

6594th Test Group of Hickam Air Force Base Falling Star Reunion ~ 50-Year Anniversary

Dates	August 16 through August 20, 2010
Tentative Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, 8/16/10.....Registration and Evening Cocktail Reception • Tuesday, 8/17/10.....Golf and Tennis Outings • Wednesday, 8/18/10....Day Event at Bellows AFS • Thursday, 8/19/10.....Dinner at Hale Koa Hotel • Friday, 8/20/10.....Aloha Gathering with Trip Down Memory Lane at Hickam "O" Club <p style="text-align: center;">Further details (time, place, cost, etc.) will be relayed as events are finalized.</p>
Lodging	Hotel reservations can be made through the Hale Koa Hotel website at www.halekoa.com or by calling 1-800-367-6027. Accommodations at the Bellows Air Force Station cabins can be made through their website at www.bellowsafs.com or by calling 1-800-437-2607.

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As mentioned in Frank Adams' email dated August 11, 2008, the first aerial recovery of the Corona Program was successfully executed in the skies over Hawaii on August 19, 1960. In celebration of this milestone achievement, we are organizing events for the week of August 16-20, 2010 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The highlight of this commemoration will be a dinner event on Thursday, August 19, 2010 ~ *precisely* on our 50-year anniversary date ~ at the Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu.

The 6594th Test Group / 6593rd Test Sq (Special) operated out of the Hickam Air Force Base for 27 years recovering film capsules in support of the Corona Program and follow-on reconnaissance satellites. Historians consider the Corona Program's mission achievements to be equivalent in aerospace significance to the Wright Brothers' First Flight or Yeager Breaking the Sound Barrier. The role of the 6594th Test Group has long been recognized as a singularly key element in the success of the Corona Program, which accomplished the following firsts:

- First return of an object placed in Earth's orbit
- First pictures of Earth from space
- First space program with more than one return capsule
- First space program to reach 100 missions (145 total)

If you have any updates of your contact information or a fellow 6594th Test Group / 6593rd Test Sq member, please email wendy.armstrong@securitasinc.com or fax 808-842-3492 it to us.

We will forward additional information as details are finalized for the August 2010 events.

Aloha,

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