

# GENERAL REUNION INFORMATION

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**Who Can Attend the Reunion** - As a general rule anyone who is “dues current” in the VHPA can register, order tickets, etc. simply by paying the Reunion Registration Fee. All who served in the Vietnam War as helicopter pilots must not only be a member of the VHPA but also be current with respect to their annual membership dues as of the first day of the Reunion to register. Anyone who was not a pilot is also welcome to attend as long as they are a “dues current” subscriber to the VHPA Aviator magazine. Exceptions are vendors, specifically invited performers/speakers, Gold Star Family guests and Non-Registered Banquet Guests; these people do not have to be a subscriber to attend. Anyone wishing to purchase a ticket for any of our events must pay the Reunion Registration Fee.

As a general rule, since VHPA Membership and Subscriber dues expire on the last day of the month, someone who is dues current when they register, could be non dues current on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the Reunion (3 July 2018). Because of this, the VHPA Reunion Registration software is “forward looking” with respect to the dues status.

Please understand, all Reunion Attendees (anyone who pays the Registration Fee) are treated as equals. A VHPA Life Member, a former enlisted man, the widow of a deceased Vietnam Vet, a good friend – are treated equally once they pay the Registration Fee. The one exception is that only VHPA members can attend the Annual Business Meeting.

The bottom line – Who Can Attend This VHPA Reunion? Answer – anyone who pays the Registration Fee and is “dues current” as outlined above and their invited guests.

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**Reunion hotel** - Atlanta Marriott Marquis, 265 Peachtree Center Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30303-7402

**Reunion hotel reservations:** There are at least three ways to make your hotel reservations while insuring that you receive the VHPA Group Rate of **\$119 plus tax** over the dates of **July 01 thru July 10**. **Cutoff date for the hotel rate is June 10, 2018.**

Please consider the following:

- Via the Reunion’s personalized website, go to: <https://aws.passkey.com/go/VHPA>.
- Via [www.vhpa.org](http://www.vhpa.org), then Reunion Information and use the reserve your hotel room link.
- By calling the hotel’s reservation line at **(888) 789-3090**. You need to mention **“VHPA 35th Annual Reunion 2018”**. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY or MARIOTT’S CENTRAL RESERVATIONS NUMBERS.** You MUST speak to a Passkey Agent.

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**Transportation from the Airport** - The hotel does not offer a shuttle to/from the airport. Please contact Cooper Global Transportation at **404-977-0877** for an exclusive VHPA rate of \$22.50/PP each way for airport transportation. **Please mention group code VHPA.** You may also use Atlanta’s rail line MARTA for train transportation to hotel. Please refer to MARTA for fare and schedule. Taxi service will cost an estimated fare of \$30 - \$40 each way.

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**Parking** - VHPA has negotiated a 20% discount for parking at the hotel. The 2017 price with our discount is \$36 for valet parking (the hotel only has valet parking).

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**Internet Access** - The VHPA has negotiated free internet for attendees in their sleeping rooms. The hotel will provide a special code to access the internet when you check in.

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**Dress Code** -

The dress code is casual for this Reunion, with the following reminders and suggestions:

- It is a good idea to wear your Reunion lanyard so other attendees can recognize that you are with VHPA.
- At the Closing Banquet, many men wear a suit and tie with the ladies wearing a nice dress. You will even see Dress Blues.

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**Vendor Area** - The Vendor Area has been a huge success for the past several years! If you are interested in becoming a Vendor for R2018 please go to [www.vhpa.org](http://www.vhpa.org) and download the Vendor/ Book Seller/ Exhibitor Contract, Waiver and Vendor/Book Seller/Exhibitor Policy Rules & Regulations. Complete the forms and mail, fax or email to VHPA HQ. If you know of anyone that you think would be an asset to the Reunion Vendor Area be sure to let them know or contact VHPA HQ to give us the info and we will be happy to give them a call.

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**Volunteers** - The Georgia Chapter is this reunion's Host Chapter and as such will organize the volunteers. Volunteer opportunities are organized around stations and then shifts with the number of volunteers needed for that shift. Sounds like a Duty Roster! We've found that 3-hour shifts will not take up much of your time or make you too tired. Additionally we can guarantee everyone is trained on their duties. Needless to say but WE GREATLY APPRECIATE having volunteers! Not only do we avoid the cost of hiring local convention bureau temps but we get a chance to interact with each other while performing the tasks EXACTLY as a VHPAer would have it done. As is our tradition, the Host Chapter, Georgia Chapter, gets "first shot" at the Duty Roster. If you are interested in volunteering you can contact Bob Lanzotti of the Georgia Chapter at 404-374-8063 or [rlanzotti2374@att.net](mailto:rlanzotti2374@att.net) or contact HQ at 800-505-8472. In February the Duty Roster is loaded onto the Reunion Information page at VHPA.ORG for the rest of us to "join in on the fun"! Instructions for how to volunteer at that point will be posted on the website. BTW, husband and wife teams can volunteer.

