

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 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 1st day of the Reunion (03 AUGUST 2021). Because of this, the VHPA Reunion Registration software is “forward looking” regarding dues status.

Reunion hotel: The Westin Charlotte, 601 S College St, Charlotte, NC 28202

Reunion hotel reservations: There are at least three ways to make your hotel reservations while insuring that you receive the VHPA Group Rate of **\$129 plus tax per night for single & double, \$149 plus tax per night for triple and \$169 plus tax per night for quad** over the dates of **03 August 2021 thru 06 August 2021 (based on availability)**. **Cutoff date for the hotel rate is 12 July 2021.**

Please consider the following:

- Via the Reunion’s personalized website, go to: <https://book.passkey.com/go/VietnamHelicopterPilots>
- Via www.vhpa.org, then Reunion Information and use the “reserve your hotel room link”.
- By calling the hotel’s reservation line at **(866) 837-4148**. You need to mention **“Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association”**. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY or MARRIOTT’S CENTRAL RESERVATIONS NUMBERS.** You MUST speak to a Passkey Agent.

Transportation to the Queen City:

Airport - The Charlotte Douglas International Airport sees more than 700 flights take off daily and offers more than 160 nonstop flights to international and domestic destinations.

Train - Three Amtrak Train routes serve the Charlotte daily: The Piedmont connects Charlotte and Raleigh; the Carolinian runs to New York; and the Crescent travels from New York to New Orleans. Visit amtrak.com for more information on booking and scheduling.

Transportation from/to the Airport: The hotel does not offer a shuttle to/from the airport. There are several options for going to and from Charlotte Douglas International Airport: Members can take cab and mention the flat fee cab rate of \$25 to and from Uptown and the Airport. Otherwise, average cab fares start at \$2.50 and increase by \$0.50 every 1/5 mile.

Parking: VHPA has negotiated a discounted price of \$20 per day for overnight self-parking with in & out privileges. The adjustment will be made on your final hotel statement.

Internet Access - 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.

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.

Wheelchair Rentals – Mobility City Charlotte is located about 5 minutes from Uptown and will deliver and pickup from the Westin. Wheelchair reservations need to be made at least 2 weeks prior to arrival. Contact Ginger or any team member to make a reservation.

Phone: 704-461-0111

Website: <https://www.mobilitycity.com/location/charlotte-nc/>

Vendor Area: The Vendor Area has been a huge success for the past several years! If you are interested in becoming a Vendor for R2021 please go to 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. **Space is limited this year so be sure to send your form in early.**

Oral History Interviews: Mike Law will be available to record and collect Oral Histories. As we have done in past years, we will be signing attendees up for 90-minute slots ahead of time. Please contact VHPA HQ or visit www.vhpa.org for details about how to sign up prior to coming to Charlotte so you fit this history preserving events into your Reunion schedule.

Family Friendly Attractions: There are plenty of things to do around Charlotte for everyone to enjoy no matter the age. We recommend bringing the kids and grandkids to all Reunions to see what the VHPA is all about and check out the things to do around the city. Here is a list of some attractions that we recommend visiting with younger guests but are not included in our tours:

U.S. National Whitewater Center - The Whitewater Center is designed and operated as an outdoor center offering over 30 different recreational activities like hiking, rafting, ziplines, ropes courses, and rock climbing. Every element and activity is focused on supporting an all-encompassing experience around the outdoor lifestyle.

Carowinds Amusement Park - Carowinds is where the Carolinas come together for fun for all ages with almost 60 world-class rides in this 407-acre amusement park.

Discovery Place Science - Discovery Place Science brings science to life through hands-on interactive exhibits, thrilling activities and experiments and a larger-than-life IMAX Dome Theatre. Luckily, this museum is on our shuttle route!

