

GENERAL REUNION INFORMATION

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**THE INFORMATION BELOW MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
PLEASE CHECK THE VHPA WEBSITE FOR THE MOST
CURRENT REUNION INFORMATION.**

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 (05 AUGUST 2026). Because of this, the VHPA Reunion Registration software is “forward looking” regarding dues status.

Reunion Hotel Info: The Galt House Hotel, 140 North Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40202

The VHPA Group Rate is **\$154 plus tax per night (WEST TOWER ROOMS)** over the dates of **05 AUGUST 2026 thru 08 AUGUST 2026 (based on hotel availability)**. The VHPA room rate has limited availability pre & post reunion dates.

The cutoff date for the hotel rate is 09 JULY 2026.

Information for booking hotel rooms will be listed on your reunion registration receipt & itinerary that is emailed to you after completion of your reunion registration.

Transportation from/to the Airport: Several options for transportation from/to the Louisville airport are: Uber, Lyft, and a taxi. Uber and Lyft can be booked from their application on a cell phone. Taxi Services are provided by Green Cab (502) 635-6400, Ready Cab (502) 451-4114 or Yellow Cab (502) 636-5511. You have the option to call ahead or grab a taxi directly from the outside of the airport.

Parking: VHPA has negotiated a rate of \$15/per night for self parking in the East Tower Parking Garage.

Internet Access: Wireless internet is complimentary in the guest rooms & public areas of the hotel.

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/Scooter Rentals – Wheelchair and scooter rentals can be booked with Kentuckiana Mobility Scooter Rental. They will deliver and pickup from the Galt House. Reservations need to be made 2 weeks in advance.

For more information: Visit <https://www.kentuckianamobilityscooterrental.com> or **call 502-539-9872**.

Vendor Area: If you are interested or know of anyone interested in becoming a Vendor for R2026 please go to www.vhpa.org after March 31, 2026 and download the Vendor/ Book Seller/ Exhibitor Contract, Waiver, and Vendor/Book Seller/Exhibitor Policy Rules & Regulations. Complete the forms and mail to 1601 E Lamar Blvd, Suite 117, Arlington, TX 76011 or email to VHPA HQ at sherry@vhpa.org. 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 mikelaw1943@gmail.com or visit www.vhpa.org for details about how to sign up prior to arriving in Louisville so you can fit this history preserving event into your Reunion schedule.

Volunteers: The Ohio River LZ 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 gets "first shot" at the Duty Roster. If you are interested in volunteering, contact HQ at sherry@vhpa.org or 800-505-8472. BTW, husband and wife teams are welcome to volunteer.

Reunion T-Shirts – The T-shirts for this year will come in sizes small thru 3XL. The shirt is charcoal gray with a front pocket. You are welcome to order as many as you wish with your Reunion Registration until sold out. 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.**

S-XL - \$19 2L-3XL - \$21

Attendee (Member/Subscriber or Guest) Registration - The early registration fee is **\$40** through 04 August and **\$50** beginning 05 August. **Please remember that each person, regardless of age, who wants/needs an event ticket and/or a Reunion name badge and lanyard must pay the registration fee.**

17 & under Guest Registration - The registration fee for someone 17 & under is **\$20**. **Please remember that each person, regardless of age, who wants/needs an event ticket and/or a Reunion name badge and lanyard must pay the registration fee.**

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/her registration **by notifying HQ by close of business (3:00pm Central Time) Friday, 10 July 2026**. Please contact HQ by email at HQ@vhpa.org or phone at 800-505-8472. **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, or voluntary contributions, cancellation fees, plus any event tickets designated as non-refundable. A PR may only cancel all or portions of his/her registration with GRI **by notifying HQ by close of business (3:00pm Central time) Friday, 24 July 2026**. Please contact HQ by email at HQ@vhpa.org or phone at 800-505-8472. 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 this year's reunion is Friday, 10 July 2026 without GRI and Friday, 24 July 2026 with GRI.** Only cancellations received by HQ by close of business (3:00pm Central Time) on the OCD 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, 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: 06 August through 08 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, VHPA does not provide 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).

