

**2019 Blackhawk Reunion Registration Form
Tampa, Florida
September 4-8, 2019**

**Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk Hotel
200 North Ashley Drive, Tampa, FL 33602
Reservations: 1-888-236-2427 / Hotel Information: 813-223-2222**

**Nightly Rate: \$109 + Tax (2 Double Beds or 1 King)
(Be sure to state that you are with "BLACKHAWKS" to get our room rate)
PLEASE NOTE that the cutoff date for reserving at this rate is August 9, 2019.**

DATE	ACTIVITY - (Details on Itinerary)	COST	# of	People	=	TOTAL
Your Arrival	Registration Fee (Paid by All Attendees) Pays for all incidentals, including food & drinks in hospitality suite, tips to wait staff & bus drivers and all extras so attendees do not have to "shell out" additional cash	\$25 x	_____	=	_____	
Sept 4 (Wednesday)	Register at Hospitality Room (Bayshore West) 5pm until "whenever" - Visit & enjoy refreshments					
Sept 5 (Thursday)	7:30am - 4:00pm: Hospitality Room - Registration, & visiting, enjoying refreshments and "on your own" activities					
	5:15pm: Water Taxi (Hotel to Cruise Ship & Return)	\$10 x	_____	=	_____	
	6:00-9:00pm: Sunset Dinner Cruise* <i>**See ITINERARY for Dinner Menu</i>	\$58 x	_____	=	_____	
	Upon Return until "whenever": Hospitality Room - Visit & enjoy refreshments					
Sept 6 (Friday)	7:30am - 9:00am: Hospitality Room Open 9:30am: Bus to Veterans Memorial Park <i>(Includes Free BBQ lunch donated by MISSION BBQ)</i>	\$12 x	_____	=	_____	
	Upon Return until "whenever": Hospitality Room Open with a FREE Pizza Party - Time TBD <i>(pizza donated by former Army Officer Lane Rickman)</i>					
Sept 7 (Saturday)	7:30 - 9:00am: Hospitality Room Open 9:30 - 11:00am: Business Meeting Ladies Special: 9:00-11:00am Sign-up with Maria-Elena (Reunion Hostess) for an "Energy Break" Chair Massage 11:00am - 3:30pm: Hospitality Room Open 6:00-10:00pm: Happy Hour, Banquet**, Raffle <i>**See ITINERARY for Banquet Dinner Choices</i>	\$56 x	_____	=	_____	

Total Cost: \$ _____

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2019 Blackhawk Reunion Registration Form (Continued)

NAME (How do you want it on your nametag) _____ **TROOP(s)** _____

Year(s) served with 7/1st _____ **Rank** with 7/1st _____ **Retirement Rank** _____

Spouse &/or Guest Name(s) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT Information:

Person's Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Is this your first BLACKHAWK Reunion? YES _____ NO _____

Have you been presented the Vietnam 50th Anniversary Lapel Pin? YES _____ NO _____

Any Dietary Restrictions? _____

Is Anyone In Your Party A Vegetarian? YES _____ NO _____ **If Yes, How Many** _____
(Both Cruise & Banquet Dinners will have Vegetarian plates available — we need to know how many are desired.)

Please Indicate Banquet Dinner Choices (see ITINERARY for Details):

Choice #1 _____ (Steak) **Choice #2** _____ (Salmon) **Choice#3** _____ (Chicken)

Arrival Date: _____ **Departure Date:** _____

Are You Staying at the Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk Hotel? YES _____ NO _____

Are you Driving or Flying to the Reunion? **DRIVING** _____ **Flying** _____

(If you are flying and have your flight information, please provide the following. If you don't have your flight information, **PLEASE DON'T DELAY REGISTERING!** It can be provided later. This will greatly help with arranging transportation to and from the hotel to the airport. Volunteers from the American Vietnam Veterans, Tampa Chapter will provide transportation from the airport to the hotel and the return to airport.

