

Vinh Long Outlaws Newsletter

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National Director's Corner

Greetings All:

This is my last newsletter as your Director. I have to say that the time did go very quickly. It truly was an honor to serve as your National Director and it has been a real learning experience! I hope that my input into the VLOA has helped us grow, at least kept the status quo, so to speak. I'm grateful for all the help afforded me by many members of the organization.

I would like to acknowledge a few; for starters, Tom Anderson, Frank Estes, Chester Voisin, and Larry Jackson. I'd like to also thank the VLOA Steering Committee members who helped me make those decisions that were needed to move us forward on Association business. Finally, I'd like to acknowledge that my wife was the real driving force behind getting the organization's business done. Her support was immeasurable! We have had many lively conversations about how the reunion was going and her constructive input has helped make our reunion in Savannah happen. So if you have any compliments on the reunion, give them to Laurie, and I'll take the complaints.

Speaking of the reunion, as of this writing, it looks like we might still have a few rooms available, but time is short, so please make your reservations quickly. We must return all unused rooms to the Hilton Savannah Desoto Hotel on July 18th because the hotel has other guests that require the rooms. If you plan on staying at the Hilton Savannah Desoto Hotel at the special rate, reserve your room now!

I received many phone calls from Outlaws who served through the years at Vinh Long, asking about the reunion. Seems they saw advertisements in various Veterans'

magazines and wanted to know more about the reunion, or just say "Hi". It truly is amazing how many brothers we have out there that are just seeking information on old buddies or want to join up! And, the stories they shared with me! Wow, glad they were paying for the calls.

Just a reminder about sending in your registration to The Reunion Brat; please send your registration with full payment by August 9th, so Trish can get your packet mailed to you. The packet will have your name tag(s) and tickets for all the activities and meals. If you have not registered and made payment by the suspense date, we will not have tickets for you after arrival in Savannah, nor will we have meals and hospitality support for you. You must register with and pay The Reunion Brat prior by August 9th if you plan to attend the reunion. You also must separately reserve your reduced-rate room at the Hilton Desoto Savannah Hotel or another area hotel. These are two separate actions you must take.

We're looking forward to a presentation of Outlaw history by our Outlaw Historian, Jim Donnelly, a DVD of hundreds of slides, and photo's obtained from many Outlaws who served at Vinh Long from '64 to '72. Also, another piece of Outlaw history will be on display. At this time, I cannot divulge what it is, but it will certainly be of interest to all.

I would like to make mention of Frank Estes stepping down as our Outlaw Newsletter Editor. Thanks, Frank, for a job well done!

However, now is the time for someone to step forward and take over this very important duty (see **DIRECTOR**, page 2)



The Back Pew

By John Doyle

I believe we have a magazine on every subject for which magazines are printed. For example, we have "Blue Ridge Magazine" for the mountains we love; we have "Birds and Blooms for the hummingbirds and flowers. Whatever interests us, we probably have a magazine that covers the subject.

Most, if not all, carry information about, and directions for utilizing their many ideas and advice about their subject. We must be cautious about some of the information they provide. It is not always 100 percent correct. We might find they are leading us down a wrong path. They may take us in a direction that will get us into trouble if we believe everything we read.

Many Help books, written by "experts" can

also take us down the wrong path. However, the good news is that there is a book that will never give you wrong information, will never lead you astray, nor will it ever lie to you. I am sure you know that I am referring to "The Holy Bible" (no matter what version you read - I like the NIV myself.)

God's Word can be trusted in all versions. It is the road to living as God would have us to live. You can depend on it, not only for this life, but also for the next that God promises to those who follow its contents.

Yes! There is a book for that.

John

(from DIRECTOR, page 1) for the VLOA. This is a critical position; it is one of the major means of communicating to the membership. Yes, we do have a website, but we have many members that do not have internet. To keep them informed, we need to keep the newsletter in circulation. Organizations dissolve because they lose contact with one another. We must not let this happen to the VLOA!

