

Vietnam Security Police Association
27th Reunion
Phoenix, Arizona – October 5-9, 2022
Luke Air Force Base, Home of the 56th SFS
Previously Assigned to Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand

The 2022 VSPA reunion will be held at the **SHERATON PHOENIX CRESCENT HOTEL**, located at 2620 W. Dunlap Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, 85021. The contract room rate is \$149 per night, plus tax for up to four people in the same room. The room rate does not include a free breakfast; however, a private breakfast buffet is available for \$10 person. The rooms include a refrigerator. The room rate is locked-in 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!** The Sheraton is owned by Marriott.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

YOU MAY USE THE FOLLOWING LINK TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ONLINE:

[Book your group rate for Vietnam Security Police Association](#)

Or, call *toll-free* 1-800-325-3535 or 1-602-943-8200 by **MONDAY September 5, 2022**. You must identify yourself as a member of the **Vietnam Security Police Association**. 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, 2022. 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; check-out time is 12:00 NOON. 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 PHOENIX SKY HARBOR AIRPORT (**AIRPORT CODE: PHX**). **YOU MUST BE AWARE OF AIRLINE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS. BRING A MASK!** *The hotel does not have an airport shuttle. Further information will be made available regarding transportation from the airport to the hotel.*

AGENDA: The agenda is generally accurate, but is subject to change due to Luke Air Force Base operational requirements for the 56th SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON:

- Wednesday, October 5: On-site Registration and Reception Dinner at the hotel.
- Thursday, October 6: Optional Tour for the Sisterhood with time for lunch. Spouses are welcome to attend. **EAT BEFORE YOU BOARD THE BUS.** There will be an afternoon film presentation at the hotel for all members. Dinner and evening are open for squadron and base dinners or gatherings.
- Friday, October 7: **EAT BEFORE YOU BOARD THE BUS** for a tour of Luke Air Force Base. Lunch will be with the 56th Security Forces Squadron Defenders. Dinner and evening are open for squadron and base dinners or gatherings.
- Saturday Morning, October 8: **EAT BEFORE** the 1000 hours VSPA Business Meeting. Afternoon open.

- Saturday Morning, October 8: EAT BEFORE the 1000 hours VSPA Sisterhood gathering of wives and companions. Afternoon open.
- Saturday Evening, October 8: Banquet dinner with guest speaker, awards and raffle.
- Sunday Morning, October 9: EAT BEFORE the 0900 hours 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 NOT BE AT THE REUNION THIS YEAR.** PLEASE CONTACT VAN OR JOYCE DIGBY FOR REUNION RELATED MEMORABILIA PRIOR TO THE REUNION. THE LAST DAY FOR AN ORDER WILL BE SEPTEMBER 17, 2022 SO THAT SHIPPING CAN BE COMPLETED AND YOU CAN RECEIVE YOUR MEMORABILIA PRIOR TO THE REUNION. USE THE FOLLOWING LINK TO VIEW THE BX AND MAKE AN ORDER: <https://vspa.coffeecup.com/shop/>

CRITICAL INFORMATION!!! PLEASE READ!!!

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!!!

Our hotel has been inspected by our VSPA President, Jerry Nelson. The inspection was highly detailed, including contract space verifications and a stay in the hotel. His report was OUTSTANDING!

We conducted a survey of members who attended our last reunion in Colorado Springs. We have spoken with many of our members about 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 day while on base. More and more of our members have difficulty walking; however, some walking may be required on Friday at the base; however, our extensive planning for events will reduce walking time at the base. The optional tour on Thursday for the Sisterhood will necessarily include some walking. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for a reunion with less physical demands and more time to visit with each other.

*The REGISTRATION FEE will be \$210 per person. Our economy has been very difficult for all of us. However, for comparison purposes, the registration fee for our 2019 reunion in Washington, D.C. was also \$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 6.***

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

Andrews AFB needed that list in 2019 so that they could check each name for valid entry. Luke AFB will also need an EAL due to their air assets and their combat readiness mission. The EAL 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 that we had to resolve on behalf of our members by contacting them for the Reunion BRAT. THE SAME APPLIES TO OUR VISIT AT LUKE AFB THIS YEAR.

