

# USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION 15TH NATIONAL REUNION OCTOBER 10-12, 2011 TUCSON, AZ

The 15th National reunion is being held in Tucson, AZ on October 10-12, 2011. The venue for our reunion is The Hotel Arizona. The hotel is located downtown next to the convention center and near many other activities.

The room rate for our event is \$86/night plus tax for either a king or two queen beds and includes a full American breakfast and airport transportation. This price is also good +/- 3 days before or after the event.

The king room allows for a bit more room than the two queens if you prefer a little more space. Book early if you definitely want a king room.

Reservations can be made by phone at 800-845-4596, just ask for the USS Cogswell block. If you wish to book on line, go to the hotel website [www.thehotelarizona.com](http://www.thehotelarizona.com) then go to the group function and the group code will be—COGS.



# TUCSON REUNION PLAN OF THE DAY (TENTATIVE)

## Monday, 10 October 2011

- 0600-1000 Breakfast served (if staying in hotel)  
0900 USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION reunion registration begins in hospitality room  
1100 Snack service begins in hospitality room (snack mix, soft drinks, coffee & tea)  
1400 Beer available in the hospitality room—provided by the hotel. (No personal alcoholic beverages allowed in the room)  
1700 Reunion welcome gathering with Margaritas and southwestern hors d'oeuvres provided by the hotel.  
1730 Remarks from our Association President Frank Wille, a representative from the Convention and Visitors Bureau & someone from the hotel staff  
1800 An overview of the scheduled tours and the other activities during the reunion.  
1815 *(Approximate) Cogswell Association business meeting and election of new committee members<sup>1</sup>*  
2400 Doors close to hospitality room.

## Tuesday, 11 October 2011

- 0600-1000 Breakfast served (if staying in hotel)  
0800 Doors open to hospitality room.  
0800 **SHARP!** - Bus leaves for Bisbee and Tombstone—boarded by registration priority  
1100 Snack service begins in hospitality room (snack mix, soft drinks, coffee & tea)  
1400 Beer available in the hospitality room—provided by the hotel. (No personal alcoholic beverages allowed in the room)  
1730-1800 (Approximate) Bus returns from Tombstone  
2400 Doors close to hospitality room.

## Wednesday, 12 October 2011

- 0600-1000 Breakfast served (if staying in hotel)  
0800 Doors open to hospitality room.  
0800 **SHARP!** Bus leaves hotel for Sonoran Desert Museum, Mission San Xavier, and PIMA/AARMG tours – boarded by registration priority  
1100 Snack service begins in hospitality room (snack mix, soft drinks, coffee & tea)  
1400 Beer available in the hospitality room—provided by the hotel. (No personal alcoholic beverages allowed in the room)  
1630 Bus returns from tour  
1730 Photo taking begins in designated area (all hands on deck, purchase of photo book optional)  
1800 Banquet room opens—full cash bar available, also available during Casino Night  
1830 Banquet program begins with announcements from Association President Frank Wille  
1845 Invocation, and Necrology by Don Miller  
1900 Food service  
1945 Benediction by Don Miller  
2000 Casino Night begins  
2300 Casino Night ends  
2400 Doors close to hospitality room

## Thursday, 13 October 2011

- 0600-1000 Breakfast served (if staying in hotel)  
Final farewells in breakfast area or lobby as the USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION REUNION IS CLOSED.

1. Due to the lengthy tours both days, the Association meeting will be conducted on the first night following the welcome gathering.

# Transportation and Tours

We have contracted with the Mountain View Tours company to provide our bus transportation. Tours are being planned independently of the bus company.

The initial contract is for the large, 54 passenger, deluxe Volvo bus. Additional transportation that will be available if scheduled early enough, will be either a 49 pax Van Hool, or a 29 pax mini bus. They also have a 12 pax van available.



However, for those who register at the last minute there may only be one form of transportation left available.



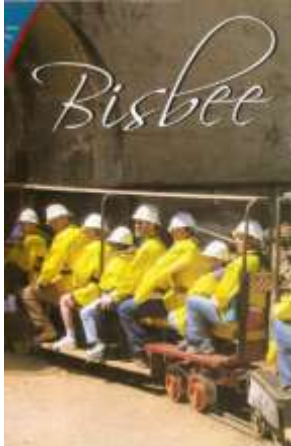
So, make sure you get the registration forms back to us as soon as possible. Each of the two tour days will include the cost of bus transportation. The stops/activities scheduled with each tour are priced independently so if anyone does not want to participate they may stay on the bus if desired except at the PIMA museum. (bus will be used for secondary tour).



