



UPDATE JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> 2006

Arrangements for Vietnam Veterans' Day/40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Long Tan in VIETAM 2006

**Please pass to everyone on your Veteran email address book.**

We advise all visiting veterans, families and friends of the following.

All visitors, be they on a group tour or individual are asked to call at the Registration Desk at OSC Tours 9 Le Loi Street Vung Tau upon your arrival in Vung Tau. Here you will receive an information pack regarding all arrangements in place [to help](#) make your visit a memorable experience. From this we will also be able to gauge the exact numbers for catering purposes, day tours if need be and numbers who will attend the service on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Souvenir commemorative packs containing caps and polo-shirts, key ring etc will be available for purchase.*

**See attached accommodation listings with booking direct to OSC via email on [osc-tours@hcm.vnn.vn](mailto:osc-tours@hcm.vnn.vn). Note that 1 Star mini hotels are available upon request.**

The Australian Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City is also asking visitors to register their planned participation either by fax ( 848 8296031) or through their website ([www.vietnam.embassy.gov.au](http://www.vietnam.embassy.gov.au)) to assist with logistical planning for the commemoration service.( see attached advice)

#### **DAY TOURS;**

Half and full day tours will be for sale via the OSC Desk in Le Loi Street. Simply a matter of nominating the day, placing your name on the appropriate lists and paying in advance. Costs: US\$5-\$10.

#### **LONG TAN COMMEMORATION DAY.**

All visitors will be required to obtain a police permit to visit Long Tan on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Again, if this is not taken care of by your tour company from Australia with whom you are traveling, then you are required to lodge your full name, DOB and passport number and the permit will be obtained for you. Cost will be US\$5 pp. (Transport, not previously arranged will be approx \$5) .Registration again at the OSC Tour Desk in Le Loi Street.

Pre- registration is desirable and can be made via email to:

[pauljmurphy@bigpond.com](mailto:pauljmurphy@bigpond.com)



## **THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> August.**

Venue: Vung Tau Greyhound Track . Le Loi Street.

***Cricket Match...Vung Tau Expats versus the Veterans.*** Overs and bars commence at 1600hrs. You are all welcome to have a go!! Limited overs!! Buffet Dinner from 1830 hours to the live music of JURAM.

**John Schumann and the Vagabond Band perform LIVE from 2000hours.** all the hits from the Vietnam era ,door prizes and raffles.

Tickets to the evening, buffet and John Schumann Concert just US\$20 must be prepaid at the OSC Tour Office.

## **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August.**

### **Long Tan Commemorative Ceremonies**

The Order of Ceremony and protocols will be issued in due course by the Australian Consul General [in Ho Chi Minh City](#) in conjunction with DFAT and DVA Canberra.

**Ceremony to commence at Long Tan at 1540 hours.** Further details re transport and other arrangement on the day will be posted asap.

(Note that current plans are to hold only one service although should there be sufficient numbers of intending visitors register such that overall numbers can not be reasonably accommodated at one service, the Consulate General will organize a second service for the 18<sup>th</sup>. Early registration of attendance will assist the planning for such a contingency.)



1830 Hours: Superb BBQ Dinner, Live music by JURAM and the BIG ONE

## **JOHN SCHUMANN and the Vagabond**

**From 2000hours**

### **JOHN WILL PERFORM ALL HIS SIGNATURE TUNES**

**Including 'I was only 19' I've been to Bali too'**

VIPS from Australia and Vietnam will be in attendance and memorial speeches will be presented during the evening.

VENUE: Vung Tau Greyhound Track: Le Loi Street.

Tickets for the evening are just US\$30 covering the superb dinner and the John Schumann Concert. Tickets to be prepaid and are available from the OCS Tour Desk.

Lucky door prizes, cold FOSTERS on tap and the raffle will be drawn with major prizes available for collection in Australia.

## **A night at the Dogs!!!...remember Dat Do?**

In conjunction with the Vung Tau Greyhound Racing Track, free admission is offered to one and all visitors to witness a full 8 race card including the Nui Dat Sprint and the Long Tan 400. On-course TOTE available Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August from 1900 hours. Please use the RHS entrance under the red neon sign in Le Loi Street. Refreshment and drinks available.

*The AVVRG is a non aligned group of veterans engaged in delivery of aid projects in Vietnam. The information provided above is designed to inform intending visitors of some of the activities being planned and as a service to the community of veterans, their families and friends. Finally we would like to remind visitors of the need to abide by the local protocols. Kindly see our website at [www.AVVRG.org](http://www.AVVRG.org)*