

THE FRIDAY NIGHT GUNSHIP REUNION MIXER

By Andy DeMeyer



The Friday night Mixer kicked off as scheduled at 1800. Dick and Shell Vancil conducted registration in the lobby of the Four Points Hotel. From there, most members gravitated to the main bar for some initial socializing before heading into the Paradise Cove Dining Room where a buffet table was already set

up along with a bar.



The food was excellent! We dined on delicious beef, a tasty fish, roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, fruits, breads, Tea and Coffee, and a sinful Tiramisu or pound cake with fruit for dessert. Everyone that ate at the buffet indicated that the food was great and that they enjoyed it. For those who

desired, they even got a chance to go back for seconds! The hotel staff, which was on hand at the buffet, did an excellent job of keeping everyone supplied with beverages and clearing tables.

MarthaAnn & Chuck Kaczmarczyk and Andy DeMeyer manned the Spectre Store. Thanks to the generosity of the Association Members, the store took in an exceptional amount in sales that evening.

Kim Coryat and Barry Gossman were enthusiastically selling raffle tickets for an insulated cooler set filled with adult beverages (donated by the Association), an engraved 105 shell (solicited by Barry Gossman), an AC-130 Gunship plaque (donated by Chuck Kaczmarczyk), and crystal sculptures of Eagles (donated by Kim Coryat). All proceeds were donated to the Scholarship Fund.



During the evening everyone noticed a tenacious female going around the room with a glass jug, with a sign stating TAXI FARE DONATIONS. Who was this lady who seemed to be everywhere, asking for donations? Come to find out that it was none other than Thitiwan Kane, who was collecting Taxi Fare Money for

any individual who did not have enough funds for a taxi to go to the airport at the conclusion of the reunion. Mrs. Kane later informed us that everyone was financially sound at the end of the reunion and that no one needed taxi fare assistance; therefore, she donated the \$74.60 collected during the reunion to the Scholarship Fund. Job well done for Mrs. Kane.



When dinner was finished many Spectres stopped by the Store for some shopping. Friday turned out to be our banner day for shopping during the Reunion with receipts totaling \$1,160.59. With lighter wallets, many of the Spectre faithful gravitated to the Hospitality Room to socialize with old friends for

the rest of the evening. All attending had a good time.