



Red Warriors Vietnam Association

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Dear Vietnam Red Warrior,

On this Independence Day, I am delighted to announce that the Red Warriors Vietnam Association is accepting registrations for our 2023 reunion. I am excited about another get together. As you know, COVID made it impossible for us to hold our reunion in 2020 and it was still too risky to reunite last year. Vaccines and the new therapies to treat the virus have allowed our country and businesses to reopen and for all Americans to return to a “new” normal. It is obvious to everyone of us that fifty-seven years will have passed since the 1/12th Infantry Regiment first set foot in Pleiku. Even the youngest among us is now in his seventies and I want to do everything possible to have another gathering of Red Warriors.

Our reunion opening ceremonies will start on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 and we will close the reunion with our banquet dinner on Thursday, May 18, 2023. The reunion will be held at the

Embassy Suites by Hilton Milwaukee Brookfield
1200 South Moorland Road, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005

Tel: (844) 738-3913

To register for the reunion, please [download](#) and complete the registration form and mail it, along with your registration fee, to the address at the bottom of the form. The reunion registration fee is \$160 per person. The registration fee includes dinner on Tuesday and a banquet dinner on Thursday. Each meal will be preceded by a cash bar cocktail reception. Wednesday of our reunion is a “Social Day”. You and your guests will have the day to take advantage of all the attractions that Milwaukee has to offer. We will post suggestions for things to do and see on our website.

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Although it is too early in the Major League Baseball calendar to know whether the Milwaukee Brewers will be playing a home game during our reunion, we will try to arrange for an optional baseball outing. I will update you on this in the Fall when the baseball schedules are published.

The hotel is offering us a room rate of \$195.36 per night for Queen or King suites featuring a living room with a sofa bed, a microwave, a mini-refrigerator, and a separate bedroom. This rate includes all taxes, a cook-to-order breakfast, and complimentary in-room Wi-Fi. The hotel will honor the room rate for two days prior and two days after the reunion.

Our hotel contract commitment is for a block of seventy-five rooms. We may be able to increase the number of discounted rooms if we reserve the rooms early enough to make it possible for the hotel to allocate more rooms to our contract. As we get nearer to the reunion date, the hotel will have fewer available rooms. This is why it is so important that you register for the reunion and reserve your hotel room as soon as possible. To reserve your hotel room, call (844) 738-3913. Use group code **RED** when making your reservations. You can also reserve your room online by clicking on this link: [Embassy Suites by Hilton Milwaukee Brookfield](#).

Those of you who attended our last Red Warriors reunion may recall that the hotel has a large atrium where Red Warriors and guests can spend time together, take trips down memory lane, relax, and enjoy themselves. The reunion agenda will allow every Red Warrior plenty of time to explore Milwaukee with old friends and Vietnam brothers. In the next week or so, we will update our website reunion page with details about the dinner menus, what to wear, airport transportation, and information on some of Milwaukee's most popular cultural and tourist attractions. We will also post the registration roster on the website so that you can see who is attending the reunion.

As you know, membership in the Red Warriors Vietnam Association is free. The only requirement is that you must have served in Vietnam with the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment (Red Warriors), B Battery, 4/42nd Artillery (Straight Arrows) or the 1st Platoon, B Company, 4th Engineers. We have no income, other than the voluntary donations made to our association from Red Warriors like you. These allow us to maintain our website, pay for the archival of thousands of photos that our Vietnam brothers contributed to us, and the photos of every reunion since our first one twenty years ago in Fort Carson. These contributions also help us maintain the cost of our reunions as low as possible and have allowed us to assist Red Warriors in financial need to attend our reunions. Please include a donation to our association with your registration form. Every little bit helps!

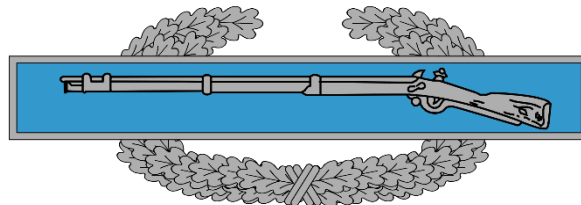
We will once again be offering a “Memories Book” at the reunion in 2023. In addition to the Company photos, the book will include pictures of each Red Warrior and his guests and candid images of the three-day event. We will produce a limited number of books. To ensure that you can get one, pre-order your copy with your registration. The cost of the book will be \$20. A great keepsake!

I began this letter reflecting about the fifty-seven years that have passed since the Red Warriors began their mission in Vietnam. By the time of our reunion, it will have been almost five years since we last shared our longtime friendships, memories, hugs, laughter, and yes, a tear or two. I understand that May 2023 is just ten months away and I want to encourage you to make your travel plans now and take advantage of this opportunity to reunite with your band of brothers. This year, we welcome the survivors of our Advanced Party who have walked point on their life’s mission and left us to honor their memory.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Milwaukee. We will do our absolute best to see that everyone has an enjoyable and memorable time.

Sincerely,

Wilfred Plá



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