Red Warriors Vietnam Association

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Red Warrior Brothers and Guests,

With pleasure, I am announcing that the Red Warriors Vietnam Association is now accepting registrations for the 2020 reunion in Kansas City, Missouri. The reunion will be held at:

Hilton Kansas City Airport 8801 NW 112th Street Kansas City, MO 64153

Phone: (816) 891-8900

The reunion will begin on Friday, September 18th and conclude with our banquet on Sunday, September 20th. Red Warriors and guests arriving early will be able to register the day before our official opening ceremonies begin. The registration table will be open from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Thursday.

We negotiated a double occupancy room rate of \$113.46 per night (includes taxes). This rate includes **breakfast for two** for each paid room night. Call the hotel at the number listed above to make your room reservations. Use group code "RWV" to receive the discounted rate. The hotel offers a free 24-hour airport shuttle. Call the same number for pick-up once you have your luggage. You can also reserve your room online by clicking here.

As we have always done in the past, we encourage you to reserve your hotel room as early as possible. This helps us to keep track of our reunion participation and it enhances our ability to procure more rooms, if needed.

For the first time, we are utilizing the services of Armed Forces Reunions (AFR) to handle the reunion planning. The 2020 reunion registration fee is \$165 per attendee. You may register online and pay by credit card by visiting the Armed Forces Reunions registrations page (click here). Please note that 3.5% will be added to the total. To pay by check, download the registration form by clicking here. Please print the form and mail it, with your payment and your selections for the plated banquet dinner and optional tours to AFR. Payment options and instructions are stated on the top of the form.

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On Saturday night, we will have a Kansas City BBQ buffet and the company break-out meetings. The Sunday evening banquet will be a plated dinner. Please indicate your choice of the 8-ounce sirloin, the sautéed chicken Marsala, or the vegetarian plate. These meals are included in your reunion registration fee. Armed Forces Reunions will provide your meal tickets in the registration packet.

If any of your guests will be attending only the closing banquet, just indicate their meal choice on the form and add in the cost for each guest. This will help us to plan the number of required meals and cover the related costs. Make sure that you include payment for any optional tours with your registration fee.

During the 2018 reunion, we offered a raffle and silent auction that turned out to be very successful, so we will again do that for the 2020 reunion. Please start thinking of something you would like to donate to the raffle/silent auction, and we will provide an address for shipping later. Anything donated to the Red Warriors Vietnam Association is now tax deductible.

As we did in our last reunion, we will offer a memory book of the 2020 reunion with individual, group, and candid photos taken throughout the reunion. You can order as many books as you want with your reunion registration. The price is \$20 for each book.

Please visit our website <u>Reunion Page</u> for updates to the reunion information. We will keep you informed throughout the registration process and put all the forms you need to reserve your hotel rooms and register for the reunion on our website.

With your participation, we can make this 9th gathering of the Red Warriors Vietnam Association the best ever. Looking forward to seeing all of you in Kansas City.

Herb Taylor

Optional Tours

The Arabia Steamboat Museum

Journey back to 1856, America's Golden Age of steam boating, when the Great White Arabia sank in the Missouri River. The Arabia was excavated in 1988 and a "time capsule" of remarkably preserved 1856 frontier supplies including jewelry, china, cookware, clothing, and food were uncovered. This cargo is the largest collection of pre-Civil war artifacts in existence and the display keeps growing. Enjoy lunch at the museum's café or at the adjacent City Market. This historic area features a farmer's market as well as gift shops, restaurants and galleries.

National World War I Museum and Memorial

Ranked as the number one attraction in Kansas City and fifth best museum in the United States, the Museum and Memorial has been called a National Treasure. The museum is the only museum dedicated to sharing the stories of the Great War through the eyes of those who lived it. When you arrive at the museum there will be a brief memorial service outside of the Liberty Memorial Tower which rises 217 feet above the main courtyard. After the memorial service, tour the museum at your own pace. In the museum you will enjoy interactive displays, thought provoking films and eyewitness testimonies, while receiving a narrated tour of the largest collection of WWI artifacts in the world. Following the tour, grab your boxed lunch from the "Over There Café".

<u>HILTON KANSAS CITY AIRPORT – KANSAS CITY, MO</u>

(816) 891-8900

Location

8801 NW 112th Street, Kansas City, MO 64153

Located just five minutes from the Kansas City International Airport and just 15 minutes from downtown Kansas City

Reservation Information

Please call the number above and reference the Red Warriors Vietnam Association or visit the <u>Hilton Red Warriors Vietnam Association</u> reservations page.

Group Name: Red Warriors Vietnam Association (RWV)

Reunion Dates: September 18-20, 2020

Rate: \$96 (Single/Double) \$106 (Triple) \$116 (Quad) + tax (currently 16.35% + \$1.50 per night) Rate includes breakfast for up to 2 people in the hotel restaurant.

Cut-off Date: 08/17/2020 Late reservations will be processed based on space availability at a higher rate.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellation must be received 48 hours prior to arrival date or there will be a charge of one night's room plus tax.

Parking & Shuttle Information

The Hilton Kansas City Airport offers free parking and free shuttle service to and from Kansas City International Airport.

Airport shuttle service is offered upon request. Please contact the hotel upon arrival at the airport and proceed to the baggage claim area for pickup.

Wheelchair Rental

ScootAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call (888) 441-7575 or visit ScootAround.com for details and to make reservations.

RED WARRIORS VIETNAM ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2020 HILTON KANSAS CITY AIRPORT | KANSAS CITY, MO

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

1:00pm - 6:00pm Reunion Registration Open 12:00pm - 10:00pm Hospitality Room open

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00am - 10:00pm Hospitality Room open 11:00pm - 3:30pm **Reunion Registration Open** 4:00pm - 6:00pm Business Meeting

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00am	-	10:00pm	Hospitality Room open
8:30am			Group Picture
9:45am	-	2:30pm	STEAMBOAT ARABIA MUSEUM
5:00pm	-	6:00pm	Cash Bar open
6:00pm	-	9:00pm	Buffet Dinner
6:00pm		·	Company Breakout Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00am	-	4:00pm	Hospitality Room open
9:30am	-	2:00pm	NATIONAL WORLD WAR I MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL
5:00pm	-	6:00pm	Cash Bar
6:00pm	-	8:30pm	Banquet Dinner

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Farewells and Departures