

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 SOLD OUT!**

HOTEL INFORMATION FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RESERVATIONS AT THE CROWNE PLAZA: IF YOU HAVE TO CANCEL FOR ANY REASON, PLEASE CALL THE REUNION BRAT AT 1-360-663-2521 TO COORDINATE REASSIGNMENT OF YOUR ROOM RESERVATION. DO NOT CALL THE HOTEL! The Reunion BRAT has a list of VSPA members who are waiting for room at the Crowne Plaza.

ADDITIONAL HOTEL ROOMS: The Reunion BRAT has worked extensively to help us resolve room availability and has blocked additional rooms at two areas hotels at the same price of \$152 plus tax, including breakfast. A TOTAL OF 30 ADDITIONAL ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HOTELS BELOW. Book at the Fairfield Inn first. They have ten rooms for us. It is right next door and uses the same parking lot as the Crowne Plaza. The next hotel is the Towne Place Suites. They have 20 rooms available for the VSPA and a shuttle that will transport you to the Crowne Plaza for our events. The Crowne Plaza will also shuttle you back to the Towne Place Suites. **DON'T WAIT! MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!**

Fairfield Inn

843-300-3100 to make their reservations.

4841 Tanger Outlet Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418, right next door to the Crowne Plaza.

Kings and Queens \$152 + Tax Breakfast Included (Total of 10 Rooms)

Rate available 3 days pre and post based on availability.

Room Block is Vietnam Security Police

Complimentary Parking

Complimentary Airport Shuttle

TownePlace Suites Charleston Airport/Convention Center

Phone 843-990-7777

5001 Fashion Avenue North Charleston, South Carolina 29418

King Rooms Only \$152 + Tax Breakfast Included (Total of 20 Rooms)

Rate available 3 days pre and post based on availability.

Room Block is Vietnam Security Police

Complimentary Parking

Complimentary Airport Shuttle and Shuttle to Crowne Plaza

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 does have an airport shuttle.

REUNION REGISTRATION FEE: \$184 per person (early bird) plus an optional tour on Thursday.

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

- Wednesday, October 4: On-site Registration and Reception Dinner at the hotel.
- Thursday, October 5: Optional Tour of the **Charleston Tea Garden, a Factory Tour and tram tour of the Tea Plantation, PLUS a visit to the Charleston Market Specialty Shops.** 50 people maximum. There will be time for lunch on your own at the Specialty Shops, but you should eat your buffet breakfast.
- Friday, October 6: Buffet breakfast. 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: Breakfast buffet before the VSPA Business Meeting. Afternoon open.
- Saturday Morning, October 7: Breakfast buffet before the VSPA Sisterhood gathering of wives and companions. Afternoon open.
- Saturday Evening, October 7: Banquet dinner with awards and raffle.
- Sunday Morning, October 8: Breakfast buffet before the Memorial service and reading of the names. The reunion will end after the memorial service.
- 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 the 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.

*The REGISTRATION FEE will be \$184 per person. Our economy has been very difficult for all of us. However, for comparison purposes, the registration fees for our last three reunions were: Washington, D.C. \$210; Colorado Springs \$190; Phoenix \$210. We always work hard to control cost and sincerely hope that the registration fee is not something that will impact your ability to attend our reunion. The registration fee includes an EARLY BIRD CREDIT of \$25 for those who have a registration postmarked by **September 5.***

THE FOLLOWING IS A CRITICAL CHANGE TO OUR REUNION REGISTRATION PROCESS. PLEASE READ!

The Reunion BRAT and your VSPA Board of Directors experienced severe impact on planning and preparation FOR THE 2019 REUNION due to **late and incomplete registrations** that were received long past the deadline.

The impact on the VSPA Board and Reunion Planning Committee consisted of delaying plans with the base, including the meal at the base, working with outside entities who had approval authority over our ability to visit the U.S. Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, and multiple units at Joint Base Andrews. A variety of other problems occurred that we had to resolve on behalf of our members by contacting them for the Reunion BRAT. The same issues applied to Colorado Springs and Phoenix but were significantly reduced through the implementation of our EARLY BIRD FEE, which will also be applied this year as unanimously approved by our membership.

