
VANTAGE STAYS

The Ultimate Military Reunion Planner

Honor Your Service. Reconnect with Your Unit.
Plan an Unforgettable Gathering in the Smoky Mountains.

30+ Pages · Unit Directory · Ceremony Planning · Budget Tracker
Activity Guide · Memorial Templates · Accessibility Planning

Unit / Branch:

Reunion Name:

Dates:

Organizer:

Expected Attendance: _____

Years of Service: _____

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1. Reunion Purpose & Vision

Military reunions are about more than nostalgia - they're about honoring shared sacrifice, reconnecting with the people who understand your experience, and creating new memories together. The Smoky Mountains provide a peaceful, beautiful setting for reflection and celebration.

Branch of service:

Unit designation:

Era / years of service:

Deployment(s):

Purpose of this reunion:

Special members to honor:

Memorial or ceremony planned:

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6. Honor & Memorial Ceremony

Many military reunions include a ceremony to honor fallen comrades and celebrate service. The cabin deck with mountain views provides a dignified, private setting.

Ceremony Elements

- Flag display and presentation
- Roll call of members (present and fallen)
- Moment of silence
- POW/MIA empty chair ceremony
- Reading of names of fallen comrades
- Candle lighting ceremony
- Sharing of memories and stories
- Taps (recording or live bugler)
- Group photo in formation
- Presentation of commemorative items

Ceremony Details

Date & time:

Location (cabin deck, nearby park, etc.):

Who will lead the ceremony:

Special readings or prayers:

Music selections:

Items to display (photos, memorabilia, flags):

VANTAGE TIP: *The expansive decks on our larger cabins provide a private, dignified setting for memorial ceremonies with stunning mountain views as a backdrop. Our concierge team can help arrange flag displays and seating.*

8. Accessibility & Special Needs

Many veterans have specific accessibility needs. Planning ahead ensures everyone can fully participate and enjoy the reunion.

- Wheelchair accessible cabin requested
- Ground-floor bedroom assignments for mobility-impaired members
- Quiet spaces available for PTSD-friendly retreat
- Service animals accommodated (pet-friendly cabin)
- Dietary restrictions documented (VA-related medications)
- Hearing loop or amplification for ceremonies
- Large-print materials for vision-impaired members
- Transportation with wheelchair accessibility
- Proximity to VA medical facility noted (nearest: James H. Quillen VA, Johnson City - 1.5 hrs)
- Emergency medical information collected for all attendees

7. Activity Planning

Bonding & Remembrance

- Storytelling night around the fireplace
- Photo & memorabilia display
- Video call with members who couldn't attend
- Memory book signing
- Unit history timeline creation
- Letter writing to active-duty members

Outdoor Adventures

- Scenic drive through Great Smoky Mountains NP
- Easy group hikes (Cades Cove, Laurel Falls)
- Fishing on Douglas Lake
- Horseback riding
- Golf outing
- Pontoon boat rental

Entertainment

- Dinner show (Dolly Parton's Stampede - patriotic themed!)
- Game room tournament
- Poker night
- BBQ cookout on the deck
- Karaoke night
- Movie night in the theater room

Local Veteran Resources

- Sevier County Veterans Service Office: (865) 453-0803
- American Legion Post 104 (Sevierville)
- VFW Post 6642 (Pigeon Forge)
- Dolly Parton's Stampede offers military discounts
- Many Smoky Mountain attractions offer veteran discounts with ID
- Patriot Guard Riders (Tennessee chapter) - available for flag lines and escort

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