

**Special Edition  
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**A Memorial to the American Experience  
In Vietnam**

# **REVETMENTS**

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## **Call for Candidates**

**Election for Tan Son Nhut Association Board  
of Directors will be held at the Dayton, Ohio  
Reunion May 3 - 6 2007**

**The planning for the Dayton, Ohio Reunion is going full blast. We've already received several registrations. Don't miss out on what will be a great reunion. Our reunion notification was published in the VFW Magazine and we expect to hear from many interested veterans in the next few weeks.**

**In case you didn't receive your copy of the information flyer and registration form, both are in this Special Edition.**

**See you in Dayton!**

# Call for Candidates

Last November we again reflected upon our past, patriotic service. We also pondered upon our rights and exercised our obligations as citizens. Veterans' Day occurred and so did mid-term national elections.

Decades ago, we answered our country's call, donned the uniform, and traveled to a place some of us may have had to look in a World Atlas to know where they were bound. Most of us returned unscathed; some were cut deeply (physically or emotionally). Some of our friends died while very young!

On Veterans' Day, your association placed a wreath before the black, shiny slabs of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial. I'm honored, as a Director of your association, along with Bill Grayson and Vic Brown, to have been tapped to organize the placement of wreath duties at "The Wall" on November 11.

A few days earlier, on November 7, we'd gone to the polls to exercise a God given and Constitutional right – a right we served to protect. We voted for the candidates of our choice. During the first week of the New Year, a peaceful transition of legislative power occurred. We could observe and be proud that each of us, in some way, had helped preserve the freedoms that make peaceful transitions a reality of American life.

I want and need to address the issue of service and elections again. Friends, we're going to elect officers for the Tan Son Nhut Association at the business meeting during the reunion in Dayton, OH in May 2007.

As in November 2006, there will be voters and candidates from across this great land and the outcome will be important. It will determine how your association will be operated, and it will place in positions those who will determine your association's future and viability. We will be electing fellow members to the following positions: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Membership Development, and two Directors. **Your association needs you; we need candidates.**

Any member in good standing of TSNA is qualified to seek and hold office, but the true (though not stated in writing) qualification is a desire to work hard to make the association a better, more effective organization. A listing of duties and desired qualifications for office:

**President:** Some might call this person the CEO or commander of TSNA. However, servant - not boss - better describes it. The President ensures conformance to governing regulations, operates the public relations office, and charts the future of TSNA. This person must be an efficient manager, but most importantly, this person must be a leader with a vision. A management background in business or government is an advantage. Good communications skills is a must.

**Secretary:** Ensures integrity and safekeeping of association records, serves notice of meetings and records minutes, advises board concerning compliance with governing documents and statutes. Management or legal background a definite advantage.

**Treasurer:** Maintains all financial records, prepares budgets and financial reports, advises board on all financial matters, and safeguards the association's assets. An accounting or other financial background is a definite advantage. TSNA is currently using Quicken for accounting purposes.

**Director of Membership Development:** A new position. This individual will be responsible for recruiting new members and retaining current members.

**Director:** Fulfills all duties of a corporate board member in the business world. He or she will be asked to assume a specific position.

I'm not trying to discourage anyone from seeking office, because we want and need your talents. I am, however, being realistic. You must be willing to donate time to be an effective leader in TSNA.

Virtually all of us are veterans who answered a call to serve back in the Sixties and Seventies. **Now, your association needs you.** Volunteer to serve again, and consider being a leader of the Tan Son Nhut Association. Send me an email at [dale\\_f\\_bryan@yahoo.com](mailto:dale_f_bryan@yahoo.com) to tell me that you want to run. I also encourage you to nominate candidates, but please obtain their prior permission.

Dale F. Bryan

# TO ALL TAN SON NHUT MEMBERS

By Jerry Norville  
Secretary Pro Tem

**1. Introduction.** The purpose of this correspondence is to provide members with advanced notice of the Election of Directors/Officers to serve on the Association's Board. The election will be held in conjunction with the member reunion planned for May 3-6, 2007 in Dayton, Ohio.

**2. Requirements.** Bylaws specify presently that the Board of TSNA have a minimum of five and maximum of nine Directors. Four of the nine Directors authorized are Officers of the Association including the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The remaining five board members are Directors of the Association, each with specific responsibilities. For Example, Charles Penley is presently a Director on the Board with duties as Director of Communications.

