

# FACNET Reunion Update – Mar 15, 2024

Fellow FACs,  
Here's some important reunion information.

**Reunion Survey.** Thanks to all who have already sent in their completed 2024 Reunion Survey that is posted on the FAC association's website Home page ([www.fac-assoc.com](http://www.fac-assoc.com)). This survey provides our reunion planning group a much better picture of how to prepare for this historic event. Over 70 FACs and their guests (about 150 folks) have already responded and made their hotel reservations. We will send out a list of FAC names in the next month or so.

If you haven't mailed in your reunion survey, please do so.

**Make your Hotel Reservation now.** Why is this important? Our initial reserved block of 70 rooms have already been taken, so we have booked an additional 40 more rooms in our contract. We have a total of 110 rooms reserved for now. Why was this necessary?

The beautiful Island Hotel (the former Ramada Plasa Beach Resort hotel where we held our 2000 and 2014 reunions) is now under corporate management and their reservation system is much more restrictive. They have 366 rooms; however, we initially only reserved a block of 70 rooms because we have no idea how many reservations might be made, and the hotel's contract obligates the Association to pay for 80 % of all rooms blocked, even if some are not rented.

If necessary, we can contract for additional rooms above the 110 rooms we now have reserved (if rooms are available), but the hotel is free to offer all un-booked rooms to any other organizations that might come along and request them, so un-booked rooms might disappear i.e. the early bird gets the worm. Don't be left out.

There are three different reunion room rates available. To get the room and rate you want, we recommend you make your reservation now. The hotel will require a one-night deposit when you make your reservation. All reservations can be cancelled up to 48-hours before your check-in date.

All hotel room rates and 2024 reunion details are posted on the FAC association's website.

**More Exciting News.** We now have 14 FAC aircraft flying into the nearby Destin airport to help us celebrate our final reunion, two OV-10Ds (Marine version), three O-2As, and nine L-19s/O-1s. Short orientation flights may be offered on Thursday, 24 October, which means you will have to arrive on Wednesday, 23 Oct, to take advantage of this possibility. Details are being worked.

That's it for now. The target is marked, Cleared Hot.

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