At the last reunion business meeting in Nashville, we discussed the importance of keeping the newsletter alive, voted on that, and unanimously passed to keep it. The newsletter editor is an elected office for two years; however, most that have served have served in this capacity longer than two years. A final point on this: we have our 50th anniversary reunion coming up in 2014. It will be vital that we keep in touch with our membership and let them know what's going on as far as planning for the 2014 reunion and getting reunion registration information out. Our newsletter will be pivotal to getting the 50th Anniversary Reunion out to our membership. (See my article on page 6.)

If you're planning on bringing items for the Silent Auction, let Tom Anderson know immediately: what kind of item or items you'll donate, a description of the item, and what you feel should be the opening bid. This and the 50/50 are our major source of funds to help run the VLOA, especially keeping the newsletter and website in operation.

Lastly, we continue having problems with members' names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Seems just about every newsletter mail-out, we get two or three returned with "Unable to forward." Please keep us informed of any changes because we need to keep the communication going between our members and know where we can get in touch with our members. Remember, we don't give out your names or addresses to anyone outside our organization.

See You in Savannah! Bob

Army Combat Action Badge Eligibility

Extracted from July 2012 edition of the AUSA News, pg 18 Capital Hill Update. Last item "Other": House Action, H.R. 1650 (Army Combat Action Badge Eligibility); Cosponsors: 0; "Expands retroactive eligibility of Army Combat Action Badge to include members of the Army who participated in combat which they personally engaged, or were personally engaged by, the enemy at any time on or after December 7, 1941." Introduced by Rep. Rich Nugent, R-FL. Referred to Committee: Armed Services.

Help Wanted !!!
Savannah Silent Auction
Needs More Donations !

By Tom Anderson

The principle function of the VLOA is to sponsor a reunion every two years to bring together old Outlaws who served together in Viet Nam nearly half a century ago. Every Outlaw reunion planner has tried to keep the costs of their reunion reasonable, to encourage as many attendees as possible to attend.

To maintain a "reasonable" cost, it is not feasible to charge each attendee for all the "incidental" costs of the reunion (signage, hospitality snacks and drinks, recognition awards, printing, badges, welcome bags, favors for attendees, etc. etc.) These items are normally paid for from the VLOA Treasury.

The Treasury has only TWO significant sources of income: Silent Auction donations sold at the reunion and a split of the 50-50 drawing at the reunion. The Nashville reunion Silent Auction offered 75 different items donated by attendees. Sales of these items brought in nearly \$2,900 !

Here's the problem! The number of items submitted for this years' Silent Auction is considerably below those of previous years! Time is running short before we will meet in Savannah. Therefore, I am appealing to those who will attend (and also those who cannot attend) to donate at least one item that will bring in some bucks into our Treasury.

The reason for this appeal is simple: The next Outlaw reunion, in 2014, will be the **50th Anniversary** of our arrival in Vinh Long ! That reunion should be an absolutely first-class, memorable experience for everyone who attends. To make it memorable will require significant support from the VLOA Treasury to offset costs that have not normally been included in individual Registration Fees.

One consideration you should keep in mind is that the Vinh Long Outlaws Association is an IRS 501(c)19 tax-exempt, non-profit organization. Donors can deduct contributions made to, or for, the use of the organization by declaring the fair market value of the item. The IRS defines FMV as "the price that property would sell for on the open market which would be agreed on between a willing buyer and a willing seller". For specific guidance on determining the "fair market value" of an item you donate, simply go to IRS.gov, and look up Publication 561. It's easy!

The status of the VLOA treasury will be a major factor in determining the location and affordability of the 50th Anniversary Reunion! The Savannah reunion desperately really needs your support NOW for the Silent Auction. Call me (Tom Anderson) and let me know what you will be bringing to Savannah for the Silent Auction. 703-451-4015 or email teander@cox.net .

