

GENERAL REUNION INFORMATION

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DUE TO THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED IN THE MAR/APR ISSUE, THE INFORMATION BELOW IS PRELIMINARY INFORMATION THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FINAL REUNION DETAILS WILL BE LISTED AT VHPA.ORG IN LATE MARCH 2023.

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE MOST CURRENT DETAILS.

HOTEL & VHPA REUNION REGISTRATION IS ANTICIPATED TO OPEN THE BEGINNING OF APRIL

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 (02 JULY 2023). Because of this, the VHPA Reunion Registration software is “forward looking” regarding dues status.

Reunion Hotel Info: San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter, 101 Bowie Street, San Antonio, Texas, 78205

The VHPA Group Rate is **\$129 plus tax per night for single, double, triple, or quad** over the dates of **02 JULY 2023 thru 05 JULY 2023 (based on availability)**. **The cutoff date for the hotel rate is 05 JUNE 2023.**

Information for booking hotel rooms will be emailed to you with your reunion registration receipt & itinerary.

Getting to San Antonio:

- **San Antonio International Airport:** 9800 Airport Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78216

Located just 15 minutes north of downtown, San Antonio International Airport (SAT) offers competitive nonstop service to over 40 destinations across 13 airlines. The newest airlines at SAT include both JetBlue Airways and Spirit Airlines. The largest airline operating at SAT is Southwest Airlines which was founded right here in San Antonio.

- **Amtrak Train:** 350 Hoefgen Ave, San Antonio, TX 78205

San Antonio station hosts two Amtrak services; the tri-weekly Sunset Limited and the daily Texas Eagle. Four days a week, San Antonio is the southern terminus of the Texas Eagle, which originates in Chicago. Three days a week, the Texas Eagle joins with the Sunset Limited, continuing westbound to Los Angeles. It is the second busiest Amtrak station in Texas, behind Fort Worth Central Station. Please visit www.amtrak.com for more information, pricing, schedules and more.

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 San Antonio International Airport:

Members can take a taxi cab which is available at the outer commercial curbside at Terminal A. For assistance, please see the Airport Ground Transportation employee (wearing a red shirt). Fares to San Antonio downtown areas start at \$24-\$29 per taxi cab.

Members may prefer Uber or Lyft and pricing will fluctuate. Booking can be done by downloading and using the App on your phone for these approved ride share services.

SuperShuttle provides airport rides to and from SAT to any address in the Greater San Antonio area. SuperShuttle fares are flat rate by zip code with downtown SHARED-RIDE services at \$15 one-way/\$28 round-trip. Private Non-Stop rides can range from \$35 to \$40 per car one-way. Visit supershuttle.com for all shared-ride, private direct and black car services. SuperShuttle ticket counters are located in the Baggage Claim area of Terminal A and Terminal B and are open from 9:00 AM until 1:00 AM with after hour contact available 24/7 at 210.BLUE.VAN. Use VHPA code KHC6Y for a 5% discount.

Parking: VHPA has negotiated a 25% discount off the hotel's standard parking rates per day. More details will be posted on the reunion website at a later date.

You can also visit <https://www.sahbgcc.com/Visit-Us/Location-Directions-Parking> for more local parking options. The Marriott Rivercenter is attached to the Rivercenter Mall and across from the Convention Center for map reference.

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 – Toms Wheelchair and Scooter Rentals is located one block from the Alamo and Riverwalk and will deliver to the hotel. Reservations can be made by calling the number below or booking online.

Phone: (210) 223-7878

Website: <https://tomswheelchairs.com/>

Vendor Area: If you are interested or know of anyone interested in becoming a Vendor for R2023 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. **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 slots in advance. Please contact Mike Law via email at mglaw@earthlink.net or visit www.vhpa.org for details about how to sign up prior to arriving in San Antonio so you can fit this history preserving event into your Reunion schedule.

