



# VQ ASSOCIATION 2024 REUNION

September 29-October 3, 2024 | Charleston, SC

## Welcome to *The Holy City!*

[Charleston, the South Carolina](#) port city founded in 1670, is defined by its cobblestone streets, horse-drawn carriages and pastel antebellum houses, particularly in the elegant French Quarter and Battery districts. The Battery promenade and Waterfront Park both overlook Charleston Harbor, while Fort Sumter, a federal stronghold where the first shots of the Civil War rang out, lies across the water.

## Hotel Information

We will be staying at the newly renovated, [Town & Country Inn and Suites](#) at 2008 Savannah Hwy, Charleston, SC 29407. The hotel room rate is just \$149 plus tax per night. The hotel also has many Suites of various types and rates. If you prefer a *Suite*, they are available at a discounted rate by calling MRP at the number below. The room rate does not include breakfast. Just five miles from historic downtown Charleston, this is the the closest Hotel to the area's famous gardens, plantations, golf courses and area attractions. Charleston's largest shopping mall, a grocery store, a liquor store, and restaurants are all within walking distance.

For those of you who choose to arrive early or stay late, the same room rate is offered on Thu. but if you stay on a Fri or Sat, the rate jumps to \$209+, and is based on availability. Make your hotel reservations NOW to insure the best availability. You may cancel without penalty up to 72 hours in advance.

For reservations call the hotel directly at **843-571-1000**, and reference The VQ Association. Reservations are due by August 29, 2024



If you have any problems getting a room at the group rate, especially if you are coming in early or staying late, please call *Military Reunion Planners* (MRP) at 817-251-3551. We can resolve most hotel issues.

## Airport Transportation & Parking

Charleston International (CHS) is the closest airport to the hotel, which is 8 miles away. The hotel does not provide a shuttle service. Uber or Lyft are the best options to get from the airport.

For those driving, the hotel offers plenty of free parking. If you need specific directions, [click here](#), or call the hotel's front desk 843-571-1000 for assistance.

***Travel safely and we will .... See you in Charleston!***



# VQ ASSOCIATION 2024 REUNION EVENTS

**REUNION DATES: Sunday, September 29 - Thursday October 3, 2024**

## **GROUP WELCOME RECEPTION AND BUFFET DINNER AT THE HOTEL**

**Sunday, September 29 (Cocktails at 6:00pm; Dinner at 7:00pm)**

Enjoy a Buffet dinner of Southern Fried Chicken and Beef Stroganoff with all your friends.

## **HISTORIC CHARLESTON CITY TOUR: Monday, September 30 (9:30am-2:30pm)**



Board your private motor coach with our local, professional tour guide and enjoy the beauty and charm of one of America's most historic cities. Your guide will bring to life the history of this 300-year-old city with stories of the American Revolution and the "War between the States". Sights on your tour include Rainbow Row, [The Citadel](#), the *Four Corners of Law*, [Battery Row](#), historic Slave Market, and many of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century homes, shops, and churches of Charleston. There will be time, a little time to explore

the [Charleston City Market](#) or have a snack as you browse.

## **NARRATED CHARLESTON HARBOR CRUISE & DOLPHIN WATCH**

**Tuesday, October 1 (10:30am-2:30pm)**

Enjoy the beauty and discover Charleston's fascinating history while you cruise the gentle waves of her harbor on this 90-minute cruise. Listen to the narration as you view over 75 notable American landmarks, such as Fort Sumter, the carrier USS Yorktown, Battery Point, and other sites, of the "Holy City". There will be about an hour downtown to grab a snack or browse the shops before returning to the hotel.



## **HISTORIC BOONE HALL PLANTATION: Wednesday, October 2 (10:00am-2:00pm)**



Boone Hall, founded in 1681, is one of America's oldest working, living plantations, continuously growing crops for over 320 years. The Plantation is one of our nation's most recognized historic sites and one of the most popular tourist attractions in the Charleston area.