Arriving Airline _____ **Flight #** _____ **Scheduled Arrival Time** _____

Departure Airline _____ **Flight #** _____ **Scheduled Departure Time** _____

Parking: The Sheraton is providing a daily discounted rate of \$12 for Blackhawks (valet parking—this is the only parking available at the hotel). City parking is available at Ft. Brook on 107th North Franklin Street. Daily rate is \$9.50 beginning at 6am (if you leave at anytime during the day, it starts a new parking fee. Hourly rates are \$1.60 — after 5 hours, it goes automatically to the daily rate of \$9.50.

Blackhawk Room Rates are available at the Sheraton for 3 days before until 3 days after the reunion.

Mail BOTH Pages of the Registration Form & Check To:

Roland Leeds
1140 Chestnut Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Checks should be made payable to "BLACKHAWK ASSOCIATION"

2019 Blackhawk Reunion Itinerary

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Nightly Rate: \$109 + Tax

Wednesday, Sept 4: Check into Hospitality Room (Bayshore West - near the hotel lobby) & socialize with attendees - Dinner on your own

The Hospitality Room will be available Wednesday thru Saturday (except during the time of the Thursday Dinner Cruise and the Friday Outing to the Veteran's Memorial Park). Snacks and beverages will be available, along with "fixings" for a Continental Breakfast. Some suggested "On Your Own" activities are:

- a. Visit old friends and make some new ones in the Hospitality Room, shop for BLACKHAWK gear in the Quartermaster's store and go exploring.
- b. Enjoy the beauty of the Riverwalk (directly across from the hotel lobby).
- c. See downtown Tampa with it's many restaurants & museums (Tampa Museum of Art is FREE with your room key).
- d. Visit Historic Ybor City (restaurants, shops, cafes, cigar emporiums, Tampa's Baseball Museum, Ybor City Museum State Park & Jose Marti Park).
- e. Stroll along Sparkman Wharf (restaurants, bars, open park & "Splitsville" bowling alley).

All of these are accessible using the Free Trolley System.

Thursday, Sept 5: Continue with "On Your Own" activities until late in the afternoon - Lunch is on your own

Additional attractions to those listed for Wednesday are:

- a. The University of Tampa (See the Henry B. Plant Museum & the Rough Rider's Room).
- b. Visit the Florida Aquarium and the American Victory Ships.

5:15pm: Catch the Water Taxi Shuttle outside the hotel pool gate on the Riverwalk for the trip to the Star Ship II for the Sunset Dinner Cruise.

The shuttle will make 2-3 trips to the ship as necessary. The Water Taxi can accommodate folding wheel chairs but NOT motorized scooters. There are 2-4 steps down from the Riverwalk to the water taxi (depending on the tide). In case of inclement weather, the water taxi will not run and we will get a full refund. In that case, other accommodations will be made to get to/from the Star Ship II.

6:00-9:00pm: Dinner cruise on the Star Ship II. The menu for the dinner buffet will be: *Garden Salad w/mesclun lettuce, cucumber, grape tomatoes, carrot, red onion with choice of balsamic vinaigrette or ranch dressing; Chicken Breast stuffed w/spinach, bacon & bleu cheese w/marsala wine sauce w/mushrooms & sun dried tomatoes; Atlantic Salmon marinated w/basil pesto w/roasted yellow pepper coultis; sharp cheddar mashed Yukon Gold Potatoes; Seasonal vegetables; Chef's Choice of dessert and unlimited Ice Tea & Coffee.* There will be a cash bar on board.

Hospitality Room will reopen upon the return from the cruise.

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Friday, Sept 6: **7:30-9:00am: Hospitality Room will be open**
9:30am: Buses will depart the hotel for the Veteran's Memorial Park.

