



**USA/ARMY/ASA/4th Operations Company
and NAVY/USNC/Naval Communication Station
Asmara, Ethiopia
1953 – 1974**

**2018 All-Kagnew Station Reunion
Tucson, Arizona
October 19-21, 2018
Update #1**

Greetings to All Kagnew Vets, Families and Dependents,

You're Invited!

We are pleased to announce the details for the 2018 All-Kagnew Station Reunion to be held in Tucson, Arizona in October. Based on the success of last year's reunion in Charleston, we have again prepared an event that will mix "must-see" local activities that takes budgets and weather into consideration.

Visiting Tucson in mid-October has a 99.999% probability of enjoying perfect weather! Moderate daytime temps, cool evenings and low humidity will make your visit a great experience.



The **Desert Diamond Hotel & Casino (7350 S. Nogales Hwy., Tucson, Az. 85756)** is a modern, first-rate facility with dining, recreational, entertainment and gaming activities will be our host facility. This is the same location which has hosted the Arizona ASA Association's recent annual reunions and came with high recommendations. The hotel is only a few minutes travel time from the Tucson International Airport and offers complimentary airport shuttle service.

Excellent room rates have been negotiated as well. We have secured an initial block of 40 rooms at a special rate, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional rooms will be considered depending on availability. Each single or double room includes a \$10 Food Credit for use in any of the hotel's dining or casino facilities.

Deluxe/Superior (King or 2 Queen Rooms) @ \$119/night
Premium/Executive (King or 2 Queen Rooms) @ \$129/night

Note: these special rates are available for **3 days prior to and 3 days** following our reunion, so you can extend your stay and enjoy your Southern Arizona visit.

We will again have a no-host Hospitality Room as well. Beverages, munches and a place to meet and catch-up will be available.

HOTEL AMENITIES • Newly Renovated Guestrooms • Complimentary Airport Transportation • Fitness Center (open 24 hours) • Complimentary wireless internet access throughout the hotel/conference space • Concierge Service • Three restaurants on property (24-hour dining options) • Sparkling clean, heated pool & hot tub • Business Center • Gift Shop • Coffee Bar

IN ROOM AMENITIES ♦Double pillow top mattress & premium linens ♦In room safe (laptop size) ♦46" HDTV with Cable and On-Demand movies ♦Refrigerator ♦Coffeemaker with ceramic mugs ♦Make up/shaving mirror, hair dryer ♦Large work desk & ergonomic chair ♦Iron & ironing board

Reservations may also be made by calling 877-777-4212 or 520-342-3012. **Refer to 2018 Kagnew Station Reunion room block.** Or – refer to the attached flyer to make your online reservations.

Anticipated agenda:

Friday: October 19, 2018

First – a unforgettable experience with a visit the world-famous Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Southern Arizona’s most popular visitor attraction. Even if you have visited the living museum before, they are constantly changing and improving the facility, it will be a most enjoyable experience for everyone. We will then visit the “Old Tucson Movie Studios – an unprecedented set built for the epic motion picture, “Arizona”, in 1939. A favorite location for the filming of hundreds of Western movies and TV shows, you’ll see sights also made famous in many John Wayne movies. Lunch will be served while at the studios.

Saturday: October 20, 2018

We start the day with a tour of the Pima Air & Space Museum, home of the largest privately-owned collection of historical military aircraft in the country. A docent-led tram tour of the static display brings the museum to life and learn fascinating aviation history.

The visit will continue with a tram tour of the AMARG “Bone Yard” at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. The famous “Bone Yard” contains more aircraft than found in the air force inventory of many countries in the world and has a fascinating history.

Saturday Evening:

We will host a buffet dinner for all registered attendees. Arrangements are being made for an after-dinner speaker (knowing we will have a hard time to equal last year’s presentation by Dick Fahner (LT, USN, Ret)) there are several individuals and relevant topics under consideration. If you have suggestions, please pass them along...

Sunday, October 21, 2018 – Check out for those departing.

Kagnev Station Reunion – Tucson, Arizona

October 19 – 21, 2018

US ARMY/ASA/STRATCOM/4th Operations Company

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Sign me up....