Skydive Caroline –VHPA Guests are being offered a reduce rate of \$179 for a tandam skydive. The drop zone is located at the Chester County SC Airport, about 40 miles south of Charlotte. Anyone interested should call Skydive Caroline directly, mention they are with VHPA Reunion for discounted rate, and setup a time for their jump. VHPA will not be providing transportation and this is all handle via Skydive Caroline. Check out their website at:

<https://www.skydivecarolina.com/>

Volunteers: The North Carolina 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 VHPA'er would have it done. As is our tradition, the Host Chapter, North Carolina Chapter, gets "first shot" at the Duty Roster. If you are interested in volunteering you can contact Jerry Phelps of the North Carolina Chapter at 252-257-2544 or s22comet@centurylink.net or contact HQ at 800-505-8472. BTW, husband and wife teams are welcome to volunteer.

Reunion T-Shirts - T-shirts will be offered in only one color this year, royal blue. You are welcome to order as many as you wish with your Reunion Registration until 14 July 2021. All cancellations made prior to 14 July 2021 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 \$8 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 only". The shirts will be mailed to you **after the Reunion**.

Cutoff date to order a T-shirt is 14 July 2021

S, M, L & XL - \$19 XXL - \$21 XXXL - \$22

Primary Attendee (Member or Subscriber) Registration - The early registration fee for the member is \$40 through July 31 and \$50 beginning August 1.

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.

Adult Guest Registration - The early registration fee for the guest is \$40 through July 31 and \$50 beginning August 1.

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

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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 Friday, 30 July 2021** by contacting HQ via US Mail at 1601 E Lamar Blvd, Suite 117, Arlington, TX 76011, Email to 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.

Reunion Refunds - The Executive Council establishes the official cancellation date (OCD) for each reunion. **The OCD for R2021 is Friday, 30 July 2021.** 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. The NASCAR Hall of Fame Private Dinner has a \$20 cancellation fee that is nonrefundable for R2021.** 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.

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. If GRI is purchased with the initial registration, the GRI fee will be added to any paid events added to member's registration. 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.

Mini-Reunions: 03 August through 06 August - 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. 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 return by: email to Sherry Rodgers at sherry@vhpa.org or mail the completed form to HQ at the address listed on the form. **Space is limited this year so get your request in early!***

KIA/MIA Gold Star Family Sponsorship - \$25

Use this item to make a contribution to purchase Gold Star Breakfast & Closing Banquet tickets for Gold Star Families. Thank you for your generosity.

O'Club: 03 August – 05 August -11:00am – 11:00pm / 06 August - 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.

TUESDAY, 03 AUGUST 2021

Charlotte Downtown Shuttle: 03 August 12:00pm – 5:00pm, 04 August 10:00am – 5:00pm, 05 August 10:00am – 5:00pm - \$15

The downtown Charlotte area offers many attractions like museums, shopping and unique restaurants. A daily shuttle service will be provided from the Westin and around downtown Charlotte with scheduled stops at the NASCAR Hall of Fame, Levine Museum of the New South, Discovery Place Science, Mint Museum, Bechtler Museum of Modern Art, Harvey B. Gantt Center for African American Arts, 7th Street Public Market, and many more. This ticket does not include any attractions or admissions, it is for the shuttle only to get you around town and can be used as many times as you would like during the reunion.

Note: A VHPA shuttle map with stops plus a list of restaurants and museums will be provided onsite.

Yadkin Valley Winery & Distillery Tour: 03 August – 12:00pm – 4:15pm - \$75

Be whisked away from Charlotte, NC and taken to Yadkin Valley Wine Country, NC, nestled less than one hour away from the Queen City. This tour will be led by an expert tour guide that can answer any questions for our guests and give an overview of the art of wine-making. VHPA guests will visit one winery, the Low Ford Wine Trail, and one distillery, Seven Jars, to enjoy tasting up to 18 wines, 5 spirits, and 5 beers, all crafted in Carolina. Be enticed by the rolling hills and winding drive that lead to breathtaking views and multiple award-winning wines at one of the oldest vineyards located within the famous Yadkin Valley! Seven Jars Winery & Distillery is a charming tasting room that houses a winery, distillery, and craft brewery! Known for its unique "Seven Jars" family story, dating back to the Prohibition Era, this family operated destination is truly something special. Souvenir wine glasses and souvenir shot cup included.