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS ARE ALLOWED IN THESE ROOMS!

It is easy to schedule a Mini-Reunion. Complete the Mini-Reunion Request form available at VHPA.ORG after March 31, 2026 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.

KIA/MIA Gold Star Family Sponsorship - \$30

This item is to support costs of events for Gold Star Families to attend events. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

O'Club: 05 August - 4:00pm-9:00pm / 06 August-07 August - 11:00am-9:00pm / 08 August - 12:30pm-9:00pm

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.

THURSDAY, 06 AUGUST 2026

Golf Outing: 06 August – 7:00am – 3:30pm - \$150

This year we will play at Covered Bridge Golf Course about 30 minutes northeast of Downtown Louisville in Sellersburg, Indiana. Covered Bridge is a Fuzzy Zoeller- designed 18-hole course nestled on a gently rolling plain at the foot of Southern Indiana's famous Floyds Knobs. Each hole has been laid out to emphasize the natural beauty of the landscape and panorama. The par 72 circuit features five lakes, a meandering creek and is pleasantly forested. Greens are gently contoured and trap placement is challenging but not punishing.

Please visit <https://www.cbcpgolf.com/> for details about the course.

Your golf ticket includes bus transportation, green fees, carts, scorecards, complimentary range balls, one Power Pack, and lunch. Golf clubs can be rented for \$55. Contact the course directly at 812-294-1800, ext 3 to reserve.

Capacity: This event is limited to 50 participants.

Churchill Downs Backstretch Workout, Breakfast & Museum Tour #1: 06 August – 7:40am – 12:00pm - \$75

Churchill Downs, the world's most legendary racetrack, and its fabled Twin Spires are worldwide symbols of horse racing, tradition, and pride. This exclusive tour lets you see the Thoroughbreds just like the trainers do. Your tour begins on the Backstretch of Churchill Downs with breakfast rail-side as horses are running at speeds nearing 40 mph during the early morning workout and training hours. Take in panoramic views of the Grandstand, the Infield, the historic Twin Spires and the signature green-roofed barns where the horses are stabled. When workouts and breakfast are complete, guests will be taken to the Kentucky Derby Museum, which is located at the entrance to Churchill Downs, where you will get a firsthand look at the event for which Louisville is known worldwide. There will be ample time to visit the museum at your own pace. Be sure to see the film "The Greatest Race", the first 360-degree high definition presentation in the world. Your tour continues with a 30 minute guided walking tour of historic Churchill Downs. Learn about past Derby winners and the rich history of this location. Walk through the property to the paddock and out to the grandstand, learning trivia and fun facts along the way. Prior to returning to the hotel, there will be time to visit the gift shop and take a stroll through the garden terrace where you will see the gravesites of some of the famous Kentucky Derby winners.

Capacity: This event is limited to 50 participants.

NOTE: Wheelchairs and scooters are not recommended for the backstretch tour portion due to lack of pavement and uneven ground. There will be some standing to watch the horses during their workout. The Kentucky Derby Museum is handicap accessible.

Churchill Downs Backstretch Workout, Breakfast & Museum Tour #2: 06 August – 8:40am – 12:30pm - \$75

See Churchill Downs Backstretch Workout, Breakfast, & Museum Tour #1 on 06 August for details.

Capacity: This event is limited to 50 participants.

NOTE: Wheelchairs and scooters are not recommended for the backstretch tour portion due to lack of pavement and uneven ground. There will be some standing to watch the horses during their workout. The Kentucky Derby Museum is handicap accessible.

