



# Hotel 2/7 1st Marine Division Vietnam Reunion 2025

Vietnam 1965 - 1970 - Buffalo, N.Y. 1995 - Las Vegas, Nev. 1997 - Wilmington, NC. 1999  
Des Moines, Iowa 2001 - Las Vegas, Nev. 2003 - Alexandria, Virginia 2005 - St. Louis, Mo. 2007  
Phoenix, Arizona 2009 - Myrtle Beach SC. 2011 - San Antonio, Texas 2013 - Buffalo, N.Y. 2015  
Kenner, Louisiana 2017 - San Diego, Calif 2019 - Jacksonville, Florida 2021  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 2023 - Des Moines, Iowa 2025

## 2025 Reunion Wrap-Up Letter

Our 16th Hotel 2/7 Reunion in Des Moines, Iowa, was absolutely fantastic. The downtown location proved to be an excellent choice—within walking distance of local historical sites, the Iowa State Capitol, and the State Historical Museum. It was the perfect setting for a memorable gathering.

Our heartfelt thanks go to our host, **Jerry Moorehead**, for his hard work and dedication in making this reunion such a success. Of course, he did not do it alone. **Dori** organized a wonderful ladies' luncheon, and the sun hats were a big hit. **Tom Moorehead**, one of Jerry's sons, kept our hospitality room running smoothly and fully stocked throughout the weekend. To the entire Moorehead family—your support made this reunion outstanding.

Many agree that the **2025 Iowa Reunion ranks among our very best**. Although attendance was slightly lower this year, it did not diminish the spirit of the event. We rekindled friendships, honored and remembered our fallen brothers, and celebrated the meaning of “Brothers’ Gathering.”

A special thank-you to the **Hotel 2/7 ladies** for ensuring that all registered attendees receive their goodie bags on Thursday and Friday. We had so many contributors and helpers throughout the weekend that we would run out of ink trying to list them all, but please know your efforts were noticed and appreciated.

Friday's luncheon at **AMVETS Post #2** was excellent—everyone enjoyed the hamburgers, hot dogs, and delicious sides. A big shout-out to **P.J. Pinns, Mildred Ricke, and Louise Moulder** for their support.

Saturday's banquet dinner and dance were equally memorable. The food was outstanding, and the DJ had many of us out on the dance floor. Our karaoke favorites, **Ralph and Pam**, once again entertained us with their rendition of Sonny & Cher's “I Got You Babe.”

We were honored to welcome and recognize our **first-time attendees**:

- George Andes & Kathy
- John W. Detar & Sharon Ruscigno
- Richard Pengroy & Patricia
- Ellen Kennedy & family, representing Kevin Kennedy (deceased)

We also recognized our **KIA family member, Stan Toma**, brother of Richard Toma.

Sunday's Memorial Ceremony at the **Iowa Vietnam Memorial** on the State Capitol grounds gave us time to remember, reflect, and honor those who are no longer with us. Special thanks to the **Marine Corps League Detachment** for the twenty-one-gun salute and Taps, and to the **Central Campus Marine Jr. ROTC Color Guard** for adding dignity and meaning to our service.

We thank God for the opportunity to gather once again with our H 2/7 family. Every reunion strengthens our bond, reminds us of our shared history, and reinforces the brotherhood that continues to unite us.

Until we meet again, Semper Fi.