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**Reunion T-Shirts** - Honor & Pride is this Reunion's "Official Reunion T-shirt" contractor as he has been for over a decade. This year's Reunion T-shirt will be a navy color with VHPA logo on left front and a large version of the Reunion Logo on the back. You are welcome to order as many as you wish with a Reunion Registration until 01 June 2018. All orders after 01 June 2018 are subject to inventory on hand at the end of the Reunion. If we have a supply of the shirts you requested, we will mail them to you; if not we will refund your T-shirt money. All cancellations made prior to 01 June 2018 come with the option to have the T-shirt mailed to you **after the Reunion** or having the amount paid for the T-shirt refunded. There is a \$5 shipping & handling fee per shirt when HQ mails the T-shirts.

Please know it is possible to order Reunion T-shirts even if you do not plan to attend the Reunion. Simply contact VHPA HQ and tell them you only want a "Reunion T-shirt order". The shirts will be mailed to you after the Reunion.

**Cutoff date to order a T-shirt is June 1, 2018**

**S, M, L & XL - \$20    XXL - \$21    XXXL - \$22**

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**Primary Attendee (Member or Subscriber) Registration** - The registration fee for the member is \$35 through 4/30/2018 and \$50 thereafter.

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**Adult Guest Registration** - The registration fee for the guest is \$35 through 4/30/2018 and \$50 thereafter.

**Please remember that each person 21 years and older who wants/needs an event ticket and/or a Reunion name badge and lanyard must pay the registration fee.**

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**Under 21 Guest Registration** - The registration fee for someone under the age of 21 years is \$15.

**Please remember that each person 21 years and older who wants/needs an event ticket and/or a Reunion name badge and lanyard must pay the registration fee.**

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**Cancelling a Reunion Registration** - The VHPA Member or Subscriber who made the Reunion Registration is known as the Primary Registrant (PR). A PR may cancel all or portions of his or her registration any time prior to the reunion by contacting HQ via US Mail at 2100 North Highway 360, Suite 907, Grand Prairie, TX 75050, Email to [HQ@vhpa.org](mailto:HQ@vhpa.org), Phone at 800-505-8472 or Fax at 817-200-7309. It is important to note that reunion registration cancellations and hotel reservation cancellations are completely separate business processes. The PR is responsible for both processes. PRs cannot assume that when they cancel their hotel reservation that the hotel will notify HQ to cancel the reunion registration or vice versa.

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**Reunion Refunds** - The Executive Council establishes the official cancellation date (OCD) for each reunion. **The OCD for R2018 is Friday, June 1, 2018.** Only cancellations received by HQ by close of business Central Daylight Time (normally 3pm) on the OCD (including those via US Mail) are considered for refunds, unless covered by Guarantee Refund Insurance (GRI) described below. It is important to note that the following reunion registration items are non-refundable even with purchase of GRI: registration fees, dues payments, directory orders, donations or voluntary contributions plus any event designated as non-refundable. There are zero nonrefundable events for R2018. For cancellations after the OCD, the GRI fee is non-refundable. As a general rule, HQ starts processing refunds about two weeks after the reunion ends. No refunds are processed until after the reunion is over. For PRs receiving a refund, there is a two step process. First, the PR receives a letter and/or a statement from HQ outlining the details of the refund including the amount. Normally this correspondence is sent from HQ by US mail but it can be via email. Second, the PR receives a check via US mail from the VHPA's bank. The goal is to complete the entire refund process not later than one calendar month after the reunion ends. Any clerical errors in the details of the refund should be brought to the attention of HQ.

