

**To: All VHPA Members  
From: Your Executive Council  
Subject: Denver Reunion  
Date: 20 March 2020**

**THE VHPA 37<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REUNION IN DENVER IS CANCELED**

It is with great sadness and frustration that we formally announce that we will NOT be gathering in Denver this year. It is also with great relief however, that this decision is being made with the welfare of our membership as the priority.

- Your HQ staff will begin the process to automatically refund your reunion money.
- You do NOT need to request a refund.
- You do NOT need to call HQ.

You will receive a refund whether or not you purchased reunion insurance. At present, you should receive a FULL refund minus donations you may have made, dues, and Directory orders. We anticipate this process to be completed by the original reunion dates.

Regarding airline tickets you may have purchased, pre-paid rental cars, etc., as you can readily understand, you will have to sort that out with the individual companies on your own. Some airlines may offer a full or partial refund, others merely a credit for future flights without a change fee.

There is one VHPA organizational announcement of note: In keeping with the VHPA by-laws, and in the absence of an officer election at the Annual Business Meeting in Denver, the present Executive Council will remain intact until the Charlotte reunion in 2021.

Gentlemen, this has been an unprecedented and hopefully unique situation that has had a profound impact on all of us, and our nation. However, if any group of people can demonstrate a flexibility and resiliency when confronted by unexpected challenges, it is us.

- You cannot change the wind, but you can always adjust your sails.
- 10% of life is what happens to you, 90% of life is how you respond.
- You are not defeated when you lose, you are only defeated when you quit.

Ever since our first reunion in 1984, we have gathered each year to renew our bond of friendship and comradeship, and to remember our lost brothers. That will most assuredly resume in Charlotte. (The “there I was” stories related to 2020 should be very exciting to hear.)

Our very best goes out to you and your families, and we sincerely thank you for your unwavering support and confidence throughout this trying situation.

**STAY SAFE**