### **3. Present Board Status.**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>Status, May 2007</b>
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#### **A. FOUR OFFICERS**

Director/President	Wayne Salisbury	<b>Position Vacant</b>
Director/Vice President	Larry Fry	<b>Position Filled</b>
Director/Secretary (Pro Tem)	Jerry Norville	<b>Position Vacant</b>
Director/Treasurer (Pro Tem)	Tobey Salisbury	<b>Position Vacant</b>

#### **B. FIVE ADDITIONAL DIRECTORS**

Director, Communications	Charles Penley	<b>Position Filled</b>
Director, Marketing	Johnnie Jernigan	<b>Position Filled</b>
Director, Membership (Pro Tem)	Walter D'Ambrosio	<b>Position Vacant</b>
Director	Not Filled	<b>Position Vacant</b>
Director	Not Filled	<b>Position Vacant</b>

**4. Summary:** As the situation now stands, there will be six board member vacancies for the election of May, 2007. Your Association needs your support. If you can give some time to the Association, please send an e-mail to the Chair of the Nominating Committee:

dale\_f\_bryan@yahoo.com

**5. Ballots:** We need you to identify yourself as a candidate before the election ballots can be printed and distributed to members. Please let us know of your interest soon. Thank you.

# **Tan Son Nhut Association Reunion**

**May 3-6, 2007**  
**~~ Dayton Ohio ~~**

**To be held at the Holiday Inn North in Dayton, Ohio.**

**Room rate is \$82 per night, plus tax. Airport transportation and parking at the hotel is free.**

**Registration will be \$99 per person for association members and \$103 for non-members.  
The cost includes the following:**

- ~ Welcoming Package with name button, itinerary, list of attendees, & local information**
- ~ Thursday 2 pm Hospitality/Registration opens**
- ~ Friday 7:00 - 8:30 am Breakfast Buffet**
- ~ Friday 9 - 5:30 pm Transportation to AF Museum at Wright Patterson AFB**
- ~ Saturday 10:00 - 4 pm Transportation to AF Museum at Wright Patterson AFB**
- ~ Saturday 6:00 - 11:00 pm Banquet Buffet Dinner & Program**
- ~ Sunday 7:00 - 8:00 am Farewell Breakfast Buffet**
- ~ Sunday 8:00 - 11:00 Business Meeting**
- ~ Hospitality Room stocked with snacks & beverages & cocktails all 3 days**
- ~ All associated taxes and gratuities**

Call the Holiday Inn at 937-278-4871 **no later than April 3, 2007** to make your hotel reservations.

## **An optional tour is available on Saturday Carillon Park and Waynesville**

Begins with a visit to Carillon Park the regions finest open air museum and home of the Wright Brothers 1905 III flyer and 24 exhibit buildings and structures situated on 65 acres. Afterwards we will drive out to the unique and charming city of Waynesville for some great shopping. Tour includes lunch at the Der Dutchman. An Amish & Mennonite restaurant and gift shop, known throughout Ohio for their fantastic food.

**<http://www.dhgroupp.com/en/wv/wv-restaurant.php>** )

Tour time 10:30 am – 4:30 pm. Price \$45 per person

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

***For More Information:***  
***Contact: Johnnie Jernigan***  
***Phone: (937)426-3785***  
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**~ TAN SON NHUT ASSOCIATION 2007 REUNION ~**

**OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY AND LEGACY OF TAN SON NHUT AND THE VIETNAM CONFLICT**

**YES, SIGN ME UP FOR THE REUNION!!!**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATES IN COUNTRY 19\_\_ TO 19\_\_ BRANCH OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT ASSIGNED (WILL BE PRINTED ON YOUR NAME BADGE) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF YOUR GUEST(S): \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS: \_\_\_\_\_

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY \_\_\_\_\_

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TSNA REUNION? YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_ ( IF NO, WHAT YEAR(S) DID YOU ATTEND TSNA REUNIONS \_\_\_\_\_ )

**REGISTRATION FEES (\$99 for TSNA Members / \$103 for non-TSNA Members)**

NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ x \$99 or \$103 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CARILLON PARK/WAYNESVILLE (OPTIONAL TOUR)

NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 2, 2007**

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

**THE REUNION BRAT**

**50721 State Hwy 410 E**

**Greenwater, WA 98022**

**(360)663-2521**

Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by April 15, 2007. 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 Holiday Inn Dayton North at 937-278-4871 no later than April 3<sup>rd</sup> to make your hotel reservations.** Be sure to mention you are with Tan Son Nhut Association Reunion to receive your group rate of \$82 a night, plus tax. These prices are available 3 days prior to and after your event should you choose to extend your stay.

**We'll see you soon in historic Dayton, Ohio!!**

# **FLASH!**

As this Special Edition of Revetments goes to press, I am pleased to announce that the latest edition of the VFW magazine is in circulation, and the response to our Dayton, Ohio reunion announcement in the magazine is GREAT! My email box is filling up and the phone is ringing off the hook!

**The 2007 reunion will likely be the largest ever! Thanks to the planning of Johnnie Jernigan it will be a great success.**

**Former members of the 7th Air Force Scatback at TSN that flew the C-47, C-54, C-118, C-123, T-39 and U-3B aircraft will be joining us. We expect many of them to attend.**



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