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**2026 All-Kagnew Station Reunion
UPDATE #1**

Hello again –

As of January 15th, our bills for the 2025 reunion have been paid and all proceeds deposited. Thank you for your support...

We have already received questions concerning a possible 2026 All-Kagnew Reunion. So we want to provide a brief update of what's been happening as well... Simply put, we are very glad the 2025 Reunion happened when it did – just a few weeks later could have had a significantly different outcome.

I took a tumble down a 'short' flight of stairs and did a face-plant. Nothing broken, but my already messed up back just has another issue to deal with. And Dan, while recovering from some health issues, came down with a case of the flu that really did a number on him. So, what's next?

We are looking for **HELP** to make the 2026 Reunion a reality. We can take care of the publicity (Updates), and the financial processes; but the ground-level help is what's most important right now. Simply put, neither Dan nor I can manage the total process this year. We need local info with suggestions for places to consider. Would you be willing/able to visit hotel venues to evaluate their suitability for our group as well as potential activities to consider?

For example, Bill Libecap has offered to help if we head to the Cincinnati-area location; and Glen Coleman referenced his experience with Cincinnati and said it was a worthwhile location. But before we launch formal venue proposals, we want to hear from you. For your consideration, I am attaching a short worksheet of what needs to be considered.

We have been privileged to coordinate 10+ years of All-Kagnew Reunions which have continued to grow and recall our experiences of a time at a place called Kagnew. Thank you in advance for your past support and for your suggestions concerning 2026.

As we recover (slowly), thank you for your time and consideration.

Tom

Dan

Tom Daly
ASA – 1970-1971

Dan Minchen
AFRTS 1969-1971

Questions for Kagnev Vets, Guests & “Kagnev Kids”

1. Are you planning to attend a 2026 All-Kagnev Reunion, if scheduled? We realize location and timing are factors, but we need a good estimate of potential attendees.
2. What time of the year is most convenient for you?
3. Are there any locations you specifically do not want to visit/re-visit?
4. What is the maximum nightly hotel room rate you would consider?

To help identify the critical criteria we look at for a reunion location and related questions, please consider:

5. Proximity to an airport served by major airlines
6. Hotels that provide:
 - a. In-house dining facilities (needed for our closing banquet dinner)
 - b. Meeting room(s) that can be used as a hospitality room
 - c. Allowance for beverages and snacks to be brought in
 - d. Have a minimal or no “resort fees”, and include free parking
7. At least one local attraction that would be of general interest to Kagnev veterans (military. Entertainment, unique to the locale)

Time is a critical factor for a 2026 All-Kagnev Reunion. The better hotels typically fill-up with commitments early – especially for groups.

If you have a suggestion or comment, please let us know. Silence may have been the rule while we were on duty, but today we need as many as possible to sound off.

Please send all replies to ASA.Kagnev@gmail.com

Thank you,

Tom & Dan