

13th REUNION
Of the
USMC
3rd 8in Howitzer Battery (SP)
FMF Pac

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

September 14,15,16,17, 2017
(Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

Location
Sheraton Reston Hotel
11810 Sunrise Valley Drive
Reston, VA 20191

The hotel provides free shuttle service to and from the Dulles (IAD) Airport which is only about 6 miles away, as well as surrounding area including the Silver Rail Metro Station and the Reston Town Center.

*The daily room rate is \$89.00 +taxes. **This price includes breakfast located in the hotel Sarah Restaurant, available from 6:30 a.m. You may choose from the buffet or order from menu.***

**The room rate of \$109.00 is extended to the group two days before and two days after the reunion.*

Hotel room reservations must be made by each attending, and should be done ASAP to get the room rate of \$89.00/\$109.00. You may call the hotel at 1-703-620-9000 and mention that you are with the 3rd 8inch Howitzer Battery. You may also use the link below provided for our group .

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/3rd8inchHowitzerBatteryReunion>

There is a cutoff date of **August 14, 2017 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
cobrien@rpdsquared.com

****Please note that is email is to be used for Reunion purposes only!**

***If you require a refrigerator in your room please indicate when making your reservations.**

*Complimentary parking and RV parking is included.

*Reunion members will also receive a 15% discount on lunch and dinner at the Sarah Restaurant and Cosmopolitan Lounge (excluding alcoholic beverages).

3rd 8inch REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

(September 14-17, 2017)

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Name of 3rd 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 3rd 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 14, 2017

(Cost for Banquet will be \$39.00 inclusive.)

Please include with your completed **2017 – 3rd 8inch Registration Form** and a check covering the “Registration Fee” made out to Dennis O’Brien with a note in the “memo” area...”3rd 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: cobrien@rpdssquared.com

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Saturday Night's Banquet

Our group is being given a private banquet room for the hospitality/meeting prior as well as a larger banquet room for the Saturday night banquet. We will be served a sit-down dinner for the price of \$39.00, **inclusive** of gratuities and sales tax.

Dinner Includes:

Choice of entrée: BROILED MARINATED FLANK STEAK
Served with roasted new potatoes and vegetables
Or
CHICKEN WITH GARLIC AND FRESH HERBS
Served with mashed potatoes and vegetables

Each Entrée Accompanied by:
Tossed Green Salad
Rolls and Butter and Dessert
Coffee, Hot Tea, Decaffeinated Coffee and Iced Tea

Please detach and return the portion below with your registration.

(You don't have to send your dinner money right now, but we just want to know how many attendees and their choices for the dinner.)

Name _____

Beef _____
Number

Chicken _____
Number

Additional Information

Our group is being given a banquet room for the hospitality room in which **we are allowed our own food and beverages**. This room will also be used for our **Saturday 3:00 meeting**.

All guest rooms and inside areas are non-smoking, but you may smoke outside in certain areas. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m.; however, if you come in earlier you may be able to check in, but you will to ask about storing your belongings. Check-out time is 12:00 p.m.

Transportation

- If you are flying in for the reunion, we encourage you to fly into the Dulles International Airport (IAD) 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 to destinations within 3 miles of the Hotel free of charge such as the Metro Station and the Reston Town Center.

- You may also fly into the Reagan National Airport, but you will have to obtain your own transportation or take the Metro to the Wiehle Ave station from which the hotel shuttle can pick you up.

Activities

The agenda consists of **checking in at the hospitality room on Thursday, a trip to the National Museum of the Marine Corps on Friday, 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.

****We are in the process looking into a bus as transportation to the Marine Corps Museum for Friday, Sept. 15th. We are already on the calendar at the Museum. PLEASE BE WATCHING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS TRIP.**

Sightseeing

There are enough things to see and places to go to keep you very busy! This list includes, but is certainly not limited to:

Washington DC

African American Civil War Memorial & Museum
American Art Museum
American Art Museum – Renwick Gallery
Arts and Industries Building
Capitol Building
Constitution Gardens
District of Columbia War Memorial
FDR Memorial
Ford's Theater
Freedmen's Memorial Monument
Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
International Spy Museum
Jefferson Memorial
Korean War Veterans Memorial
Library of Congress
Lincoln Memorial
Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial
National Air and Space Museum
National Archives
National Gallery of Art
National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
National Museum of African American History and Culture
National Museum of African Art
National Museum of American History
National Museum of the American Indian
National Portrait Gallery
National Postal Museum
National Zoo
Natural History Museum
Newseum
Smithsonian Institution Building, the Castle
The Kennedy Center
Ulysses S. Grant Memorial
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
United States National Arboretum
United States Navy and Naval Heritage Center
Vietnam Veteran's Memorial
Washington Monument
White House
World War II Memorial

Sightseeing Continued

Virginia

Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial
Arlington National Cemetery
Captain John Ward Museum and Historic Site
Colvin Run Mill
Escape Room Herndon
Fairfax County Courthouse
Fairfax Museum
Fairfax Station Railroad Museum
Fort Marcy
Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site
Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House
Freeman House Museum
George Mason's Gunston Hall
George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill
George Washington's Mount Vernon
Green Spring Gardens and Horticultural Center
Historic Herndon Depot Museum
Meadowlark Botanical Gardens
National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center
National Firearms Museum
National Museum of the Marine Corps
Pentagon Memorial
Reston Museum
Stuart-Mosby Civil War Cavalry Museum
Theodore Roosevelt Island
United States Air Force Memorial
US Marine Corps War Memorial
Woodlawn Historic Site

Many of the places listed in Washington DC and Virginia are accessible via the Metro Rail System. Keep in mind that some walking is required from the Metro stations for the various museums and memorials. If it is difficult to walk, a nice way to see many of the wonderful sites is through a tour. There are companies such as Grey Line Tours that have some nice tours by bus. There are also hop on hop off buses that you can go from place to place at your own pace.

**The Reston National Golf Course is adjacent to the hotel. A discount for golf and club rentals is given to golfers staying at the hotel.