OBITUARY

LTC Elbert Ray Poole passed away on June 18, 2011 at the age of 67. He was born on March 8, 1944 to William McKinley and Carol Ruth (Carter) Poole. Ray graduated from Watonga High School in 1962.

He joined the US Army serving during the Vietnam War and with the National Guard, and he served more than 27 years in the military. Ray was united in marriage to Sue Vandergriff, who preceded him in death earlier in 2011.

He loved to read and collect books. He was great at collecting pens, but his greatest passion was flying. Ray flew helicopters for the military, as well as other military aircraft. He also worked for Bell Helicopter for a number of years as a test pilot and engineer. The family joke was that he must work for the CIA.

Ray will be greatly missed by all those who loved him. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Carol Poole; wife, Sue Poole; and sister-in-law, Linda Poole. Survivors include his son, Carter Poole and wife, Alli of Owasso; grandchildren, Kaley, Corey, Logan, Baleigh and Cruzen Poole, all of Owasso; brothers, Wayne Poole of El Paso, TX, and Delbert Poole of Salina, KS; nephew, Jeff Poole; niece, Jennifer Poole of Hollywood CA; and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation was held on Wednesday June 22, 2011 at the Turner Funeral Home in Geary, OK, and graveside services were held on Thursday June 23, 2011 at the Watonga IOOF Cemetery in Watonga, OK, with Reverend Charles Sappington officiating.

OUTLAW SAVANNAH ROUNDUP ATTENDEES

Well, our Outlaw Savannah Roundup 2012 is about 60 days away, and many Outlaws have already made their hotel reservations with the Hilton Desoto Savannah Hotel and submitted their reunion registrations with The Reunion Brat.

Hilton Desoto Savannah Hotel reservations of June 28, 2012.

David & Dianna Amason
Tom & Pat Anderson
Tim & Mitzi Bisch
Charles & Coleen Bouton
Bill Callender (+1)
Malcolm Campbell (+1)
Joe & Erline Cleland
Tony & Rose Ann Clemente
Scott Davis (+4)
Dick & Donna Donahue (+2)
Jim & Vickie Donnelly
John & Ruth Doyle
Kim Dunaway (+1)
Frank & Ann Estes
Milton & Beverly Frontera
Jim & Pat Grandstaff
Gary & Linda Halase
Lois Hampton (+1)
Larry Hayden (+1)
Bill Hensing
Phil & Lynn Horne
Tim Hostetler
Al, Marguerite, & Stephanie Iller
Ernie & Linda Isbell
Larry & Polly Jackson
James Kelly (+1)
Jim & Sharon King (+1)
Phillip & Patricia Kirk
John & Fran Konopka
Bob & Laurie Koonce
George & Susan Kyle
Robert & Nicky Lyn Lakey
Jack Lane
Gloria Kramer
Mike & Joan Madigan
Paul & Carolyn Martin
Bob & Krista Michalic
Carl Milko
Al & Nell Moist
Hallye Ray Moodt
Lyle Perry
Harold Quattlebaum

Bob & Gloria Sharp
Toni Skaggs (+1)
Rosalie Smith
David Smith (+1)
Angelio Spelios (+1)
Ann Stiles
Anders Strand-Holm & Jette Bauer
Robbie Taylor (+1)
Pat & Pat Theriot
Mary Thornton
Chester & Emmadell Voisin
Jerry & Charmaine Wade
Ronald Walsh
Bob & Dixie Williams
Chuck Wren
Phillip Wright-VanAlst

The Reunion Brat registrations as of June 28, 2012.

