

After Action Report

Super Sabre Reunion May 15 – 19, 2019

I apologies for sending this report twenty days after the reunion, just didn't have much down time after the reunion.

The reunion was attended by Pam Dunham, Linda Dean, Bob Weston, Pete Felts, and myself.

The reunion was held at the historic Menger Hotel just across the street from the #1 attraction in San Antonio, "THE ALAMO". Our usual FSS HQD, table and FSS Quilt table were set up in the hotel lobby next to the SSS registration table. This has always proven to be a key location to engage the membership as they complete their registration. We were quite busy during the registration period and continued to have consistent foot traffic during the course of the reunion.

From a financial perspective, \$1,097.00 was our profit on Quilt sales and \$700.00 in checks & cash donations were received to assist of our efforts to preserve the legacy of the F-100 through Super Sabre Memorial Exhibit. Additionally, the SSS presented the FSS with a \$10,000.00 matching donation for the Super Sabre Memorial Exhibit.

From a ongoing operational and partnership perspective I am confident that the new leadership of the SSS is in very good hands. Both, Tom Griffith, President, and Leo Mansuetti, Chief Executive Officer, understand the FSS mission and support it. I think you will agree that both Tom and Leo are very approachable and enjoyable to spend time with. Because of this I believe the three-way partnership between the SSS, FSS, and MAPS is headed for continued success.

During the General Membership meeting I was given the opportunity to address the membership specifically about the FSS initiative of acquiring member's stories, artifacts/memorabilia, photo's, gun camera film etc. for the SSME. There were some good questions from the membership and some revealed they were not familiar with our mission. So we are going to have to take additional steps to keep the messaging fresh and more frequent in addition to utilizing the Intake. I reviewed the 21 vignette display approach for the exhibit noting the key events of the F-100 during its 45 year service history . It made some impact because both Ken and I have received packages from members in recent days. But I must admit we have a long way to go. When completed it will be a great exhibit that will last well beyond our years.

After the reunion Linda & I were off to Canton, Ohio to present the Lt. Col. Robert L. Dunham Memorial Scholarship to the 2019 recipient, Cooper Hurin. Cooper is a fine young man and is headed for success. He will major in Flight Technology at Kent State University. His plans is the join the USAF ROTC program while attending Kent State and upon graduation immediately join the active USAF and apply for Pilot Training. Also, Ken Ramsay and I presented the \$10,000.00 SSS matching donation to MAPS Ex. Director, Kim Kovesci.

In closing this report I would like to tell you how much the FSS is appreciated. During the reunion I received many sincere comments from the SSS membership thanking us for all we do. Additionally I received many emails and written notes of thanks including from Tom Griffith and Leo Mansuetti. When we visited MAPS last week, Kim Kovesci's, Executive Director, comment was – "You guys are great!"

Clearly we have proven we are not just talking heads with an idea. We have achieved several accomplishments and those accomplishments have been recognized. We must continue to work as a team toward our goals and objectives in a strategic manner. This will take more planning and careful execution. Thinking outside the box is not a cliché, it's real and we must challenge ourselves to keep fresh ideas flowing. Keep the channels of communications open, it only takes a few minutes to send an "IDEA" email.

I will keep you all informed as the SSME project proceeds. In the meantime, enjoy the coming summer months.

Mike Dean

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