

11<sup>th</sup> REUNION  
Of the  
USMC  
3<sup>rd</sup> 8in Howitzer Battery (SP)  
FMF Pac

(Any FMF Pac Artillery personnel are invited to come and join in)

September 17,18,19,20, 2015  
(Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

Location  
Crowne Plaza, Charleston  
4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd.  
North Charleston, SC 29418

*The hotel provides free shuttle service to and from the airport which is only about 10 minutes away.*

*The daily room rate is \$119.00 +taxes. **This price includes a hot/cold buffet that will be set up daily in our hospitality room and available from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.***

*The room rate is extended to our group three days prior and three days after the reunion.*

Hotel room reservations will have to be made by each attending, and should be done ASAP to get the room rate of \$119.00. You may call the hotel at 1-843-744-4422 and mention that you are with the 3<sup>rd</sup> 8inch Howitzer Battery or you may use the booking link: [3rd 8 Inch Howitzer Battery Reunion at Crowne Plaza Charleston](#) and use the group code HOW.

*\*There is a cutoff date of August 17, 2015 for your reservations; thereafter, reservations will be taken on a space available basis only.*

Any Questions?  
Contact Dennis or Cheryl O'Brien  
805-340-6286 or 805-701-1528  
[cobrienbook@aol.com](mailto:cobrienbook@aol.com)

3<sup>rd</sup> 8inch REUNION REGISTRATION FORM  
(September 17-20, 2015)

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Name of 3<sup>rd</sup> 8in Member \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Names & Relationship Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Due to the known charges for refreshments in Meeting Room, and to cover other small miscellaneous expenses, at this time a **\$15.00 “Registration Fee”** will need to be charged for each 3<sup>rd</sup> 8incher attending this reunion...do not pay for the wives. (...But we would like to know if they’re coming...)

Total Number of Persons attending Saturday Banquet \_\_\_\_\_

We will need your count and money no later than August 13, 2015

**(Cost for Banquet will be around \$39.00 inclusive. Additional information to follow)**

Please include with you completed **2015 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 8inch Registration Form** and a check covering the “Registration Fee” made out to Dennis O’Brien. with a note in the “memo” area...”3<sup>rd</sup> 8in”.

Return this completed form and check to:

Dennis O’Brien  
123 Mesa Drive  
Camarillo, CA 93010

Any Questions or comments please call Dennis 805-340-6286 or Cheryl 805-701-1528 or email: [cobrienbook@aol.com](mailto:cobrienbook@aol.com)

## Saturday Night's Banquet

Once again we will be served a plated dinner for the Saturday night's banquet for \$39.00 **inclusive** of gratuities and sales tax.

### Dinner Includes:

**Choice of entrée: Sliced Grilled Sirloin** with Mushroom Ragout **OR**

**Grilled Balsamic Chicken Breast** with Caramelized Peach Relish

Each Entrée Accompanied by:  
Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings  
Vegetables  
Potatoes  
Rolls and Butter  
Dessert  
Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

\*A vegetarian option is offered as well

\*\*We will also have the no-host bar from which the beverages will be extra.

**Please detach and return the portion below with your registration.**

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\*You don't have to send your dinner money right now, but we do have to know how many attendees and choices of dinner there will be.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grilled Sirloin** \_\_\_\_\_  
Number

**Grilled Chicken** \_\_\_\_\_  
Number

## **Additional Information**

Our group is being given a ballroom for the hospitality room in which **we are allowed our own food and beverages**. This room will be used for our hospitality, meeting and banquet space.

All guest rooms and inside areas are non-smoking, but you may smoke outside in certain areas. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m.; however, if you come in earlier, you may be able to check in, but have to store your belongings. Check-out time is 11:00 a.m.

## **Transportation**

- If you are flying in for the reunion, we encourage you to fly into the Charleston International Airport which is only about 10-15 minutes from the Hotel. From there you can arrange for the free shuttle service to and from the airport by calling the Hotel at 1-843-744-4422. This shuttle will also take to you destinations within 3 miles of the Hotel free of charge.
- If you are arriving by train, the Amtrak Station is approximately 7 minutes (3 miles) from the Hotel. You may call the Hotel shuttle service for transportation to the Hotel.

## **Activities**

The agenda consists of **checking in at the hospitality room on Thursday, a meeting on Saturday at 3:00 p.m.** and the **Banquet on Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.**

**Dennis and I, as well as our co-planner, Tom Scott will be there at least one day in advance.**

## Sightseeing

There are enough things to see and places to go to keep you very busy!

There is the Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum on Charleston Harbor where you can visit the Aircraft Carrier Yorktown, the Destroyer Laffey, the Congressional Medal of Honor Museum, the submarine Clamagore and the Vietnam Naval Support Base with its Sea Cobra and Huey helicopters.

Tom Scott will be looking into the possibility of a trip and tour of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island.

Other activities include but are limited to:

- ❖ Fort Sumter
- ❖ Historic Charleston
- ❖ The Battery/White Point Gardens
- ❖ Citadel, the Military Academy of South Carolina
- ❖ H.L. Hunley, a Confederate submarine
- ❖ The Charleston Tea Plantation, the only tea plantation in North America
- ❖ Drayton Hall Plantation
- ❖ Magnolia Plantation
- ❖ Boone Hall Plantation
- ❖ Charleston Museum
- ❖ South Carolina Aquarium
- ❖ Historic Charleston provides shopping, restaurants and viewing of many historical homes/buildings
- ❖ From the Charleston Visitor's Center you can purchase tickets for all kinds of tours.

Just adjacent to the Hotel is the Tanger Outlet Mall, several restaurants and the North Charleston and American LaFrance Fire Museum. There is also a Walmart a couple blocks from the Hotel. All is within walking distance; however, if you cannot or choose not to walk, the Hotel shuttle will take you and pick you up.

\*Ladies, I am looking into afternoon tea and will let you know my findings.

## 3rd 8inch Howitzer Battery Reunion Charleston, SC Update

We have some additional information and updates for you:

- After looking into and with consideration of a group visit to Parris Island Marine Corp Base we found that it was not going to work out at this time. And because there are so many options of things to do in Charleston, there will be no planned trip. We will have plenty of information available about the many things to do and places to go. There will be several people in the group who will have vehicles, so perhaps if there are a few people who wish to go to the same place at the same time there can be some carpooling. There is also a trolley service that goes to downtown Charleston. Not far from our hotel is a trolley stop.
- **Ladies:** While in Charleston in November, we found that there were no TEA ROOMS in or within a short distance of Charleston. There is one hotel that serves afternoon tea for groups of 10 or more; however, it was quite a bit more expensive than what we paid in San Diego. So, no afternoon tea this time. Sorry!
- It was brought to my attention that the numbers of the address for the hotel was transposed on the reunion information. This can be important for those who will be using a GPS. The correct address is:

Crowne Plaza Charleston  
**4831** Tanger Outlet Blvd.,  
North Charleston, SC  
29418 (843) 744-4422

### REIMINDERS

If you haven't already, you will want to make your hotel reservations as we are getting a good response and if we need to expand our block numbers it's better sooner than later.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in September!

Dennis & Cheryl O'Brien  
Tom Scott