Tom & Pat Anderson
Tim & Mitzi Bisch
Jim & Vicki Donnelly
John & Ruth Doyle
Frank & Ann Estes
Jim & Patricia Grandstaff
Anders Strand-Holm & Jette Bauer
Cullis Holub
Phil & Lynn Horne
Ernie & Linda Isbell
Bob & Laurie Koonce
Gloria Kramer
Paul & Carolyn Martin
Bob & Paul Michalic
Carl Milko
Hallye Ray Moodt & Michelle Spears
Pat & Patty Theriot
Mary Thornton
Jan & Robbie Truman
Phil VanAlst
Bob & Dixie Williams

REMINDER: If you want to attend the reunion, you must do two things: (1) *reserve your room at the Hilton Desoto Savannah Hotel immediately* since very few reserved rooms are left (excess rooms will be turned back on August 6); if there are no reduced price rooms available in this hotel, there are a number of other hotels in the area where you might be able to stay; and (2) *register with AND pay The Reunion Brat not later than August 9* or you will not have tickets to events, tickets for meals, transportation, or entry to the VLOA Hospitality Room or any other reunion event. You must pay in advance so The Reunion Brat can ensure you have reservations for ALL venues and events, and appropriate support is planned for you. All attendees must pay the full price reunion registration fee *in advance*.

The Survival of VLOA is at Stake

By Bob Koonce

It probably all began with him drawing precisely-defined, grease-pencil, sight-reticles on the windscreen of a B-model Huey gunship 48 years ago. “Fire a pair!” he would command. Then, “That’ll do it. . . we’re ready.” Who could have known back then that the talent developed by being Maverick Lead would ultimately be the source of the talent that now edits and distributes the fabulous VLOA Newsletter? And, that same person to be the webmaster of the fantastic VLOA website! And be the writer and publisher of the two-inch-thick VLOA Policy File manual! And be the hands-on (on-site) coordinator of not one but two hugely successful VLOA reunions! And, routinely prepare, print, and issue VLOA membership cards to all VLOA members! And, perform dozens of other behind-the-scenes tasks to ensure that the VLOA continues to be the vibrant and successful organization that it is.

You all know who that man is. Frank Estes! He has taken on all these VLOA responsibilities because no one else has offered to do them. Frank Estes has gradually, and voluntarily, taken on one responsibility after another in order to hold the Vinh Long Outlaws Association together.

But, his VLOA work is in addition to his responsibilities as Chairman of the Staff-Parrish Relations Committee of his church (and sitting on 5 more church committees and boards), holding local and state office positions in the National Wild Turkey Federation, and other volunteer work to which he has committed to his community in Ozark, AL. It is unrealistic for VLOA members to expect one person to continue to shoulder the burden of so many critical Association responsibilities as Frank has taken on!

We all agree that the primary purpose of the VLOA is to bring our members together every two years to renew the bonds that we formed nearly 50 years ago in the Mekong Delta. Two years from now we hope to have a reunion to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our having arrived in Vinh Long. The only way the VLOA can announce the reunion details is through the newsletter. The *Outlaw Newsletter* is the absolute key to the continuing success of our organization

Because of the heavy demands on his time, Frank has given notice that the October issue will be the last *Outlaw Newsletter* he will prepare! And who can fault him for that?

Without the Newsletter, the VLOA will, quite literally, implode. There is no other logical method to maintain regular contact with the membership, and distribute information about our activities. Without the *Outlaw Newsletter*, it is very probable that we will not have another reunion! Especially a 50th Anniversary reunion!

There has to be someone among our membership who can take on our newsletter. Although Frank has set a high standard for our newsletter, someone else may not want to provide the same style of production as has Frank. What is needed is someone who has the interest of the VLOA at heart and can take on the newsletter in his/her spare time. It’s not a full-time job by any means. If you have even a modicum of ability to put together a Newsletter, PLEASE contact me or Frank and let us know what you can do. Contact me at 253-537-4818 or potteryerson@aol.com; Contact Frank at 334-774-5571 or at estesf@troycable.net.

Lifetime VLOA Associate Membership Issued to Danish Applicant

By Tom Anderson

In the last Newsletter I wrote about a unique series of emails I had been having with a Danish gentleman who has developed a strong fascination with the Vinh Long Outlaw organization. I mentioned that he was planning to go on vacation to Viet Nam this year and visit our old “homestead” in Vinh Long. Well, it seems that the tour itinerary wouldn’t allow him to spend any time in Vinh Long so he postponed his trip to SE Asia.