As you enter [Boone Hall](#), you will travel down the iconic "avenue of oaks" draped in Spanish moss, as seen in countless movies. Guided tours of the Plantation home showcase what a house would have looked like in the 18<sup>th</sup>

century. Eight original slave cabins are one of the most unique features of the plantation and you will enjoy a live presentation in the Gullah Theater with your tour. The cabins have artifacts and audio exhibits that help depict what daily life was like for the slaves on the plantation. You are free to roam all the beautiful formal gardens, grounds and cabins, before returning to the hotel. There is a Café on-site.

## **FAREWELL BANQUET DINNER AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 2 (Cocktails begin at 1800/ Dinner at 1900)**

Join your friends for your Banquet Dinner at the Hotel. Cash Bar will begin at 1800, followed by dinner at 1900 which includes time for the annual meeting.

## **TOUR CANCELLATION INSURANCE**

Protect yourself from unforeseen expenses caused by sickness, injury or any other causes that impact your travel plans. This insurance enables a refund of tour & banquet expenses (less processing fee) up midnight before the start of your reunion. Without cancellation insurance all money received is non-refundable 6 weeks prior to the reunion.

**ALL RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY **AUGUST 18, 2024**.** Should you need additional information call our offices at 817-251-3551 or email us at [info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com](mailto:info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com). Requests for refunds must be made in writing and postmarked no later than the reservation due date. No refunds will be made after this date unless you have purchased Tour Cancellation Insurance. Note there is a \$15 per person processing fee plus any fees imposed by the credit card processing company, currently 3.75%, on all cancellations. Watch your email for confirmation of your order. Hotel Registration / Reservations" do not

include "Reunion Event Reservations" You must register for both independently.

# VQ ASSOCIATION REUNION RESERVATION FORM

>>> [Click here to jump to the on-line reservation form](#)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
		Reunion Registration Fee (non-refundable)	\$20 pp		
Sun 9/29	1800	Group Reception & Buffet Dinner at the Hotel	\$74 pp		
Mon 9/30	0930-1430	Historic Charleston City Tour with Free Time	\$65 pp		
Tue 10/1	1030-1430	Charleston Harbor Cruise & Dolphin Watch	\$80 pp		
Wed 10/2	1000-1400	Famous Boone Hall Plantation Excursion	\$70 pp		
Wed 10/2	1800	Farewell Banquet & General Membership Meeting:			
		Prime Rib	\$89 pp		
		Crab Stuffed Jumbo Shrimp	\$89 pp		
		Non-refundable Late Reservation Fee (If registering after August 18, 2024)	\$15 pp		
		Tour Cancellation Insurance: Protect your \$\$ (Fee is non-refundable)	\$20 pp		
<b>TOTAL</b>					

>>> PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

FULL NAME: _____	
SPOUSE: _____	GUEST(s): _____
ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____
CELL: _____	EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____	PHONE NUMBER: _____
LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS: (Dietary, mobility, etc): _____	
Do you need a hydraulic wheelchair lift in order to get on the bus to participate in the tours: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Late reservations will be accepted on a space available basis with a non-refundable \$15 pp late fee. There is a \$20 pp surcharge for orders taken over the phone. Please make a copy of your order prior to mailing. Note tour times are subject to change. Should you need additional information call our offices Monday through Friday CST at 817-251-3551 or email us at [info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com](mailto:info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com). Requests for refunds must be made in writing and postmarked no later than the reservation due date No refunds will be made after this date unless you have purchased *Tour Cancellation Insurance*. Cancellation Insurance expires at 11:59 pm the day **before** the reunion start date. Please note there is a refund processing fee of \$15 per person plus 3.75% fee charged by credit card processing company. Your cancelled check is your receipt as well as proof of purchase. For written confirmation of your reservation please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your cancellation request. A \$25 return check fee applies. MRP will not be held liable for failure of vendors to provide contracted services or any injuries/accidents that may occur during the reunion.