Vietnam Security Police Association 28th Reunion Charleston, South Carolina – October 4-8, 2023 Joint Base Charleston

The 2023 VSPA reunion will be held at the Crowne Plaza Charleston Hotel, 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd. North Charleston, South Carolina 29418. The contract room rate is \$152 per night, plus tax. The room rate includes a free breakfast. The rooms include a refrigerator. The group room rate is available three days before and three days after the reunion based upon room availability. You must book early to ensure that rooms are available. DON'T WAIT! This hotel fills very quickly!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Call Phone toll-free 1-866-358-6255 by MONDAY, September 4, 2023. You must identify yourself as a member of the <u>Vietnam Security Police Association</u>. All reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. The deadline for reservations is <u>September 4, 2023</u>. After that date, rooms will be space available only and <u>AT THE HOTEL'S PREVAILING RATE</u>. <u>Make your reservations early!</u> Check-in time is 3:00 PM; check-out time is 11:00. 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.

AIRPORT INFORMATION:

Book your flight to "Charleston International Airport" (airport code: CHS), in North Charleston, South Carolina. YOU MUST BE AWARE OF AIRLINE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS. BRING A MASK! *The hotel <u>does have</u> an airport shuttle*.

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

<u>AGENDA</u>: The agenda is generally accurate, but is subject to change due to Joint Base Charleston operational requirements for the 628th SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON:

- U Wednesday, October 4: On-site Registration and Reception Dinner at the hotel.
- ☐ Thursday, October 5: Optional Tour for the Sisterhood with time for lunch. Spouses are welcome to attend. EAT FREE BUFFET BEFORE YOU BOARD THE BUS.
- Friday, October 6: 1300 Presentation by the 628th Security Forces Squadron at our hotel. Dinner and evening are open for squadron and base dinners or gatherings.
- □ Saturday Morning, October 7: EAT FREE BUFFET BEFORE the VSPA Business Meeting. Afternoon open.
- □ Saturday Morning, October 7: EAT FREE BUFFET BEFORE the VSPA Sisterhood gathering of wives and companions. Afternoon open.
- □ Saturday Evening, October 7: Banquet dinner with guest speaker, awards and raffle.
- □ Sunday Morning, October 8: EAT FREE BUFFET BEFORE the Memorial service and reading of the names. The reunion will end after the memorial service.

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- □ The Hospitality Room will be stocked with FREE snacks & beverages and will be open as much as possible.
- □ THE VSPA BX STORE WILL BE AT THE REUNION THIS YEAR.

CRITICAL INFORMATION !!! PLEASE READ !!!

Our hotel has been inspected by our VSPA Life Member Gary Jones who has inspected our hotels in the past. He knows exactly what we need. His inspection was highly detailed, including contract space verifications. His report was OUTSTANDING!

We have spoken with many of our members regarding fatigue and the length of time for our tours. Members who attended previous reunions expressed concern regarding early start times, as well as fatigue and the extended days while on base. More and more of our members have difficulty walking; however, some walking may be required for potential optional tours. Our planning for events will reduce walking time significantly. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for a reunion with less physical demands and more time to visit with each other in the Hospitality Room.

If you have a question or need additional 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 Charleston, South Carolina for our 28th VSPA Reunion! It will be great to see you.