So, instead, he decided to apply for an Associate Lifetime membership in the VLOA and... get this... Anders Strand-Holm is now coming to our Outlaw Roundup in Savannah in September!

Anders sent in his \$100 membership fee to become a part of our VLOA. Frank Estes forwarded him his official membership card. He is also bringing with him, from Copenhagen, several very interesting items to donate to the Silent Auction. They will be a “hit” on our auction tables! Most interestingly, he is fully (see **LIFETIME**, page 6)

2014 Will Be GOLDEN **For the Outlaws!**

1964! Many of us were part of that first group of Outlaws who were quickly pulled out of our CONUS assignments, hurriedly thrown together at Fort Benning, Ft Eustis and other cushy locations, dumped onto old C-118 piston-engine USAF transport planes, shuttled across the Pacific, dropped into Bien Hoa air base and FINALLY transported by C-123s to Vinh Long.

Only a few of us could then say they had been “battle tested” but, soon, we all would be.

We are the fortunate veterans! We survived both the Viet Nam conflict as well as the dark challenges that life threw at so many of our former comrades who are no longer with us. Most of us have completed our life's careers and are comfortably enjoying the fruits that our career provided us. We are blessed, grateful and appreciative.

But, back in late 1964, we did not yet realize that our little Assault Helicopter Company was, in reality, the vanguard unit that spearheaded the massive buildup of US forces that would occur during the next year. By the time we departed CONUS, it was clear that the President and the Pentagon had made the decision to dramatically expand the US commitment in South East Asia. The immediate need was for third Helicopter Company to provide airlift and firepower for the third ARVN Division in the Mekong Delta. And that was us! The rest of the buildup was on its way.

It shouldn't surprise any of us, yet it's still hard to believe, that by the time of our next Outlaw reunion, after

Savannah, it will have been **50 years** since we arrived in Vinh Long. **2014!** Even by that time there will be very few Army units that can say they were in Viet Nam 50 years ago.

The **50th Anniversary reunion** should be many things. . . enjoyable, convenient, affordable, but most of all **MEMORABLE!** The reunion should be in a location that has poignancy and meaning to every veteran who ever served in Viet Nam, but especially to the Outlaws! We owe it to ourselves to make the 2014 reunion one that not only WE will remember, but others should be aware, through the press, that HERE is a little helicopter company that was one of the first units deployed to South Viet Nam, and that was **50 years ago**. Hardly any other units can make that claim, even in 2014!

We need to begin planning NOW for our 2014 Outlaw reunion The decision as to where to meet for the 2014 **50th Anniversary reunion** will have to be made during the Savannah reunion. It is vital to get a head start on the massive planning, scheduling and actions necessary to ensure that it is indeed memorable! Moreover, we need to begin making our own personal commitment, now, that we absolutely have to attend that memorable reunion to help make the turnout equally as memorable. We all know it's impossible, especially at our age, We need to begin planning NOW for our 2014 Outlaw reunion We need to begin planning NOW for our 2014 Outlaw reunion to foresee what life will have thrown at us two years down the road, but we can easily begin to make the decision that we really WANT to be a part of a reunion that has been **50 years** in the making.

(from **LIFETIME**, page 5) immersed in learning more about the people and history of the Vinh Long Outlaws !

Anders is a very interesting man. I mentioned to him that I retired from the US Army in 1976 and he commented that was the year he was drafted into the Danish Army. He prowls eBay looking for interesting items to add to his collection of US military memorabilia. His collections include a number of Outlaw items as well as a great number of other Army aviation related items from the Viet Nam era.