Note: Lunch is not provided on this tour.

Capacity: This event is limited to 54 participants.

Billy Graham Library Tour #1: 03 August – 12:30pm – 5:00pm - \$35

Hop on the bus and be greeted by your tour guide that will escort guests to the library while giving fun facts and information regarding Billy Graham and the city. VHPA guests will then journey through history, exploring one of the most influential voices of the 20th century, Billy Graham. The Billy Graham Library is 40,000-square-foot including state-of-the-art multimedia exhibits, films and memorabilia, where VHPA guests can relive the historic moments in his and wife, Ruth's life. Enjoy touring his restored family home and spend a time of reflection in the Memorial Prayer Garden. Our members will be divided into groups to enjoy the 90 minute guided tour. When not on the guided tour, guests will spend time touring the gardens, shop and home of Billy Graham on their own. On the trip home, the bus will make a quick stop at the Mecklenburg County Vietnam Veteran's Memorial for photo opportunities.

Note: Lunch is not provided on this tour. There is a food shop at the museum for quick bites.

Capacity: This event is limited to 55 participants.

Funny Bus City Tour #1: 03 August – 1:00pm – 2:30pm - \$35

Board this private VHPA funny bus to explore Charlotte’s most interesting neighborhoods, historic places, and landmarks on a comedy tour with hilarious live commentary that is rated PG-13. Enjoy BYO beer and wine as you ride through town, and get a funny, local perspective on life in the city. This is a comedy club on wheels with bits of sights and history and voted one of the top things to do in Charlotte that our guests don’t want to miss.

Note: The school bus is not equipped with seatbelts so anyone under the Age of 10 is not permitted on this tour.

Capacity: This event is limited to 74 participants.

Funny Bus City Tour #2: 03 August – 3:00pm – 4:30pm - \$35

Board this private VHPA funny bus to explore Charlotte’s most interesting neighborhoods, historic places, and landmarks on a comedy tour with hilarious live commentary that is rated PG-13. Enjoy BYO beer and wine as you ride through town, and get a funny, local perspective on life in the city. This is a comedy club on wheels with bits of sights and history and voted one of the top things to do in Charlotte that our guests don’t want to miss.

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Capacity: This event is limited to 74 participants.

Movie – American Medevac: 03 August – 5:30pm – 6:30pm - NC

A veteran’s story that needs to be heard...an extraordinary story about valor, selflessness and the unbreakable bond of brotherhood created among soldiers in wartime.

Early Bird Gathering: 03 August – 7:00pm – 9:00pm – 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.

Note: No food is provided at this gathering.

WEDNESDAY, 04 AUGUST 2021

Golf Outing at Olde Sickamore Golf Plantation: 04 August – 7:30am – 4:00pm - \$125

This year we will play at Olde Sickamore Golf Plantation at Charlotte, NC. Your golf ticket includes bus transportation, green fees, carts, score cards, complimentary range balls, one Power Pack, and **LUNCH**. Rental clubs are available for \$60/round with advance notice (Only 7 sets are available). This year we will be playing a best ball scramble.

The Power Pack rules are carried forward from previous VHPA events. Additional Power Pack tickets (\$20 each) 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 (from the tee only) per side (total of 4 per team member). Mulligans are for each player and cannot be used by another team member.
- One "Get-Out of Hazard Free" per side (total of 2) per 18 holes. Place ball where it last traveled before entering the hazard or OB, no penalty. Used for sand traps, water, and Out of Bounds with no penalty.

Visit for details <https://www.oldsycamoregolf.com> about the course.

Capacity: This event is limited to 55 participants.

Breakfast w/Speaker: 04 August – 7:30am – 9:00am – \$25

This is the first of three breakfasts offered at this Reunion.

