

Hotel 2/5 Newsletter

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Doc Kuftic, Peter Nee and Doc Moreno (sp?)



Editor's Column

I hope everyone is enjoying this Memorial Day weekend. No need to remind anyone of the true meaning of this day. We all know, more than most, the price of freedom.

In this issue of the Newsletter we have an article by Barry Broman who visited the grave site of Peter Nee in Ireland. A more than fitting and appropriate article for Memorial Day. I have communicated with Peter's American family and hope to

follow in Barry's footsteps someday and visit Ireland.

An important note about the reunion. Larry has the reunion sign up on the web page. You can use your credit card to pay online. However, there is a \$10 fee to do so. It makes Larry's job of collecting the money and getting the roll call made up easier, so he would prefer you do it that way.

I just added Robert Dasch's Vietnam photos to the photo web site so check them out. Robert's photo was in the last newsletter. One of his family members was

searching the internet using google and found his name. Robert then contacted Al Bresser who then contacted me. It's a small internet after all.

I added some new DoD photos. Some names are included in the photo descriptions. If you see someone you know or remember, let me know.

Hope to see you all in Pensacola.

Semper Fi.

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Peter Mary Nee

On 31 March 1969 Lance Corporal Peter Nee was killed in action in the Arizona near An Hoa in the Republic of Vietnam. He was buried in his village of Cashel on the rugged Connemara coast of Ireland. A few years ago a former Marine, Cottrell Fox, was traveling in Ireland and came across the grave of Peter whom he had never met. Cot's curiosity was aroused when he learned that Peter had served with Hotel Company, 2/5. Cot had been a Combined Action Platoon Marine when his unit was overrun by NVA troops near Hue when the North Vietnamese attacked the city as part of the 1968 Tet Offensive. Cot and his comrades were saved by the intervention of H/2/5 and led him to know more about Peter Nee.

He made contact with Peter's family, many of whom still



live in and around Cashel. He also contacted Jay Peterson, Homer Brookshire, and me and

spearheaded a drive to erect a memorial stone next to Peter's gravestone. A number of former Marines including some of us from H/2/5 chipped in and the memorial ceremony was attended by Marine guards from the US embassy in Dublin.

My wife and I recently visited Ireland and included a lunch with Peter's four sisters and niece Edna Ridge who organized a lunch for us, a visit to the thatched roof cottage where Peter was born before he emigrated to the United States at the age of 17. It

was a sad occasion made even more memorable by the kindness of the Nee family

who remarked several times about the touching contact they have had with Marines who really do take care of their own. We then visited the grave where we laid flowers on Peter's grave. A strong wind whipped across the barren

hillside that looked down on the Atlantic Ocean. I played Taps on my phone as I saluted Peter's grave. One of his sister's, Mary, visiting Ireland from her home in Boston was in attendance. It was Mary I wrote the condolence letter to from the company in 1969. She was Peter's next-of-kin.

After putting flowers on Peter's grave we hosted the



Nee family at high tea and refreshment at the nearby Cashel House Hotel where we stayed. The hotel's general manager, was a boyhood friend of Peter's and he put on a grand spread for the family. Before we left I gave each of the ladies pins of the 2/5 logo and told them a little of the history of the battalion and regiment.



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

Last month's newsletter had the list of photos I have put up on a free web page to which I have access. It has many of the photos from Hotel Company guys. I had just added Robert Dasch's photos. <http://img.gg/KDs9CYf> (See Issue 12 for the full list)

When I was going through the list I noted that the Dept. of Defense photos were not on the list. My daughter was able to fix it and added a few new ones. If you looked at them in the past, you may want to take another look to see the new photos.

DoD Photos:

<http://img.gg/wz9Elcf>

The password for all of the 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.

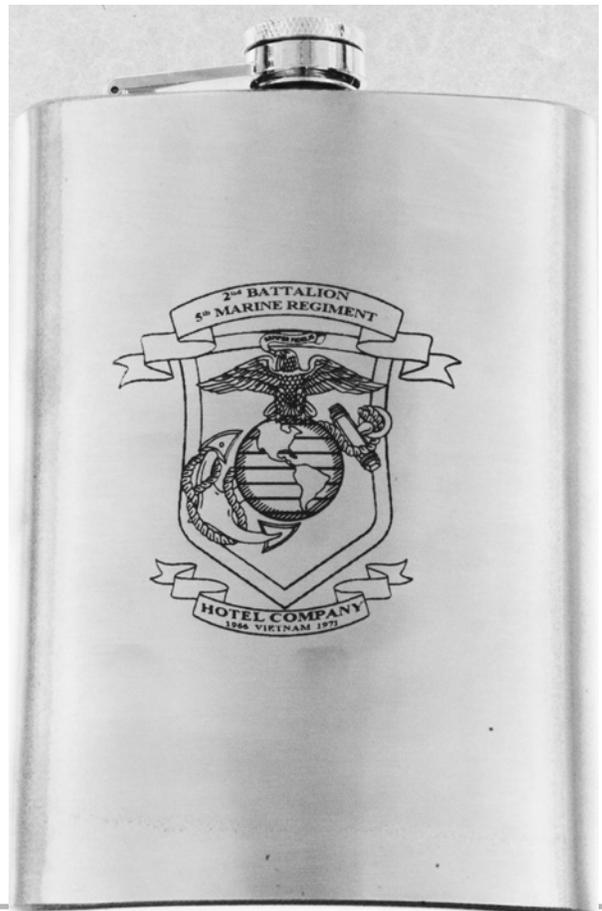
Each of the photos can be downloaded to your own computer. If you have any trouble getting in to view just let me know.

I also received a copy of video from Bill Cooper. Bill's video is circa 1969 and shows Hotel guys in the rear as well as some ammo burning at An Hoa. M60's and 50 cal being fired at alligator lake. I'll bring the copy for viewing at the reunion.

Hotel Company Flask

I feel a little like Sgt. Grit. I just received a flask with the Vietnam Era Hotel 2/5 logo. The logo is courtesy of my daughter Carlie. The flask is from Flasks.com. This is the 12oz model. <http://www.flasks.com/flasks-by-size/12oz-flasks/laser-12oz-personal-engraved>

If you want the logo to have etched on the flask just send me an email and I will send it as an attachment that can then be uploaded to them for etching on what ever flask you may choose. They do not charge anything extra for etching one side. If you have your own logo they will use it.



2016 Reunion Info Pensacola, Florida

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: _____

Visit the Hotel web page and sign up online using your credit card (a \$10 fee applies) <http://hotel25vv.org/>

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