He has mentioned that he deeply regrets that his father did not know of Anders' future interest in militaria. His father, a resistance fighter in WWII, told him that, as the German Army hurriedly departed Denmark on May 4, 1945, marching back to Germany, they left behind tons of ordnance, uniforms, small arms and other military equipment in the ditches all along the roads in Denmark. Things that Anders would love to have now had in his current collections.

For now, his trip to Savannah has only delayed his plans to go to Viet Nam until later this year. He still plans to visit Vinh Long and hopes to video what might be left of our airfield. He is looking forward to being with the Outlaws in Savannah and will be very interesting to have in our group. I'm sure every Outlaw will welcome him warmly as part of the VLOA.

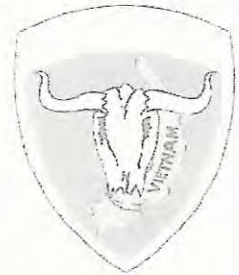
One thing I told him, after he sent in his money for his Associate Life Member status was that, at 55 years of age, he is far younger than any of us, and, down the road a few years, he could very likely be the last living member of the VLOA!

"In my America, there are two kinds of people: those who are willing to get dirty, and those who are not. I prefer to spend my time with those who do. It's not that I have anything against cleanliness, or bear any ill will to those who toil in cubicles or office buildings. I've just learned over the years that people with dirty jobs are more fun to be around. They also make civilized life possible for the rest of us. Our country faces a myriad of challenges, but one thing seems certain: the solution will almost certainly involve someone who wasn't afraid to get their hands dirty. And, no one knows more about that than the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces." Mike Rowe, Creator, Executive Producer, and Host, "Dirty Jobs"



**2012
VINH LONG OUTLAWS
ROUNDUP**

**SAVANNAH GEORGIA
SEPTEMBER 6-10, 2012**



To be held at the Hilton Desoto, located in Savannah, Georgia's Historic District. Room rates are \$114.00 per night, plus tax for single or double occupancy. Parking at the hotel is \$10.00 per day and Valet parking is \$17.00 per day. Registration will be \$682 per couple and \$341.00 per single and includes:

- ~ A Welcome Package with Name Button, Itinerary, List of Attendees
- ~ Hospitality Room ~ Stocked with Snacks & Beverages all 4 Days
 - ~ Breakfast Buffet ~ Friday ~ Saturday ~ Sunday
 - ~ Thursday ~ Welcome Dinner Buffet
 - ~ Friday ~ City Tour with Lunch
- ~ Saturday ~ Savannah Riverboat Dinner Cruise
- ~ Sunday ~ Farewell Banquet Dinner & Program

CITY TOUR WITH LUNCH

The Savannah City Tour takes you through downtown historic Savannah. Imagine seeing one of America's most beautiful cities, one that dates back to the early 1700's. See the history. You will then sit down to lunch at the Shrimp Factory Restaurant overlooking the Savannah River, where you can "Watch the Ships Go By!"

SAVANNAH RIVER BOAT DINNER CRUISE

Enjoy an evening of dinner, live entertainment, and an unforgettable tour of Savannah on a river boat cruise. Experience refreshing river breezes on a sightseeing harbor tour, delicious local southern flavors, cultural entertainment, fun filled dinner, magical moonlight.

★ Call the Hilton Desoto at 877-280-0751 no later than August 17, 2012 to make your hotel reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the Vinh Long Outlaws to receive the room rate of \$114.00 plus tax.

COME JOIN US AS WE SHARE OLD MEMORIES AND MAKE NEW ONES!!!