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**Guarantee Refund Insurance (GRI) Program** - As part of their initial registration transaction a PR may enroll in the Guarantee Refund Insurance (GRI) program by paying a fee calculated at 10% of event ticket purchases. As mentioned above, registration fees, dues payments, directory orders, donations or voluntary contributions are not included in this calculation. The GRI program allows the PR to receive a refund for himself/herself and/or their guests that have to cancel or have their reunion travel plans interrupted for any of the following reasons:

1. Sickness or injury of PR, a traveling companion or members of immediate families, which is diagnosed and treated by a physician or requires hospitalization during the time of the reunion.
2. Death of PR or immediate family member.
3. PR's involvement in a traffic accident, en route to the reunion that causes you to miss the reunion or a particular event.
4. PR's home is made uninhabitable by a natural disaster such as fire, flood, earthquake, hurricane, or volcano prior to or during the time of the reunion.
5. PR is recalled into active duty by the military that causes you to be unavailable to attend the reunion.
6. PR is served a subpoena or called to serve for jury duty during dates of the reunion.
7. PR is quarantined during dates of the reunion.

The GRI program covers only specific VHPA events and fees, and does not cover cancellation costs that might be associated with hotel rooms, airfares, rental cars, and other non-VHPA generated expenses. PR's enrolled in the GRI program and needing to take advantage of the program's features are encouraged to contact VHPA HQ either by email or at the HQ desk at the host reunion hotel as soon as possible in the event of cancellation.

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**Mini-Reunions: 3 July through 7 July** - Keeping in mind that one of the primary reasons for our Reunion is to reconnect with past compatriots from your RVN unit and flight school. The best way to meet up with unit members is to schedule your own Mini-Reunion. If your unit does not have a Mini-Reunion, why not take the initiative to start one up, or you could combine with other sister units you are familiar with if you wish. In addition to specific units and flight classes, we've had Mini-Reunions for such subjects as tandem rotor, Dust-off, Operation Lam Son 719, anyone who was stationed at Soc Trang, VHPA chapters, anyone interested in radio controlled aircraft models. Really there are no rules! Mini-Reunions are typically scheduled in 4-hour blocks and are available for booking on most days during the Reunion. You can also request a second four-hour block. However, this second block will be granted on a space available basis with priority for the particular space given to units requesting only one block. Due to decreased usage and increased expenses,

the Reunion no longer provides AV equipment for Mini-Reunions. Once your Mini-Reunion is scheduled the details will appear on the webpage. You still should make an effort to get the word out to your buds. Use your directory to contact members (encourage them to re-up with the VHPA if they are not dues current), write a short article for the VHPA Aviator, and schedule early so we can list your unit in articles such as this.

**Unit TOC (Tactical Operation Center):** If you have a big group that you know is coming (say approximately 20 registrants), then we invite you to schedule a TOC. A TOC is a specific Mini-Reunion room given to your group for all day or for several days. This is like a super Mini-Reunion. Since the group is going to “hang out” in the same room for several days, they can bring almost anything into the room (AV stuff, displays, etc.).

*It is easy to schedule a Mini-Reunion or TOC. Complete the Mini-Reunion Request form available at VHPA.ORG and email it to Sherry Rodgers at Sherry@vhpa.org or call 800-505-8472 or mail the completed form to HQ in Grand Prairie, TX.*

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**KIA/MIA Gold Star Breakfast Sponsorship - \$25**

Use this item to make a contribution to the Gold Star Family Breakfast organized by Julie Kink. Effectively you are paying the price of the meal for a Gold Star Family member. This item was added to the VHPA Reunion Registration form at the request of VHPA Members attending the Annual Business Meeting during the 2010 Reunion in San Diego. Thank you for your generosity.

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**O’Club: 2 July – 4:00pm-8:00pm / 3 July – 6 July -11:00am – 11:00pm / 7 July - 12:30pm – 11:00pm**

In the tradition of a Vietnam unit’s Officer’s Club you can get a beer and shoot the breeze with your buddies. The O’ Club will again be part of ‘ground zero’ – meaning the Vendor Area, Ballrooms, Registration and Pre-registration, and the O’ Club are all within hand grenade range.

**DAYS TO USE PASS:  
Tuesday, July 3, Thursday, July 5 & Friday, July 6**

**AmericasMart Atlanta Exclusive Shopping Pass: 3 July, 5 July and 6 July – 10:00am – 4:00pm - \$25**

Atlanta is the nation’s only global wholesale marketplace housing the world’s single-largest collection of home, gift, area rug and apparel merchandise. Find rare items, apparel, home furnishings, and gifts in more than 1,400 showrooms and more than 2,500 temporary exhibiting companies. Located in downtown Atlanta and a block away from the Marriott Marquis via skywalk, the AmericasMart complex contains more than seven million square feet of space. It’s a huge global stage on which manufacturers; designers and sales representatives unveil new lines, launch new designs and introduce new categories – all for the benefit of buyers seeking all that is fresh and first on the market. **This is an EXCLUSIVE and LIMITED VHPA pass for admission. Admission is not open to the general public for shopping.**

Please visit <https://www.americasmart.com/> for more information on AmericasMart Atlanta.

