

## 2010 San Diego VHPA Reunion Hotel Information

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Concerning the Reunion Hotel = the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina:

- The Marriott is physically sold out for Tuesday, June 29 and earlier along with most of downtown San Diego due to a large convention. If someone asks for a room from the 29<sup>th</sup> thru the 5<sup>th</sup>, most likely they will be told the hotel is sold out.
- The VHPA contract room block plus several Marriott provided increases is showing 99.1% sold out in Passkey. The group rate is \$125 per night. To Marriott's credit, they provided the VHPA with several hundred room nights at the group rate over and above what was required in our contract. Those extra room nights are gone.
- The Marriott physically has some rooms for Wednesday, June 30 thru Tuesday, July 6 (our Closing Banquet is on Sunday, July 4). VHPAers have been quoted rates in the \$199 to \$225 range. The message is – ask for rooms starting the 30<sup>th</sup> and you may hear something other than sold out.
- Because some of our normal housing contacts were off on Friday, May 14 - we have conflicting messages that won't be sorted out until maybe as late as Monday or Tuesday of next week. It is possible that a senior manager approved yet another "20-room increase" for the 30<sup>th</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> date range and that increase will be reflected in Passkey "soon" (like between now and Monday or Tuesday). If that is true, Passkey agents will be able to sell those rooms starting whenever Passkey is updated. It is possible that this "20-room increase" just mentioned was the one actually done on May 11<sup>th</sup> and is therefore already sold out. The message is – if you want to try to get a room at the group rate, call Passkey reservations at 800-266-9432, mention the keyword "VHPA Reunion" for any dates starting the 30<sup>th</sup> and see what answer you get. If they take the reservation at the group rate – congratulations you just got one of those extra 20 rooms!!
- The bottom line is that TODAY the VHPA is right on the crest of being able to book a room at the group rate or not. Clearly by about May 21<sup>st</sup> or maybe even earlier that door will close permanently. Remember there usually isn't a "waiting list" and cancellations from the room block may or may not be resold at the group rate.

Once the group rate rooms are gone, two options present themselves – stay in the Reunion Hotel at whatever rate they quote or consider an Overflow Hotel. As of 14 May 2010 (more information will keep coming but most likely the rates will only go higher), we have the following Overflow Hotel information:

- The Hilton Gaslamp is a fine hotel less than two-short blocks from the Marriott. Supposedly they "loaded" the VHPA or VHPA Reunion group rate of \$149 into their system on 14 May 2010 for forty (40) rooms over the 30<sup>th</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> date range. Their direct number is 619-231-4040 or 800-HILTONS or [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com).
- The Hyatt is immediate next to the Marriott. We don't have a group rate with them YET but will soon.