



MOOSE CREEK CHATTER

ALASKA NIKE VETERANS REUNION

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Reunion 2014 at Anchorage..
- **Wanted information of Site Point personnel.**
- Moose Creek General Store
- Reunion 2014 Agenda

Our purpose is to update everyone on our reunion efforts. At San Francisco last year we met with Barbara Propes Deputy Chief of Staff for Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell and Jim Renkert Director of " Friends of Nike Site Summit" at that time we discussed the proposed events scheduled for this years reunion. The Anchorage portion of this reunion is scheduled for Sept. 4 through the 6th. An extension to the Fairbanks area is now in the planning stages. A highlight of this portion of the trip will be a visit to the BMEWS site at Clear Alaska, we are also planning on a stop at Denali Na-

tional Park. Rounding out that portion of the trip will be a visit to what remains of the 5 Fairbanks Nike Units. Note those planning to attend this portion of the reunion will

newsletter. The information is needed for security reasons involving that site visit. A complete schedule of events (as complete as of time of this newsletter) will be posted in the following pages. Also the agenda will be downloadable from our website, and will be changed as needed.

Links to reunion info below.

http://www.a-2-562.org/reunion_r/2014_1.html



need to supply us with some personal information that will be spelled out later in this



Headline !

This Newsletter will now reach almost 400 former Nike Vets

NEEDED NAMES / ADDRESS OF SITE POINT GUY'S

Any of you that have any information on the location of the following former Nike Vets that served at Site Point, A Battery at Anchorage during the Good Friday earthquake of March 1964. And possible Ordnance Company vets that may have assisted in the recovery operations at Site Point. As part of the reunion on Friday after-

noon a plaque dedication ceremony will be held to honor the 1964 Meritorious Unit Citation that A Battery was awarded for their action during that time. To the best of our knowledge this is the only such award of this type given to a Army unit during peace time . If possible it would be great to have some of these vet's at that unveiling

ceremony .

Relay any information to the following addresses.

reunion@a-2-562.org

or

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Anchorage Centennial event

Commemorating Victory In The Cold War

**Alaska Nike Veterans Reunion
Cold War Conference
September 4-6, 2014**

As you can see from our opening remarks in this Newsletter this reunion surpasses anything we have done previously in many ways. The schedule of events for the Anchorage portion of this reunion is on the next page. To kick things off on Thursday evening the Key-note speaker for that evening is Sergei Khrushchev. This will give you an indication of the level of this event I am sure we will never surpass this reunion in the future. The Fairbanks portion of the trip is in the early planning stages what we do know is we have been granted special permission to tour the BMEWS site at Clear Alaska one of only 3 in the "Free World" and still operational today. We will be asking for some personal information from attendees for access to this facility.

At this time we are asking you to please respond with your tentative plans of attending. We know it is still a distant time but we have to have an idea of possible numbers, particularly with transportation to Fairbanks. Also you will notice on the agenda remarks about seating or "invitation only" at some of the events. We have been assured that the Nike Vets who sign up to attend will be "first on the list" and guaranteed seating, attendance. Please address all replies to reunion@a-2-562.org

The Conference Chairs have chosen the "Hotel Captain Cook" as the host hotel. That hotel is affiliated with the "Voyager Hotel" just across the street; room rates at The Voyager are about \$25.00 per night cheaper than the Captain Cook but has fewer amenities, dining or bar on site. Both have free WiFi the Voyager has a complimentary continental breakfast Captain Cook has 4 different dining levels so does not offer a "free breakfast" also those staying at "The Voyager may use the "Athletic Club" at Captain Cook.

As always a visit to the reunion section at <http://www.a-2-562.org> will display any new information as it is received. Those that request to be included in a "reunion update" group will also receive those updates directly.

We also extend the invitation to this reunion to "All Nike Vets" so if you know of someone who would be interested in attending please pass along this message to them.



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Thursday September 4, 2014

- 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Registration Open
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** Opening Reception (invitation only)
- 7:30 p.m.** Keynote Speaker Special Guest Sergei Khrushchev
Evening lecture at the Wendy Williamson Auditorium

Friday September 5, 2014

- 7:30- 9:00 p.m.** Breakfast and opening ceremonies; registration packets open until 10:00 a.m. at the Hotel Captain Cook

Lectures and Presentations at the Hotel Captain Cook Ballroom

9:00 – 9:30 9:45 – 10:15 10:30 – 11:00 11:15 – 12:00

- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.** Lunch with Keynote presentation at the Hotel Captain Cook

- 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.** Swords Into Plowshares Tour. Visit to Site Point, Battery A, to see how missiles were replaced by mountain bikes, skis and soccer balls at what is now Kincaid Park.

- 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.** Personal Stories. Recorded for posterity by UAF Oral History Project and Alaska Veterans Museum

- 5:30 – 10:00 p.m.** Dinner on your own
After dinner: “War Stories” in the lounge

- 8:00 p.m.** The Lighter Side of the Cold War and Special Showing of Stanley Kubrick’s “Dr. Strangelove, Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying And Love the Bomb.” Location: Wendy Williamson Auditorium, Beartooth Theatre Pub or Alaska Experience Theater

Saturday September 6, 2014

- 6:30 to 8:00 a.m.** Breakfast (Veterans picked up at hotel at 8:15 a.m. for tour)

- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00** Nike Site Summit Tour for Nike veterans. Invitation only.

- 12:00 - 2 p.m.** Lunch fare available at Arctic Valley Lodge

- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.** Commemorative Event and Plaque Dedication at Arctic Valley Lodge. Invitation only; 150 people maximum

- 2 - 5 p.m.** Nike Site Summit Tour for ceremony VIPs and other vets. Invitation only: 75 max

- 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.** Farewell Dinner for veterans at the Port View