

LONG THANH REUNION - 2019

A most HAPPY New Year to each of you! Writing to remind you of this year's Long Thanh reunion which will be at the Sheraton Hotel <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasgs-sheraton-pentagon-city-hotel/> near Ft. Myer, Arlington, VA, adjacent to the Pentagon. Dates of the reunion are **10 through 15 September 2019**. A few rooms have been set aside for the 10th and 11th for those who want to come early. We locked in some good rates! Please join others in the Pentagon hospitality room reserved from Thursday afternoon through Saturday evening. This room on the 15th floor has a splendid view of the Pentagon and parts of D.C. both day and night.

This promises to be one of our best reunions yet! We hope you can make it to join friends and meet new ones who had duty at Long Thanh. Of course, this invitation includes spouses, friends and anyone special you'd like to have join us. The Armed Forces Reunions, INC. (AFR) will be handling our registration as well as links to the hotel and our tour information. The web site will be available as soon as I provide them more data.

Our rates are predicated on numbers of attendees so PLEASE register as soon as possible. The contract signed is predicated on us meeting certain timeframe windows so again, make plans earlier rather than later. Remember, the hotel provides free bus shuttle service to and from Reagan National Airport so no need for rental cars. This will be my third military reunion at the Sheraton and I heartedly endorse it.

We have two days of events scheduled for you:

(1) a tour of the STEVEN f. UDVAR-HAZY CENTER on Friday the 13th and

(2) a guided tour of Washington, D.C. on Saturday the 14th (see tour information below).

Too soon yet for menu. There is no special dinner Friday but Barbara Myers suggested we meet in the hotel restaurant as a group, if you like, otherwise make it your own time. The Concourse Room is reserved for Saturday night dinner (6:00 - 9:00 PM) cost for dinner will be \$48.00 per person. More to follow so stay tuned and please plan to attend, everyone is counting on you!

Please see Plan B below!

View from Pentagon Hospitality room





Long Thanh North Vietnam Reunion

Start Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2019

End Date: Monday, September 16, 2019

Hotel(s) offering your special group rate:

Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel for \$125 USD per night +Tax

Group rate includes breakfast voucher up to 2 in a room per day (pick up vouchers when registering)

Complimentary Shuttle services to and from Reagan National Airport

Complimentary Wireless Internet in guest rooms

Overnight discount parking \$10 per day (a \$32 value per day)

Complimentary Shuttle services to and from Metro and Local Attractions

Complimentary Wi-Fi in overnight guest rooms

Inclusive plated dinner price of \$48.00 per person. (Menu to be created as we get closer to event)

STEVEN F. UDVAR-HAZY CENTER

Friday, September 13

The museum, part of the Smithsonian Institutions' National Air and Space Museum is dedicated to the preservation and display of its collection of historic aviation and space artifacts. Located at Washington International Dulles Airport, the facility has large aviation and space exhibit hangars. The museum currently has over eighty aircraft and dozens of space artifacts on display including the Space Shuttle Discovery, an SR71 Blackbird, the Dash 80 prototype of the Boeing 707, and the B-29 Superfortress "Enola Gay." Lunch options include a food-court style McDonald's and coffee place (lunch on your own). You may tour the exhibits at your own pace, there is a lot of walking so please wear comfortable shoes.

9:00 A.M Board bus, 3:00 PM back at hotel

Bus -Luxury Coach

No cost for Udvar-Hazy Aviation Center

Bus cost is \$765.00 for 55 passengers which will be approximately \$14.00 per passenger with full bus. Please note less passengers the cost will be somewhat more. If second bus required, the rate will be double so its most important to register early for rates to be calculated.

CITY TOUR/VIETNAM WALL MEMORIAL

Saturday, September 14,

See the sites of our nation's capital during a narrated driving tour of Washington, D.C. Ride by the Jefferson Memorial, the Mall, Capitol Building, Washington Monument, White House, and other notable monuments and federal buildings. Stop at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, which is the largest building (3.1 million square feet) in Washington DC and is the first and only federal building dedicated to both government and private use. While there, enjoy lunch on your own at the Reagan Building food court - named one of the "best family food courts" in DC. This afternoon stop at the National World War II Memorial, the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II. The day wraps up with a stop at a central location between the Lincoln Memorial and Korean War Memorial for a brief visit or more time at the Wall. The Vietnam Veterans' Memorial stands a symbol of America's honor and recognition of the men and women who served and sacrificed their lives in the Vietnam War. **A photo ID is required to entrance to the Ronald Reagan Building.**

9:00 A.M Board bus, 3:00 PM back at hotel

Bus -Luxury Coach

Bus cost is \$1,059.00 for 55 passengers which will be approximately \$20.00 per passenger with full bus. Note: additional cost is for tour guide. Also note less passengers the cost will be somewhat more. Tour guides can be difficult to arrange so a second bus could be problematic. Important that you make your request known "EARLY" in order to accommodate you.

Working on a Plan B!

My wife Paula has contacts at both the white House and Congress. In lieu of the city tour, she is working on getting us a tour of the White

House. The earliest we can confirm, however is 90 days out. Her contact feels reasonably sure of getting us the tour but no promises! Furthermore, Paula's Congress contact said it should be no problem getting the Congress tour (the chamber you watch on TV). This changes our original itinerary. The White House and Congress tours are better for Friday, therefore a shift of the Udvar- Hazy Smithsonian Aviation Museum tour will be shifted to Saturday. In this case the guided tour will be dropped which will be a reduced bus charge as well.

Plan B itinerary.

Friday - 13 SEP

Depart Sheraton at 0900 enroute to White House.

Arrive at White House - 0915.

Depart White House enroute to U.S. Capitol- 1045.

Arrive U.S. Capitol 1105.

Tour U.S. Capitol chamber where Congress meets

Depart U.S. Capitol for Reagan Building 1210

Arrive Reagan Building 1230

Lunch (Cafeteria style) at Reagan Building

Depart Reagan Building 1330

Bus stops at Vietnam Memorial near both Lincoln and Korean War Memorials.

Bus departs memorials at 1440 enroute to Sheraton.

Saturday, 14 SEP

Depart Sheraton at 0900 enroute to Udvar-Hazy Center

Tour Udvar Hazy at leisure.

Lunch on your own at McDonald's inside museum.

Depart Udvar Hazy at 1410 enroute to Sheraton with short stop at Marine Corps memorial

Aircraft flown at Long Thank







Restaurants:

This link shows restaurants w/in Walking Distance of the Hotel's Shuttle stop on Hayes Street at the Mall:

MAP:

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/restaurants/@38.8628411,-77.0607394,18z/data=!4m8!2m7!3m6!1sRestaurants!2sChevys,+Pentagon+Centre,+1201+S+Hayes+St+%231,+Arlington,+VA+22202!3s0x89b7b6df29ed2eef:0x5201e21982aec220!4m2!1d-77.059232!2d38.861657?hl=en>

Restaurants: Chevy's Mexican / California Pizza Kitchen / Fyve / Harry's Smokehouse / Johnny Rocket's / Sine Irish Pub, Ruth's Chris Steak House and even Saigon-Saigon VN Restaurant. Along with lots of Mall Food Court options (Chipotle, Panda Express, McDonald's, Popeye's Au Bon Pain, etc.)

Best regards,

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