Family-Friendly and Local Attractions: There are plenty of things to do around San Antonio 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 to check out things to do around the city. **Many attractions are within walking distance of the hotel or, for a fee, there is a city shuttle that makes a loop around top areas in Downtown San Antonio.** There are numerous places to visit with family outside the inner circle of San Antonio as well.

The following is a list of a few attractions that we recommend visiting, but **are not** included in our tours and may be within walking/driving distance:

Attached to our hotel is the Shops at Rivercenter Mall that has Legoland Discovery Center, Sea Life Aquarium, Dave and Buster's, and Spyder Jump of San Antonio. Also, there is the Amazing Mirror Maze, Ripley's Believe It or Not and Ripley's Haunted Adventure that is just right outside the hotel. Our hotel is located directly on the River Walk with many food and shopping options. Another area we recommend visiting is La Villita on the River Walk with shops, dining and local art. Expanding further outside the city there is SeaWorld, Natural Bridge Caverns, Six Flags Fiesta Texas, San Antonio Zoo, and much, much more...this is only to list a few.

Volunteers: The Alamo Chapter is the Host Chapter this year 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, 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, The Alamo Chapter, gets "first shot" at the Duty Roster. If you are interested in volunteering you can contact Ron Spearman of The Alamo Chapter at 706-244-4255 or ron@ronspearman.com. You can also contact HQ at 800-505-8472. BTW, husband and wife teams are welcome to volunteer.

Reunion T-Shirts – The T-shirts for this year will come in two (2) colors a tiger stripe with no front pocket and a forest green with a front pocket and will come in sizes small thru 3XL. You are welcome to order as many as you wish with your Reunion Registration until the cutoff date below.

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.**

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Primary Attendee (Member or Subscriber) Registration - The early registration fee for the member is **\$40** through 01 July and **\$50** beginning 02 July.

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 member is **\$40** through 01 July and **\$50** beginning 02 July.

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.

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

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Canceling 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 Monday, 29 May 2023** 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.**

Guarantee Refund Insurance (GRI) Program - It is important to note that the following reunion registration items are non-refundable even with purchase of GRI: the GRI itself, reunion registration fees, dues payments, directory orders, donations or voluntary contributions, cancellation fees, plus any event tickets designated as non-refundable. A PR may only cancel all or portions of his or her registration with GRI **any time prior to Thursday, 22 June 2023** 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.

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.

Reunion Refunds - The Executive Council establishes the official cancellation date (OCD) for each reunion. **The OCD for R2023 is Monday, 29 May 2023 without GRI and Thursday, 22 June 2023 with GRI.** 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. **It is important to note that the following reunion registration items are non-refundable even with purchase of GRI: the GRI itself, reunion registration fees, dues payments, directory orders, donations or voluntary contributions, cancellation fees, plus any event tickets designated as 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 (Chase Bank). No refunds are issued back to credit cards. The goal is to complete the entire refund process no 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.

Mini-Reunions: 02 July through 05 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. 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. **NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS ARE ALLOWED IN THESE ROOMS!**

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 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. **NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS ARE ALLOWED IN THESE ROOMS!***

KIA/MIA Gold Star Family Sponsorship - \$25 - Use this item to support costs of events for Gold Star Families to attend events. 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. **PLEASE NOTE: This item does not provide you with a ticket to the Gold Star Breakfast, it helps to provide events for Gold Star Family Members.** Thank you for your generosity.

O'Club: 02 July thru 04 July -11:00am – 11:00pm / 05 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.

SUNDAY, 02 JULY 2023

Fredericksburg Winery Tour #1: 02 July – 10:30am – 5:00pm - \$70

Take in the views of Texas Hill Country on a one hour bus ride to Fredericksburg, Texas; known for its abundance of views and wineries. Locally owned Texas Hill Country Backwood BBQ will be the first stop of this tour for our members to grab lunch **ON THEIR OWN**. This tour will make a stop at historic Luckenbach Texas, where "Everybody's Somebody". Guests will visit Texas Wine Collective, which is a collaboration of three Texas wineries, learn about the winemaking process of the region, and sample several wines over the course of the tour. There will be time to freely explore the beautiful and historic downtown of Fredericksburg for additional wine tastings, and plenty of shopping.

Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

NOTE: Purchase of lunch is not included in price.

Fredericksburg National Museum of the Pacific War #1: 02 July – 10:30am – 5:00pm - \$40

Located about an hour away from San Antonio in the heart of Downtown Fredericksburg, Texas - this museum is the only one in the Continental United States centered on World War II's Pacific campaign and has gained a reputation as one of the premier military museums in the nation. Enjoy the gallery's 33,000 square foot exhibition featuring 40 media installations, approximately 900 artifacts in 97 climate-controlled cases, 15 macro-artifacts, and hundreds of photographs. Members will be given free rein to visit the entire museum at their own pace and grab a bite to eat or a sip of wine in Downtown Fredericksburg.

Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

San Antonio River Cruise Tour #1: 02 July – 11:00am – 12:00pm - \$15

Jump aboard a private boat cruise, as it gently winds through the city center to take in the iconic River Walk from another perspective. VHPA Guests will see some of the most significant historical sites in downtown San Antonio and many architectural wonders. Learn a little more about the history and the American, German, and Mexican cultures that helped transform the Alamo City into what it is today.

Capacity: This event is limited to 60 participants.

San Antonio Sightseer Tour #1: 02 July – 12:30pm – 2:30pm - \$35

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Capacity: This event is limited to 54 participants.

San Antonio Sightseer Tour #2: 02 July – 3:00pm – 5:00pm - \$35

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San Antonio River Cruise Tour #2: 02 July – 4:00pm – 5:00pm - \$15

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Capacity: This event is limited to 60 participants.

San Antonio River Cruise Tour #3: 02 July – 5:00pm – 6:00pm - \$15

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Capacity: This event is limited to 60 participants.

Welcome Reception w/Folklore Show: 02 July – 7:00pm – 9:00pm - NC

Traditionally this reception was the first official event for everyone to get together FOR SURE at a Reunion. This year's reception is not only a social get together, but brings a piece of the San Antonio heritage to life with a Mariachi band and Folklore dancers that will include cultural traditional Mexican dancers. Cash bars will be positioned to make certain no one has to stand in a long line.

MONDAY, 03 JULY 2023

Golf Outing at Fort Sam Houston – La Loma: 03 July – 7:15am – 3:30pm - \$115

This year we will play the La Loma course at the historic Fort Sam Houston. The La Loma course is one of two 18-hole, championship courses at the historic Fort Sam Houston. The facility hosted the Texas Open in the '50s and '60s, making it the only military facility to ever host a PGA event.

Your golf ticket includes bus transportation, green fees, carts, scorecards, complimentary range balls, one Power Pack, and lunch. Golf clubs can be rented for \$25.

Capacity: This event is limited to 50 participants.

Breakfast w/speaker – Thanh Boyer: 03 July – 7:30am – 9:00am - \$25

This is the first of three breakfasts offered at this Reunion. Thanh Du'ong Boyer was born in the Mekong Delta, South Vietnam, in May 1967. She is the oldest of six children, born in a wealthy family, according to Vietnamese standards. Then, as a young child, she saw her family struggle to survive after the North Vietnamese takeover. At twelve years old, her parents put Thanh and one sister on a boat, during the nighttime hours in an effort to escape Vietnam and its suppressive government.

Fifteen months later, she finally arrived in the United States as a refugee. Although unable to speak English, she worked hard, learning the language, becoming a U. S. citizen, and committing herself to bringing her parents and siblings to the states. She married and succeeded in having her family join her stateside. Thanh has two children who are examples of achieving The American Dream; her daughter is in medical school and her son is an electrical engineer. Her brother and three sisters also achieved success and are electrical engineers.

Today Thanh gives inspirational talks to groups and she and her husband, John, live in Madison, Alabama.

San Antonio River Cruise Tour #4: 03 July – 9:30am – 10:30am - \$15

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Capacity: This event is limited to 60 participants.

