



Photo Contest

Entries are streaming in, and with the high quality of the submissions, judging will be difficult. Remember the contest deadline is 15 August 2008. A complete listing of the contest prizes and rules can be viewed at the Tailhook Association Web site at www.tailhook.net. The contest is open to all Tailhook Association members, or you can join with your entry. Digital images must be submitted using the online entry form. Images must be in natural color and will not be returned. If you have a transparency or a print that you want to submit, a scan of the image is acceptable.

From the Executive Director: Plan Now for Hook '08

Hook '08 Tailhook Reunion

Marc Ostertag and I have completed our pre-Reunion site survey to the Nugget Hotel. The Nugget has agreed to remove the \$5.00 resort fee they have been charging us; however the cost of the rooms is going up slightly. So your total bill for staying at the Nugget will be about the same. The entire east tower of the hotel has new furnishings, floor and wall coverings and granite countertops. All of the old televisions have been replaced with flat panel wall-mounted sets. The rooms are nice, and the premium fee for staying in the renovated east tower has been waived for Hook '08.



We have added another hotel for overflow. The Silver Legacy in downtown Reno is blocking 100 rooms for Tailhook Reunion attendees. Depending on the number of rooms taken, they will provide a shuttle bus to and from John Ascuaga's Nugget.

Make your reservations early so you can stay in the reunion hotel.

- John Ascuaga's Nugget (800) 648-1177
- Silver Legacy (800) 687-8733
- The Silver Club (800) 905-7774
- The Quality Inn (800) 548-5798

Start planning now for Hook '08. If you are part of a reunion group, please consider the advantages of staging your reunion activities at Hook '08 in Sparks/Reno, Nev.



Merchandise

New Tailhook logo stock has been added to the store. We have shirts with the Hook '08 logo and additional publications in the new merchandise section of the ship's store online at www.tailhook.org.

Life Membership

Our life membership program is strong and the endowment supporting it continues to grow. Please consider the benefit of becoming a life member. In the long run it will reduce your administrative workload — no more annual checks to write. You will receive a life member certificate, permanent membership card showing your life membership — all at less cost. The total cost is \$795.00 and can be paid as \$195.00 down payment and four payments of \$150.00 over 15 months or four years for active-duty members. There is a reduced rate for members over 59. Please call for the reduced payment schedule.



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- Become a Tailhook Association life member. The total cost is \$795.00
- Pay in a lump sum or make 5 payments over 15 months
- Active-duty members payments can be made over four years
- First payment of \$195.00 and four payments of \$150.00
- Reduced payments for members over 59
- Contact Tailhook (800) 322-4665 or sign up online at: www.tailhook.org

Tailhook Web Site and the Web Log

We offer the opportunity to tell your best story by posting it online. We have a "true stories" section on the main page of the Web site and will print your stories on the Web log. Recently we received a story written by ENS David D. DeMeyer, USNR. He tells of surviving a midair collision over NAS Whiting Field while in *Training Squadron Two* (VT-2). His story of the crash and subsequent lengthy recovery is very interesting. If anyone tells you that you should write a book — the first step is publishing a true story.



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