Our tours will begin on Tuesday with a trip to Bisbee, & Tombstone, AZ. Please look on the following pages for the scheduled activities and those things that can be done on your own. On Wednesday we will have a tour to Desert Museum, Mission San Xavier, and the PIMA/AARMG (boneyard) facilities. This tour will need to close out earlier as we need to get everyone back to the hotel for the picture taking and banquet.

# Tuesday, October 11 Tour—Morning

On Tuesday morning we will be leaving the hotel as scheduled in the POD. The trip to Bisbee will take approximately 2 hrs. with a couple of rest stops in between as required. Once we reach Bisbee, those who have signed up for the Queen Mine tour will be dropped off at the mine, while the others will proceed on the bus to the downtown activities of Bisbee.



The mine tour takes approximately 1 1/2 hours with a 15 minute ride on the train into the mine and a 15 minute ride back. There is stair climbing (32 steps) and walking once inside the mine. ***Those with ambulatory issues are not recommended on the tour (city of Bisbee).***

***Everyone on the tour, except children, MUST sign the release (one form per family) on the back of the registration form, or they will not be allowed on the tour. (again a city requirement). The temperature inside the mine is 47°F. So wear a sweater under the provided yellow coats and hard hats. The Cogswell hoodie will be great as it also protects your head. In addition, there are no facilities in the mine so make sure you stop before entering.***

The Cogswell reserved train into the mine will hold a maximum of 35 people. There is another general admission train available at the same time and we will do whatever we can to reserve some seats on that



train if needed. Go ahead and book the tour if you want to take part in this, but understand that we may be overbooked and those who booked last may not be allowed on the train but will receive a full refund.

look around, shop, or have a cup of coffee. The bus will load up in town approximately 11:45 and then pick up folks from the mine tour. If you want more information on Bisbee, go to their website [www.cityofbisbee.com](http://www.cityofbisbee.com)

From Bisbee we head for Tombstone, AZ. The town to tough to die. We should arrive in Tombstone just in time for lunch on your own.

## **Things to do in Bisbee:**

Don a miner's hat and lamp and take the Queen Mine Tour

Visit the Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution

Shop in Bisbee's art galleries and shops

Have a beer in Brewery Gulch, where hard drinking miners once caroused

See Bisbee sights during a Lavender Jeep tour

Take an evening tour with a "Ghost Host"

Try "urban" hiking through this mountain town's many stairs

# Tuesday, October 11 Tour—Afternoon



We will arrive in Tombstone approximately 1230 in time for lunch at one of the many eating establishments. Make sure you eat first as there are many sites to see in Tombstone, and one of the main shows starts at 1400.

There are so many different activities in Tombstone, that no group tours are planned. You can form into individual groups as you desire.. We want to maximize our time in Tombstone as there many things to do and see.

From the Cochise Country visitor guide:

*Are you tough enough to visit the "Town too Tough to Die"? When you walk the streets of Tombstone, the most famous Western town in the world, you'll walk where legendary figures Wyatt Earp, Doc Holiday and the Clanton's lived and fought."*

*"From its unassuming beginning as "Goose Flats," Tombstone burgeoned into a boomtown and played a pivotal role in Arizona's mining history. Forever marked as the site of the most notorious gunfights in history, the town's beginnings started with a young prospector named Ed Schieffelin. A born adventurer, Schieffelin set out to explore southern Arizona's untamed Apache territory. He was a source of mild derision; his friends told him he'd only find his tombstone. With only 30 cents in his pocket, he ignored them and set out. Upon discovering an enormous silver cache in 1877, he named one of the mines 'Tombstone.' His dig at the naysayers was later adopted by the community."*

We will board the bus for our return trip to Tucson at 1600 and should arrive back at the hotel 1730-1800. (Yes, a long day).

Sorry, you cannot bring back the 6-shooters you may have bought in Tombstone. There will be water available on the bus.



## Things to do in Tombstone:

- Take a narrated Stagecoach and Trolley Tour
- Go underground in 1880's Silver Mine
- Watch a Gunfight and Wild West Show
- Get an old time picture made
- See the world's largest rosebush
- Visit Arizona's smallest State Park
- Buy a handcrafted souvenir
- See a live "Birds of Prey" show
- Tour Boothill Cemetery
- Eat some grub and belly up to the bar at a famous saloon

# Wednesday, October 12 Tour—Morning

On Wednesday we will first visit the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum. We will arrive at the museum when it opens at 0830.