**Capacity: This event is limited to 150 participants.**

**TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2018**

**Early Bird Gathering: 3 July – 7:00pm – 11:00pm - NC**

This social gathering continues the long standing tradition of having an appointed place and time for everyone who comes “early” to the Reunion to meet and greet others. Since the room is configured with lots of tables and chairs, you can sit, stand, and walk around as you see fit. The O’Club is in the Marquis Foyer right outside the Marquis Ballroom and the Early Bird Gathering is in the Marquis Ballroom. We’ll position other cash bars to make certain no one has to stand in a long line.

**Note: No food is provided at this gathering.**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018**

**KIA/MIA Gold Star Breakfast: 4 July - 7:30am – 9:00am - \$25**

Gold Star Family Breakfast is a traditional VHPA reunion event organized by Julie Kink. This is an opportunity to recognize our Gold Star families. All are welcome to attend. These families are extremely appreciative of the fact that their loved ones did not die alone and that we care about them and remember them like a brother.

If you would like to sponsor guests for the breakfast you can use the Event Sponsorship section under Voluntary Contributions in [Step 2](#) of the online registration.

If you would like to invite KIA/MIA Gold Star family members who will not be registering for the Reunion, please call VHPA HQ to provide their names and contact information so we can have Name Badges prepared for them.

Julie Kink often writes something like the following as a separate article in The Aviator: “As aviators who have seen combat, most of you remember someone from that long-ago time who didn’t make it back from Vietnam. A few of you

have connected with the families of your fallen buddies, either through the Family Contacts Committee or by other means, to share with them a memory or two, perhaps a photo, most of all, the knowledge that their loved one was never forgotten. Have you thought of inviting them to attend the VHPA reunion, and particularly, the Gold Star Family Breakfast, with you? As a sister of a fallen Vietnam helicopter pilot, I remember the first time I sat down with veterans who served with my brother, who was killed while flying C 1/9 Cav scouts at age 19. The experience of being with men who could tell me more about his life and his service was powerful. I learned that not only are we families of the fallen welcome at veterans' reunions, we are welcomed "warmly" by those who knew our loved ones and shared their last days. You might have wondered previously: "Should I invite John's family to a reunion? What in the world would they do there, among 600+ of us rowdy pilots? Would they feel out of place?" For the past few years, there's been an event designed especially to bring Gold Star Families (families of the deceased) together with pilots in remembrance and celebration of the lives we lost: the Gold Star Family Breakfast. We are still working out the details but we know this year, as in the past, the breakfast will be a fitting time for you to share great stories about the lives of the guys we lost, with their families, and the rest of us. For family members, reunions provide a great opportunity to experience, firsthand, the camaraderie that our loved ones shared with veterans who have never forgotten them. Have you been sending Christmas cards to John's family all these years? Been calling Harry's mom on the phone at Mother's Day just to brighten her day? Have you been emailing back and forth with Bob's brother for years, but just never got a chance to shake his hand? This is the opportunity to do that. Invite them to attend the reunion and bring them to the Gold Star Family Breakfast. I'm happy to answer questions about the breakfast, as details get confirmed, or about how to connect with a buddy's family. Little sister, Julie Kink sister of WO David Kink C Troop 1/9th CAV KIA 8-3-1969. I am also a member of VHFCN Family Contacts Committee. Visit [www.VirtualWall.org/contacts](http://www.VirtualWall.org/contacts) or email me at [Kink100@att.net](mailto:Kink100@att.net).

Enjoy the JW Marriott's Marquis Breakfast Buffet including orange juice & bottle fruit juices, sliced seasonal fruits & whole fruit, farm fresh scrambled eggs, crisp bacon strips, seasoned breakfast potatoes, seasonal breakfast bakeries, regular & decaffeinated coffee, Tazo teas & hot chocolate. We've scheduled each breakfast to conclude prior to most other Reunion tours or events for the day.

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**Atlanta City Trolley Tour #1: 4 July – 10:00am – 11:30am - \$35**

Simply the best way to see the sights and get acquainted with the city known as ~~Hot~~Atlanta. The ATL or the Big Peach, hop on the Atlanta City Peachtree Trolley for a 90 minute fully-narrated tour. This city tour will introduce you to the "Must-Sees" of Atlanta. VHPA members will learn the history of Atlanta and enjoy the stories and legends of the Georgia Aquarium, the World of Coca-Cola, CNN, Underground Atlanta, Oakland Cemetery, and The Fabulous Fox Theater, just to name a few. Gratuity is included in ticket price.

