



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

Marines and Corpsmen:

To all Marines and Corpsman Families and Friends of Hotel 2/7 who haven't attended one of our previous reunions I hope you will make arrangements to attend this one and renew old friendships and make new ones. It is a time for us all to get together to remember the good times along with the not so good. The Vietnam War was a big event in all our lives and made lasting impressions on us all. It is something we will never be able to forget no matter how we try.

I have finalized the hotel for our reunion May29-June1, 2025. It will be the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Downtown Des Moines, Iowa. It is located about 6 blocks west of Iowa Capitol Building at 101 East Locust St. Des Moines, Iowa 50309. I have blocked off 50 rooms based on our past reunions, at a rate of \$129.00 per night + tax for 1 to 4 people for a suite with one King bed and \$139.00 + tax for a suite with 2 Double beds. All rooms are suites. They will not be taking reservations for the reunion until June of 2024. I am still working on meals and banquet. The hotel has a shuttle service to and from the airport, they will also take you and pick you up anywhere you may want to go within 2 miles of hotel. If you are interested in seeing the hotel, type **Embassy Suites Des Moines Atrium - Self Walk** into your computer search line.

We are working on a tentative schedule for the reunion:

Thursday: – hospitality room and registration opens from noon to whenever for everyone to gather as they arrive. Hotel check in time is 3:00 pm. Hotel has a reception from 5:30-7:30 with 2 complimentary drinks for guests.

Friday Morning: Breakfast Buffet 6:00-9:00 weekdays.

Friday Afternoon: Nothing scheduled as yet – I was trying to make arrangements for us to have a picnic and attend Iowa Cubs Baseball game (farm team for the Chicago Cubs). They don't have schedule for 2025 season yet and they aren't sure if they will have a Saturday afternoon game. Any suggestions will be welcome.

Friday Evening: Hotel reception from 5:30-7:30, 2 complimentary drinks for guests

Saturday Morning: Breakfast Buffet 7:00-10:30 weekends.

Saturday Afternoon: Free day to get with friends to site see or just talk. There is a large farmers market just across the river from Hotel. The Iowa Capitol Building and grounds are about 6 blocks east of hotel.

Saturday Evening: Banquet and planning on a band or DJ after dinner.

Sunday Morning: Meet for breakfast buffet at approximately 08:00 and go as a group to the State of Iowa Capitol Grounds to have our memorial service for all our fallen friends at Iowa's Vietnam Memorial. I am working on getting a helicopter flyover for the service by the Iowa Army Aviation Unit out of Boone, Iowa. Echo Co. 24th Marines our local reserve unit has agreed to do a firing detail for us, and the North High School Marine Jr. ROTC program has said they will provide a Color Guard and Bugler.

I don't know yet how much money will be needed for the reunion because I have been trying to get some local business to help sponsor and cover some of the costs. I'll be sending out another letter with more information later. If you have an e-mail address and we don't have it please send it to me for future communications.

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