

2016 Long Thanh North Reunion
Kansas City, Missouri
September 29, 30 and October 1, 2016

We have had a great response to our reunion and have been able to locate additional veterans through word of mouth, internet, Facebook, announcements in veterans magazines and websites and databases. Many thanks to all of you who have helped research and contact individuals!

HOTEL: Marriott Kansas City Airiport, 775 Brasilla Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri (I-435 and I-29 at the Kansas City Airport exit). Please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Rooms have to be reserved by August 31, 2016, in order to receive the discounted rate. Rooms can be cancelled 48 hours before arrival without charge in case your plans change. Contact the hotel directly at 816-464-2200 to make your reservation. If you go through the Marriott Website, please indicate the Marriott Kansas City Airport (MCIAP) and our Group is LTR (Long Thanh Reunion). The discounted rate can be used from September 25 through October 6. This rate includes a hot buffet breakfast for each person served from 6 a.m. – 10 a.m.

HOTEL SHUTTLE SERVICE: Once your flight arrives at Kansas City International Airport, proceed to the baggage claim area, get your luggage, and locate the Kansas City Airport Marriott on the Courtesy Board for pick up OR after getting your bags, you can also contact the hotel directly at 816-464-2200 and arrange for pick up. This is a free service. The hotel is on the airport grounds.

HOSPITALITY SUITE. We will have a hospitality room for the entire event equipped with audio/visual capabilities. Please feel free to bring photographs, news articles, maps, patches, videos or any other memorabilia you would like to share with your fellow veterans.

GOLF. Thanks to Terry (Pro) Edmunds for stepping up to handle a golf outing. If you are interested in participating, please contact Terry at teeedmun@hotmail.com. There are several nice courses very near the hotel.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT (September 28, 2016). For those of you who are arriving early and would like to attend the dinner theatre, we have made arrangements to see "Have You Met Miss Jones?" which is a tribute to the life and career of Oscar winner Shirley Jones. This is a cabaret-style show which was written by her eldest son, Shaun Cassidy. The show will feature Miss Jones and her son, Patrick Cassidy.

Please make out checks to: New Theatre Restaurant. Cost is \$53 per person and includes dinner, soft drink or coffee, dessert and the show. The doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and show at 7:30 p.m. For those attending, I will provide directions to the theatre separately. The deadline for payment is July 31, 2016. Please make your check out to New Theatre Restaurant and mail to me: Barbara Meyer, 12811 W. 118th Street, Overland Park, KS 66210-1311.

THURSDAY (September 29, 2016). We have planned to tour the WWI Museum. It is rated as one of the top war museums in the country. The tour will take about 2 hours. We will carpool there. The museum tour costs approximately \$10. Admission is free with a retired military ID.

FRIDAY (September 30, 2016). Fort Leavenworth Command and General Staff College tour. The tour will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. including lunch. We plan to visit the Ft. Leavenworth Museum, the Lewis and Clark Center (command training center) and a guided bus tour of the Post. We will carpool to Leavenworth, Kansas and then

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board a bus that will take us on to the Post. We have made arrangements to have a representative from the Foundation collect a valid government photo ID from each person and they will get us clearance on the Post as a group. There is no charge for the tour but we will need to collect for the bus transportation—under \$5. We will have lunch in a private room at the Conference Center located on the Post. You will be responsible for your own lunch. The buffet is approximately \$10. No firearms are allowed on the Post.

SATURDAY MORNING (October 1, 2016), 9:30 a.m. Let's all meet in the hospitality suite for a brief business meeting to discuss the locations and any other issues for our 2017 and 2018 reunions. Please think of possible sites for upcoming events. We welcome everyone's input!!!

SATURDAY NIGHT (October 1, 2016). BANQUET. Cocktails and Social Time—5:30 -7 pm. Cash bar. Award-winning BBQ Buffet Dinner—7 p.m. The total cost for the dinner (including tip, tax, room fee) is \$47.42 for adults; Kids 4-12 are \$33.19; Children 0-3 are free. When you check in to the hotel, you will make your reservations for the Banquet and it will be added to your hotel account. For those of you NOT staying at the hotel but are planning on attending the Banquet, please make checks for the dinner payable to Marriott Hotel and send check to me. I will forward to the hotel.

At the Banquet, we will have a Missing Man Table and presentation provided by Sam Langhofer.

Col. Gerald Royals will be our speaker. Col. Royals was Commanding Officer of the 56th Transportation Company (Aircraft Direct Support) in 1966, then came back in 1970 as the Battalion Commander of the 765th "Straight Arrow" Battalion, which oversaw many of the aircraft maintenance companies including the 56th that did much of the work of keeping Army aircraft in the air flying.

Auction/Raffle information. We have received several items including a sculpted silver necklace, T-Shirt from Finland, military print, handmade knitted items, patches, Harley-Davidson items, VietNam videos and other items. Please feel free to bring or send ahead any item you would like to include in the auction/raffle. Any money collected will be donated towards next years' reunion. Items will be on display during the cocktail time before the Banquet on Saturday night. Thanks to Scott and Wendy Drew for handling all the arrangements.

Previous mailings have included information about other activities in and around Kansas City. If you have any questions or if you have problems with hotel reservations, driving directions to the hotel or other arrangements, please give me a call or send an email. We look forward to seeing everyone in September!

Best regards,
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