Please visit <http://thepeachtreetrolley.com> for more information.

**Capacity: This event is limited to 54 participants.**

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**BBQ Lunch @ Roswell Antebellum Home #1: 4 July – 10:15am – 1:15pm - \$55**

Kick back and enjoy barbecue and bluegrass music in the backyard of Barrington Hall, which is celebrating its 175th birthday. The King family, who built Barrington Hall, held a 4th of July barbecue for their friends and neighbors in the 1800's. Roswell plans to revive this tradition with live music, barbecue, and tours of Barrington Hall. Included in the VHPA price of this event is a BBQ sandwich, chips, water or a soft drink and an assigned VHPA seating area to enjoy your lunch. The Antebellum Home Barrington Hall will be open for walk thru tours on your own with docents located throughout to assist with questions and information.

**Capacity: This event is limited to 50 participants.**

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**Writers' Workshop: 4 July – 10:00am – 12:00pm – NC**

This year's Writers' Workshop will be hosted by VHPA's book reviewer, Marc Liebman. The guest speaker for this event will be Bob Babcock, CEO of Deeds Publishing, who is an author as well. His insight can provide needed guidance to writers and potential writers, and give publishing guidance.

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**BBQ Lunch @ Roswell Antebellum Home #2: 4 July – 11:45am – 2:45pm - \$55**

See previous description on 4 July

**Capacity: This event is limited to 50 participants.**

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**Symposium of Speakers: 4 July – 2:00pm – 3:30pm – NC**

The Symposium of Speakers will feature two noted speakers. Colonel John Thompson, former Scout Pilot, and Commander of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment will give a talk on the status of Army Aviation and Special operations. The second speaker is Tom McIntosh, who operated commercial aircraft in Vietnam for several years. His talk is Vietnam from 1975 to today. Each talk will be followed by a short question and answer period.

**THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2018**



**National Infantry Museum, Columbus, GA: 5 July – 8:00am – 5:30pm - \$60**

The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center salutes soldiers in a 190,000-square-foot facility nestled where Columbus meets Fort Benning. It is the only museum in the country dedicated to the American Infantryman and preserves one of the greatest collection of military artifacts. Featuring state-of-the-art exhibits, the museum traces infantry history from colonial times to the present in a series of galleries. The museum also showcases the Vietnam Memorial Plaza, featuring the Dignity Memorial Vietnam War and the iconic World War II Company Street. VHPA guests will have time to wander throughout the museum and galleries at their own pleasure and pace, enjoy lunch, and our ticket price includes a donation to cover admission to the museum and bus driver gratuity.

Please visit <http://nationalinfantrymuseum.org/> for more information.

**Note: This tour will include a box lunch with the choice of turkey, roast beef or chicken salad sandwich, chips and a small drink.**

**Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.**

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**Roswell and Antebellum Home Tour #1: 5 July – 10:00am – 4:00pm – \$55**

Hop on board the coach bus to the beautiful town of Roswell, Georgia to enjoy a narrated and exciting look into Southern life during the Civil War. This tour includes a guided tour of the Smith Plantation home and grounds, free time for our members to eat lunch and shop in the local restaurants and interesting shops in the historical town square, and a drive through the Roswell Mill ruins, Mill Village, and gorgeous antebellum homes in the town. Gratuity is included in ticket price.

Please visit <http://www.visitroswellga.com/> for more information on Roswell, Georgia.

**Note: Lunch IS NOT included in this tour but is available for purchase during lunch/shopping break on the square.**

**Capacity: This event is limited to 50 participants.**

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**Atlanta City Trolley Tour #3: 5 July – 10:00am – 11:30am - \$35**

Simply the best way to see the sights and get acquainted with the city known as Hotlanta, The ATL or the Big Peach, hop on the Atlanta City Peachtree Trolley for a 90 minute fully-narrated tour. This city tour will introduce you to the “Must-Sees” of Atlanta. VHPA members will learn the history of Atlanta and enjoy the stories and legends of the Georgia Aquarium, the World of Coca-Cola, CNN, Underground Atlanta, Oakland Cemetery, and The Fabulous Fox Theater, just to name a few. Gratuity is included in ticket price.

Please visit <http://thepeachtreeretrolley.com> for more information.

