

ALL Combat Talon & 7 SOS Reunion

17-20 May 2012

Quality Inn Bayside Hotel

**322 Miracle Strip Pkwy
Ft Walton Beach FL 32548**



Hot Wash and Lessons Learned Report

**9 June 2012
2:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Richard “Dick” & Pam Guessford’s
711 Swan Lane, Destin, FL**

Executive Summary

By: Max Friedauer (maxfriedau@me.com)

Hot Wash attendees were:

Dick & Pam Guessford (Hosts); Max Friedauer; Al Goldsborough; Buff Underwood; Tom Bradley; Barry “B-rat” & Wally Ratcliffe; and Dick Brauer

We agreed to the following reunion schedule for the next 5 years:

5-7 Oct 2012 SGI Reunion

11-13 Oct 2013 Combat Talon Reunion in conjunction with ACA, hosted by SGI

15-18 May 2014 Combat Talon Reunion, hosted by 7 ACS, RAMADA Beach Resort

10-12 Oct 2014 SGI Reunion

9-11 Oct 2015 Combat Talon Reunion in conjunction with ACA, hosted by SGI

19-22 May 2016 Combat Talon Reunion, hosted by 7 ACS, RAMADA Beach Resort

7-9 Oct 2016 SGI Reunion

6-14 July 2017 7 SOS Reunion at RAF Mildenhall, UK

Once again, the 7th came together for the finest Reunion yet. Thursday night brought approximately 100 CT warriors together for some final set-up and hospitality, Friday morning 21 played Golf at the FWB City Course and 189 joined us for a Bratwurst and Knockwurst dinner on Friday night, and Saturday approximately 80 came together for a Symposium at the 15 SOS and a static display of a Combat Talon I and a Combat Talon II. The group returned to the hotel for a BBQ where 191 joined us. The last 4 standing on Friday night emptied the keg at 3:30 AM. On Sunday we had approximately 100 CT Air Commandos attend the Memorial Service at the Quality Inn Bayside under the big tent. Col (Ret) Steve Connelly, previous 39 SOG Commander and AFSOC/DO, provided the invocation. The Emerald Coast Drums and Bugle led by 7th ACS member Les Matheson played prior to the ceremony and finished with Amazing Grace. During the weekend numerous past and present Combat Talon squadron commanders were also present. The 1 SOS commanders were TJ Doherty, Col Joe Hastings, Lee Hess, and Col Tony Bauernfein; 7 SOS commanders present were Tom “Omar” Bradley, George Ferkes, Walter “Walt” Schmidt, Mark “Mo” Alsid; 8 SOS commanders were Lloyd Moon and Jerry Thigpen; 15 SOS commanders were Evans Glausier, William “Boomer” Saier, and Lt Col Pat Wolf; 711 SOS commander present was Lt Col Tony Lawrence and current commander Lt Col Terry Panos.

Again as in the past, we had no arrests, no injuries, or brawls but a lot of war stories were told. We did manage to drink 10 kegs of beer, eat lots of bratwurst and knockwurst cooked by our 7th's own Slim Connors and Evans Glausier on Friday night. On Saturday, Ned Calvert Productions arranged for two buses for about 80 commandos to attend the symposium he arranged at the 15 SOS. The AFSOC’s mission overview was presented by Col Joe Hastings, AFSOC/A5R; followed by Col Tony Bauernfeind, 1 SOG Commander, who briefed 1 SOG activities; and finishing up was Lt Col Patrick Wolfe, 15 SOS Commander, who provided a good overview of squadron activities. Saturday evening we feasted on delicious BBQ delivered by Sonny's BBQ and served by members of the 7th ACS. All the leftovers (and there was plenty of

that) were delivered by Eileen Underwood who took it to the FWB Waterfront Mission. The Mission was extremely appreciative.