Enjoy the Westin's Breakfast Buffet including applewood smoked bacon, cage free scrambled eggs, aged Vermont cheddar, skillet breakfast potatoes w/snipped chives, buttermilk pancakes, maple syrup, candied walnuts, citrus whipped cream, seasonal fruit & berries, assorted muffins, breakfast pastry, buttery croissants & new York style bagels, whipped cream cheeses, all-natural preserves, selection of cereals, whole & skim milk, low-fat fruit yogurts, freshly brewed regular & decaffeinated coffee, an assortment of herbal teas and a selection of juices.. We've scheduled each breakfast to conclude prior to most other Reunion tours or events for the day.

Funny Bus City Tour #3: 04 August - 9:15am – 10:45am - \$35

Board this private VHPA funny bus to explore Charlotte's most interesting neighborhoods, historic places, and landmarks on a comedy tour with hilarious live commentary that is rated PG-13. Enjoy BYO beer and wine as you ride through town, and get a funny, local perspective on life in the city. This is a comedy club on wheels with bits of sights and history and voted one of the top things to do in Charlotte that our guests don't want to miss.

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Capacity: This event is limited to 74 participants.

Charlotte Motor Speedway Tour #1 with Lunch: 04 August – 11:00am – 2:30pm - \$45

VHPA fans looking for a little high-octane fun need look no further than Charlotte Motor Speedway's innovative tour. An experienced guide will hop on the bus for a first-of-its-kind tour that gives fans a contactless experience of the property, including a chance to drive around the 24-degree banking of the legendary 1.5-mile superspeedway. Guests will learn the 60-year history of America's Home for Racing and hear fun facts as a tour guide leads them around the sprawling 2,000-acre property. The tour includes a drive through the NASCAR garage and around the high banks of the iconic Charlotte Motor Speedway. Guests will visit the Speedway, Dirt Track and zMax Dragway. VHPA guests will even have the opportunity for a photo op in Victory Lane. After the tour, head up to the Speedway Club for amazing views of the Track and lunch. Available lunch choices on site will be Turkey Sandwich, Southwest Chicken Wrap or Veggie Wrap with Tea.

Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

Carolina Winery Tour #1 with Lunch: 04 August – 11:00am – 4:15pm - \$95

Be whisked away from Charlotte, NC and head east of the Queen City to the Uwharrie Mountains Wine Trail. VHPA guests will visit the countryside wineries Morgan Ridge Vineyards and Brewery and Uwharrie Vineyards and Winery to enjoy tasting up to 13 Carolina wines and 5 craft beers. This tour will include a catered buffet for lunch which will include 2 meats, 2 vegetables, dessert and non-alcoholic beverage. The tour will be led by an expert tour guide that can answer any questions for our guests and give a overview of the art of winemaking. Morgan Ridge Vineyards and Brewery sits on seven sprawling acres, grows more than seven different grape varieties, and produces its own wine and craft beer right on the premises of its award-winning estate winery and brewery! Uwharrie Vineyards and Winery is nestled within the scenic Uwharrie Mountains and National Forest, which is named after an Indian tribe from the area. You'll enjoy the drive through the countryside and acres of beautiful vineyards that serve as the backdrop to a variety of delicious wines, from dry to sweet. Souvenir wine glass is included.

Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

Billy Graham Library Tour #2: 04 August – 12:30pm – 5:00pm - \$35

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Note: Lunch would need to be eaten prior to tour as lunch is not provided. There is a food shop at the museum for quick bites.

Capacity: This event is limited to 55 participants.

Symposium of Speakers: 04 August – 2:00pm – 4:00pm - NC

There will be several guest speakers this year along with the VHPA/Texas Tech Legacy Presentation. We will add more details as they become available.

Funny Bus City Tour #4: 04 August – 2:30pm – 4:00pm - \$35

Board this private VHPA funny bus to explore Charlotte's most interesting neighborhoods, historic places, and landmarks on a comedy tour with hilarious live commentary that is rated PG-13. Enjoy BYO beer and wine as you ride through town, and get a funny, local perspective on life in the city. This is a comedy club on wheels with bits of sights and history and voted one of the top things to do in Charlotte that our guests don't want to miss.

Note: The school bus is not equipped with seatbelts so anyone under the Age of 10 is not permitted on this tour.

Capacity: This event is limited to 74 participants.