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 6. FOR REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER THAT DATE, THE REGISTRATION FEE WILL INCREASE BY \$25. THE NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS WAS APPROVED BY ACCLIMATION OF ALL REUNION ATTENDEES IN 2019 AND AGAIN IN 2021.

The hotel will prepare a private buffet breakfast with advanced notice and payment through our registration process for our reunion beginning Thursday morning. The fee is \$10 daily per person (Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday ONLY).

Pay specific attention to the requirement for your identifying information on a separate form for the Entry Authorization List. You cannot enter the base without that information.

THE REGISTRATION FORMS FOLLOW THIS PAGE.

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 Phoenix, Arizona for our 27th VSPA Reunion! It will be so great to see you.

“We Take Care of Our Own!”



VIETNAM SECURITY POLICE ASSOCIATION REUNION REGISTRATION FORM



27th Reunion
Luke AFB, Phoenix, Arizona
October 5 - 9, 2022

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 \$210 = \$ _____
(EARLY BIRD CREDIT OF \$25 INCLUDED if postmarked by September 6)

Number of persons attending the Reunion including you # _____ X \$235 = \$ _____
(LATE FEE OF \$25 INCLUDED if postmarked AFTER September 6)

OPTIONAL THURSDAY TOUR

Scottsdale Old Towne \$33 per person # _____ X \$ 33 = \$ _____

BREAKFAST BUFFET (CIRCLE THE DAY(S)-Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday ONLY)

Number of people _____ X Number of Days _____ = Meals _____ X \$10 = \$ _____

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 COMPLETE THE FORM FOR THE ENTRY AUTHORIZATION LIST!

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, 2022.**
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 \$210 per person **UNLESS YOU MISS THE EARLY BIRD DEADLINE WITH A POSTMARK OF SEPTEMBER 6.** The registration fee will be \$235 per person for all registrations postmarked after September 6. **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 4, 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.**
10. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENTRY AUTHORIZATION LIST FORM – NEXT PAGE!**

Entry Authorization List Procedures 56th Security Forces Squadron Luke Air Force Base, Phoenix, Arizona

SUBJECT: VISITOR ACCESS – ENTRY AUTHORIZATION LIST REQUIRED

THERE ARE SPECIFIC BASE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS!! The following comes directly from the 56th Security Forces Squadron of Luke AFB: Failure to provide the information will cause denial of entry.

THIS IS NOT A SCAM! IT IS A SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT OF LUKE AIR FORCE BASE DUE TO THEIR COMBAT READINESS MISSION!!!

“Guests must use their **LEGAL** information. Nicknames, missing information or incorrect information are not authorized. People will be removed from the list for failure to provide valid information for entry onto a military installation. List all personnel who require base access. Only use **LEGAL** personal information (i.e. Legal name, State and DL#, and DOB for individuals 18 years of age or older. Guests under the age of 18 only need to be listed by name and DOB.”

LUKE AFB must have your complete, full name as it appears on your state driver’s license; NO NICKNAMES OR MILITARY ID CARD NUMBERS. WE MUST PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TO THE BASE SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON PASS & ID SECTION so that you can be allowed onto LUKE AFB with our VSPA Entry Authorization List (EAL).

PLEASE FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE BELOW.

<u>Last Name, First Name</u>	<u>Telephone #</u>	<u>State/Driver License#</u>	<u>DOB mm/dd/yy</u>
Doe, John D	(210) XXX-XXXX	TX./00000000	01/15/45

<u>Last Name, First Name</u>	<u>Telephone #</u>	<u>State/Driver License#</u>	<u>DOB mm/dd/yy</u>
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NO PRIVATE VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BUS CONVOY! IF YOU ARE GOING TO ATTEND THE BASE TOUR, YOU MUST BE ON THE BUS BECAUSE WE WILL BE ENTERING A HANGAR IN A RESTRICTED AREA.