

Vietnam Veterans of Hotel Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines

2021 Reunion Wrap

- Jacksonville, Florida was a great place to have 14th Hotel Company Reunion! Rain could not 'dampen' the spirits of the attendees. Thanks to **Steve and Maria Cone** for their hard work in putting it together and keeping things on track. Contributing to the success was the outstanding support of the H 2/7 family who stepped up to ensure that everyone had a good time.
- Like most of the reunions, a few people always go above and beyond the call of duty. At this reunion, it was the ladies of Hotel Company lead by **Marie Borrelli** who stepped up to make sure snacks, beverages of all sorts, and the occasional meal were always available in the hospitality room. A special thanks to **Marie** for managing the hospitality room. Also, thanks to **Chip & Terry Shafer** for sponsoring the Men's luncheon (Pulled Pork and sides were great). Brothers who could not attend donated \$1800 to support the reunion. There were other contributors that helped and donated to the reunion because receipts don't reflect what was available in the hospitality room!
- One hundred and thirty-one Hotel Company Marines and Navy Corpsmen and 62 of their family members and 12 guests attended all or various portions of the celebration. Of the total group, 46 Marines and 9 Corpsmen were in attendance—five of this group were attending their first reunion. First time attendees were Richard Brannan, Craig Edwards, Peter and Judy Vidito, Mark and Myra Whipple, and Hubert Yoshida and daughter. Also in attendance, were Edward (brother) and Charlie (nephew) Wetzel of PFC Charles Wetzel, KIA March 4, 1966.
- As usual, the Saturday night Banquet provided great food and entertainment. Having Violet Sheller as a guest at dinner was special and brought back a lot of memories of past reunions. The karaoke following the dinner identified some great singers and just some singers. But it was a lot of fun and made the night go by quickly—probably more people stayed the whole night than at other reunions.
- The last event of the reunion was the Memorial Ceremony to honor and remember the Company's Fallen Comrades. This event gets more special each year as the circle of Hotel Veterans grows smaller. Supporting the event was Hotel Company's own Bugler, Rick Bowling. The Color Guard Detail was provided by the Vietnam Veterans of America. A special thanks to Huck Ross for finding and coordinating the Color Guard.
- The **2023 Reunion** will be in **Oklahoma City** from **June 8-11**. Complete the Registration Form in this package and call to make your hotel reservations. When you call to make your reservation, be sure to state it is for the **Hotel Company 2/7 Reunion** and reference **code G-HCRE**. There is a lot of activity OK City during this time and getting pre and post reunion dates may be difficult.
- As time marches on, every reunion gets more special. You can help to make the **2023 Reunion the best ever!** Immediately contact company members that you would like to see at the reunion and giving them a personal invitation. Over the next year, keep the pressure on with reminder letters, e-mails, and phone calls. If you need an address and phone number help, **contact Dan Steiner, 618.567.4077** or email, **dsteiner49@yahoo.com**.