



1ST BATTALION, 1ST MARINES

1ST MARINE DIVISION

VIETNAM 1965 - 1971



2009 Reunion, Philadelphia, PA

— March 2009 —

The reunion will be upon us in about six months. At this time we are still finalizing our arrangements. The following is a tentative agenda of our activities, with approximate times.

SCHEDULE OF TOUR ACTIVITIES

Wed 08/26/2009 6:00PM
HOSPITALITY SUITE OPENS,
REGISTRATION BEGINS

Thu 08/27/2009 09:00AM
BUSSES LEAVE FOR NATIONAL
CONSTITUTION CENTER

Fri 08/28/2009 09:00AM
BUSSES LEAVE FOR THE BATTLE-
SHIP NEW JERSEY

Sat 08/29/2009 10:00AM-02:00PM
BATTALION MEETING & AUCTION

Sat 08/29/2009 7:00PM
BATTALION DINNER

TOUR ACTIVITIES

AUGUST 27, 2009

We will depart the hotel on deluxe motor coach and head to Philadelphia, where we will enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of the historical city. We will explore Independence National Park " AMERICA'S MOST HISTORIC SQUARE MILE." Some of the stops will include a visit to the Liberty Bell center and a tour of Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and Constitution were written. Lunch will be served in Delegates Restaurant. After lunch the tour will continue with stops at Elfreth's Alley, the oldest continuously occupied residential street in America.

AUGUST 28, 2009

We will depart the hotel in deluxe motor coaches (cattle cars are not available) and

venture to the other side of the Delaware river into Camden, New Jersey. We will have the opportunity to tour our Nations most decorated Battleship. On our tour you will see the ship's weapons system, berthing areas, command and control centers, galley, on-board museum and much more, a boxed lunch will be served aboard ship.

AUGUST 29, 2009 AM

Due to time constraints at the Battalion meeting the agenda will follow all Bylaws already set forth by the Battalion Committee. The fund raising auction will follow the meeting. This has been a high point of recent reunions and a lot of fun. We encourage you to bring an item to be auctioned. It can be Marine or military related or not. All proceeds benefit the reunion fund. And don't forget, these items and all donations are tax deductible.

AUGUST 29, 2009 PM

The Battalion Dinner will have a dress code. Jacket, tie and shoes are required for all gentlemen. This is, nor should it be assumed, as an attempt on the Reunion Committee to change or condemn the life style of anyone that served with this organization. If we are going to reach out for a Marine honor guard, and invite honored guests to attend our reunion we should at least look the part of proud former Marines and sailors.

During non scheduled activity times we urge you to take advantage of the local sights that are within a short distance from the hotel, The King of

Prussia shopping mall the second largest mall in the United States is located 1/2 mile from the hotel, Down the road just 1 mile from the hotel is Valley Forge, and the city of Philadelphia with its many museums and monuments is less then a 20 minutes drive or just socialize in the hospitality suite and around the pool with old friends, and make some new ones.

We wish you all a safe journey to our reunion this coming August. In order to help the reunion committee plan for buses and rates, now is the time to send in the enclosed registration form and your payment to insure your participation in the activities.

Semper Fi,
George Dougherty

Any questions?:
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Updates & Registration Form at:
www.1stBn1stMarines.org/reunion



Register Now!**Hotel Reservations**

You are responsible for your own travel arrangements and your own hotel reservations.

You can call 610-337-1800 to make hotel reservations. You must tell them, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines in order to get the group rate.

Or, you can make reservations online at
www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/1stBattalion

There are pictures of the hotel and accommodations at the above reservation site.

FYI: All guest rooms and public spaces are 100% non-smoking.

BATTALION REGISTRY

Another method to contact other 1/1 people is the Battalion Registry. It is a guestbook at the main web site. It is often the first contact when guys start thinking about Vietnam again. To view the guestbook, go to:

www.1stbn1stmarines.org, then click on 'Bn Registry' link; or direct at:
www.1stbn1stmarines.org/guestbook/gbook.php

Suggest checking it periodically because you just don't know who is going to wander inside the wire or when they are going to do it.

The Redbook

The Redbook is a roster of 1/1 and attached units from 1965-1971 that we have contact with. Keep your entry up to date to receive reunion updates and connect with any other 1/1er trying to find you. You can update your entry at:

www.1stBn1stMarines.org/dbupdate.htm

No web access? Mail changes to:
Dan King
c/o 1/1 database
8608 Vassel Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63123-3408

If you want a current RedBook emailed to you, send an email to **redbook@1stbn1stmarines.org**, with '1/1 Redbook' in the subject line. The only trick is you have to be in it to get one. It will come as an Adobe Acrobat attachment around 475Kb in size (59 pages).

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