Name: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Address: (Street, _____

Address: (City, St, Zip): _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Dates at Kagnev Station - from: _____ to: _____

Kagnev Assigned Unit: (IE: 4th Opns/ASA/ STRATCOM/NAVCOM) _____

Primary Duty Location (IE: Tract C/B/Stonehouse/AFRTS/) _____

Please indicate your registration for each scheduled activity below:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u># in Party</u>	<u>Cost/pp</u>	<u>Total</u>
Reunion 2018 Registration Fee	Oct 19-21	Vets only	\$35	\$ _____
Arizona Desert Museum & "Old Tucson" Movie Studio Tour – Includes transportation & lunch	Fri. 10/19	_____	\$90	\$ _____
Pima Air & Space Museum & AMARG "Bone Yard" Tour Includes transportation & lunch	Sat. 10/20	_____	\$90	_____
2018 Banquet Dinner	Sat. 10/20	_____	\$45	_____

Please remit your DEPOSIT PER PERSON (**\$50/pp**) with your registration (_____)
Balance due (Please be paid No Later Than Sept 1, 2018) \$ _____

Send total via check payable to, **Tom Daly, 1960 West Ashbrook Drive, Tucson, AZ 85704**

Your registration will be acknowledged via email

(corrected: 5/1/18)

FYI Notes:

1. We have committed to the Desert Diamond Hotel a minimum of 40 rooms.
2. Rooms not reserved by Sept 18th will be returned to the hotel inventory
3. We can adjust our room commitment (up/down) by August 18, 2018 without penalties
4. We have committed to a minimum of 30 participants for each tour group, and each tour bus can comfortably hold 54-56 riders. If we go over that number, we'll have second coach.
5. Our full payment for the bus coaches needs to be made 3 weeks prior to the event – NLT Sept 28th - hence the need to have all reservations made by Sept 1st
6. Tour time: Arizona Desert Museum & Old Tucson = approx. 7 hours
 Air & Space Museum & AMARG = approx. 4 hours
7. Lunch meals: Each guest will receive a voucher on the coach for lunch at the respective facilities. Old Tucson @ Big Jakes BBQ (incl. 2 sides & beverage)
 Air & Space = the Flight Grill (entrée, side, beverage & dessert).
8. Veterans Registration fee = hospitality room refreshments & one reunion memento (TBD)
9. Exploratory efforts are being made with several airlines to determine if a discounted airfare rate is available.

10. Alternative/Optional Activities

For those who will be coming to Tucson for a visit before or after the reunion, there are many interesting and unique places to visit. And for those who will be attending the reunion, but have already visited our planned activities, here are some alternative plan suggestions:

- a. **San Xavier Mission** – founded by Fr. Kino in 1692 it remains in use today by the Tohono O'odham/San Xavier Indian Reservation
- b. **Titan Missile Museum** – the last remaining Titan from the Cold War.
- c. **The University of Arizona** – an open campus that features many museums and scientific facilities to tour
- d. **Tubac, AZ** - Tubac isn't a place that most people can say they've visited. In fact, few people will ever get the chance to see this colony in their lifetime. Situated on the Santa Cruz River, it was founded in 1752 when the Spanish army built a presidio (fortress) known as Fort Tubac. Today it is a famed artist colony.

- e. **Sabino Canyon** – take a tram ride (or a hike) in one of the most unique Southwestern desert canyons. Sabino Canyon is a natural desert oasis located in Tucson’s Coronado National Forest.
- f. **Saguaro National Forest** (East Side) – take a driving tour (or hike) in a “forest” like no other
- g. **Biosphere 2** - Biosphere 2 is an American Earth system science research facility located in Oracle, Arizona. It has been owned by the University of Arizona since 2011. Its mission is to serve as a center for research, outreach, teaching, and lifelong learning about Earth, its living systems, and its place in the universe.
- h. **Karchner Cavern** (Benson, AZ) - In November 1974, Gary Tenen and Randy Tufts were exploring the limestone hills at the eastern base of the Whetstone Mountains. They were looking “for a cave no one had ever found” and found it. The two kept the cave a secret until February 1978 when they told the property owners, James and Lois Kartchner, about their awesome discovery.
- i. **Tombstone, AZ** - Tombstone Arizona is internationally known for its stormy and storied past. Western legends like Wyatt Earp and “Doc” Holliday became household names after the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral®. However, the legend didn't end there, it continues ...
- j. **Bisbee, AZ** – home of the famed “Lavender Pit” copper mine and tour
- k. **Ft. Huachuca, AZ** - It’s currently home to the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command as well as the Army Military Affiliate Radio System, Joint Interoperability Test Command and the Electronic Proving Ground. It also houses the Army Intelligence Museum and the legendary “Buffalo Soldiers Museum”.
- l. **Kitt Peak** - home to one of the largest arrays of optical and radio telescopes in the world. In addition to conducting ground-breaking astronomical research, the Visitor Center programs are open to the you through daytime guided tours and a variety of evening stargazing programs.