Louisville Shuttle Trolley: 06 August – 9:00am – 5:00pm - \$25

The Louisville Hop Trolley offers a convenient and scenic ride through the heart of the city, with stops at some of the most iconic attractions. With convenient stops throughout downtown, you can hop off to explore and hop back on when you're ready to continue your adventure. VHPA Members can journey to the legendary **Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory**, home of the world's most famous baseball bat. See how the iconic bats are made, hold game-used memorabilia, and snap a photo with the giant bat that marks the entrance. Visit the acclaimed **Frazier History Museum**, the official starting point of the Kentucky Bourbon Trail®. Explore interactive exhibits that bring Kentucky's stories to life: from frontier days and bourbon craftsmanship to pop culture and beyond. Roll down iconic **Whiskey Row**, once home to bourbon warehouses and now a lively stretch filled with distilleries, tasting rooms, restaurants, and entertainment. Whether you're a bourbon enthusiast, baseball fan, history lover, or first-time visitor, this hop-on hop-off trolley offers the perfect way to experience Louisville's must-see attractions with ease and flexibility. This is a great option for VHPA guests to have access to restaurants and distilleries around the city.

Capacity: This event is limited to 300 participants.

NOTE: This ticket does not include any admissions to attractions. It is for transportation only and can be used as many times as you like during the reunion.

Each guest using the trolley must purchase a discounted ticket through VHPA. Tickets will be monitored by the trolley company when boarding.

Oldham County Tour & Lunch #1: 06 August – 9:30am – 5:00pm - \$145

Experience the rolling bluegrass hills and rich heritage of Oldham County, where Southern hospitality meets Kentucky tradition. This thoughtfully curated tour blends scenic beauty, local flavors, craftsmanship, and meaningful history into one unforgettable experience. Visit **Windy Meadows Horse Farm**, surrounded by lush pastures and iconic white fences. Meet the majestic Thoroughbreds that make the Bluegrass Region world-famous, learn about breeding and training traditions, and enjoy a guided walk through the barns. It's an authentic glimpse into Kentucky's proud equestrian heritage. Savor a delicious lunch at a charming local spot in downtown La Grange that will include a buffet with baked chicken, dressing, green beans, corn pudding, rolls, water, tea, lemonade, and homemade banana pudding. Step back in time at the **Oldham County History Center**, located in the heart of historic La Grange. Explore engaging exhibits, preserved artifacts, and stories that trace the county's development from frontier days through the railroad era and into modern times. Raise a glass to Kentucky craftsmanship at the **Kentucky Artisan Distillery** in Crestwood. Discover the art and science behind small-batch bourbon production, tour the distilling facilities, and enjoy a guided tasting that highlights the region's signature spirit. Learn how tradition and innovation blend to create award-winning Kentucky bourbon. This tour includes a visit to **Veterans Memorial Park**. This peaceful park honors the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Walk among the memorials, take in the serene surroundings, and pay tribute to local heroes.

Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

NOTE: This tour includes several stops of getting off and on the bus and some walking. A few stops will be outside but should be brief. Guests may remain on the bus at any of the stops. Lunch items are subject to change.

Bardstown Tour & Lunch #1: 06 August – 9:30am – 5:00pm - \$105

Step into the charm, history, and bourbon heritage of **Bardstown**, often called the "Bourbon Capital of the World." This immersive city tour blends historic landmarks, legendary hospitality, and America's native spirit for an unforgettable Kentucky experience. Guests will stop at **My Old Kentucky Home State Park**, home to the elegant 19th-century Federal Hill mansion. Stroll the elegant grounds and tour the historic house that inspired Stephen Foster's iconic ballad, "My Old Kentucky Home." Discover the stories of the families who lived here and gain insight into Kentucky life during the early 1800s. Enjoy a memorable lunch at the legendary **The Old Talbott Tavern**, one of the oldest stagecoach stops west of the Allegheny Mountains. Dine where notable figures like Jesse James and Abraham Lincoln once visited. With its rustic charm, historic murals, and classic Kentucky cuisine, this stop offers both flavor and folklore. This tour includes a stop at the fascinating **Oscar Getz Museum of Whiskey History**, located within historic Spalding Hall. Explore rare artifacts, vintage advertising, and memorabilia that tell the story of America's whiskey heritage—from colonial distilling to Prohibition and beyond. It's a must-see destination for bourbon enthusiasts and history lovers alike. Lunch will be a choice of one of the following entrees: 1) Country Fried Steak: topped with milk gravy, served with mashed potatoes and green beans, 2) Hot Brown: a Kentucky tradition of smoked turkey and sugar-cured baked ham on toast and smothered in Mornay cheese sauce, melted cheddar cheese and topped with bacon and tomatoes, or 3) Vegetarian Plate of chef's selection of grilled vegetables on top of garden blend rice and topped with a house made herbed cream cheese. All entrees come with tea, water, salad and a dessert.

Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

NOTE: This tour includes several stops of getting on and off the bus. My Old Kentucky Home has a walk of about 150 yards to the house and the upstairs is not handicapped accessible and involves going up one flight of stairs. Guests may remain on the bus at any of the stops. Lunch items are subject to change.

Louisville Narrated City Tour #1: 06 August – 10:00am – 12:00pm - \$25

The best first thing to do in Louisville is enjoy this fun and informative city tour in an old-time trolley. Guests will board the trolleys and get to see all the history and highlights of the Derby City on this 90 minute, narrated city tour. Hot spots guests will see are downtown museums and attractions, the Ohio River Wharf and classic river boats, beautiful architecture in Old Louisville which is America's largest Victorian neighborhood, the University of Louisville campus, the Forbes Magazine highly rated NULU food and art district and of course Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. Guests will get one pit stop along the way to stretch your legs and use the restroom. There's no place else quite like Louisville! It's a booming city with great neighborhoods, incredible food, nice people and a cool vibe, and perhaps you've heard we enjoy a little horse racing and bourbon too.

Capacity: This event is limited to 50 participants.

NOTE: The trolley DOES HAVE air conditioning and the seats are NOT padded. There is no storage for scooters but foldable walkers and wheelchairs are acceptable.

Heaven Hill Distillery Tour & Lunch #1: 06 August – 10:00am – 4:00pm - \$125

Step into Heritage Rising, an immersive distillery tour and tasting at the state-of-the-art Heaven Hill Springs Distillery. Your experience begins just minutes away at the Heaven Hill Bourbon Experience, where you'll be transported to the Distillery to explore the art and science of whiskey-making in our newest distillery. Along the way, discover how time-honored craftsmanship blends seamlessly with cutting-edge sustainability practices to ensure the same unmatched quality for generations to come. From grain to glass, you'll witness the care, tradition, and innovation that define Heaven Hill. The journey includes a guided tasting at our picturesque bar—the perfect place to raise a glass to our heritage, our resilience, and the bright future ahead. This tour includes tasting of Heaven Hill selections, a cocktail which could be an Old Fashion, and a souvenir glass. Guests will enjoy a visit to the gallery and theater to learn how Heaven Hill started and is one of the oldest family owned distilleries. There is a retail store onsite that guests will have time to browse. Lunch will be a buffet that includes Caesar Salad, Pomodoro & Alfredo Sauce with Linguine, Roasted Herb Chicken Breast, House Made Meatballs, and Espresso & Bourbon Trifle for dessert. Tea and water is included and there will be a cash bar to purchase classic bourbon cocktails.

Capacity: This event is limited to 30 participants.

NOTE: This is a WALKING TOUR of the facility and would not be recommended for guests that cannot walk/stand for a long period of time. Must be 21+ and closed toed shoes must be worn.