Movie – American Medevac: 04 August – 4:30pm – 5:30pm - NC

A veteran's story that needs to be heard...an extraordinary story about valor, selflessness and the unbreakable bond of brotherhood created among soldiers in wartime.

Welcome / First Time Attendee Reception: 04 August – 7:00pm – 9:00pm – 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. We'll position cash bars to make certain no one has to stand in a long line.

THURSDAY, 05 AUGUST 2021

KIA/MIA Gold Star Breakfast: 05 August - 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.

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 or email me at Kink100@att.net.

Enjoy the Westin’s Breakfast Buffet including applewood smoked bacon, cage free scrambled eggs, aged Vermont cheddar, skillet breakfast potatoes w/snipped chives, buttermilk pancakes, maple syrup, candied walnuts, citrus whipped cream, seasonal fruit & berries, assorted muffins, breakfast pastry, buttery croissants & new York style bagels, whipped cream cheeses, all-natural preserves, selection of cereals, whole & skim milk, low-fat fruit yogurts, freshly brewed regular & decaffeinated coffee, an assortment of herbal teas and a selection of juices.. We’ve scheduled each breakfast to conclude prior to most other Reunion tours or events for the day.

Billy Graham Library Tour #3 With Lunch: 05 August – 9:15am – 2:15pm - \$45

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Note: Lunch vouchers for the museum café are included with this tour.

Capacity: This event is limited to 55 participants.

Funny Bus City Tour #5: 05 August – 10:00am – 11:30am - \$35

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Carolina Winery Tour #2 with Lunch: 05 August – 10:15am – 3:45pm - \$95

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Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

Charlotte Motor Speedway Tour #2: 05 August – 11:00am – 2:30pm - \$45

VHPA fans looking for a little high-octane fun need look no further than Charlotte Motor Speedway's innovative tour. An experienced guide will hop on the bus for a first-of-its-kind tour that gives fans a contactless experience of the property, including a chance to drive around the 24-degree banking of the legendary 1.5-mile superspeedway. Guests will learn the 60-year history of America's Home to Racing and hear fun facts as a tour guide leads them around the sprawling 2,000-acre property. The tour includes a drive through the NASCAR garage lot around the high banks of the iconic Charlotte Motor Speedway. Guests will visit the Speedway, Dirt Track and zMax Dragway. VHPA guests will even have the opportunity for a photo op in Victory Lane. After the tour, head up to the Speedway Club for amazing views of the Track and lunch. Available lunch choices on site will be Turkey Sandwich, Southwest Chicken Wrap or Veggie Wrap with Tea.

SOLD OUT

Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

Quilter's Show & Tell: 05 August – 2:00pm – 4:00pm – NC

This special meeting continues the tradition started at least eight years ago to present wonderful hand-made, American flag themed quilts to VHPA'ers and possibly local area veterans.

Funny Bus City Tour #6: 05 August – 3:00pm – 4:30pm - \$35

Board this private VHPA funny bus to explore Charlotte's most interesting neighborhoods, historic places, and landmarks on a comedy tour with hilarious live commentary that is rated PG-13. Enjoy BYO beer and wine as you ride through town, and get a funny, local perspective on life in the city. This is a comedy club on wheels with bits of sights and history and voted one of the top things to do in Charlotte that our guests don't want to miss.

Note: The school bus is not equipped with seatbelts so anyone under the Age of 10 is not permitted on this tour.

Capacity: This event is limited to 74 participants.

NASCAR Hall of Fame Private Dinner: 05 August – 6:00pm – 10:00pm – \$75

NASCAR Hall of Fame will be closed to the public and open to only VHPA guests to enjoy a delightful buffet dinner and access to all the NASCAR Hall of Fame has to offer. Buffet dinner will include salad, barbecue chicken and pork, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, muffins, and rolls. Of course, some hot peach cobbler with vanilla ice cream to top it off. Tea and water are included with dinner and open bars will be available for purchase of alcoholic beverages. NASCAR Hall of Fame honors drivers who have shown exceptional skill at NASCAR driving, all-time great crew chiefs and owners, broadcasters and other major contributors to competition within the sanctioning body. The high-tech venue, designed to educate and entertain race fans and non-fans alike. This is a place where fans can uncover new stories and get in on the action at every turn with more than 50 interactive experiences. Get behind the wheel of an iRacing simulator on your favorite track or see if you have what it takes to make the team in our Pit Crew Challenge. Take part in events that set the stage for the future of the industry and hear intimate, never-before-told stories of the past. This will be a night you won't want to miss. This event is great for all age levels.

