

# Hotel 2/5 Newsletter

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## Editor's Column

The reunion is just over 30 days out. The deadline to register is October 3rd. **YOU CAN STILL GET IT DONE ON LINE.** Just read down to page two of the newsletter and follow the instructions.

The dates for the reunion have changed over the years mostly dependent upon the location chosen for the reunion.

The first was August in Ohio. When we moved on to Phoenix, August was just not an option.

Except for San Diego where the date was dictated by our ability to gain access to Pendleton, November, or around the Marine Corps Birthday has been the date of choice.

I have come across an article which presents some very interesting facts about the date on which we celebrate the Marine Corps birthday. (page 4)

We have been lucky on a number occasions to have access to a Birthday Ball hosted by a local Marine detachment such as in Philly and Phoenix. Despite the party not being held on the 10th, we will still honor what is observed as the Birthdate of the Marine Corps. This year we will have the celebration at the reunion on Saturday, November 7th.

I hope to see everyone in Nashville.

Semper Fi.

Jay



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# 2015 REUNION, NASHVILLE, TN

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO GET YOUR REGISTRATION IN  
**OCTOBER 3rd.**

**YOU CAN STILL MAKE IT BY REGISTERING ON LINE  
USE THE WEB SITE LINK BELOW**

The fee for this year's reunion is \$170 per Marine or Corpsman which includes the T shirt. \$155 for each guest. If you want a T shirt for the guest add \$15. Mens size 3X and larger add an additional \$5.

The Holiday Inn's discounted rate is \$109 which includes parking, a hospitality room for our use, and a free shuttle from the airport. Reservations for the hotel can be made at the following link [http://ichotelsgroup.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=HI&regionCode=1&localeCode=en&GPC=C4R&hotelCode=BN&NAOP&\\_PMID=99801505](http://ichotelsgroup.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=HI&regionCode=1&localeCode=en&GPC=C4R&hotelCode=BN&NAOP&_PMID=99801505) You can also phone the reservation in to the hotel at [1-866-871-1171](tel:1-866-871-1171). The reservation code is C4R.

## **The schedule:**

### **Day 1: Thursday, Nov 5th**

Registration & "Meet n Greet". The kick off time 3 p.m. Hospitality room will be open 6 to 9 with light refreshments. Dinner on your own.

### **Day 2: Friday, Nov 6th**

Lunch Cruise on the General Jackson Showboat. Hospitality room opens at 4 p.m. Dinner on your own.

### **Day 3: Saturday, Nov 7th**

Guided tour of the Ryman Auditorium. Group lunch downtown at BB King's.

Reservation is Noon to 1 p.m. (Fried Pickles, Chicken and Waffles, BBQ Pulled Pork Platter, BBQ Baked Beans, White Cheddar Mac n' Cheese, Cornbread Muffins, Banana Bread Pudding for dessert, Unlimited Sodas, Iced Tea, and Coffee.

Birthday Ball at the hotel (1600-2200) Cash bar. Dinner buffet, Chicken and Rosemary Pork. (7 p.m.)

### **Day 4: Sunday, Nov 8th**

Breakfast and Farewells. Hospitality Room open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Hotel Web Site Registration

Go to the web page: <http://hotel25vv.org/>

Click on the reunions link at the top of the page. Click on "registration" on the left hand side. Fill in the form.

Here is the short cut. Just click on the link below or if it does not work, then cut and paste the link. This should take you directly to the registration page.

<http://hotel25vv.org/reunions/2015-nashville-tennessee/registration/>

***Here are a few places to visit in Nashville off the beaten track if you want to do a little wandering:***

A trip to Nashville wouldn't be complete without a visit to the honky-tonks of lower Broadway and a pilgrimage to the "mother church of country music," the Ryman Auditorium, but once you have hit those, consider a trip across the river to the city's hippest neighborhood.

East Nashville started out as a separate city of country estates, enjoying a post-Civil War boom in the 1870s and 1880s, according to Jim Hoobler, a local historian and an East Nashville resident.

After 1916, a huge fire, then the Great Depression and the flight to the suburbs, took a toll. Restoration of the area's many Victorian homes and bungalows began in the 1970s, and has helped turn it into one of the city's most desirable neighborhoods.

Today, visitors can easily spend a day or more sampling East Nashville's boutiques, restaurants, brewpubs and clubs.

A good place to start is the pedestrian-friendly Five Points neighborhood.

Marche Artisan Foods (1000 Main St.) serves a European-style seasonal menu in a sunny room that is always packed. In addition to sit-down meals, Marche sells baked goods and locally sourced packaged food.

Chef Margot McCormack has another popular restaurant nearby, Margot Cafe and Bar (1017 Woodland St.), which

serves rustic French and Italian cuisine for dinner and Sunday brunch. Reservations can be hard to get, but sometimes there are seats at the bar.

A less expensive meal can be found at I Dream of Weenie (113 S. 11th St.), a hot-dog restaurant run out of an old Volkswagen bus. Across the street is the Pied Piper Creamery (114 S. 11th St.), where a signature flavor is Trailer Trash - vanilla ice cream with bits of Oreo, Twix, Butterfinger, Nestle Crunch, Snickers, M&Ms and Reese's Pieces.