Mission Tour #1: 03 July - 9:30am – 1:00pm - \$45

Experience the beauty and history of the beginning of San Antonio with a guided mission tour. Enjoy mission silhouettes like Mission San José, Mission Concepción and others that show the Spanish and Morrish influenced architecture. Guests will see Espada Acequia, which is a 270-year-old irrigation system that is still in use today. The missions are a *must see* when visiting San Antonio and the only UNESCO World Heritage site in Texas!

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Fredericksburg National Museum of the Pacific War #2: 03 July – 9:30am – 4:00pm – \$40

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Writers Panel – Putting Action into Words: 03 July – 10:00am – 12:00pm – NC

The dreaded COVID is behind us and we plan to hold our next face to face meeting (first since Kansas City) this year in San Antonio. If you have ever owned a pen, pencil or grease-marker... have words in print or wishing to have in print, this event is for you.

This is the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas, experiences, dos and don'ts etc. Publishing, like flying a helicopter, can be great fun or a nightmare. This meeting is the time to sort through the pit falls and successes and put faces on names.

San Antonio River Cruise Tour #5: 03 July – 10:30am – 11:30am - \$15

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Capacity: This event is limited to 60 participants.

Video Presentation – Vietnam Center & Archive at Texas Tech #1: 03 July – 11:00am – 12:00pm – NC

The [VHPA has been working with the VNCA](#) for more than a decade. Each year things get better and better as we continue to build the VHPA's legacy at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

In addition to an update on adding new individual Collections (documents, images, plus museum items) and Oral Histories, at the San Antonio Reunion you will learn more about the Volunteer HQ Center. Currently there are two **opportunities**, for especially Vietnam Veterans, to add value to the Archive ~ **Photo Captioning** and **Document Transcription**. Search engines CAN NOT find a photo that does not have a caption containing keywords such as: AH-1G, 105mm howitzer, ¾-ton truck, M-48 tank, etc. A hand-written letter or note taped to a map is worthless unless the words can be entered as typed text or computer readable document.

This last year, because of the efforts of VHPA Calendar Committee member, John Jones, the **Patch Project** will be the **third opportunity** in the Volunteer HQ Center. Again, a digital image of a cloth pocket or shoulder patch is worthless without associating a set of keywords and metrics such as: shield shape, containing colors: red, white, and black, 11th Armored Cavalry, 2.5" tall, made in Vietnam.

San Antonio River Cruise Tour #6: 03 July – 11:30am – 12:30pm - \$15

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San Antonio Sightseer Tour #3: 03 July – 12:00pm – 2:00pm - \$35

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Casino Event: 03 July – 1:00pm – 4:00pm - \$55

Back by request, VHPA is bringing the Casino to its members in an exciting private Casino event at the Marriott. Come try your luck with blackjack, craps, poker, and roulette. Guests will be given a set number of chips to keep them entertained for hours. Turn those winnings into a raffle ticket for your chance to win some grand prizes.

Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

Note: THIS IS A COME AND GO EVENT so feel free to attend anytime during the event.

Video Presentation – EAA Aviation Museum-Restoration of UH-1B #1: 03 July – 2:00pm – 3:00pm – NC

The [Experimental Aircraft Association](#) (EAA) Aviation Museum, formerly the EAA Air Venture Museum, located in [Oshkosh, Wisconsin](#), is dedicated to the preservation and display of historic and experimental [aircraft](#) as well as antiques, classics, and warbirds. After several years of meticulous effort and consultations with Vietnam Veterans, including those from the 121st AHC, the “Huey: The Workhorse of Vietnam” exhibit opened to the public in 2020.

To those who served, as well as those who remember, the helicopter known as the Huey is one of the enduring symbols of the Vietnam War. This exhibit allows visitors to explore this remarkable machine and learn of the men who rode them into battle.

This video shows how this Huey was restored and provides the background details for this unique exhibit.