**Capacity: This event is limited to 56 participants**



**Atlanta City Trolley Tour #4: 5 July – 12:00pm – 1:30pm - \$35**

Simply the best way to see the sights and get acquainted with the city known as Hotlanta, The ATL or the Big Peach, hop on the Atlanta City Peachtree Trolley for a 90 minute fully-narrated tour. This city tour will introduce you to the “Must-Sees” of Atlanta. VHPA members will learn the history of Atlanta and enjoy the stories and legends of the Georgia Aquarium, the World of Coca-Cola, CNN, Underground Atlanta, Oakland Cemetery, and The Fabulous Fox Theater, just to name a few. Gratuity is included in ticket price.

Please visit <http://thepeachtreetrolley.com> for more information.

**Capacity: This event is limited to 28 participants.**

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**Best of Atlanta Movie Tour: 5 July – 1:00pm – 4:00pm – \$55**

With over 1,200 movies and television shows filmed in Atlanta, we pack this tour with tons of locations, clips and behind the scenes stories. Whether you love Captain America: Civil War, Ride Along, Stranger Things, The Hunger Games, The Walking Dead, The Fast and the Furious, The Blind Side, Anchorman 2, Baby Driver, or The Real Housewives Of Atlanta, this tour has something for everyone. Gratuity is included in ticket price.

Please visit <https://atlantamovietours.com> for more information.

**Capacity: This event is limited to 50 participants.**

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**Quilter’s Show & Tell: 5 July – 2:00pm – 4:00pm – NC**

This special meeting continues the tradition started at least six years ago to present wonderful hand-made, American flag themed quilts to VHPAers and possibly local area veterans. At the 2018 Reunion the group plans to present eleven (11) quilts mostly to reunion attendees who are Vietnam veterans versus the eight (8) that were presented in Indianapolis. Each year there is a “little twist” in the selection process. This year one of the guiding points – the recipient (or suitable proxy) must be able to attend the presentation portion of the Show & Tell. Following the presentations, each quilter will have the opportunity for a show and tell of their quilt blocks or projects, either completed or in progress.

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**1st Time Attendee Reception: 5 July – 7:00pm – 8:00pm - NC**

This is a special reception for those attending a VHPA reunion for the first time. Besides meeting other first time attendees you will visit with members of the VHPA Executive Council and various VHPA committee chairmen in an informal setting. After a brief presentation about the history of the VHPA and the way the VHPA operates there is time for Q&A and one to one conversations. For example - maybe you want to meet and speak with the VHPA President or the Editor of The Aviator? Maybe you have a question about how the annual financial audit is conducted? Maybe you have a photo that you'd like to see published in the VHPA Calendar? Now is a good time to have these conversations! While the primary audience is VHPA members, their guests and friends are also welcome. A cash bar is available in this reception.

**Note: At the conclusion of this reception, you are welcome to join the Welcome Reception already in progress.**

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**Welcome Reception: 5 July – 7:30pm – 10:00pm - NC**

Traditionally this reception was the first official event for everyone to get together FOR SURE at a Reunion. Now it is just a “get together” at an appointed place and time for everyone who attends the Reunion. Please don’t be concerned about the word “reception” ~ there will be NO RECEIVING LINE and NO FORMALITIES. The room will be configured with lots of tables and chairs so everyone can sit and talk. We’ll position cash bars to make certain no one has to stand in a long line. You are welcome to bring a unit sign or guidon so people will know where “your table” is located. We CANNOT hang unit banners over the tables at this Reception, sorry.

**FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2018**



**Golf Outing @ Stone Mountain: 6 July – 7:20am – 4:00pm - \$140**

This year we will play at Stone Mountain Golf Club. Golfers will play the Lakemont Course which features incredible views of Stone Mountain and the lake. The front 9 holes of the Lakemont Course wind around Stone Mountain Lake, with six holes having water in play. The back 9 offers beautiful holes with rock outcroppings and four holes where water comes into play. The dramatic elevation changes offer a unique ambience that appeal to every golfer. Your golf ticket includes bus transportation, green fees, carts, score cards, status board scores, complimentary range balls, **BREAKFAST AND LUNCH**. Rental golf sets of Taylor Made M2 Clubs including 2 sleeves of balls are available for \$50/round.