Conrad-Caldwell Mansion Tour #1: 06 August – 12:45pm – 3:15pm - \$35

The Conrad-Caldwell House Museum — often called “Conrad’s Castle” — is one of the most stunning historic homes in Louisville and a centerpiece of the beautiful Old Louisville neighborhood. Built in 1895 during the height of the Gilded Age, this Richardsonian Romanesque mansion offers guests an immersive step back into the elegance and innovation of the late 19th century. During this guided tour, guests will explore beautifully restored rooms featuring intricate woodwork, hand-carved fireplaces, original stained glass, and period furnishings that reflect the lifestyle of the Conrad and Caldwell families. Knowledgeable docents will share engaging stories about the home’s architecture, the rise of Louisville’s bourbon and tanning industries, and the social customs of the Gilded Age. From the grand staircase to the richly detailed parlor and dining room, every space reveals remarkable artistry and historic detail.

Capacity: This event is limited to 40 participants.

Louisville Narrated City Tour #2: 06 August – 1:30pm – 3:30pm - \$25

See Louisville City Tour #1 on 06 August for details.

Capacity: This event is limited to 50 participants.

NOTE: The trolley DOES HAVE air conditioning and the seats are NOT padded. There is no storage for scooters but foldable walkers and wheelchairs are acceptable.

Welcome Reception: 06 August – 7:00pm – 9:00pm - NC

Traditionally this reception has been the first official event for everyone to get together at the Reunion. This year’s reception is not only a social get together, but there will be live music from Tony Orlando. Sit, listen, enjoy a drink from the cash bars & catch up with old friends.

FRIDAY, 07 AUGUST 2026

KIA/MIA Gold Star Breakfast: 07 August - 7:30am – 9:00am - \$30

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.

Churchill Downs Backstretch Workout, Breakfast & Museum Tour #3: 07 August – 7:40am – 12:00pm - \$75

See Churchill Downs Backstretch Workout, Breakfast, & Museum Tour #1 on 06 August for details.

Capacity: This event is limited to 50 participants.

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Churchill Downs Backstretch Workout, Breakfast & Museum Tour #4: 07 August – 8:40am – 12:30pm - \$75

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Capacity: This event is limited to 50 participants.

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Louisville Shuttle Trolley: 07 August – 9:00am – 5:00pm - \$25

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Oldham County Tour & Lunch #2: 07 August – 9:30am – 5:00pm - \$145

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Capacity: This event is limited to 100 participants.

NOTE: This tour includes several stops of getting off and on the bus and some walking. A few stops will be outside but should be brief. Guests may remain on the bus at any of the stops. Lunch items are subject to change.

Presentations: 07 August – 10:00am - NC

There will be several Presentations from Historians, Book Sellers, the Vietnam Center and Archive (VNCA), plus the Calendar Project. They will start at 10am on Friday and it is possible that we might repeat these Presentations again at a later time on Friday. Please register for the Presentation Event online so we know how many folks plan to attend.

Bardstown Tour & Lunch #2: 07 August – 9:30am – 5:00pm - \$105

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Capacity: This event is limited to 40 participants.

Louisville Narrated City Tour #4: 07 August – 1:30pm – 3:30pm - \$25

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Veteran's Quilt Presentation & Quilter's Show & Tell: 07 August – 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.

Dinner Cruise: 07 August – 7:00pm – 9:00pm - \$95

Enjoy a special evening cruise on board the *Belle of Louisville*, America's last true Mississippi River steamboat still in operation. This year mark's her 109th birthday, originally named the *Idlewild*; she was built in 1914 in Pittsburgh as a ferry and day packet vessel. Completely paddlewheel-driven with a steel hull that draws only 5' of water, she was able to travel on virtually every navigable inland waterway, earning her the distinction of being the most widely traveled river steamboat in the nation. The Belle was named a National Historic Landmark on June 30, 1989. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet which includes a garden salad, sliced roast beef, Tuscan chicken breast, mash potatoes, grilled vegetables, and bourbon butter cake. Water and tea are included and there will be a cash bar for alcoholic beverages.

Capacity: This event is limited to 600 participants.

NOTE: The cruise is docked directly behind the Galt House hotel. This is where you will board the cruise.

