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"Hello Club! My brother, Joe, is in the military. He is in the United States Air Force, based out of Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. He is a Second Lieutenant and is assigned to the 21st Space Communications Squadron there. The photo was taken by U.S. Air Force photographer Jeff Adcox."  
 —Jenna Luu, Rec and Parks

# The Club in the Armed Forces

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# TravelTalk

by Tony Adler, President,  
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 Club Travel Partner

## No Time? Think Short Getaways



Tony Adler

In the past, I've featured exotic destinations like Africa, Hawaii and Tahiti in this monthly column.

Sometimes I forget to talk about the short little vacations that are often close to home in distance, but far away in state of mind. These short getaways can be just what we need to become rejuvenated and fulfilled. At the very least, they can be relaxing or just plain fun!

We can book your member reservations at any hotel or resort that you choose. Your Club membership means you never pay extra for this service. Most of the time, you will enjoy the additional Club benefits offered by the various properties and cruise lines. Of course, my wife and I have our own personal preferences, which I am happy to share with you here.

### The Desert

Take a short drive to Palm Desert (Rancho Mirage) for a very reasonably priced vacation at the Westin Mission Hills Resort. We like the location, the incredible golf right on the property, the choice of pools, and the extremely comfortable rooms. Westin has the famous Heavenly Beds, which are fantastic! Our special rates are excellent for such a quality resort. For a special treat, spend just a few extra dollars for the "Villas," which are actually very large condominium-style time-shares that the property allows us to rent on a nightly basis when available. Extra amenities include full living rooms, kitchens, barbecues, multiple televisions, and enormous bathrooms (some with giant spa tubs). Square footage can be from more than 600 square feet to more than 1,500 square feet. You can sleep up to eight people in the larger suites! In these units, you get all the normal services of the regular hotel, and also the use of a clubhouse and additional pools (one for adults only and one with an excellent waterslide for the families). Call us for the very exciting Club rates. I think you will be very pleasantly surprised!

Our other top choices in the area: Hyatt Grand Champions Resort and the La Quinta Resort & Spa. Both have spas that will dazzle you, and treatments that will soothe away your stress and tension.

### Las Vegas

Las Vegas is much fun and has excitement that can go on 24 hours a day. We can have you well taken care of with regard to your hotel room, but the gambling is all your responsibility! Please win some of the money I've dropped there over the years! Still, while I am not the luckiest when it comes to blackjack and craps, there is something magnetic that keeps me coming back again and again.

Our preferred hotels in Las Vegas vary by what we are looking for during our stay. Honestly, sometimes we check all the hotels I've listed below and choose by which one is offering the best deal at the time we want to go. We like them all.

### San Diego

Go no further than the Four Seasons Aviara in North San Diego for luxury and beautifully manicured grounds. It is also very close to Legoland if you are bringing the little kids. The Four Seasons will even provide children with their own terry robes and several sweet surprises.

For golf, choose the newly refurbished La Costa Resort. They have restored and improved the hotel and spa to its original grandeur. We have a very close relationship with this property and our guests are treated like the VIPs we think they are!

For nostalgia, Hotel del Coronado is still the one. Steeped in history and romance, and originally built in 1888, the Hotel del Coronado boasts miles of white sand beaches and elegant Victorian charm.

We will cover Santa Barbara and Monterey in future columns. Of course, if you have any questions about any cruise or resort anywhere in the world, please be sure to give us a call. Our prices are almost always going to be competitive or better than the best Internet rates, and we give you superior service and more amenities.

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— Julie, David or Kristy —  
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