

Hotel 2/5 Newsletter

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Editor's Column

This issue of the Newsletter, (twelve), is for the months of March through May. Needless to say, I have been swamped.

Significant progress has been made in the plans for the reunion. Review the updated reunion page and note the changes, fill in the registration form and get it off to Larry along with your check, call the hotel make your reservations and then make your travel plans.

I was sent a link by Lt. Col. Robert Driver (Ret.) He was the 2/5 S3 in 69-70.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/usmcarchives/sets/>

It has many photos of an historical nature concerning the entire history of the Marine Corps. The photos are downloadable. I have grabbed anything that related to Hotel. Among them are Barry Broman's photos, DOD photos from Hue City, Operations Meade River, and Taylor Common. (Capt. Drez and Frank Gregory above with unknown Marine), (Jay D. Wells with 3.5) and (Robert E. Dasch firing M60). Many more without names. If you see Hotel Marines or Corpsmen



you can ID, please let me know.

We also have another great article from Doc Dennis Noah.

Hope to see you all in Pensacola. Semper Fi. Jay



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REUNION UPDATE

This year's reunion will be held Nov. 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2016 at the Pensacola Grand Hotel, 200 East Gregory St. Pensacola, FL 32502

The room rate for our group is \$124 per night plus applicable taxes. Your reservation must be made by October 17, 2016 to qualify for the group discount. The discount rate is available for November 2nd through the 7th if you would like to arrive early and/or stay later. Call the hotel directly and make the reservation. The telephone number is 850-433-3336, ext 5526. The group code is "H25". You can not reserve online.

The hotel provides a free airport shuttle 6 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. Parking and internet are complimentary.

There will be an informal get together with the Pensacola Marine Corps League for dinner on Wednesday for those coming in early.

Tentative itinerary is as follows:

November 3 Thursday

Thursday afternoon and evening Registration. We will need some volunteers to man the registration table on Thursday afternoon and evening.

Dinner on your own

19:00 Reception in Hospitality Room

November 4 Friday

Complimentary breakfast in restaurant

Hospitality Room and registration open 09:00

Explore Pensacola on your own.

12:30 Bus transportation to USS Alabama Battleship Museum in Mobile, AL.



Dinner will be served to in the Wardroom of the Ship.

Return to Hotel. Hospitality Room open after hotel return.

November 5 Saturday

Complimentary breakfast in hotel restaurant.

Hospitality room open 09:00.

Company meeting at 9:30 to discuss business items and 2017 reunion in Santa Fe, NM.

Shuttle trolley to the US Navy Aviation Museum and USN Exchange starts running 10:30 – 15:00. Purchases at the exchange are only permitted to those holding a valid Department of Defense ID card.

There is a guided tour of the Museum and Lunch is included.

Evening: Marine Corps Birthday Banquet in conjunction with the Pensacola Marine Corps League. Guest speaker will be our own Capt. Ron Drez. Further details to follow as they become available.

November 6

Breakfast in Hotel Restaurant and Goodbyes.

Hospitality Room closes at 12:00.

HOTEL COMPANY 2/5
2016 REUNION
PENSACOLA, FL

REGISTRATION FORM

Marine or Corpsman

Name: _____ Fee: \$155.00

Guest Name: _____ (ADD \$155) Fee: _____

T Shirt size(s) _____ (\$15 per shirt) (3X or larger \$20) # shirts _____ Total Fee: _____

TOTAL FEE INCLUDED: _____

Contact info: _____

Print this page. Fill in the blanks. Make your CHECK PAYABLE TO Larry D. Tyler and Mail your check and this form to:

Larry D. Tyler
17242 Sierra Sunrise LN
Santa Clarita, CA 91387

Please note "Attn: Hotel2/5 Reunion" on the memo of the check

WATER WE DRANK

I am sure every Vietnam Infantry Marine recalls the water in our canteens and where it came from during those long excursions in the countryside. In the rear, there were water buffalos. We would dip our canteens into a river or a creek and fill it up with the local water. Of course the water was muddy, full of little invisible critters, and probably full of all sorts of



chemicals from the war. In addition, it had human and animal waste as well. How we drank that stuff is beyond me today. Actually, drank is almost a misnomer. We chewed it then gagged it down. It would give us the Ho Chi Minh trot and I blame the loss of my hair on my head on it.