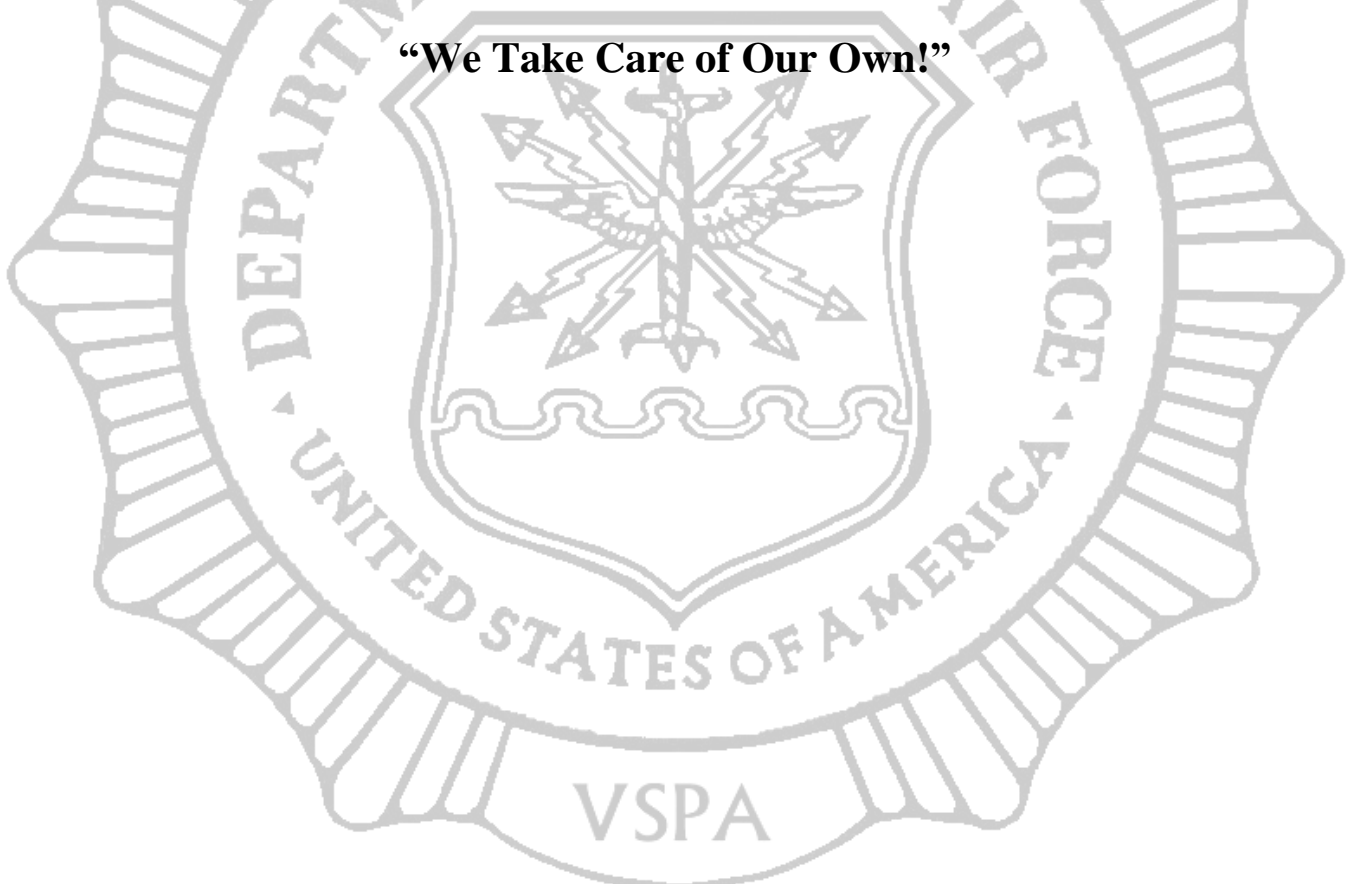
THEREFORE, THE \$25 EARLY BIRD CREDIT ON YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE HONORED IF YOUR REGISTRATION IS POSTMARKED BY SEPTEMBER 5. FOR REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER THAT DATE, THE REGISTRATION FEE WILL INCREASE BY \$25.

We have had a huge response to our warning that rooms would sell fast at our reunion host hotel, The Crowne Plaza Charleston. Many of you responded immediately. Some missed the opportunity and discovered that the hotel was sold out. Please take advantage of the 30 additional rooms at area hotels.

If you have a question or need additional information about this reunion, please contact VSPA President Jerry Nelson JRNEL1423@aol.com 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.

THE REGISTRATION FORMS FOLLOW THIS PAGE.

“We Take Care of Our Own!”





VIETNAM SECURITY POLICE ASSOCIATION
REUNION REGISTRATION FORM



28th Reunion
Charleston, South Carolina
October 4 - 8, 2023

NAME _____

RVN or Thai base _____ Squadron _____ Years 19 _____ to 19 _____
(Do not list bases outside of Vietnam or Thailand)

RVN or Thai base _____ Squadron _____ Years 19 _____ to 19 _____

Home Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name(s) of your guests(s) _____

Banquet meal selection: BEEF _____ CHICKEN _____ VEGETARIAN _____

List any special needs: _____

In case of emergency, notify: _____

Is this your first VSPA Reunion? YES: _____ NO: _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Are your annual VSPA dues current? Dues Renewals Only \$15 = \$ _____
(Not for new members - to join the VSPA, please see "VSPA Membership" on the instructions page).