SATURDAY, 08 AUGUST 2026

Pre-Memorial Service Breakfast: 08 August – 7:30am – 8:30am - \$30

This is the 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 2025 Reunion in St. Louis, MO.

Memorial Service: 08 August – 8:45am – 9:30am - NC

The Memorial Service has been part of the “Reunion’s Fabric” for at least twenty 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: 08 August – 10:00am – 12:00pm - \$55

Celebrate style, creativity, and Southern charm at Hatitude — a ladies’ event inspired by the elegance and excitement of the Kentucky Derby. Gather your friends for a morning of fashion and flair as you design and decorate your very own Derby hat. With ribbons, florals, feathers, and fabulous embellishments at your fingertips, you’ll create a one-of-a-kind statement piece worthy of Millionaires Row at Churchill Downs. While you craft, enjoy a delightful spread of appetizers and light bites, perfectly paired for mingling and laughter. Whether you’re channeling bold and dramatic or classic and refined, Hatitude is all about expressing your personal style with confidence.

Capacity: This event is limited to 75 participants.

NOTE: Lunch IS NOT included but appetizers will be included in the program.

Annual Business Meeting: 08 August – 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. 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.

Louisville Shuttle Trolley: 08 August – 12:00pm – 5:00pm - \$25

See Louisville Shuttle Trolley on 06 August for details.

Capacity: This event is limited to 300 participants.

NOTE: This ticket does not include any admissions for any attractions. It is for transportation only and can be used as many times as you like during the reunion.

Each guest using the trolley must purchase a discounted ticket through VHPA. Tickets will be monitored by the trolley company when boarding.

Conrad-Caldwell Mansion Tour #3: 08 August – 12:45pm – 3:15pm - \$35

See Conrad-Caldwell Mansion Tour #1 on 06 August for details.

Capacity: This event is limited to 40 participants.

Louisville Narrated City Tour #5: 08 August – 1:30pm – 3:30pm - \$25

See Louisville Narrated City Tour #1 on 06 August for details.

Capacity: This event is limited to 50 participants.

NOTE: The trolley DOES HAVE air conditioning and the seats are NOT padded. There is no storage for scooters but foldable walkers and wheelchairs are acceptable.

Kentucky Derby Museum: 08 August – 1:30pm – 4:15pm - \$35

Churchill Downs, the world's most legendary racetrack, and its fabled Twin Spires are worldwide symbols of horse racing, tradition, and pride. Since its founding in 1874, Churchill Downs has hosted the nation's top thoroughbreds in competition for some of the sport's largest purses, and has presented America's greatest race; the Kentucky Derby continuously since 1875. Your tour begins at the Kentucky Derby Museum, which is located at the entrance to Churchill Downs, where you will get a firsthand look at the event for which Louisville is known worldwide. There will be ample time to visit the museum at your own pace. Be sure to see the film "The Greatest Race", the first 360-degree high definition presentation in the world. Your tour continues with a 30 minute guided walking tour of historic Churchill Downs. Learn about past Derby winners and the rich history of this location. Walk through the property to the paddock and out to the grandstand, learning trivia and fun facts along the way. Bring your camera! This tour is wheelchair accessible. Prior to returning to the hotel, there will be time to visit the gift shop and take a stroll through the garden terrace where you will see the gravesites of some of the famous Kentucky Derby winners.

Capacity: This event is limited to 50 participants.

Closing Banquet: Registered Adults – 08 August – 6:00pm – 10:00pm - \$75

This ticket is for an adult banquet meal for someone who has also paid the adult reunion registration fee.

NOTE: Due to the cutoff date for turning in meal counts to the hotel this year, we will not be able to sell banquet tickets on site at the reunion.

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 10 pm. Cash bars remain open until they are no longer needed.

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

Closing Banquet: Registered Child <12 – 08 August – 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 – 08 August – 6:00pm – 10:00pm - \$85

This ticket is for an adult banquet meal 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