The Power Pack rules are carried forward from previous VHPA events. One (1) Power Pack is included with your golf registration. A Power Pack ticket cost \$20 and can be purchased at the HQ Registration Desk in the hotel with cash or credit card. Cash is required to purchase an individual team member Power Pack at the golf course. Included in the Power Pack Bonuses are the following: Two each Mulligan’s off the tee only for each 9 hole side (total of 4 per team member). Mulligans are for each player and cannot be used by another team member. One each “Get-Out of Hazard Free” per 9 hole side (total of 2) per 18 holes – Place ball where last traveled before entering the hazard or OB, no penalty. Used for sand traps, water, and Out of Bounds with no penalty. Use of the most forward tee, one (1) per side (total of 2) per 18 holes- Not available on Par.

Visit <http://www.stonemountaingolf.com/> for details about the course.

**Capacity: This event is limited to 60 participants.**

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**Scholarship Breakfast – Mike Sheuerman & Tom Payne - 6 July - 7:30am – 9:00am – \$25**

This is the second of three breakfasts with speakers offered at this Reunion. Speakers will discuss the VHPA Scholarships, how to apply, who is eligible to apply, when to apply and how the selection process is handled. The program will be conducted by the Chairman of the VHPA Scholarship Committee, the Fundraising member, a member of the AAAA Scholarship Board and several recipients of awards from the program.

Enjoy the JW Marriott’s Marquis Breakfast Buffet including orange juice & bottle fruit juices, sliced seasonal fruits & whole fruit, farm fresh scrambled eggs, crisp bacon strips, seasoned breakfast potatoes, seasonal breakfast bakeries, regular & decaffeinated coffee, Tazo teas & hot chocolate. We’ve scheduled each breakfast to conclude prior to most other Reunion tours or events for the day.

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**Atlanta History Center: 6 July – 9:15am – 2:30pm - \$35**

History happens every day and there is a lot of fun for to tell your own piece and enjoy learning about all things Atlanta history as you stroll through the exhibitions, gardens, and historic houses. Founded in 1926 the Atlanta History Center is

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an all-inclusive 33-acre destination featuring the Atlanta History Museum, one of the Southeast's largest history museums; two historic houses, the 1928 Swan House and the Smith Family Farm; the Centennial Olympic Games Museum, a museum gift shop, and acres of historic gardens and woodland trails. Lunch is not included but our members can enjoy lunch at the Swan Coach House Restaurant or the Souper Jenny Café.

This is a self-guided tour which allows VHPA members the opportunity to spend as little or as much time as they like in areas on the 33-acre campus. Gratuity is included in ticket price.

Visit <http://www.atlantahistorycenter.com/> more information.

**Capacity: This event is limited to 50 participants.**

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**Roswell and Antebellum Home Tour #2: 6 July – 10:00am – 4:00pm – \$55**

See description on 5 July

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**Delta Flight Museum #1: 6 July – 10:30am – 1:30pm - \$35**

**Delta Flight Museum #2: 6 July – 12:00pm – 3:00pm - \$35**

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Delta Flight Museum offers a one-of-a-kind experience and an innovative focus on the future of aviation. Once you arrive at the museum you can head over to the two most historic airplane hangers, built in 1941, that give you an up-close look at historic aircraft dating back to the 1920s, explore exhibits inside the historic Boeing 767, The Spirit of Delta, and see other interactive exhibits and rare artifacts. After that, you can head over and tour the first Boeing 747-400 produced! The Boeing is the most popular and recognizable aircraft in the world today. Once inside, visitors can sit in aircraft seats, check out the upper deck, walk out on a wing, look down into the fuel tank and cargo bin, and learn all about the history of the 747 and its role in Delta's history. Gratuity is included in ticket price.

Please visit [www.deltamuseum.org](http://www.deltamuseum.org) for more information.

**NOTE: NO LUNCH is included in this tour. There is NO place to eat at the Delta Museum so members will need to bring snacks, eat a late breakfast and/or an early/late lunch.**

**Capacity: This event is limited to 50 participants each tour.**

**SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2018**

**Pre-Memorial Service Breakfast: 7 July – 7:30am – 8:45am – \$25**

This is the third and final breakfast offered at this Reunion. The Memorial Service, scheduled to begin at 9am is primarily a time to honor the several hundred VHPA members and potential members who passed away since the 2017 Reunion in Indianapolis.

Enjoy the JW Marriott's Marquis Breakfast Buffet including orange juice & bottle fruit juices, sliced seasonal fruits & whole fruit, farm fresh scrambled eggs, crisp bacon strips, seasoned breakfast potatoes, seasonal breakfast bakeries, regular & decaffeinated coffee, Tazo teas & hot chocolate. We've scheduled each breakfast to conclude prior to most other Reunion tours or events for the day.