Number of persons attending the Reunion including you # _____ X \$184 = \$ _____
(EARLY BIRD CREDIT OF \$25 INCLUDED if postmarked by September 5)

Number of persons attending the Reunion including you # _____ X \$209 = \$ _____
(LATE FEE OF \$25 INCLUDED if postmarked AFTER September 5)

OPTIONAL THURSDAY TOUR

Charleston Tea Garden, Plantation and Factory Tour, plus the Charleston Market
Specialty Shops \$52 per person # _____ (Maximum of 50 People) X \$ 52 = \$ _____
.....(First come, first served)

KNIFE-13 MEMORIAL T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER \$25 TO HELP BUILD TWO
KNIFE-13 MEMORIALS. Please circle the shirt size and number of shirts:
SM _____ MED _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____ TOTAL _____ X \$25 = \$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED = \$ _____

SEND PAYMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS, AND MADE PAYABLE TO:

THE REUNION BRAT
16817 Mountainside Drive East
Greenwater, WA 98022 (360) 663-2521
TheReunionBRAT@hotmail.com

PLEASE READ

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION FORMS

1. The information that you provide on this form is critical for a successful reunion. All name and base information will be placed on your reunion identification badge. Guests will also receive reunion identification. The reunion ID will serve as your identification throughout the reunion.
2. **PLEASE PRINT** or type all information **clearly**. Do not use abbreviations on any portion of the registration form.
3. **RVN OR THAI BASE INFORMATION**: Please list only those bases where you served in Vietnam or Thailand. When listing bases, **do not abbreviate**. When listing squadrons, please indicate Air Police, Security Police, or specific detachments. The information will be used on your reunion ID.
4. **HOME ADDRESS and MAILING ADDRESS**: for your confirmation letter. **THE CONFIRMATION LETTERS WILL BE MAILED BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2023.**
5. **TELEPHONE AND EMAIL ADDRESS**: Your contact information is vital to a successful reunion. You will also receive a copy of the attendee roster upon arrival at the hotel.
6. **NAMES OF YOUR GUESTS**: Please provide the first name, middle initial and last name of your guest(s) on the Registration Form.
7. **RENEWAL OF ANNUAL DUES**: **For existing VSPA members only** - you can renew your dues at the time of registration if they are not current. VSPA membership must be current to attend the reunion or bring a guest. Life Members have paid their dues for life.
8. **VSPA MEMBERSHIP**: If you are not a member of the Vietnam Security Police Association, please do not send \$15 with this registration form. For information on how to become a member, contact Paul Shave at 505-831-9401 or email him: Paul.Shave@hotmail.com. You will have to submit a completed application form and a DD-214 showing service in the USAF as an Air Policeman, Security Policeman or an Augmentee in Vietnam or Thailand 1958 to 1976, and a discharge under honorable conditions.
9. **REUNION COST**: The registration fee is \$184 per person **UNLESS YOU MISS THE EARLY BIRD DEADLINE WITH A POSTMARK OF SEPTEMBER 5**. The registration fee will be \$209 per person for all registrations postmarked after September 5. **THIS IS CRITICAL** because of the work that must be completed by the Reunion BRAT and your Board of Directors. The following work must be completed by the Reunion BRAT after registrations are received: A full audit of all names, base names, squadrons, and fees paid. The audit of names must be correct in order to print reunion ID badges, pay advance fees to the hotel and bus transportation company based upon the number of people attending the reunion. Only then can the confirmation letters be mailed to our members. All of the registration and identification information must be assembled in Registration Welcome Packages that have to be mailed in bulk to the hotel with enough time for delivery no later than Tuesday, October 3, the day before registration opens at the hotel. Shipping and delivery are very difficult to guarantee with the current delays in mail systems and shipping. Once the packages arrive at the hotel, another audit must take place so that reunion specific items may be placed in each welcome package, including reunion pins, patches, meal tickets, bus tickets, raffle information and local restaurant information. **PLEASE DON'T DELAY**.
10. **KNIFE-13 MEMORIAL T-SHIRTS**: We are raising funds to build two memorials for the 18 Security Policemen and five crew members who perished in the crash of their helicopter, KNIFE-13, on May 13, 1975, while enroute to the Mayaguez Rescue Staging Area. They were all assigned to the 56th Special Operations Wing at Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand.