



Newsletter of "The Ghost Battalion"

Vietnam Veterans of 2nd Bn 1st Marines

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2018 New Orleans Reunion November 8th to 12th



Crowne Plaza New Orleans Airport 2829 Williams Blvd Kenner, LA 70062 (888) 871-7402

Check-in between 6th - 8th. You can come 3 days early and stay 3 days after the reunion to do some sight seeing in New Orleans. Direct Phone Number to Hotel # 504-467-5611, Free Parking, Internet, and Breakfast. Rooms \$119 / night. **Cut Off Date is October 5, 2018 for reunion room rate** (or a hotel room during the period) **also for ordering Banquet Meals.**

*To guarantee the room rate be sure to identify yourself as part of the group "Vietnam Veterans of 2d Battalion 1st Marines". **GROUP CODE "U V 2"** Check for updates online at: www.FirstMarines.org/reunion-info.html

From Dale Williams - Future Reunions

At the last couple of reunions we have discussed moving the dates of some of the future reunions to allow us more flexibility in locations. The reasons are so we can go to northern cities and the Friday Parade at the Marine Barracks in Washington, DC. The board has decided to implement these suggestions in the next four year cycle as follows:

2018 Nov- New Orleans, currently scheduled

2019 Nov- San Diego, scheduling hotel and planning with 2/1 at Camp Pendleton

2020 Sep- Minneapolis, visited but no planning yet. We have to get there before winter sets in so we moved the reunion up six to eight weeks.

2021 July or Aug- Washington, DC, several hotels have been contacted as it seems the one we have used for at least 4 reunions did not express an interest in having us back. This time frame allows us to attend Friday Evening Parade at Marine Barracks Washington, DC, also known as 8th and I.

This takes us to the four geographical areas of the country in the next four years and gets us to the Friday Evening Parade at the Marine Barracks in Washington. The future looks like Florida in November so that covers the next five years into diverse areas of the country.

Obviously none past next year are firm but the board has informally agreed to this schedule less the 2022 reunion in Florida.

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V V 2/1 Trip to The National WWII Museum

From Tim Dunn

VV 2/1 Trip to The National WWII Museum

Friday November 9th - A group tour of the famous and expansive WWII Museum. A private showing of the film "Beyond All Borders" will be at 9:00 am. After the fifty minute film, you are free to explore the extensive Museum independently. There is a restaurant that opens at 11:00 am and a soda shop, serving lighter fare that is open all day.

For those taking the bus, we will depart the hotel at 7:30 am. There will be two different return times: 1:30 pm or 3:00 pm, depending on the group's needs. Transportation and Museum admission cost is \$55/person.

For those driving independently, a parking garage is across the street from the Museum. A reminder that your movie admission time is at 9:00 am only. Museum admission cost is \$23 / person.

All Museum admission tickets will be purchased by VV 2/1 to get a group rate. Pay Mario accordingly for your Museum and / or transportation costs.

A Few Tours

Saturday November 10th is a good day to explore the area. VV 2/1 has been in conversation with a local tour provider to attain group rates and door-to-door pick-up and drop-off from the hotel. If enough people show interest we will negotiate with the tour company. The prices below are very rough estimates. Final prices will depend on participation. You will pay the tour company directly. It is not an official VV 2/1 function, but if there is enough interest, we will help with arrangements. Although there are many tours you may take individually, the tour company recommended these three tours as unique to the area.

Mardi Gras World

See how the floats and masks are made in this unique tourist attraction. The tour is about an hour. Admission & transportation costs are in the \$25/30 range.

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Garden District Walking Tour

Historian-guided walking tour of the Garden District and its unique homes. Admission & transportation costs are in the \$35/40 range.

Swamp Tour

Tour of Honey Island Swamp a wildlife natural habitat. Admission & transportation costs are in the \$55/60 range.

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Number in party: _____

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POV

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Tour Interest

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Swamp Tour

If interested email the above information to Tim Dunn at : TimothyDunn@comcast.net or mail info to Vin Burdziuk / Webmaster - PO Box 685 - Hanson MA 02341

Request for Donations

The Vietnam Veterans of the 2nd Battalion 1st Marines is organized for the benefit of its veterans and their families, and those veterans of units in support of our battalion. There are no dues or membership fees for our organization. There are also no costs to our members for the Hospitality Room refreshments during our reunions. Our financial support comes from PX sales and donations. We are solvent as an organization, but not "flush" with funds.

When members request for 2/1 to make donations it needs to be in writing and submitted prior to our annual meeting. It will be considered by the Board of Trustees and the donation decision will be based on its primary importance to the benefit of our membership. If a member wants consideration at the annual meeting, provide the Trustees with a copy of the request by October 1st. Decisions regarding donations will no longer be entertained from the floor of the annual meeting. **Email Tim Dunn at: TimothyDunn@comcast.net or mail to Vin Burdziuk / Webmaster - PO Box 685 - Hanson MA 02341**



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Reunion 2018 New Orleans

Tuesday Nov-06 thru Monday Nov-12

Check-in between 6th - 8th

Come early to Visit downtown New Orleans on your own!

Banquet Sunday November 11

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