



**Newsletter of "The Ghost Battalion"**  
**Vietnam Veterans of 2d Bn 1st Marines**

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**San Diego Reunion Schedule of Events 2023**



**Reunion (check-in) will start on November 8th  
and run until (check-out) November 13th**

The Annual Reunion is being held this year in San Diego, California. The Dana resort hotel located on Mission Bay will serve as our Headquarters for the reunion. It is a super property, and the amenities are great.

The cost of the hotel this year is \$199 (plus tax) per day. This price includes two coupons per day for a free breakfast buffet with a dedicated omelet chef. The resort fee of \$32 per day has been waived for us along with any parking fee (usually \$30 per day).

Reservations for the reunion can be made by clicking on the link on our Website at: <http://2dbn1stmarines.homestead.com/reunion-info.html>

Or you may call **800-445-3339** to reach the reservations department and mention "**2nd Battalion First Marines Annual Reunion**" to insure the discounted rate.

**\* LAST DAY TO MAKE RESERVATION IS OCTOBER 25 \***

Our excursion this year will be on November 9th combining a visit to Mount Soledad National Veterans Memorial in La Jolla followed by a visit to Camp Horno, home of the 1st Marine Regiment.

At Mount Soledad, we will dedicate a plaque commemorating the Vietnam service of the Veterans of the 2d Battalion First Marines. The plaque looks great. It is composed of similar material used on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall in Washington, DC and is located at one of the best viewing spots at the Mount Soledad Memorial. The view from the memorial site is fantastic with a panorama of San Diego and the Bay.

For an overview of the memorial you can access Mt. Soledad's web site at:  
<https://soledadmemorial.org>

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**San Diego Reunion 2023 Schedule of Events Continued**

Following the dedication at Mt. Soledad, we will travel to Camp Horno for lunch at the 1st Marines chow hall. After lunch we will conduct a plaque dedication at the 1st Marines Memorial Garden. The plaque dedication honors the 2/1 Marines and attached personnel (Two women Marines and an Army staff sergeant) who were KIA by terrorists at the Kabul airport during a humanitarian evacuation mission.

Following the dedication, and a side trip to the 1st Marines PX for those who are interested, we will travel back to The Dana. The inclusive cost of the motor coach travel and lunch at the 1st Marines chow hall will be \$16 per person.

Access to Camp Horno has restrictions that we must follow. In advance of the excursion, we will need to have the names for each participant by October 15, 2023. Once we have a complete list of excursion attendees Tim Dunn will contact you to get any further pertinent information required to gain access to the base.

Friday, November 10th, we will host our 2nd Annual Ladies Luncheon. It will be held this year at The Dana. The association is subsidizing most of the lunch cost with a charge of \$15 per person for those attending.

Also, on Friday evening, we will celebrate the Marine Corps 248th birthday in the hospitality room with the cutting of a birthday cake and the singing of the Marine Corps Hymn.

Saturday will be a free day for y'all to go and do whatever you want. The hotel has two swimming pools which are heated to 82 degrees for those wishing to just relax by the pool. The restaurant on the premises has a great menu.

This year's banquet meal on Sunday, November 12, will be a buffet style meal. It will include a choice of summer greens or Caesar salad, and entrées of Pork Loin, Lasagna, and Penne Primavera with potatoes and a vegetable medley and rolls, butter, coffee & water. Dessert will consist of our delicious birthday cake.

**Reunion Agenda - November 8th - Wednesday****Registration - 9am to noon & 1pm to 6pm*****November 9th - Thursday******Registration - 8am to 9am & 6pm to 9pm*****9:00am - start loading bus to Mt. Soledad****9:30am - bus leaves for Mt. Soledad****11:15am - bus leaves for Camp Horno****12:30pm - Lunch at Chow Hall****2:00pm - Plaque dedication at Memorial site****3:00pm - Bus Leaves Camp Horno to Hotel****4:30pm - Arrive at Hotel*****November 10th - Friday******Registration - 9am to noon & 6pm to 8pm*****11:30am to 1:30pm - Ladies Luncheon****7:00pm - Marine Corps Birthday celebration and cake cutting in the hospitality room.**

**San Diego Reunion 2023 Schedule of Events Continued**

**November 11th - Saturday**

**Open Day!!**

**Registration - See one of the Trustees**

**November 12th - Sunday**

**10:00am - Annual Business Meeting**

**5:00pm - 6:00pm Banquet Happy Hour**

**6:10pm - Presentation of the Colors, Cake Cutting, and introduction of the Guest Speaker and Honored Guests**

**6:45pm - 7:40 - Buffet Dinner**

**November 13th - Monday - Reunion ends**

**MAILABLE FORM FOR REUNION REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT  
2023 REUNION SAN DIEGO, CA. --- November 8 – November 13  
The Dana on Mission Bay – 1710 W. Mission Bay Drive**

1. # Banquet Meals @ \$60 ea. - \_\_\_ Total \$\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*

2. #Ladies Luncheon @ \$15 ea. \_\_\_ Total \$\$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. #Excursion Tickets @ \$16 ea. \_\_\_ Total \$\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total (Add totals from lines 1 thru 3)      \$\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Please indicate # of Vegan meals required (Penne Primavera): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company/Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in VN: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending reunion \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS FORM AND PAYMENT SHOULD BE MAILED TO:**

MARIO SAGASTUME  
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**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**  
VIETNAM VETERANS OF 2/1 INC.

IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE EXCURSION TO MT SOLEDAD AND CAMP HORNO, **THE FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY OCTOBER 15, 2023.**

WE ONLY HAVE ONE SHOT AT SUBMITTING THE FORM FOR PENDLETON ACCESS SO IF YOU'RE GOING, **THE FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY THE ABOVE DATE OR YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.**

**REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR ACCESS TO CAMP PENDLETON FOR THOSE TAKING THE EXCURSION ON NOV. 9TH**

Example: SMITH      DOMINIC      FRANCIS      JR      NY      NY123456789      01/21/1948

LAST NAME      FIRST NAME      MIDDLE      SUFFIX      DL/ID STATE      DL/ID NUMBER      DOB

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***ENGRAVED MEMORIAL BRICKS***

A double row of Engraved Memorial Bricks line the pathways of the Semper Fidelis Memorial Park, National Museum of the Marine Corps, Quantico, VA. Additionally, approximately 450 bricks were placed around our monument and are available for engraving. To date 176 of these had been sold. Each engraved brick honors the donor or another person. Each brick costs \$300 and you may order as many as you like.

Vietnam Veterans of 2d Bn. 1st Marines will continue to sell bricks as long as there is space to place them at our monument. The museum installs bricks several times a year. We will submit brick orders to the museum in groups to coincide with their ordering and installation pattern.

Bricks must be paid for at the time of the order.  
Make check or money order payable to V V 2/1

DOWNLOAD **ORDER FORM** FROM OUR HOMEPAGE  
OR FROM LINK BELOW:

**<https://2ndbn1stmarines.org/update/Bricks-Order-Form.pdf>**