**From the Museum website:** *For a half-century the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum has enchanted millions of visitors with its exhibits of live animals in astonishingly natural settings, while intriguing and instructing them with fascinating educational programs. At the same time, the Museum has gained a worldwide repute in the scientific community as an institution committed to re-searching and protecting the land, plants, and the animals of the Sonoran Desert region.*



*The mission of the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is to inspire people to live in harmony with the natural world by fostering love, appreciation, and understanding of the Sonoran Desert.*

*In a nutshell The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is a world-renowned zoo, natural history museum and botanical garden, all in one place! Exhibits re-create the natural landscape of the Sonoran Desert Region so realistically you find yourself eye-to-eye with mountain lions, prairie dogs, Gila monsters, and more. Within the Museum grounds, you will see more than 300 animal species and 1,200 kinds of plants. There are almost 2 miles of paths traversing 21 acres of beautiful desert.*

From the Desert Museum we will proceed to the Mission San Xavier. The mission was completed in 1797.

From the Mission web site:

## Museum:

*We have a museum at the Mission that explains more about our history with artifacts. The best way to start your experience is to begin with a 20 minute video which talks about the history of the Mission and its restoration. Then walk through the museum and look at the artifacts that give you a sense of the history and the way people lived here at the Mission.*

## Gift shop:

*We have a gift shop that has all kinds of ideas to commemorate your visit to Mission San Xavier. There is a wide array of items from t-shirts to authentic Tohono O'odham basket made right here on the reservation. On your next visit to the Mission please be sure to check it out.*

## Candles:

*Lighting a candle represents someone's intention/prayer to God when lit and left in the church. Candles can be purchased at both the gift shop and the museum foyer. We ask that only these candles be lit in the church as they are smokeless candles and will not harm the paintings, frescos, and statuary.*

This tour will last approximately one hour.



# Wednesday, October 12 Tour—Afternoon

We will arrive at the PIMA Air Museum approximately 1215 in time for lunch on your own in the Flight Grill. From the PIMA web site: *The Pima Air & Space Museum's new restaurant, Flight Grill, is now open! Our beautiful new quick-service grill features an expo kitchen, sleek modern, comfortable furniture and floor to ceiling windows. The indoor dining room is just steps away from the new covered tram waiting area. From our beautiful patio, you can enjoy the mountain views, our outdoor collection and even watch as aircraft take-off and land just across the street at Davis Monthan Air Force Base. At Flight Grill, you can enjoy USDA Prime hand-pressed burgers, fresh salads, brick oven pizza, and even Sonoran cuisine. Come in for an hand-scooped ice cream cone or a caramel latte from our espresso bar.*

You can begin your tour of the PIMA Museum whenever you desire if not boarding the bus for the AMARG tour. *Pima Air & Space Museum, where history takes flight, is one of the largest air and space museums in the world, and the largest non-government funded aviation museum. You'll see more than 300 aircraft and spacecraft including many of the most historically significant and technically advanced craft ever produced, both from the United States and throughout the world*



The AMARG (Boneyard) *The Pima Air & Space Museum offers exclusive bus tours of the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center (AMARG), also known as the "Boneyard." The facility is located adjacent to the Museum at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.*

Security Concerns: *Due to increased security concerns, the Air Force prohibits the carrying of firearms, weapons or illegal substances. Government issued photo identification (Such as a driver's license, military ID or passport) is required for all persons 16 years of age and older. Tours last approximately one hour and thirty minutes.*



We will be using our tour bus, but it will have to be inspected prior to leaving on the AMARG tour. Therefore, everyone must exit the bus when we arrive at PIMA. The bus will load again approximately 1300 and arrive back at PIMA approximately 1430 with time left to tour PIMA.

The bus will depart PIMA approximately 1600 for a return to the hotel.

# BANQUET MENU

## **New York Sirloin**

Slow Roasted New York Sirloin of Beef  
Mushroom Sauce

## **Chicken a la Florentine**

Seasoned Chicken Breast Stacked with Wilted Spinach  
Sliced Roma Tomatoes & Melted Provolone Cheese  
Topped with Marinara Sauce

## **Market Fresh Salmon**

Grilled to perfection & served with Pineapple Salsa

All Entrees served with House Salad, Chef's Choice of Vegetables & Side Dish.  
Fresh Baked Rolls & Butter, Standard Dessert  
Freshly Brewed Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed regular or Decaffeinated Starbucks Coffee

# CASINO NIGHT

Directly after the banquet, we will have a new activity for the Cogswell Association reunion. We are contracting with the O' Aces casino event company to set up tables and other games adjacent to our banquet room.

This activity will begin approximately 2000 and continue until approximately 2300. There will be a number of different games including Black Jack, Texas Hold-Em, 3-card poker, Casino War, Roulette, and Craps.

Each person who pays to play will receive a ticket worth \$1000 in chips. This ticket can be redeemed with the dealer at the table of your choice for chips. Once you have your chips, you can move to other tables with those chips if you desire. At the end of the gaming session (~2300) the dealers will tally all the chips to identify the top winners. **NO POOLING OF CHIPS!**

The top three winners will receive a prize from the Cogswell Association. Please don't expect a trip to Hawaii!