New York-style Five Points Pizza (1012 Woodland St.) offers a good selection of local and regional craft beers. For shopping, a row of tiny boutiques called the Idea Hatchery (1108 Woodland St.) includes everything from an all-local bookstore (East Side Story) to a gourmet oatmeal shop (Haulin' Oats) with a lot of vintage and kitsch in between.

Another cluster of boutiques, the Shoppes on Fatherland (1006 Fatherland St.), is within walking distance. Or rent a bicycle for the trip from the nearby Nashville B-cycle station (109 S. 11th St.). Basic rentals are \$5 for the first hour, \$1.50 each additional half-hour.

Don't miss Jones Fly Co., where workers tie feathers and animal hair around tiny hooks, making lures that anglers use. For a moment of calm, visit High Garden, which sells traditional teas and herbal infusions with names such as Overworked, Warrior Blend and

Airway to Heaven. Take a bag to go or share a pot with a friend in the small seating area. Laptops are not allowed. Yes, you read that correctly. "This is not a place to escape; it's a place to be," co-owner Leah Larabell explained.

Six blocks away is Olive and Sinclair Chocolate Co. (1628 Fatherland St.), where Scott Withe-row roasts, stone-grinds and sells what he calls "Southern artisan chocolate," such as Duck Fat Caramels. If it's a Saturday, you can tour the factory includes a "sprayground" where jets of water offer relief on hot summer days. for \$5.

At Barista Parlor (519 Gallatin Ave.), the coffees have complicated back stories and can be served cold with mixers that make them feel more like cocktails. Food includes inventive house-made "Pop's Tarts," doughnuts and macaroons.

Mas Tacos Por Favor (732 Mcferrin Ave.), a lunchtime favorite, serves great Mexican street food and aguas frescas. After all that food, burn a few calories by checking out a free bike from Shelby Bottoms Nature Center (1900 Davidson St.) and riding the enway next to the Cumberland River. The adjoining Shelby Park offers 336 acres complete with nine- and 18-hole golf courses.

Or travel west along the river to Cumberland Park. Just a walking-bridge away from downtown, the kid-friendly spot includes a "sprayground" where jets of water offer relief on hot summer days.

## Born On Date

On [Nov. 10, 1775](#), the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, Penn. authorized the raising of two battalions of Marines to serve “for and during the present war between Great Britain and the colonies.” Shortly after this resolution, Marines were recruited and served aboard ships, most notably as sharpshooters taking out enemy officers.

What many Marines don't know however, is that the Continental Marine Corps was disbanded after the Revolutionary War in 1783 and ceased to exist for the next 15 years. It wasn't until July 11, 1798 that what we know as the modern U.S. Marine Corps was established [through an act of Congress](#).

For the next 123 years, the Corps recognized July 11, 1798 as its official birthday.

The U.S. Marine Corps History Division [writes \(emphasis added\)](#):

Until 1921 the birthday of the Corps had been celebrated on another date. An unidentified newspaper clipping from 1918 refers to the celebration of the 120th birthday of the Marine Corps on 11 July “as usual with no fuss.” It is doubtful that there was any real celebration at all. Further inspection of documents and publications prior to 1921 shows no evidence of ceremonies, pageants, or parties.

**The July date was commemorated between 1798 and 1921 as the birthday of the Corps.** During the Revolution, Marines had fought on land and sea, but at the close of the Revolution the Marine Corps and the Navy were all but disbanded. On 11 July 1798, President John Adams approved a bill that recreated the Corps, thereby providing the rationale for this day being commemorated as the birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps.

It wasn't until Nov. 1, 1921 with Gen. John A. Lejeune's [issued Marine Corps Order 47](#) that the birthday changed to the previous date for the Continental Marine Corps that modern Marines still celebrate today. Later this year on Nov. 10, 2015, the Marine Corps will celebrate 240 years of service, but we should really subtract 15 from that number.



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(Philadelphia) Friday, November 10,  
1775

Resolved, That two Battalions of marines be raised, consisting of one Colonel, two Lieutenant Colonels, two Majors, and other officers as usual in other regiments; and that they consist of an equal number of privates with other battalions; that particular care be taken, that no persons be appointed to office, or enlisted into said Battalions, but such as are good seamen, or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve to advantage by sea when required; that they be enlisted and commissioned to serve for and during the present war between Great Britain and the colonies, unless dismissed by order of Congress: that they be distinguished by the names of the first and second battalions of American Marines, and that they be considered as part of the number which the continental Army before Boston is ordered to consist of.

Ordered, That a copy of the above be transmitted to the General.

1775  
American cause and the condition of the fortifications, docks, yards, the quantity of artillery and warlike stores, and the number of soldiers, sailors & ships of war there and transmit the earliest intelligence to General Washington.

*then insert*

Resolved, That General Washington be directed in case he should judge it practicable & expedient to send into that colony a sufficient force to take away the cannon warlike stores and to destroy the docks, yards and magazines ~~also~~ to take or destroy any ships of war or transports there belonging to the enemy.

*and*

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