San Antonio Sightseer Tour #4: 03 July – 2:30pm – 4:30pm - \$35

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San Antonio River Cruise Tour #7: 03 July – 5:00pm – 6:00pm - \$15

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San Antonio River Cruise Tour #8: 03 July – 6:00pm – 7:00pm - \$15

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Tejas PRIVATE Rodeo w/dinner: 03 July – 6:15pm – 10:00pm - \$75

Tejas Rodeo Company is a hidden gem, tucked away in the corner of Bulverde, Texas, just north of San Antonio, providing a true taste of Texas and its authentic Western-heritage. VHPA guests will get the rodeo in a private setting with just our members for this action-packed rodeo! Enjoy a BBQ dinner with 2 meats, 2 side dishes, dessert, and ice tea. The rodeo event will include Tejas award-winning drill team, Texas longhorn cattle entrance, bull riding, team roping, and barrel racing. There's fun for the whole family out at Tejas Rodeo!

Capacity: This event is limited to 250 participants.

TUESDAY, 04 JULY 2023

KIA/MIA Gold Star Breakfast: 04 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 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.

San Antonio River Cruise Tour #9: 04 July – 9:30am – 10:30am - \$15

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Mission Tour #2: 04 July – 9:30am – 1:00pm - \$45

Experience the beauty and history of the beginning of San Antonio with a guided mission tour. Enjoy mission silhouettes like Mission San José, Mission Concepción and others that show the Spanish and Morrish influenced architecture. Guests will see Espada Acequia, which is a 270-year-old irrigation system that is still in use today. The missions are a *must see* when visiting San Antonio and the only UNESCO World Heritage site in Texas!

Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

Fredericksburg Winery Tour #2: 04 July – 9:30am – 4:00pm - \$70

Take in the views of Texas Hill Country on a one hour bus ride to Fredericksburg, Texas; known for its abundance of views and wineries. This tour will make a stop at historic Luckenbach Texas, where “Everybody’s Somebody”. Guests will visit Texas Wine Collective, which is a collaboration of three Texas wineries, learn about the winemaking process of the region, and sample several wines over the course of the tour. There will be time to freely explore the beautiful and historic downtown of Fredericksburg for optional lunch, additional wine tastings, and plenty of shopping.

Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

Video Presentation – EAA Aviation Museum-Restoration of UH-1B #2: 04 July –10:00am –11:00am – NC

The [Experimental Aircraft Association](#) (EAA) Aviation Museum, formerly the EAA Air Venture Museum, located in [Oshkosh, Wisconsin](#), is dedicated to the preservation and display of historic and experimental [aircraft](#) as well as antiques, classics, and warbirds. After several years of meticulous effort and consultations with Vietnam Veterans, including those from the 121st AHC, the “Huey: The Workhorse of Vietnam” exhibit opened to the public in 2020.

To those who served, as well as those who remember, the helicopter known as the Huey is one of the enduring symbols of the Vietnam War. This exhibit allows visitors to explore this remarkable machine and learn of the men who rode them into battle.

This video shows how this Huey was restored and provides the background details for this unique exhibit.

Writers Panel – Putting Action into Words: 04 July – 10:00am – 12:00pm – NC

The dreaded COVID is behind us and we plan to hold our next face to face meeting (first since Kansas City) this year in San Antonio. If you have ever owned a pen, pencil or grease-marker... have words in print or wishing to have in print, this event is for you.

This is the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas, experiences, dos and don'ts etc. Publishing, like flying a helicopter, can be great fun or a nightmare. This meeting is the time to sort through the pit falls and successes and put faces on names.

We hope to have two events at the 2023 Reunion. A general (business) meeting of folks interested in publishing (electronic or in print) and, if there is interest, a second get-together opportunity to share work, do short readings or further pick brains.

San Antonio River Cruise Tour #10: 04 July – 10:30am – 11:30am - \$15

Jump aboard a private boat cruise, as it gently winds through the city center to take in the iconic River Walk from another perspective. VHPA Guests will see some of the most significant historical sites in downtown San Antonio and many architectural wonders. Learn a little more about the history and the American, German, and Mexican cultures that helped transform the Alamo City into what it is today.