We will have a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial. Lunch is being donated and catered by Mission BBQ. While at the 21 acre park, you may walk around and visit the 20 memorials dedicated to past and present members of the US Armed Forces. There is also a small museum on the grounds. Bus departure to return to the hotel will be around 1:30pm but no later than 2:30pm. **NOTE from Maria-Elena (Reunion Hostess):** *"I hope everyone will attend - I have some GREAT surprises for you at the park!!"*

Hospitality Room will reopen upon the return from the Veteran's Park.

At a time "To Be Determined" - There will be a FREE Pizza Party in the Hospitality Room.

The pizzas are being donated by a Vietnam Veteran, former Army Officer Lane Rickman, owner of Little Ceasar's Pizza in Sun City Center.

Saturday, Sept 7: **7:30-9:00am: Hospitality Room Open**
9:30-11:00am: Annual Business Meeting (in Hospitality Room)
EDITOR's NOTE: Come prepared to make YOUR case for the location of the 2021 Blackhawk Reunion

"Ladies Special" 9:00-11:00am: "Energy Break" Massage This is a chair massage for the ladies. These are being done by licensed therapists. The massage includes neck, shoulders, back, arms & hands. There are no oils, lotions, or removal of clothing. These therapists do the 5K runs in the area. Maria-Elena has 2 therapists currently scheduled. The fee is \$10 for 10 minutes or \$20 for 20 minutes. Depending on the response, she can arrange for an additional therapist. Payment will be made by cash, credit card or debit card to the therapist. In order to schedule the needed number of therapists, please call Maria-Elena at (813) 634-1199. If there is no answer, please leave your name and phone number and Maria-Elena will call you back to schedule your appointment duration and time slot. The massage will use a specially designed massage chair and will be done in Maria-Elena's room.

11:00am-3:30pm: Hospitality Room will reopen for "On Your Own activities

3:30-6:00pm: Hospitality Room closed for Banquet preparation - Get some rest!!

6:00-10:00pm: Annual Banquet Dinner with traditional ceremony, raffle & dancing to a live band (lead singer is a Vietnam Veteran who served with the 196th Infantry Brigade). Banquet Dinner Menu

(Plated Dinner) - *Salad: Fresh Oak & Green Leaf Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Red Onions, Carrot Capellini, Herbed Vinaigrette; Vegetables; Aged Cheddar Whipped Potatoes; Entree: **Choice #1** Chargrilled Creekstone Farms Sirloin Steak; **Choice #2** Fennel Dusted Salmon w/ Lemon & Parsley Cremolata; or **Choice #3** Joyce Farms, Skin-On Chicken Breast w/Boursin Mushroom Cream Sauce; All Meals Served w/ Artisanal Breads & Butter, Chef's Choice Dessert, Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Starbuck's Coffee and Tazo Herbal tea.*

A Cash Bar will be available in the room.

Sunday, Sept 8: **On your own time: Breakfast "Good-Byes", wishes for safe travels & promises to meet again for the 2020 Reunion in Boise, Idaho.**

Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk Hotel Information

- * **Hotel Restaurant: “River’s Edge” open for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Daily \$5 specials on food & drink from 5-7pm. Room Service available.**
- * **24 Hour Access to:**
 - **Complimentary high speed wireless internet in all guest rooms, meeting space and public areas**
 - **Complimentary use of Sheraton Link Business**
 - **Complimentary use of fitness center**
- * **Complimentary Hotel shuttle will take you anywhere within a 3 mile radius**
- * **“Heated” outdoor pool with a brand new pool bar, open until 11pm**
- * **Inside bar open until 12am**
- * **Coffee Maker w/Starbucks Coffee in each room**
- * **Rooms do NOT have refrigerators - for those with medical needs, please contact the hotel to make arrangements for an exception**



**Can You Believe it??
It took TWO Pages To Describe
All That's Gonna Take Place
At The 2019 Blackhawk Reunion
In Tampa.
That's A Party You DON'T Want To Miss!!**

Old Bill