Reunion Special Comments

Hello everybody! Well, we only have about 35 days until our reunion in Little Rock. However, before I go any further, I have a very important announcement to make.

This coming Saturday, August 10, at 5:00PM Central Time, is the deadline for making hotel reservations at our reduced rate of \$96.00 +tax, which includes breakfast for two.

After that, hotel rooms may (or may not) be available, at the prevailing rate, which is approximately \$140.00/night. Even if you are not sure if you will be able to attend the reunion, I suggest that you reserve a room, as there is no penalty for early cancellation, provided you cancel at least 48 hours in advance of your reservation. Consider yourself warned.

OK. Now, let's talk about what we have put together so far.

We have our Guest Speaker lined up, and her name is Stephanie Hanson Caisse. You will find a short bio of her in this Special Edition of *Revetments*. Also, representing the American Widow Project will be Julia Fitts. And, for something entirely new this year, *Vietnam Vet Radio's* own Bennie Blount will be doing a live, remote broadcast from our Hospitality Suite. This will be on Thursday. However, we do not have the exact broadcast time just yet. If you haven't already tuned-in to these broadcasts, you can do so at: <u>www.vietnamvetradio.org</u>

I have included a number of reunion schedules in this issue. They are:

1. Overall Reunion Schedule; 2. Friday Bus Tour Schedule; 3. Banquet Schedule

Please note that these schedules are subject to change. Any changes will be announced in our Hospitality Suite as soon as they are known. Here are some notes on each of the schedules.

Overall Reunion Schedule: Our reunion schedule is setup around the three core days of Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We have people arriving in advance of those days; during those days; and departing during and after those days. That is why we always try to have all of our scheduled events on those three days, so that most of our members can attend most of the events. This will remain the plan for the foreseeable future.

Friday Bus Tour Schedule: This tour is our only outside scheduled activities of the entire reunion. We were only able to acquire one charter bus, seating 56 passengers. Therefore, the bus will be available on a first-come/first-served basis. We ask that those who drove to the reunion, or who have rented a car, volunteer to transport any additional people wishing to go on the tour. Note, that our first stop, at the Clinton Presidential Library, has an entrance/tour fee of \$8.00/person. However, the Association will be paying for that. Also note that the Lunch that is scheduled for 11:00-12:30 is as follows;

The bus will drop everyone off in the downtown "River Market District"

There are dozens, and dozens of restaurants, bars, shops, boutiques, souvenir stores etc. in this area. All along President Clinton Avenue.

This is "pay-as-you-go." Nothing is pre-paid in advance. Everyone is on their own.

This is a walking district.

Bus will pick everyone up where they were dropped off.

Friday Banquet Schedule: As usual, we will have a Cocktail Reception in the lobby outside the ballroom. This will be a "cash bar." As we always have last-minute setups going on in the ballroom, we ask all of our guests to remain in the cock-tail reception area until at least 1745. At that time, we will open the ballroom for seating.

Please note that all times on all schedules are subject to change. Any changes, to any of the schedules, will be announced as soon as practical.