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**Memorial Service: 7 July – 9:00am – 9:30am – NC**

The Memorial Service has been part of the "Reunion's Fabric" for at least ten years. It has evolved into the perfect setting / opportunity to reflect and remember our fallen brothers and friends. Since the KIA/MIA Gold Star Family Breakfast is dedicated to our KIA/MIA brothers, this Memorial Service is dedicated to those who passed away after their service in Southeast Asia with SPECIAL EMPHASIS on those who have passed SINCE THE LAST VHPA REUNION. The VHPA often uses the term DAT (Died After Tour) to refer to those who served in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War era, survived the War, and then passed away.

A roster of all DATs (known to the VHPA) since the last Reunion is printed in the program. In Washington there were 327 names on the roster! In Reno, 229 and in Indianapolis, 291

The brief Memorial Service is patterned after a traditional grave-side service many of us experience at a National Cemetery. It begins with the Posting of the Colors and we all repeat the *Pledge of Allegiance*. There is an opening prayer and we all sing the *Star Spangled Banner*.

Traditionally a local pastor or a VHPAer delivers a short message. Often *Taps* is played or a special musical arrangement is presented. We all sing *God Bless America* as a closing hymn. A Closing Prayer is offered.

It is important to note that no financial donations or contributions are requested or accepted during the Memorial Service. Questions concerning this event should be directed to VHPA Executive Council Member Art Price or by contacting VHPA HQ.

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**Spouse/Guest Event – "Margaret Mitchell's Gone With the Wind Tour":  
7 July – 9:00am – 12:00pm - \$55**

This tour is a Broadway play on wheels that picks you up at the Marriott Marquis for a VHPA exclusive must-see for any fan of *Gone with the Wind*, Margaret Mitchell or anyone interested in the Civil War and Reconstruction Era! With this event, you will join "Margaret Mitchell" herself as she shares the fascinating story of her life while touring through Atlanta. You will walk with her as she traces her footsteps at The Margaret Mitchell House where she wrote *Gone with the Wind*, learn how the South's most beloved novel was finally shared with the world, see her typewriter, first drafts of the book and her Pulitzer Prize. Gratuity is included in ticket price.

Please visit <https://atlantamovietours.com/tours/gone-with-the-wind-tour/> for more information.

**Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.**

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**Annual Business Meeting: 7 July – 10:00am – 12:30pm – NC**

The Annual Business Meeting (ABM) is when we conduct the official business of the association. On Saturday morning you will hear committee chairmen give reports on their activities over the past year and you will have the opportunity to vote on administrative issues plus elect our next two Executive Council members. This is a good time to learn about the workings of the VHPA behind the scenes and to influence the future direction of our association.

Only VHPA Members in good standing (meaning the former pilot is dues current and HQ has a valid mailing address for him in the database) may attend. You must present your ticket at the door. VHPA Members in good standing who are not attending the Reunion can also attend the ABM but must obtain a ticket from the Registration Desk.

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**Atlanta City Trolley Tour #2: 7 July – 1:00pm – 2:30pm - \$35**

See description on 4 July

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**Capacity: This event is limited to 56 participants.**

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**Closing Banquet: Registered Adults – 7 July – 5:45pm – 10:30pm - \$75**

This ticket is for an adult banquet meal (beef or chicken) for someone who has also paid the adult reunion registration fee.

The highlight for most reunion attendees is our closing banquet. This is the only “dress up” occasion of the reunion. It is a celebration of our time together opening with a tribute to our missing men and closing with the change of command from our current president, Mike Sheuerman to the new one, John Sorensen after the meal.

For those who just want to visit after the closing remarks, please know you can stay at your table until 11 pm. Cash bars remain open until they are no longer needed.

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**Closing Banquet: Registered Child <10 – 7 July – 5:45pm – 10:30pm - \$20**

This ticket is for a "kid's meal" for the closing banquet. A word of warning is appropriate here. This meal is designed for children under the age of 10 years old. Trust us when we say that this meal will NOT MAKE a teenager happy at all!

A few years ago the only meal option available was an adult meal for children. Rather expensive indeed. While this price is still rather high for a "kid's meal" it is much more attractive than paying for an adult meal for a 10-year old!

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**Closing Banquet: Non-Registered Guest – 7 July – 5:45pm – 10:30pm - \$85**

This ticket is for an adult banquet meal (beef or chicken) for someone who has **NOT PAID** the adult reunion registration fee. Please review the Non-Registered Banquet Guest (NRBG) details in the Reunion Information at [www.vhpa.org](http://www.vhpa.org).

A non-registered guest enjoys all the features/details described in the registered adult narrative above.