Capacity: This event is limited to 60 participants.

Video Presentation – Vietnam Center & Archive at Texas Tech #2: 04 July – 11:00am – 12:00pm – NC

The [VHPA has been working with the VNCA](#) for more than a decade. Each year things get better and better as we continue to build the VHPA’s legacy at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

In addition to an update on adding new individual Collections (documents, images, plus museum items) and Oral Histories, at the San Antonio Reunion you will learn more about the Volunteer HQ Center. Currently there are two **opportunities**, for especially Vietnam Veterans, to value add to the Archive ~ **Photo Captioning** and **Document Transcription**. Search engines CAN NOT find a photo that does not have a caption containing keywords such as: AH-1G, 105mm howitzer, ¾-ton truck, M-48 tank, etc. A hand-written letter or note taped to a map is worthless unless the words can be entered as typed text or computer readable document.

This last year, because of the efforts of VHPA Calendar Committee member, John Jones, the **Patch Project** will be the **third opportunity** in the Volunteer HQ Center. Again, a digital image of a cloth pocket or shoulder patch is worthless without associating a set of keywords and metrics such as: shield shape, containing colors: red, white, and black, 11th Armored Cavalry, 2.5” tall, made in Vietnam.

Who Dun It Murder Mystery Lunch: 04 July – 11:00am – 1:00pm - \$65

The Who Dun It Mystery Show in San Antonio gives audiences an immersive experience into a classic murder whodunnit mystery while enjoying a lunch of salad, chicken, rolls, dessert, tea & coffee. The real twist is in the way the mystery is presented. While you uncover clues and watch interrogations unfold, you'll begin to realize not everything is as it seems. Among VHPA guests are plainclothes actors and actresses blending in for an extraordinary experience. You'll never know

who the murderer is, so keep your eyes peeled! Who will be the closest to figuring it out before the killer is revealed by the end of the show?

Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

San Antonio River Cruise Tour #11: 04 July – 11:30am – 12:30pm - \$15

Jump aboard a private boat cruise, as it gently winds through the city center to take in the iconic River Walk from another perspective. VHPA Guests will see some of the most significant historical sites in downtown San Antonio and many architectural wonders. Learn a little more about the history and the American, German, and Mexican cultures that helped transform the Alamo City into what it is today.

Capacity: This event is limited to 60 participants.

Texas Air Museum – Stinson #1: 04 July – 2:00pm – 4:00pm - \$15

Since 1999, the Texas Air Museum at Stinson Field has been dedicated to telling the story of Texas and San Antonio's vital role in the development of military air power and the history of Katherine Stinson, the 4th woman to earn a pilot's license. It also pays tribute to aviation pioneers, technical achievements in the realm of aviation, and above all, pays respect and honor to those who gave their lives to defend freedom. This museum, run by volunteers, at Stinson Field maintains a significant collection of aircraft that illustrate changes in aviation technology across more than a century of development.

Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

Note: This museum is located in a hanger with no air conditioning.

Veteran's Quilt Presentation & Quilter's Show & Tell: 04 July – 2:00pm – 4:00pm – NC

This special event is **free and open to all reunion guests**. Our quilting program, a tradition started on or before 2010, is divided into two sessions. The **first, and our most important**, is the presentation of personalized American flag themed quilts to randomly selected VHPA aviators. After our presentation program, quilters and other interested attendees are invited to remain for the "show and tell" session where quilters display and discuss their on-going and finished masterpieces. Also, during this session we will have a sneak preview of the quilting blocks being donated for inclusion in next year's quilts.

The Magicians Agency Theatre #1: 04 July – 4:30pm – 6:00pm - \$45

An award winning magic and illusion show VHPA members will enjoy an intimate setting of the Magicians Agency Theatre and experience the magic right before your eyes. To start off, members will enjoy included popcorn and soda as well as mind bending and close up magic from our strolling Magicians. When the show begins, enjoy an hour of nonstop, action packed magic and illusion that you will never forget. After the show, make your way to entrance area where the performers will be on hand to sign autographs and take pictures.

Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

San Antonio River Cruise Tour #12: 04 July – 5:00pm – 6:00pm - \$15

Jump aboard a private boat cruise, as it gently winds through the city center to take in the iconic River Walk from another perspective. VHPA Guests will see some of the most significant historical sites in downtown San Antonio and many architectural wonders. Learn a little more about the history and the American, German, and Mexican cultures that helped transform the Alamo City into what it is today.

Capacity: This event is limited to 60 participants.

San Antonio River Cruise Tour #13: 04 July – 6:00pm – 7:00pm - \$15

Jump aboard a private boat cruise, as it gently winds through the city center to take in the iconic River Walk from another perspective. VHPA Guests will see some of the most significant historical sites in downtown San Antonio and many architectural wonders. Learn a little more about the history and the American, German, and Mexican cultures that helped transform the Alamo City into what it is today.

Capacity: This event is limited to 60 participants.

Tower of America Private Group Dinner: 04 July – 7:00pm – 10:00pm - \$120

A spectacular 4th of July event with an award-winning menu, the 750-foot-tall Tower of the Americas provides the most spectacular views of the Alamo City. While enjoying this private, you will have a bird's eye view of 4th of July fireworks surrounding downtown. Known locally as "The Tower", this is the tallest observation tower in Texas, and was the tallest in

the U.S. from 1968 until it was surpassed by the Stratosphere Tower, Las Vegas in 1996. This event will include salad, main entrees of salmon, steak and/or chicken, with a dessert. This event does include an **OPEN BAR** for all guests that will include standard well spirits, wine and domestic bottled and draft beers.

Capacity: This event is limited to 260 participants.

Note: This event DOES include a 2 hour OPEN BAR.

WEDNESDAY, 05 JULY 2023

Pre-Memorial Service Breakfast: 05 July – 7:30am – 8:30am - \$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 2022 Reunion in Tampa, FL.

Memorial Service: 05 July – 8:45am – 9:30am - NC

The Memorial Service has been part of the “Reunion’s Fabric” for at least eighteen 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 – Bingo: 05 July – 10:00am – 11:30am - \$35

This will be a fun filled event for our ladies of VHPA with laughter and prizes included. This event will be some old-fashioned fun for all ages and our VHPA guests can spend time with their friends and getting the chance makes new ones. Get your daubers ready, because we’re calling your number. You’ll have a blast with a combination of different kinds of wins including traditional lines, corners, blackouts, multiple patterns, and more.

Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

Annual Business Meeting: 05 July – 10:00am – 12:30pm - NC

The Annual Business Meeting (ABM) is when we conduct the official business of the association. On Wednesday 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. This is a ticketed event and 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.

Texas Air Museum – Stinson #2: 05 July – 1:00pm – 3:00pm - \$15

Since 1999, the Texas Air Museum at Stinson Field has been dedicated to telling the story of Texas and San Antonio's vital role in the development of military air power and the history of Katherine Stinson, the 4th woman to earn a pilot’s license. It also pays tribute to aviation pioneers, technical achievements in the realm of aviation, and above all, pays respect and honor to those who gave their lives to defend freedom. This museum, run by volunteers, at Stinson Field maintains a significant collection of aircraft that illustrate changes in aviation technology across more than a century of development.

Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

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The Magicians Agency Theatre #2: 05 July – 2:00pm – 3:30pm - \$45

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Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

Closing Banquet: Registered Adults – 05 July – 6:00pm – 10:00pm - \$75

This ticket is for an adult banquet meal (a dual plate w/chicken & salmon) 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 to the new one 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.

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30pm, PROGRAM BEGINS AT 6:00PM

Closing Banquet: Registered Child <12 – 05 July – 6:00pm – 10:00pm - \$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 – 05 July– 6:00pm – 10:00pm - \$85

This ticket is for an adult banquet meal (a dual plate w/chicken & salmon) 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.

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30pm, PROGRAM BEGINS AT 6:00PM