Note: Transportation is not included and NASCAR is a 1 block walk from the Westin.

The NASCAR Hall of Fame Private Dinner has a \$20 cancellation fee that is nonrefundable.

Capacity: This event is limited to 350 participants.

FRIDAY, 06 AUGUST 2021

Pre-Memorial Service Breakfast: 06 August – 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 2019 Reunion in Kansas City.

Enjoy the Westin's Breakfast Buffet including applewood smoked bacon, cage free scrambled eggs, aged Vermont cheddar, skillet breakfast potatoes w/snipped chives, buttermilk pancakes, maple syrup, candied walnuts, citrus whipped cream, seasonal fruit & berries, assorted muffins, breakfast pastry, buttery croissants & new York style bagels, whipped cream cheeses, all-natural preserves, selection of cereals, whole & skim milk, low-fat fruit yogurts, freshly brewed regular & decaffeinated coffee, an assortment of herbal teas and a selection of juices.. We've scheduled each breakfast to conclude prior to most other Reunion tours or events for the day.

Memorial Service: 06 August – 9:00am – 9:30am – NC

The Memorial Service has been part of the "Reunion's Fabric" for at least fifteen 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.

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 John Powell or by contacting VHPA HQ.

Spouse/Guest Event – Crowned Sparrow Craft Event: 06 August – 10:00am – 12:00pm – \$55

Our ladies and guest will get crafty while enjoying girl talk with top ranked Crowned Sparrow Craft Company. Each guest can add a new look to their front door with a personalized wooden round "Welcome" sign! Let Crowned Sparrow teach you the techniques for staining & painting your piece, then add a welcome message with a custom stencil! It's the perfect way to welcome guests into your home.

Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

Annual Business Meeting: 06 August – 10:00am – 12:30pm – NC

The Annual Business Meeting (ABM) is when we conduct the official business of the association. On Friday 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 HQ Registration Desk.

Escape Tactic Room with Lunch: 06 August – 12:45pm – 4:00pm – \$55

VHPA guests will head to the South End of Charlotte AKA "The Craft District" and grab lunch at 401 Yancey Brewery with a selection of either a Brewerhouse Burger or Smoked Turkey Club with house made chips and a chocolate cookie. Guests can grab their own beverage or flight of beer and try some of the latest and greatest craft beers. After lunch, head

over to Escape Tactic Room that is rated #1 in Charlotte and enjoy a customized game for all VHPA guests. Escape rooms are immersive live adventure games that challenge players to think creatively, decipher clues, and work together to solve a diverse series of puzzles. Each room is themed, and players must use the elements found in the game to “escape the room” within the given time limit. With this event, we will avoid using scary themes which make it perfect for all VHPA guest and ages – though our rooms are meant to get your heart racing – and challenge you with cleverly-crafted clues, messages, hints, and puzzles to see if you have what it takes to escape our professionally designed rooms.

Note: Lunch is included but not beverages. Please choose the item with the meal selection you prefer.

Capacity: This event is limited to 75 participants.

Closing Banquet: Registered Adults – 06 August – 5:30pm – 10:30pm - \$75

This ticket is for an adult banquet meal (beef, chicken or fish) 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, Art Jacobs to the new one, Art Price 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.

Closing Banquet: Registered Child <12 – 06 August – 5:30pm – 10:30pm - \$35

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 12 years old. Trust us when we say that this meal will NOT MAKE a teenager happy at all!

Closing Banquet: Non-Registered Guest – 06 August – 5:30pm – 10:30pm - \$85

This ticket is for an adult banquet meal (beef, chicken or fish) 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.

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