For More Information:

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Or

Contact: The Reunion BRAT

Phone: 360-663-2521

Vinh Long Outlaws Association

September 6 – 10, 2012

<i>Thursday September 6</i>	<i>Friday September 7</i>	<i>Saturday September 8</i>	<i>Sunday September 9</i>	<i>Monday September 10</i>
<p>3:00-6:00pm – Arrival & Check in</p> <p>5:00-7:00pm – Refreshments in Hospitality Room (Pulaski Room)</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm – Welcome Dinner (Separate room)</p> <p>9:00pm-until – Silent Auction & Socializing in Hospitality Room</p>	<p>6:00-9:00am – Buffet breakfast in Hospitality Room</p> <p>9:00-9:15am – Board buses for Tour of Old Town Savannah (Loading area TBA)</p> <p>9:15am-12:00noon – Bus Tour of Old Town Savannah</p> <p>12:00noon-1:30pm – Lunch at “The Shrimp Factory” on River Street</p> <p>1:30-1:50pm – Board buses for return to hotel</p> <p>2:00-6:00pm – Free time; Hospitality Room open</p> <p>6:00-9:00pm – Dinner on your own</p> <p>8:00pm-until – Silent Auction & Socializing in Hospitality Room</p>	<p>6:00-9:00am – Buffet breakfast in Hospitality Room</p> <p>8:00-9:00am – Steering Committee meeting in Conference Room</p> <p>9:00-11:00am – General Membership meeting in Hospitality Room</p> <p>11:00am-6:00pm – Free time (Lunch on your own)</p> <p>6:00-6:15pm – Board Buses for Savannah River Dinner Cruise</p> <p>7:00-9:30pm – Savannah River Dinner Cruise</p> <p>9:30pm – Board Buses for hotel</p> <p>9:30pm-until – Silent Auction & Socializing in Hospitality Room</p>	<p>6:00-9:00am – Buffet breakfast in Hospitality Room</p> <p>9:00-9:30am – Follow-up General Membership Business meeting in Hospitality Room</p> <p>9:30 – 10:30am – Non-denominational Services in Hospitality Room</p> <p>10:30am-5:00pm – Free Time (Lunch & tours on your own)</p> <p>3:00-6:00pm – Hospitality Room open</p> <p>6:00-9:00pm – Farewell Dinner, Awards Presentations, & Program in Hospitality Room</p> <p>9:00pm-until – Silent Auction & Socializing in Hospitality Room</p>	<p>6:00 – 9:00am – Breakfast on your own</p> <p>9:00-11:00am – Farewells & Departures in Hotel Lobby</p>



2012
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SAVANNAH GEORGIA
SEPTEMBER 6-10, 2012



NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

NAME(S) OF YOUR GUEST(S) _____

BANQUET MEAL SELECTION: BEEF _____ CHICKEN _____ VEGETARIAN _____

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY: _____

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES

- ~ A WELCOME PACKAGE WITH NAME BUTTON, ITINERARY, LIST OF ATTENDEES
- ~ HOSPITALITY ROOM ~ STOCKED WITH SNACKS & BEVERAGES ALL 4 DAYS
- ~ BREAKFAST BUFFET ~ FRIDAY ~ SATURDAY ~ SUNDAY
- ~ THURSDAY ~ WELCOME DINNER BUFFET
- ~ FRIDAY ~ CITY TOUR WITH LUNCH
- ~ SATURDAY ~ SAVANNAH RIVERBOAT DINNER CRUISE
- ~ SUNDAY ~ FAREWELL BANQUET DINNER & PROGRAM

REGISTRATION FEES

COUPLES REGISTRATION FEE \$682.00 = \$ _____

SINGLE REGISTRATION FEE \$341.00 = \$ _____

★ CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ADD 3% OF TOTAL (FOR COUPLES ADD \$20.46 FOR SINGLES ADD \$10.23) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

★ PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 9, 2012

FOR VISA OR MASTER CARD ONLY, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

CREDIT CARD # _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____ SECURITY CODE (THREE DIGIT NUMBER) _____

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD _____

BILLING ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____

★ PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE REUNION BRAT

PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS AND MADE PAYABLE TO:

THE REUNION BRAT
16817 MOUNTAINSIDE DRIVE EAST
GREENWATER, WA 98022
360-663-2521

- ★ Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by August 6, 2012
- ★ A \$20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event. Cancellations received within 10 days of the event will be non-refundable.
- ★ Call the Hilton DeSoto at 877-280-0751 no later than August 17, 2012 to make your hotel reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the Vinh Long Outlaws Reunion to receive your group rate per night of \$114.00 plus tax.
- ★ These prices are available 3 days prior to and after your event should you choose to extend your stay, depending on availability.

