Vietnam Security Police Association 25th Annual Reunion Washington, D.C. – October 9-13, 2019 Joint Base Andrews – Andrews AFB, Maryland

The VSPA reunion will be held at the HYATT REGENCY HOTEL in CRYSTAL CITY, located at 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202. The contract room rate is \$139 per night, plus tax. The rooms include a refrigerator. The room rate is good for three days before and three days after the reunion. Complimentary airport transportation every 20 minutes from 0440 hours throughout the day until 0020 hours FROM RONALD REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT <u>ONLY</u>. There is a reduced hotel valet parking rate at \$10 below the prevailing rate per day. SELF-parking is available near the hotel but the fees are not subject to our hotel contract. Use the following link to see more information about this beautiful hotel:

https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/virginia/hyatt-regency-crystal-city-at-reagannational-airport/wasrc .

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Call Phone toll-free 1-877-803-7534 or local 1-703-418-1234. Refer to our group: <u>Vietnam Security Police Association Reunion</u>. Check-in time is 3:00 PM and check-out time is 12:00 noon. The room rate of \$139 is locked in for us for three days before and after the reunion, but there will be a deadline for reservations of <u>September 9, 2019</u>. After that date, rooms will be space available only and <u>AT THE HOTEL'S PREVAILING RATE</u>. <u>Make your</u> <u>reservations early!</u> You may also use the on-line reservation system by going to the following link: <u>https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/WASRC/G-VSPA</u>. If you encounter any difficulty with hotel reservations, reserve the room, obtain the confirmation number and contact the Reunion BRAT at 1-360-663-2521. Explain the problem and she will correct it for you.

<u>AIRPORT INFORMATION:</u> Book your flight to "Ronald Reagan National Airport" (<u>AIRPORT CODE: DCA</u>).

<u>REUNION REGISTRATION FEE:</u> To be determined and posted at a later date based upon completion of bus contracts and final scheduling of tours and optional events.

<u>AGENDA</u>: The agenda is generally accurate, but is subject to change due to joint base operational requirements for the 11th SECURITY FORCES GROUP and their Op Tempo for all squadrons:

- Wednesday, October 9: On-site Registration and Reception Dinner
- Thursday, October 10th: Morning is open. EAT BEFORE YOU BOARD THE BUS for afternoon tour. Dinner and evening are open for squadron and base dinners or gatherings. OPTIONAL night tour of Washington, D.C. Memorials.
- Friday, October 11th: Morning is open. EAT LUNCH BEFORE YOU BOARD THE BUS. All events are in the afternoon. Dinner and evening are open for squadron and base dinners or gatherings.
- Saturday Morning, October 12^{th,} 1000 hours: VSPA Business Meeting. Afternoon open.

- Saturday morning, October 12th, 1000 hours: VSPA Sisterhood gathering of wives and companions. Afternoon open.
- Saturday evening, October 12th: Banquet dinner with guest speaker, awards and raffle.
- Sunday morning, October 13th: Memorial service reading of the names; end of reunion.
- The Hospitality Room will be stocked with FREE snacks & beverages and will be open as much as possible.
- The VSPA BX Store will be open as much as possible.

CRITICAL INFORMATION !!! PLEASE READ !!!

The US Army will be holding the annual Army Ten Miler on Sunday, October 13. They expect 35,000 runners. They are conducting a two-day competitor Expo Event at the Washington, D.C. Armory on October 11 & 12. Road blocks and closures are being planned now.

ROOMS IN THE AREA WILL GO FAST!!! MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!!!

Our hotel has been inspected by VSPA Life Member Gary Jones, who planned our 2013 Reunion in Charleston. He has attended numerous VSPA reunions and knows our requirements in detail. He says that the hotel is UBER ELEGANT and very close to shopping and the Reagan Airport.

We conducted a survey of members who attended our last reunion. We have spoken with many of our members about fatigue and the length of time for our tours. Members who attended our last two reunions expressed consistent concern regarding early start times, as well as fatigue and the extended day while on base. More and more of our members have difficulty walking; however, some walking may be required due to the Washington, D.C. area. Therefore, our planning for events will reduce the time on base and tours. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for a reunion with less physical demands and more time to visit with each other.

If you have a question or need some more information about this reunion, please contact VSPA President Jerry Nelson <u>JRNEL1423@aol.com</u> or call him on his cell phone at (210) 273-4777. We hope to see you in Washington, D.C. for our 25th Annual VSPA Reunion!

"We Take Care of Our Own!"

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