



## FLYING TIGER LINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION

*Pilots and employees of the Flying Tiger  
Line, dedicated to preserving the memory of a great  
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### **Ambush in Hood River Recap and Photos**

The first-of-its-kind *Ambush in Hood River - A Tribute to The Flying Tigers* in September was a wonderful success with 107 members from the Flying Tiger Line Pilots Association, the AVG Flying Tigers Association, and the Flying Tigers Club in attendance. Our thanks to Lydia Rossi, Executive Secretary for the AVGFTA and Helena Burke, Vice-President for the FTC. Our Guest of Honor, author Eric Lindner and his wife were a joy to finally meet. And special thanks to Jerry Kalman who is credited with taking most of the photographs now posted to a dedicated Ambush Reunion page found under [Previous Reunion/Photos](#) on our website. To go directly to the recap and photos click on the link below.

[2021 Ambush In Hood River](#)

### **2022 San Antonio Reunion Update**

Our thanks to Karen Lane who designed the official reunion poster (at right). Click on the image for a larger view.

**Registration for our much anticipated (and twice cancelled) reunion will begin next month on December 1st.** Our reasons for delaying the registration process these past three months was to make sure nothing creeps up again to cause another cancellation. So far everything is looking good!



Information and a basic agenda is posted on the [Next Reunion](#) page of our website.

City View rooms are still available for reservation at the Westin Riverwalk Hotel at the group rate of \$189 per night (plus tax). Unfortunately our block of River View rooms has been sold out to those who have already made reservations. Click on the link below to view the names of those who have made their reservations.

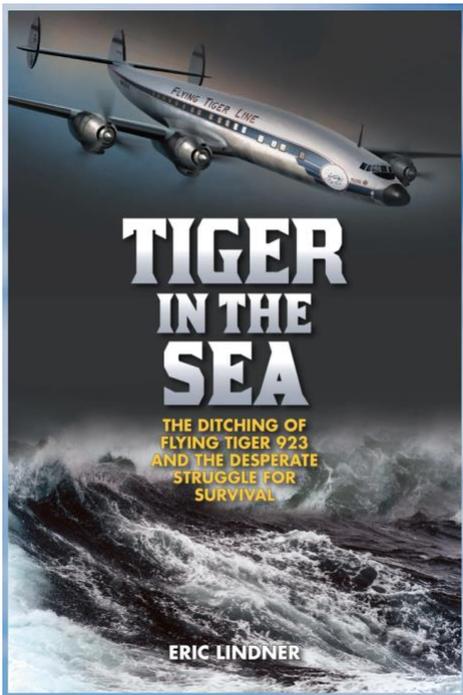
## [Westin Group Hotel Reservation List](#)

Make your group rate reservations online at [FTLPA Group Reservation Page](#)

You can also call Bonvoy Reservations at **888-627-8396** (be prepared to hold)

1. Identify yourself as a member of the Flying Tiger group, \
2. Ask for a group rate reservation at the San Antonio Westin Riverwalk Hotel (important)
3. Provide the following group code if required: **FT1FT1H**

## A Thank You from Eric Linder



Eric and his wife, Ellen, were the Guests of Honor for the Ambush in September, where he signed many copies of the successful book, *Tiger In The Sea*. An excellent Christmas present idea, this book belongs on every bookshelf for those interested in the legacy of the Flying Tiger Line. Visit [www.tigerinthesea.com](http://www.tigerinthesea.com) for information on purchasing your own copy.

Below are some thoughtful words Eric sent us after his appearance at the Ambush...

*Many have asked me what the book boils down to for me. I think of three things most of all:*

- *Duty - service above self, to one's higher power, to one's organization and colleagues. Honoring commitments and, if necessary, going down with the ship.*
- *Courage - by letting their courage rise with danger, Ellen's father, chief flight attendant Betty Sims, Carol Gould Hansen, Hard Luck Sam, and the rest of the Tiger crew onboard inspired everyone to "rise above" and do things that seemed impossible.*
- *Fellowship - as exemplified at this Tribute to The Flying Tigers, camaraderie and fun anchored by a purpose and shared values.*

*Thank you everyone for all your kind words and offers of support. Tiger in the Sea continues to gain traction and popularity as top stories in such media as Apple News, Popular Mechanics (Nov/Dec), American Heritage, and Sirius FM radio.*

*-Eric Lindner.*

## Hangar Merchandise Available

Need some more Tiger swag or holiday gift ideas? We guarantee that there will be no "supply chain" problems. In their quest to continue to find the floor in their guest bedroom, John and Jeanne are once again starting the process of providing FTLPA Hangar merchandise in exchange for a donation. The inventory of available items and procedures for ordering yours via mail can be found by clicking on the [Merchandise Orders](#) button of our Home Page. Merchandise will still be available in San Antonio unless sold out.



## For Sale By Members



### Circle T Sign from High Tiger

Mark Kocisko, George and JoNell's son, is selling a large plastic sign (6 ft. in diameter and possibly lucite) that hung in George's hangar. JoNell was hoping to get at least \$1,000.00 for the sign. George was able to obtain it when all the Circle T signs came down at High Tiger after the merger. Mark has made a wood frame box w/blankets for padding to transport it to his home in Prescott, AZ. His concern is that it may be damaged during shipping by another carrier, not to mention the cost. It will most certainly require transporting in the back of a truck with a lot of TLC by someone on the west coast. Contact Mark Kocisko at [kociskos@gmail.com](mailto:kociskos@gmail.com) for more information if you are interested.



### Larry Drake's Cub

After the loss of her beloved husband, Holly Drake is in that very difficult position of selling assets owned by Larry while still grieving for her loss. She has reached out to us to see if anyone from our group would be interested buying Larry's Piper Cub. Bob Skinner of Skinner Aviation at the Ashland Municipal Airport has all of the aircraft records and is handling the sale for her. Call Bob at **641-482-7675** if you're interested.

We hope that you and your family remain healthy and safe as we enter the holiday season. We will be back to you on December 1st with procedures to register for the 2022 San Antonio Reunion. In the mean time all of us at FTLPA wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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