

Hotel 2/5 Newsletter

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Editor's Column

Happy 4th of July. I originally thought I would be able to make this a monthly product. However, my vacation schedule and impending case load has made that impossible.

Carolin and I took our cruise and spent extra time in Barcelona, Spain before the cruise and in Venice, Italy after the cruise. The picture says it all.

The only bad thing about a great vacation is the mess you come home to. I have a couple of cases that have kept me up to my ass in alligators since I got home. My two clients are looking at over a hundred years each. I am taking a deep breath and trying to get caught up on extra curricular activities. A big BBQ and the newsletter are on my list for the weekend.

One highlight of the trip was meeting Marines. On the cruise, on the airlines, on tours if someone noticed either my hat or T shirt the mandatory "semper fi" was exchanged. If I noticed theirs, I did the same. If time permitted we discussed our experiences. One such exchange took place while boarding an airplane. While passengers lined up behind him, a fellow Maine and I
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Editor's Column

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discussed our experiences in the Corps. Try blocking a long line of passengers and see what happens. In our case no one complained. This brings me to this month's article from Barry Broman. Barry, for those of you who do not know him personally, was Hotel's XO and 2nd Platoon Commander during 1969. Wherever you go you meet Marines.

The reunion itinerary has not changed. Plans are always subject to change. Be sure and get the form filled out and mailed off to Larry with your check. See you all in Nashville.



Barry Broman (rt) and Bill Duryea, (lft) Marine Lieutenant with Hotel 3/2 in the 50's

Ballooning in Turkey

by Barry Broman

Last November we visited Turkey with a retired American ambassador I served with in Cambodia, Thailand, and Indonesia.

Forty years ago my wife, BJ, introduced my friend, Tim Carney to his wife with the words, "one day he will be an ambassador".

He was. Twice.

These days we vacation, usually in Europe, with the Carneys, where we live well, visit old friends, make some new ones and

tell war stories. Tim was in the US embassy in Saigon during the Tet offensive. We evacuated Phnom Penh together in 1975 when the Khmer Rouge came to



town.

A highlight of the Turkey trip was ballooning in Cappadocia, central Anatolia, a major site for hot air ballooning thanks to the good weather and incredible topography. The region features soft volcanic mountains that for centuries have been used for cave dwellings.

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Balloning in Turkey

Our hotel was in a cave. Not much of a view but our room had wifi, cable TV, and a Jacuzzi.

Every day, weather permitting 150 balloons lift off and soar through the fairyland landscape. Our balloon held 16 pax and was under the command of a seasoned Turkish pilot who had once taught gliding to Turkish Air Force officers. Every year he competes in balloon races in Albuquerque, NM.

As we were boarding our balloon I met an old American who was on a group tour. His name was Bill Duryea; he was 85 years old and had served as a Marine lieutenant in Hotel 3/2 and will celebrate his 65th Basic School anniversary this spring. Small world. After the incredible hour-long flight Bill and I swapped a few stories while

sipping Champagne with our Turkish skipper.

We spent two weeks in Turkey but only three nights in Capadoccia. We visited the ancient Greek ruins at Ephesus on the Adriatic Sea, ate very well in Izmir, the ancient city of Smyrna, but spent most of our time in Istanbul with its incredible history, architecture, food, and shopping. Our 17-room boutique hotel had a roof top bar and garden overlooking the Sea of Marmara and located just behind the fabled Blue Mosque. It was the perfect place to watch the sun go down while the lights of the mosque came up.

This fall we plan to cruise with the Carneys in Russia for a couple of weeks in September. It is a Viking river cruise so I expect we will be sacking small villages along the way.



Hotel Web Page Up

Larry Tyler has our web site up and running. If you haven't seen it yet give it a once over. You can find the web page at:

<http://hotel25vv.org/>

Contact Larry with your photos, articles, and information. If you have photos be sure and get them to Larry for posting. If you wander around the site you can see that he has the format for various themes and concepts that will enable Hotel to communicate our thoughts, ideas and concerns. It is also a great place to share and or get information about benefits.

Contact Info. Get your contact information into Larry. He can add you to his email list providing a central hub for staying in contact with each other. It is also a good idea to keep me advised of your current email address at the same time. Between the two of us we can keep you all updated with the latest info and the reunion details..



2015 REUNION, NASHVILLE, TN

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. Print the form on the next page. (Page 3) Fill in the blanks. Add up the fees, make out your check to Larry D. Tyler and then mail off the check and the form to Larry at 17242 Sierra Sunrise LN, Santa Clarita, CA 91387 Please note "Attn: Hotel2/5 Reunion" on the memo of the check.



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®ionCode=1&localeCode=en&GPC=C4R&hotelCode=BNAOP&_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 COMPANY 2/5
2015 REUNION
NASHVILLE, TN

REGISTRATION FORM

Marine or Corpsman

Name: _____ Fee: \$170.00

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

Your T Shirt size _____

T shirt for guest--size _____ (ADD \$15) (3X or larger add \$5) Fee: _____

TOTAL FEE INCLUDED: _____

Will you have a rental car? yes _____ no _____

If you need vegetarian or gluten free option for the Birthday Ball please indicate.

Gluten free # _____ Vegetarian # _____

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

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