

Vietnam Security Police Association
26th Reunion
Colorado Springs, Colorado – October 6-10, 2021
United States Air Force Academy

The 2021 VSPA reunion will be held at the **HOTEL ELEGANTE**, located at 2886 S Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. The contract room rate is \$135 per night, plus tax for one or two people, \$145 for three people, \$155 for four people. The room rate includes a hot breakfast (for TWO) with an additional fee of \$10 per person for breakfast for a third or fourth person in the room, as shown. The rooms include a refrigerator. The room rate is locked-in; however, for the three days before and three days after the reunion, the room rate is based upon room availability. You must book early to ensure that rooms are available. **DON'T WAIT!** Complimentary airport transportation is available to and from COLORADO SPRINGS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT **ONLY**. The airport in Denver is 55 miles away and has shuttle service available for a separate fee. Hotel SELF-parking is FREE. RV Parking is subject to a charge of \$35 per night. Use the following link to see more information about this beautiful hotel: <https://www.hotelegante.com/>

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Call Phone *toll-free* 1-800-981-4012 by **Sunday September 5, 2021**. You must identify yourself as a member of the **Vietnam Security Police Association** or reference Group reservation #2739313. 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 September 5, 2021. After that date, rooms will be space available only and AT THE HOTEL'S PREVAILING RATE. Make your reservations early!** Check-in time is 3:00 PM and check-out time is 11:00 AM. 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 COLORADO SPRINGS MUNICIPAL (**AIRPORT CODE: COS**). Some airlines do not fly into Colorado Springs or require transfer flights. You may also book to DENVER INTERNATIONAL (**AIRPORT CODE: DEN**) which is approximately 55 miles away. **YOU MUST BE AWARE OF AIRLINE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS. BRING A MASK!**

REUNION REGISTRATION FEE: SEE FOLLOWING PAGES.

AGENDA: The agenda is generally accurate, but is subject to change due to Air Force Academy operational requirements for the 10th SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON:

- Wednesday, October 6: On-site Registration and Reception Dinner at the hotel.
- Thursday, October 7: EAT A FREE BREAKFAST. IF YOU ARE GOING ON THE OPTIONAL TOUR, BE SURE TO EAT BEFORE YOU BOARD THE BUS. Optional Tour to Manitou Springs for shopping (with time for lunch on your own) for the Sisterhood. Spouses are welcome to attend. The tour includes a bus tour of the Garden of The Gods. Dinner and evening are open for squadron and base dinners or gatherings.
- Friday, October 8: EAT A FREE BREAKFAST BEFORE YOU BOARD THE BUS for a tour of the USAF Academy. Lunch will be with the 10th Security Forces Squadron Defenders. Dinner and evening are open for squadron and base dinners or gatherings.
- Saturday Morning, October 9: EAT A FREE BREAKFAST BEFORE the 1000 hours VSPA Business Meeting. Afternoon open.

- Saturday Morning, October 9: EAT A FREE BREAKFAST BEFORE the 1000 hours VSPA Sisterhood gathering of wives and companions. Afternoon open.
- Saturday Evening, October 9: 1730 hours: Banquet dinner with guest speaker, awards and raffle.
- Sunday Morning, October 10: EAT A FREE BREAKFAST BEFORE the 0900 hours 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 so that you can visit with each other and make new friends.
- The VSPA BX Store will be open as much as possible.

CRITICAL INFORMATION!!! PLEASE READ!!!

ROOMS IN THE AREA WILL GO FAST DUE TO AN ACADEMY CLASS REUNION AND A FOOTBALL GAME AT THE ACADEMY!!! MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!!!

Our hotel has been inspected TWICE! The first inspection occurred last year by VSPA Life Member Jim Costello and his wife Angie. They live locally and stated that the hotel is large and beautiful. The second inspection just occurred, was highly detailed, including contract space verifications and a stay in the hotel by VSPA Vice President Larry Fleming and his wife, Martha. Their report was OUTSTANDING! The Fleming and Costello families have attended numerous VSPA reunions and know our requirements in detail.

We conducted a survey of members who attended our last reunion in Washington, D.C. 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 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 on Friday due to the Academy facility. Therefore, our planning for events will reduce walking time at the Academy. The tour on Thursday is a shopping tour for the Sisterhood and will necessarily include some walking. They will also have a bus tour of The Garden of the Gods. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for a reunion with less physical demands and more time to visit with each other.

*Our registration fee DECREASED this year! The REGISTRATION FEE will be \$190 per person. For comparison purposes, the registration fee for our 2019 reunion in Washington, D.C. was \$210 because it is our most expensive venue. 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 3.***

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 by **late and incomplete registrations** that were received long past the deadline.

The impact on the Reunion BRAT and the 2019 REUNION was founded on the long standing VSPA requirement that she prepare the Entry Authorization List that we submit to the base. Andrews

AFB needed that list so that they could check each name for valid entry. That database also affected the Reunion BRAT's ability to create name badges, work with the hotel on meal requirements, room availability, handle last minute additions, assist members with cancellations due to medical issues, and schedule buses on contract for various events based upon the number of participants that varied consistently up until the last few days. The incomplete registrations required the Reunion BRAT to track down members for additional information that was either omitted, or the entire Entry Authorization Data Entry Form was not sent to the Reunion BRAT. In many cases, Board members had to do the tracking and contacting of members.

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 like the U.S. Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery and multiple units at Joint Base Andrews. A variety of other problems occurred we had to resolve on behalf of our members by contacting them for the Reunion BRAT.

WHEN THIS INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP DURING THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, THEY UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT THIS PROBLEM MUST BE CORRECTED FOR ALL FUTURE REUNIONS DUE TO THE LAST MINUTE WORKLOAD FOR ALL INVOLVED WITH PLANNING AND COORDINATING A SUCCESSFUL REUNION. THEREFORE, WE ARE IMPLEMENTING AN EARLY BIRD CREDIT ON YOUR REGISTRATION OF \$25 IF YOUR REGISTRATION IS POSTMARKED BY SEPTEMBER 3. FOR REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER THAT DATE, THE REGISTRATION FEE WILL INCREASE BY \$25. THIS WAS APPROVED BY ACCLIMATION OF ALL ATTENDEES.

If you have a question or need some more 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 Colorado Springs, Colorado for our 26th VSPA Reunion! It will be so great to see you after having to postpone the reunion last year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

“We Take Care of Our Own!”

VSPA



VIETNAM SECURITY POLICE ASSOCIATION REUNION REGISTRATION FORM



26th Reunion Colorado Springs and the Air Force Academy October 6 - 10, 2021

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 \$190 = \$ _____ (EARLY BIRD CREDIT OF \$25 INCLUDED if postmarked by September 3)

Number of persons attending the Reunion including you # _____ X \$215 = \$ _____ (LATE FEE OF \$25 INCLUDED if postmarked AFTER September 3)

OPTIONAL THURSDAY TOUR

Manitou Springs Shopping and Garden of the Gods \$30 per person # _____ X \$ 30 = \$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED = \$ _____

PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

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 and must be worn, especially while we are in all military or government facilities.
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, 2021.**
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 in order 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 \$190 per person **UNLESS YOU MISS THE EARLY BIRD DEADLINE WITH A POSTMARK OF SEPTEMBER 3**. The registration fee will be \$215 per person for all registrations postmarked after September 3. **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, develop the Entry Authorization List for the Security Forces personnel at the Academy, and 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 5, the day before registration opens at the hotel. Shipping and delivery is 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.**