Overall, the Team concept and the attitude of the 7 ACS members with their motto of “Adapt or Perish” made this reunion again a huge success. We were again very fortunate to have had Ed Gamble’s stepson, John Graczyk, owner of “Tents of Northwest Florida” provide us with a big discount for all the tents, tables, and chairs. Additionally, we again saved a lot of money with the Wurst Burn by doing all our own cooking and purchasing. Sonny’s BBQ was great and a great value. Thanks to “Neo” Calvert and Capt Scheffe for the support to coordinate base transportation from the Hotel to the 15 SOS, and the Static Display of both a Talon I and Talon II. Thanks to Max Friedauer and Buff Underwood who organized the memorial service which was dignified, honorable, emotional, and very memorable. The large tent with the backdrop of “Send Me” and “The Rock,” including the Operational Story Board panels provided by the 711 SOS made it a perfect setting for the memorial service. Additionally, we raised almost \$2,000 for the Memorial Foundation bringing our current balance to \$29,324.02. We will continue to raise funds to reach approx \$39,000 to complete the memorial by 2013. A special thanks to all those who made a donation and those who committed to an annual recurring gift.

See you at the next 2014 ALL Combat Talon & 7 SOS Reunion, 15-18 May, at the RAMADA Beach Resort on Okaloosa Island. You all might remember we had our 2000 and 2002 reunions there!

Financial Report

By: Max Friedauer (max@7thsos.org)

2012 REUNION BUDGET & EXPENSES	Budget	Actual
Stuffing Party Lunch	\$50.00	\$20.67
Wine	\$300.00	\$219.50
Beer	\$1,200.00	\$1,051.20
co2, Diesel Fuel for Refrig Truck	\$120.00	\$120.00
Sodas	\$75.00	\$66.60
16 oz Beer Cups (\$33), Trash cans, etc.	\$300.00	\$33.00
Extra Tablecloths & Laundry	\$100.00	\$101.25
Snacks & Water	\$150.00	\$122.34
Bracelets (500)	\$230.00	\$229.12
Advertising/Flyers/Trifolds	\$1,000.00	\$796.00
Tent Rental (Actual cost was \$3,572 but they made a donation of \$2,830 to the 7th Air Commando Socioety)	\$800.00	\$742.00
Chair & Table Rental (Included in Tent Rental)	n/a	n/a
Golf Prizes & Drinks	\$100.00	\$0.00
Friday Night Wurst Burn Slim (175)	\$1,000.00	\$978.78
Propane for Grill	\$30.00	\$0.00
Saturday Night BBQ \$13.00 each (200)	\$2,600.00	\$2,653.75
Sunday Hot dogs & Burgers	\$100.00	\$0.00
Reunion Signs & banners	\$200.00	\$135.66
Name Tags; Printing Supplies	\$200.00	\$286.00
Memorial Service Food & Water (Leftovers)	\$100.00	\$20.00
Symposium Coffee, Ice & Donuts	\$100.00	\$88.83
Hotel Staff (includes gifts in kind)	\$50.00	\$50.00
Speakers & Bus drivers (includes gifts in kind coins and or t-shirts)	\$100.00	\$50.00
Bug Spray	\$0.00	\$47.12
Golf	\$684.86	\$684.86
Hot Wash	\$50.00	\$48.75
TOTAL	\$8,905.00	\$7,764.70
Expected Income (150 singles for weekend (\$6,750) 60 for one day only (\$1,500)(Golf 22 x \$45 \$990)	\$9,240.00	
Actual Income (159 all weekend, 29 Fri only, 31 Sat only, 5 kids-no charge) 238 people attended.		8,655.00
Net Gain/Loss	\$335.00	\$890.30

Max Comments: Ref the budget, it is important to note that it is significant that we saved approx. \$1,500 on tents, tables, & chairs and there is no guarantee that this will continue forever and will probably have to budget for this in the future. Also, we saved a good amount of money by doing our own cooking of Wurst for Friday night. A large expense, close to \$1,000 was for Flyers and printing of handouts. I think it is absolutely amazing that we can still provide a meal; all the wine, beer, and soda; and the venue for \$25 per person per day or \$45 for the entire weekend. Just a meal alone will normally cost you \$25 at an event like this. We will continue to strive to keep the cost down in future reunions.

Tent Setup

By: Max Friedauer

We contracted with Tents of Northwest Florida, owner John Graczyk. Contract was as follows:

QUANTITY	EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
1	30x40 White Frame Tent	\$ 600.00
1	20x30 White Frame Tent	\$ 350.00
2	20x40 White Frame Tents	\$ 800.00
2	20x20 White Frame Tents	\$ 450.00
6	10x10 White Frame Tents	\$ 720.00
80'	White Sidewalls	\$ 80.00
30	8' Banquet Tables	\$ 240.00
240	White Folding Chairs	\$ 240.00
1	Delivery Fee	\$ 50.00
	TOTAL:	\$3,530.00
1	Sponsorship / Donation	-\$ 2,830.00
	Subtotal	\$ 700.00
	Sales Tax 6%	\$ 42.00
	Total	\$ 742.00

John donated \$2,830.00 to the 7 ACS in remembrance of his father John "Ed" Gamble, 7 SOS EWO 1971-75.

We set the tents up as follows:

1 30x40 and 1 20x30 on the top knoll next to the pool.

1 20x40 parallel to parking lot

1 20x40 in the middle of the grass for Hospitality Suite

1 20x20 for Registration

1 20x20 for food serving line

3 10x10 next to parking lot for unit country stores (15 SOS, SGI, 711 SOS)

3 10x10 in front of other 10x10s for 7 ACS, ACA, & SOWF store and display

Sidewalls were used on tents next to pool to hide view of pool and tents along parking lot to hide view from the street and parking lot.

Everyone liked the number of tents and their location. We had more than enough chairs and tables. We could have used more lights, but setup was just about right.

Committee Comment: For the 2014 Reunion at the RAMADA Plaza Beach Resort, we will only need one 30x40 tent on the beach.

Hotel and Reservations

By: Max Friedauer

- Hotel/Reservations

- Contracted for a minimum of at least a 40-room block with the Quality Inn Bayside. We actually had 48 rooms booked out of the 98 rooms available.
- Room set-up for storage and Hospitality Suite were good.
- Breakfast in the morning was good and convenient.
- Moving the Hospitality suite outside and under a 40' x 40' tent worked extremely well. The Bar from upstairs also worked out well. We used the upstairs room for the business meetings, displaying pictures, other unit displays, personal memorabilia, etc.
- The sprinklers were off and there really were no issues!

Beer Meister

By: Richard “Dick” Guessford

This year we cut back on the number of kegs of beer purchased and we only bought 10 kegs this year. We again used the Beer Truck from Harbor Docks at no charge to us (we only paid for the diesel fuel). We also bought some extra table cloths as we increased the number of tables we put up. We did not run out of beer but emptied what was tapped every night around 3:00 AM and drank the last drop on Sunday.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2012</u>
Beer	\$2,500.00	\$1,439.00	\$1,051.20
CO2 for beer		\$107.91	\$ 20.00
Diesel for Beer Truck		\$75.00	\$ 100.00
Tablecloths	\$200.00	\$264.18	\$ 101.25
Table Decorations		\$55.12	\$ 0.00
Cups, napkins, misc.		\$126.56	\$ 33.00
Sodas			\$ 66.60
Wine			\$ 219.50
TOTAL SPENT:	\$2,700.00	\$2,067.77	\$1,591.55

Registration

By: Richard “Dick” Brauer

Group Communications –

Recommendations:

- a. **Sign in/ Register Here** – The “Registration & Check-In” sign worked well and was optimally positioned so that everyone that entered saw it. We (at least I) never was asked (as occurred frequently in 2010) “Is this where I/we sign in?” Also having one of the two Whiteboards (B-rat’s) at the entrance near the sign was very helpful. If I had it to do over I would have written on it - “ALL (even if you have pre-registered) attendees must check in for accounting and meal ordering purposes.” At the end of the event we had a few pre-registered (about 6-8) folks who had never signed in and therefore were not checked off on the Master Sheet (some were working on committees- I know of two now). Maybe a couple of these never showed up. Don’t assume everyone (especially someone like me that was never in the 7th) knows everyone by sight because when I mentioned two of the names one of you expressed surprise that I had not seen them on the grounds. Given the number of attendees, I guess 6-8 that skipped signing is not a bad percentage. Again...I’ll take the hit...we could have used the bullhorn more to announce “Please check with Registration desk if you have not checked in, even if you are pre-registered or working as a member of our support staff.”
- b. **T-Shirt Sales** - All were handled by Max at the Country Store. Having the Registration tables and Country Store close and facing each other turned out to be very helpful from a security standpoint (i.e. guarding the two cash boxes). On those occasions where Max was “one deep” and had to attend to other urgent matters, the Registration crew was able to step in and mind the store and sell quite a few items in Max’s or his assistant’s absence. Having the Pre-registers’ T-Shirts in their bags saved loads of time (that was expended in 2010 when their shirts were handed out at the desk).
- c. **Registration, Advertising, Flyers, Feedback Forms and handouts** – I received only ONE Feedback form (from Brett Doran) on Saturday (during the festivities). The subject was NAMETAGS. Brett stated “Instead of nametag stickers try name tag holders. Stickers do not stick on some shirts.” Brett was kind enough to go and buy a few plastic nametag holders and donate them to us and we handed them out (about 24) to walk-ins and cut out blank nametags (without removing the backing) so they could be easily inserted into the see-through holders. These holders had a safety pin arrangement that allowed them to be easily transferred from one garment to another. Recommend we adopt this nametag approach for the 2014 Reunion and use card stock for the nametags instead of the sticky types. I’ll take the hit” for suggesting the sticky nametags. I was just trying to keep costs down (lamination, etc).

If anyone else received any feedback forms from anyone please let me (Dick) know. I went to a lot of trouble to make them (about 200, double sided) and I told everyone (pre-registers and walk-ins) that I processed to please fill them out and hand them in IF they had any constructive suggestions. Suggest we either slightly modify and use the existing form for the 2014 event or discontinue the practice of even providing one given the projected/historical lack of response. Let's discuss/vote on this at the Hotwash. If anyone received any verbal suggestions for improvement we can discuss these at the Hotwash. I did and would second the comment that the Wurst Burn (Friday night) fare was not very good (the wurst was overcooked, the rolls were hard and stale and cold and the beans and potato salad less than tasty). The Sonny's Barbecue fare (Sat) was outstanding. In retrospect we (Registration committee) could have used the whiteboards and bullhorn to remind attendees to provide any constructive inputs via the Feedback form they had been given and we did not. On the plus side, it is very possible everyone had such a good time they had very few or no complaints.

Committee Comments: Cut the number of Feedback forms to 50 and make them available at registration to those that want them.

- d. **Spreadsheets** – Having ONE (unlike 2010) Master Spreadsheet worked out well. Having it positioned at the far left on the tables (facing the registrants) also worked out well. Checking off the pre-registers at the far left of the spreadsheet in the margin sufficed. Perhaps a small column with boxes at the far left of the spreadsheet (before the names) next time would be useful. I recommend this because someone added a checkmark about halfway between two names and for awhile we had to figure out just who that checkmark pertained to. At night I know I made an extra effort to know where that spreadsheet was and that it was stored safely in the locked storage room. Marking the Walk-in's (abbreviated by Max- and we needed more than we had at one point) registration slips as *paid* with the initials of the Registration committee member accepting the money or check should be continued.

Manning/Surges - Most of the time we were adequately manned (and womaned) at the Registration desk (especially on Thursday and Friday) with one major exception (Sat late afternoon and evening) which I will discuss here in detail. This I feel is the most important Registration-related lesson learned (the hard way- which cost us \$500+ see Finical Report- Sat Night BBQ) and it has to do with the Saturday Night (Barbecue) food fiasco and total lack of coordination between those serving the food and those of us (only me) processing the surges and last minute flood (30 names with more than that counting multiple family members and friends) to be exact of walk-ins. Here are the facts behind that “panic”call directed at me.

1. We had more walk-ins (well after the Sat night BBQ had commenced) than any other time during the Reunion. See 30+ names cited above (40+ counting family and guests?)

2. All of the Registration personnel had disappeared (except myself) either socializing or in most cases seconded to perform work tasks other than registration. Lesson learned- We should acknowledge and plan for this Surge time before meals (especially the BBQ) next time and stay fully manned at the Registration Desk. Many people came only to the BBQ to eat and then socialize on Saturday night and arrived at or after start of the meal.
3. At one point I had ten people (all walk-ins) back-up and waiting in line to fill out their forms and pay for their meal. I could have used some help. I coordinated with Max (and Buff) frequently and was advised that 30 additional meals was our cut-off and I carefully tracked this and we did indeed reach 30 more than we had planned for (175) as I processed the walk-in registrations. We found out later when we had an excess of food that though we had previously planned for 175 we could have fed 200 with the food we had BEFORE Max made the emergency (additional \$500+) food run. In everyone's defense there is no way we could have known that beforehand.
4. At some point someone (I can't recall who- I was very busy with about 10 walk-ins waiting in line) yelled over to me "We are running out of meat!" (which, unbeknownst to me, turned out to be incorrect!). I relayed that "running out of meat" call to Max, and he then made an emergency additional food run (and through no fault of his own, way overbought additional food). After Max had left on his BBQ resupply mission the \$#@* walk-ins virtually stopped! This is why I discussed Surges above. They are unpredictable.

My recommendations:

- Be fully manned to meet walk-in surges just before and during meal times at the Registration desk
- **IMPORTANT-** Assign someone from the Registration crew to be a runner (food tent was distant and I could not leave the Registration desk and cash box to do this) to see how the rate of consumption of the food is progressing and then make a conservative resupply decision (if needed) based upon really running low. Maybe better yet ...
- **MOST IMPORTANT -** Establish a cutoff time for the meal and when we run out we immediately advise those still in line registering that the meal is over (food is gone) and they will not be charged for food (just drinks) if they arrive "late." Advise everyone (in pre-Reunion flyers, email notices etc) that there will be a cutoff time for meals that could effect late arrivals. We can also use the whiteboards and/or bullhorn during the meals of closure times for the food line. In good conscious all of us made an effort (especially Max) to ensure that everyone that had paid had a meal at the Sat night BBQ.

Security - No problems (other than the lost key to the safe scare in Max's room containing the cash boxes). Thank God for hotel Master keys! All of us took extra caution regarding keeping an eye on the Registration Cash Box (sometimes on two- if the Country Store was unmanned). Everything was secured at night in the locked Conference room and having multiple electronic

keys worked out well. At the next reunion in 2014 we will need to be *extra* vigilant as there will many more people in the hotel who are NOT there for our reunion.

Emergencies – We had none that I know of. Only two instance of Lost and Found and both items (cell phone and safe key) were recovered on the grounds and returned to their owners.

Lighting - A major planning omission. I can't believe we didn't think of it! When it got dark we had no lighting over (or anywhere near) the Registration desk and we were registering people (at first) using a small flashlight. I had left my friggin' NVG's at home and reading that spreadsheet was difficult and slowed registration (especially Max's lines in yellow that indicated money was owed). I requested the hotel staff provide a couple of lamps and run an extension cord out from the storage closet/room behind the registration desk, which they did promptly and the lamps worked out well. **On that note I found the Quality Inn management and maintenance staffs to be extremely courteous and helpful regarding any and all requests and they should be commended for their efforts on our behalf. They were fun to work with and they went the extra mile to help us make the 2012 Reunion the success it turned out to be.**

Hospitality Suite

By: Bill Houston and Omar Bradley

Below is a tabulation of hospitality suite costs for 2010 and a comparison to 2008 expenses.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2012</u>
Wine	approx. \$700	\$515.77	\$219.50
Soda (water & soda)	\$156	\$149.92	\$ 66.60
Snacks & Water	\$118	\$153.19	\$122.34
Supplies		\$ 52.61	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$974	\$871.49	\$408.44

Details of purchases:

Wine: 12 bottles Merlot, 12 bottles of Sauvignon, 28 bottles of Chardonnay, 24 bottles of Pinot Grecio.

Soda: 10 cases Coke, 2 cases Sprite, 1 case diet Sunkist, 5 cases diet Coke, 3 cases Sprite Zero, 2 cases Orange Crush

Snacks & Water: 4 cans munch mix; 6 boxes of (50) Individual chip snacks; 5/32 packs of bottled water (Should have bought 7).

NOTES

* Ran out of Chardonnay on Friday afternoon. Max bought 26 more bottles

* Several people attending were scrambling to find a corkscrew for the wine. I know Max and Tom and others had their personal ones (on their person), but suggest we place a couple on a chain/string and readily visible near the wine next time so people can easily find them and make use of them to enjoy the good grape.

PS. The remnants of the soda & wine were brought to the Hot Wash on 6/9/2012.

Golf Outing
Fort Walton Beach City Golf Course
Friday, 9:00 AM
By: Alan Goldsborough

- We had 21 of 22 golfers play, one was a no-shows. Each player paid \$45. There was no expense as no door prizes, goody bags, or winning team prizes were presented. Everyone had a great time.
- Comments from some golfers were that they suggest a different course, i.e. Eglin or Hurlburt. I am leaning toward Eglin since it is off base and has two courses.
- We paid \$31.13 for each player at the FWB City course.

Max Comment:

- Suggest for the 2014 reunion the Eglin course be reserved.
- Also suggest Al check into procedures and availability of the course now.
- Additionally, suggest we go ahead and prepare some kind of "Goody Bag" for the golfers. We can get donations like sleeves of balls, hats, maybe t-shirts etc. We can also look into gift certificates etc. If we start early enough this should be easy.
- We can make 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes available as well. If we charge \$45 and it only costs \$35 then we should have \$200 profit for 20 golfers and that could then be \$80 for 1st place team, \$60 for second place team, and \$40 for third place team.
- Suggest we leave it up to the tournament director.

Entertainment

By: Brenden "Grimey" Grimes

Sorry for not being available more at this event, and providing more guidance as to system requirements. It is unfortunate that I have been so busy this past weekend and not had nearly the time to spend on site, though I cannot complain as I am making such a remarkable recovery from just 2 years ago, 2010. Thanks for all the beer and hospitality. This year's event was probably the best event yet!

Future events: Would like to again offer TSC Productions services/equipment for the next and future events.

Future events:

I will continue to provide Lighting and Audio as required and as much as I can at no charge. Lighting requirements at the Ramada will probably be much lower, however I will need to be involved at some point during a site survey for 2014 to see locations etc. (I seem to recall putting the 7th logo on the wall years ago). If we can spruce up any dedicated 'All CT' areas with special lighting to make it stand out without offending other guests, that would be the optimum choice. This includes both indoor lockable rooms as well as outdoor meeting areas.

I would gladly provide more elaborate lighting, programming, etc., however placing too much equipment that requires specialized training or needs to be packed up nightly for security is burdensome. It is also not fair to add this chore to Max or anyone else. Max has graciously secured this equipment nightly, as I have been unable, due to other events.

Recommendations:

1. It is worth looking into security if we need to leave anything outdoors for future events. The Ramada has pretty good security, however that area has a much higher potential for other guests to borrow items in other than sober conditions. I don't mind if there is some 'responsible person' to pull all gear indoors, however I keep items to a minimal based upon the work or security required.
2. I would also like to suggest live entertainment during the Friday and Saturday night events. Again, depending on locations, I feel that having an acoustic guitar act (solo or duet) will provide some minimal entertainment and act as background filler. I can find these entertainers, many whom I can convince to perform for food and beverage plus any tips they make. (I can pass on some of Joe Sheldon's music to have them start learning it) Rather than a full band that requires lots more stuff, an acoustic act gets the crowd involved, talks to the guests, and adds so much more than just an iPod playlist.

Thanks to all of you for your support in making this what appeared to be the best yet.
Sorry I was unavailable for most of this year's event. 2014.....It's in my calendar!

My shop is located just out the back gate of Hurlburt on Lovejoy road. I accept no-notices, and usually have a cold draft nearby.

Max Comments: If we have or commit to having entertainment, we need someone available and knowledgeable to set it up, run it, and manage it. It should not be one of the already over-tasked committee chairs doing other things. In other words, if we can't find a Entertainment Committee person, then let's not have any entertainment or audio/visual stuff to try to manage and be responsible for it.