WE'LL SEE YOU SOON IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

OUTLAW ROUNDUP - SAVANNAH
SHIRT ORDER FORM

The official 2012 Outlaw Roundup shirt is a very attractive Royal Blue. Men's shirts have a white panel spliced into both sides and inside the sleeves. Women's shirts have the white side panels plus a white detail on the "Johnny collar" neck. Material is "tricot micropique" for smooth, snag-resistant, moisture-wicking, comfortable wear! Made by Sport-Tek, all shirts will have the Outlaw, Maverick, and Roadrunner logos embroidered on the left breast.

Cost for each shirt is \$30. NOTE: Added cost for sizes 2XL = \$32 3XL = \$34 4XL = \$36 men's or women's. Please pre-order your shirt(s) on the form below. Shirt orders for Reunion attendees will be placed in your welcome bag at the VLOA registration desk in the Hilton DeSoto hotel in Savannah. A limited quantity of additional shirts may be available for sale at the Reunion.

Please Indicate Quantity Desired by Size

MENS' SHIRT SIZES:

	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL*	3XL*	4XL*	TOTAL#	COST
	32-34	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-46	47-49	50-53	54-67		
Qty	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

LADIES' SHIRT SIZES

	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL*	TOTAL#	COST
	0-2	4/6	8/10	12/14	16/18	20/22		
Qty	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Note: Cost for sizes 2XL - \$32; 3XL - \$34; 4XL - \$36; Men's or Women's

For Reunion attendees, please indicate name(s) and sizes needed, below:

Name: _____ Size: _____
 Name: _____ Size: _____
 Name: _____ Size: _____
 Name: _____ Size: _____

(Use the reverse side of this form for any additional information or comments)

If you are not attending the Reunion, please add \$5.00 for shipping costs and provide the following information:

Your name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

_____ (Phone #) _____

ALL ORDERS ARE PRE-PAID AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 10, 2012.
Send this shirt Order Form, with payment – made payable to VLOA, to :

**Tom Anderson
 7880 Rolling Woods Ct #308
 Springfield, VA
 22152**

Make checks or money orders payable to: VLOA not to Tom !

Silent Auction details

- 1) **BID LIST** In order to develop the Bid List, I'll need to know, as soon as possible, what you will be contributing and a description of the item(s). Contact me (see below) as soon as you decide what you plan to bring to the auction.
- 2) **GETTING YOUR ITEM TO THE REUNION.** Driving it yourself is the surest, and least expensive, way of getting your item(s) to the reunion auction. If you are driving, and bringing your item(s) with you, again, please contact me well ahead of time, as requested above, to get the information into the Bid List.
- 3) **FLYING** If you are flying and can't bring your donation with you, please call me so we can discuss shipping the article. (And, see following paragraphs)
- 4) **SHIPPING DETAILS:** Fortunately, this year we are in a smaller hotel which will allow us to ship items prior to arrival to be held for pick-up, at no cost to us. If it is more convenient for you to ship your items, please note that shipments should be scheduled to arrive at the Hilton DeSoto Hotel no earlier than Saturday, September 1st, 2012. (Five days prior to the reunion).
- 5) **SHIPPING ADDRESS** If you ship your donation, please make sure the following information is included on your shipping label:

Ship To: Hilton DeSoto Hotel
15 East Liberty St
Savannah, GA
31401

Event Name: Vinh Long Outlaws Association Reunion

Event Date: Sep 6 - 10, 2012

Hold for Pickup by Guest: _____

(Your name here!)

7) PLEASE CONTACT ME AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON OR QUESTION

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VLOA NEEDS YOUR HELP!