Well, the Corps had the wonderful solution. Halazone tablets concocted and stored somewhere in those little brown bottles since World War Two. We would add those tablets to the water and we drank that stuff. Mom would send me packets of Kool Aid. My canteen contained brown muddy water, halazone, and Kool Aid. What a combination. To this day I will not drink Kool Aid or flavored water.

By the way, what we did not tell you about those little tablets was that once the bottle was opened it had a maximum, in ideal conditions, an effective life of three days. Given we were not in ideal conditions, the tablets probably lost their effectiveness in less than a day. No wonder those little rolls of toilet paper were in short supply.

One day while Hotel was guarding the coal mine at Nong Son. I had a brilliant idea. By the way, why did we guard that coal mine as they never mined a lump of coal. Also how was the NVA going to steal a coal mine? Never made sense to me. Back to my brilliant idea, chlorine. Brilliant right? Chlorine was used back in the states to purify the water for everyone to drink. Why could we not have some of our own?

I wrote on one of those dumb supply forms in triplicate "one box of powdered chlorine for medical purposes" and sent it onto to supply. I did not have it approved as I never had anything approved. It always seemed a waste of time and as a corpsman no one ever asked for approval.

A few days later I received a call that there was a "package" for me at the helicopter landing pad. So I trotted down that long hill and they pointed to a barrel sitting on the ground. This was my box. Well the Marine Corps in all its generosity had sent 50 pounds of highly concentrated chlorine. There was enough of it to treat the water supply for the city of St. Louis for a week. I envisioned a box about the size of a C Ration box. No they had sent me an entire barrel.

So with difficulty I picked it up and an hour later I had it to the top of the hill. I only weighed about 116 pounds. It weighed nearly half of my "skinny ass" (as Wadley would say) and it was difficult, requiring many stops to rest. My arms had burn marks on it from the residual of chlorine on the outside of the barrel.

I decided that I would ration it out to the Marines and not allow access to it. An overdose of the stuff would burn your insides. So every morning I would put a small pinch into the canteens of the guys until we left. That barrel is probably sitting there in the bunker and I would even hazard a guess the coal mine is still there too.

Semper Fi
Doc Noah

Hotel 2/5 Web Page

Larry is constantly updating and improving the Hotel web site. Be sure and check it out regularly. Most importantly, send Larry anything you want to appear on the pages. He is looking for photos and articles about Hotel to fill the pages. He can't do it without your submissions.

If your having problems accessing the pages, just contact Larry and he will walk you through it.

<http://hotel25vv.org/>

PHOTO SHARE

I have a web page up with many of the photos from Hotel Company guys and some of the reunion photos. It's a free site that I have no control over, but it is free.

The password for all of the pages is the same.

The password for each of these sites is:

Semper Fi

The first letter of each word must be capitalized and a space between. I kept it simple and one that most Marines and Corpsmen can spell.

You should be able to go to the site just by clicking on the URL in this Newsletter. If not, copy and paste.

Each of the photos can be downloaded to your own computer.

If you have any trouble getting in to view just let me know.

Barry Broman's Photos:

<http://img.gg/ltoz9ld>

Dr. Bailey's Photos:

<http://img.gg/TSMz9qh>

Doc Rod Rood's Photos:

<http://img.gg/BpFNvbQ>

Carlos "Paco" Armenta's Photos:

<http://img.gg/S82DK9t>

Capt. Drez's Photos:

<http://img.gg/49BACWb>

Doc Noah Photos:

<http://img.gg/yNKFnZO>

Doc Noah Camp Del Mar:

<http://img.gg/uL9CGjh>

Dennis Kuftic's Photos:

<http://img.gg/6N33MkL>

Thomas Whitey Boggs

<http://img.gg/reUAq9j>

Lt. Homer "Bo" Brookshire (Recently Deceased)

https://nis.nikonimagespace.com/html/guest/index.html?g=EtWklVJboPLexrlow-4-DM9Yup1EFYEvGatw7cC7VCuH7p-yc7mM4_dFC-hgzch2KxAluN6erX4yfld2pAaZaw

Larry DeClerck Photos

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