Friday Night Wurst Burn

By: William "Slim" Conners

Used 15 SOS Grill at no charge and we paid \$???? for filling the two propane tanks. Slim Conner and Evans Glausier did the cooking cook and Angie Conner with the help of ?????????? did the serving.

There were no issues and the tent and tables provided worked well. We had a 1/2 tray of wurst left over and baked beans. Potato salad was finished early. Ice cream for desert was great except for those later in the day as the ice cream was melting a bit.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2012</u>
Wurst Burn	\$1,067.60	\$1,149.43	\$978.78

Saturday Night BBQ

By: Max Friedauer

Comments on the Saturday night BBQ.

- Sonny's meal was delivered/set up as contracted/scheduled. We served early and a single line set up worked well.
- Good feedback on the quality of the food - the peach cobbler and corn bread were a hit.
- We contracted for 175 meals and after a request that "we're getting a lot of walk-ins, Max procured an additional 50 meals from Sonny's at a cost of \$540 but in the end none of those meals were ever used and they were donated to the Waterfront Mission or some other needy organization by Buff & Eileen.
- The mix of ribs, brisket, and pulled pork was great!.
- The leftovers were not wasted - all went to charity organizations, thanks primarily to Eileen Underwood.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2012</u>
Sonny's BBQ	\$1,582.65 (272)	\$2,567.31 (300)	\$2,653.75

Max Comment:

- Next reunion, if food is catered again, registration and food serving POC need to coordinate to determine if we're really running low on food. If Sonny's prepares food for 175, that will be enough to serve 200.
- For the 2014 & 2016 reunions at the RAMADA Beach Resort, suggest Max check into Wurst grilled and served by Hotel out back and that the Saturday evening meal be a sit down meal on the 6th floor of the tower. The registration can include individual meal costs so if some folks want to eat out somewhere else, they have that choice.
- We would simply set a basic charge for attending to cover cost of flyers, overhead, beer, wine, soda, & water. That could be \$25 per person for the weekend.

Committee Comment: The leftovers from Saturday night were used for Sunday. And we had plenty to feed all those attending the Memorial Service and volunteers for cleanup.

Memorial Service Inputs

By: Max Friedauer

How Memorial was organized:

- It was determined that Hurlburt charges rental and use of Bleachers, Tents, Podium set-up, etc for use of the Air Park by all unit.
- We did not have a volunteer to coordinate the and set-up the memorial service at the Air Park so I suggested we conduct it at the Quality Inn Bayside.
- I set it up in the Large tent next to the pool and set the chairs up in a half circle. I asked Buff to hang the flag behind the podium and asked that the 711 Unit Panels be brought down into the tent as well.
- I also requested that the Emerald Coast Drum & Bugles be present and play at the beginning and finish with Amazing Grace.
- I brought my personal speaker and microphone system and it worked well.
- Buff Underwood was the MC and made introductions.
- I asked Steve Connely to provide the opening prayer.
- I read all the names of those Combat talon Warriors that have died since our last reunion.

Note: I think this venue worked well and eliminated the need for everyone to travel to Hurlburt again and coordinate buses. Predicting who would attend was also difficult, but since it was at the hotel, this was no longer an issue.

Problems: The original flyer which was published back in February and distributed, indicated the Memorial Service was being held at the Hurlburt Air park. I'm aware of two people that went to the Air park. One of them came to the hotel and caught most of the service, the other just toured the Air Park. The schedule in all registration bags was correct and all the notices on the white boards indicated the correct and changed location.

Max Comment: Suggest we do the Memorial Service for 2014 & 2016 at the RAMADA out on the beach or or in the tower on the 6th floor. This saves the hassle of transportation and setup on base. Also allows more people to attend before their flight home.

