canada
12-14	JB Andrews Air Show	JB Andrews, Camp Springs, MD
20-21	The Great Colorado Air Show	Loveland, CO
27-28	Pueblo Wings of Pride Airshow	Pueblo, CO

OCTOBER

4-5	Pacific Airshow (Huntington Beach)	Huntington Beach, CA
11-12	Air Dot Show Atlanta	Peachtree City, GA
18-19	Wings Over Houston Airshow	Ellington Field, Houston, TX
25-26	Air Dot Show Orlando	Sanford, FL

NOVEMBER

1-2	Thunder Over the Sound: Air & Space Show	Keesler AFB, Biloxi, MS
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Preliminary 2026 Appearance Schedule (as of 12/10/2024)

March 21-22: Luke Days Air Show and Open House - Luke AFB, Glendale, AZ
March 28-29: Shaw Air Expo /Thunder Over the Midlands - Shaw AFB, Sumter, SC

April 4-5: The Golden Isles Airshow - Brunswick, GA
April 11-12: Gulf Coast Salute Air Show - Panama City Beach, FL
April 14-19: SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo - Lakeland, FL
April 25-26: Wings Over Solano - Travis AFB, Fairfield, CA

May 2-3: The Great Texas Air Show - JBSA/Randolph AFB, San Antonio, TX
May 9-10: Air Dot Show Fort Lauderdale - Fort Lauderdale Beach, FL
May 16-17: Mountain Home AFB Airshow - Mountain Home AFB, ID
May 28: US Air Force Academy Graduation - USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, CO

June 13-14: Air Dot Show Ocean City - Ocean City, MD
June 20-21: Niagara Falls Airshow - Niagara Falls ARS, NY
June 27-28: Warriors Over the Wasatch Airshow - Hill AFB, Ogden, UT

July 11-12: Duluth Airshow - Duluth, MN
July 18-19: Sioux Falls Airshow - Sioux Falls, SD
July 22: Wings Over Warren/Cheyenne Frontier Days - FE Warren AFB, Cheyenne, WY

August 8-9: Rochester International Airshow - Rochester, NY
August 15-16: Air Dot Show New York - Montgomery, NY
August 22-23: Terre Haute Air Show - Terre Haute, IN
August 29-30: Grissom Air & Space Expo - Grissom ARB, Kokomo, IN

September 5-6: Branson Airshow - Branson, MO
September 12-13: Owensboro Air Show - Owensboro, KY
September 19-20: Roswell Airshow - Roswell, NM
September 26-27: California Capital Airshow - Mather Airport, Sacramento, CA

October 3-4: California International Airshow - Salinas, CA
October 10-11: Pacific Airshow (Huntington Beach) - Huntington Beach, CA
October 17-18: Frontiers in Flight Open House & Air Show - McConnell AFB, Wichita, KS
October 31-Nov 1: Wings Over Houston Airshow - Ellington Field, Houston, TX