Symposium & Static Display

By: Ned ‘Neo’ Calvert

Ned Calvert was responsible for the Saturday morning symposium. He planned the agenda, coordinated speakers, requested Talons for the static display, and set up bus transportation from hotel to base and return

0815	Rendezvous for transportation	Quality Inn
0830 – 0845	Bus transportation to 15 SOS	1 SOLRS
0900 – 0915	Welcome/opening remarks	Buff Underwood
0915 – 0945	1 SOG Overview	Col Tony Bauernfeind, 1 SOG/CC
0945 – 1000	Break/Video	
1000 – 1030	AFSOC Update Brief	Col Joe Hastings, HQ AFSOC/A5R
1030 – 1055	15 SOS Update Brief	Lt Col Pat Wolfe, 15 SOS/CC
1100 – 1200	Flightline tour—MC-130H & MC-130E	
1200	Bus transportation to Quality Inn	1 SOLRS

15 SOS agreed to host the symposium in their auditorium. This is an excellent venue because of the large room and location to the flightline. The 15th support staff did a great job catering to our needs by setting up the AV equipment and following up with DV speakers. The reunion committee should continue to foster a good relationship with the new 15th CC, Lt Col Richard Carrell. Use the 15 SOS as much as possible.

Flightline static display of a CT I and CT II is arranged through the 1 SOW Commit Sheet process. We requested the aircraft 30 days in advance. Phone calls were made to the 919 SOW to request the CT I. This was probably the last year we will have a CT I available. Keep scheduling statics.

Transportation was set up through 1 SOLRS vehicle dispatch. No problems were noted requesting two 40 pax buses.

Symposium. The agenda included speakers from HQ AFSOC/A5R, Col Joe Hastings; 1 SOG/CC, Col Tony Bauernfein; 15 SOS/CC, Lt Col Patrick Wolfe. Current 7 SOS/CC initially indicated he would attend and present an update on current ops, but he had to cancel two weeks prior due to operational commitments. The reunion committee should continue to invite someone from the 7 SOS and 1 SOS to present current updates.

During breaks, Ned arranged for Buff to give updates, for Ferkes to pitch the SOF Warrior Foundation, and showed a Talon development video developed by Ron Rowe.

For refreshments, Ned purchased coffee from Starbucks (4 carafes) and 6 dozen donuts/bagels from Publix. Attendee head count: 82. Costs: \$88.83 for coffee and donuts.

CTMF Final Bank Statement

By: Max Friedauer

The CTMF is in great shape and we raised \$2,064 in donations included in reunion registrations and on site during the Reunion 17-20 May 2012.

Below is the standing of the WWCT Reunion Accounts as of 3 June June 2012.

Financial Report Combat Talon Memorial Foundation (CTMF)

Checking Account		
NAME	AMOUNT	REMARKS
BALANCE (INCOME -EXPENSES):	\$5,122.53	

Money Market Account		
NAME	AMOUNT	REMARKS
BALANCE (INCOME -EXPENSES):	\$24,121.28	

Savings Account		
NAME	AMOUNT	REMARKS
BALANCE (INCOME -EXPENSES):	\$100.21	
GRAND TOTAL	\$29,344.02	

Our only expenses since the 2010 reunion has been for the acquisition and storage of four sets of FULTON Equipment, including yolks. That expense totaled \$1,027.67

Changes and new items agreed to during Hot Wash

- Bill “Hollywood” Fowler volunteered to help or write the 7 ACS Newsletter. Please get your articles in to him.
- Aircraft 64-0523 will be flown to Cannon AFB by Col Buck Elton on 22 June 2012 and be retired ther in their Base Air Park.
- Items for 2014 Reunion:
 - We will only require one 30x40 tent on the beach
 - Cost for the Saturday evening Meal and to cover the band will probably be approx. \$40 per person. We will negotiate for a lower price.
 - The Wurstburn for Friday night will be provided by the RAMADA and will probably cost approx. \$15 per person.
 - The Memorial Service will be held on Sunday under the tent on the beach.
 - Golf will be at the Eglin Course on Friday in 2014.
 - Registration will be in the Hospitality Suite by the Pool.
 - Will need three big “Boat” Coolers for Hospitality Suite. Max authorized to go out and purchase before 2014 Reunion.
 - Entertainment for the Reunion will be a “BoomBox” except for the Saturday night dinner for which we will have a Band.
 - Need to determine where the ice will come from for the hospitality Suite at the RAMADA.
 - Another symposium will be planned in 2014.
 - A Hash House Harrier event will also be planned for Friday morning or afternoon.