

**21<sup>st</sup> REUNION  
of the  
USMC  
3<sup>rd</sup> 8in Howitzer Battery (SP)  
FMF Pac**

(Any FMF Pac Artillery personnel are invited to come and join in)

**September 10 through 13, 2026  
(Thursday through Sunday)**

**Location**

**Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport  
2200 Centreville Road  
Herndon, VA 20170**

*The daily room rate is \$144.00 +taxes. This price includes breakfast served from 6:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. in the Houihan's Restaurant located in the hotel, complimentary shuttle to and from the Washington Dulles Airport, and complimentary parking.*

*\*The room rate of \$144.00 is extended to the three days before and three days after reunion dates. Hotel room reservations must be made by each attendee and should be done ASAP to get the room rate. When making or confirming reservations, please call 1-877-390-5944 and ask for **3<sup>rd</sup> 8inch Howitzer Battery Reunion** rate when calling. You may also make your reservations online using a link. Should you prefer to book online, please email me. I was unable to insert the link into this document and make it work. If you plan on arriving before or staying after the reunion, you will need to call the hotel. *\*There is a cutoff date for guaranteeing a room is **Monday, August 10, 2026.** Thereafter, reservations will be booked on a space and rate available basis only. **If you have any problems with your reservation, please call Kent Franklin at 1-703-647-0448.****

**Free cancellation until 24 hours prior to scheduled arrival.**

**Free Parking.**

Any Questions?  
Contact Dennis or Cheryl O'Brien  
805-340-6286 or 805-701-1528  
[cobrien@rpdssquared.com](mailto:cobrien@rpdssquared.com)

**Please note that the above email is to be used for Reunion purposes only!**

# 3<sup>rd</sup> 8inch REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

(September 10-13, 2026)

## Planning to Attend the Reunion

Name of 3<sup>rd</sup> 8in Member \_\_\_\_\_

Wife Name or Other Relationship Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

To cover the cost of the Hospitality Room, refreshments, and other small incidental expenses, a **\$30.00 “Registration Fee”** is needed from each 3<sup>rd</sup> 8inch member attending the reunion. (No fee is needed for wives.)

**Note:** We need the number in your party and your registration fee no later than **August 10, 2026.**

Upon completion of the above information, please send the **2026 3<sup>rd</sup> 8inch Reunion Registration Form** with the **\$30.00 Registration fee** to:

**Note change of address. We sold our house and will be moving!**

Dennis O’Brien  
290 Redland Rd.  
Advance, NC 27006

**\*\*\*Please wait to send your forms and check until after March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Your Registration Fee check should be made out to Dennis O’Brien.

Any Questions or comments?  
Please call Dennis 805-340-6286 or Cheryl 805-701-1528  
E-mails may be sent to: [cobrien@rpdsquared.com](mailto:cobrien@rpdsquared.com)

**Note the email address should only be used for the reunion.**

## **Reunion Dinner**

Saturday, September 12, 2026

We are unable to meet the food and beverage minimums, so our dinner on Saturday evening will be held in **Houlihan's Restaurant located in our hotel**. The cost of the meal will be determined at the time of the dinner. Regretfully, there will not be a program since we will be using the restaurant instead of a private room.

**Please detach and return the portion below with your registration.**

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### **Attending the Banquet**

*Although you will not be paying at this time, we will still need a count for the hotel restaurant.*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number Attending Dinner:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional Information

We will have the use of the Stapleton Boardroom for our hospitality room throughout the Reunion and will be allowed to stock it with our own food and beverages.

It is important to note that the hotel is smoke free.

The check-in time is 3:00 PM. If you arrive earlier, you may be able to check in, but this is not a guarantee. Ask at the desk about storing your luggage until your room is ready.

Check out time is 12:00 PM.

### Transportation

- If you are flying in for the reunion, we suggest the Washington Dulles Airport which is one mile from the hotel.
- The hotel provides a complimentary shuttle service to and from airport.

The closest metro station is the Innovation Center Metro Station. The hotel does provide shuttle service. It is a short drive to the Metro Station from the hotel if you wish to drive to it yourselves.

### Activities

The agenda consists of:

- **Wednesday (9/9)** – Dennis & Cheryl will set up and open the Hospitality Room in the afternoon.
- **Thursday (9/10)** – Check into the hotel and visit the Hospitality Room.
- **Friday (9/11)** – Trip to the National Museum of the Marine Corps
- **Saturday (9/12)** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 8inch Member Meeting at 3:00 p.m. Dinner at 5:00p.m.
- **Sunday (9/13)** – Check out day if you are leaving

Time Outside the Agenda:

Feel free to join a group or go alone to sightsee and explore Virginia/Washington DC.



## This Year's Group Activity

This year's trip will be to the **National Museum of the Marine Corps** located at **1775 Semper Fidelis Way, Triangle, VA 22172**. We will be carpooling to the museum, so we need some volunteer drivers. The admission and parking are both free. The museum hours are from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. It will take approximately 48-50 minutes to get to the museum from the hotel. Please plan to meet in the hotel lobby at 8:00 AM. At that time, we will assign passengers to drivers.



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**Planning to attend? Please fill out and return this form and return with your other forms.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number Going to Museum** \_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to drive to the museum and can take \_\_\_\_\_ passengers (NOT INCLUDING YOURSELF)**

# NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS

**Friday, September 11, 2026**

## **Schedule:**

**8:00AM** – Please meet in the hotel lobby. Driver/Passenger assignment will be made.

**8:30AM** – Depart from hotel to museum.

**9:10AM** – Arrive at the museum.

## **This will be a self-guided tour.**

- Open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- Free admission and parking.
- The museum is located at 1775 Semper Fidelis Way, Triangle, VA 22172 adjacent to I-95 near the Marine Corps Base Quantico.
- Wheelchairs are available upon request at no charge; no reservations required.
- The Museum Store, Medal of Honor Theater.
- Tun Tavern is open daily from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM.
- Devil Dog Diner is open daily from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.
- Semper Fidelis Park, located next to the museum, is open sunrise to sunset.

When you visit the Museum, you will be greeted by security personnel who will ask you to empty your pockets prior to walking through the metal detector. Average size and smaller handbags will be scanned, as well as other bags. Handbags larger than 14" wide x 12" high x 6" wide, briefcases, backpacks, large camera bags and suitcases will not be allowed in the Museum.

Other prohibited items include:

- Weapons
- Pepper spray and mace
- Food or drinks
- **Visitors may bring sealed, clear water bottles or empty reusable containers**
- **Water fountains and water bottle fillers are available inside the museum**
- Sharp objects
- Pets (service animals are welcome)

Please leave the items listed above in your vehicle to avoid any inconvenience. It is important to note that if you attempt to bring a prohibited item into the Museum, you will be required to either dispose of the item or return it to your vehicle. Museum personnel will not store or hold items for visitors.

It will take a minimum of 3-4 hours to tour the galleries. Please plan accordingly. In addition, consider a walkthrough of the Semper Fidelis Memorial Park.

Lunch is on your own. Options at the Museum include the Tun Tavern or Devil Dog Diner.

We will depart the Museum at the discretion of the group or individual “car group”.

## General Hotel Information

The **Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport** is a very nice full-service hotel with the following amenities:

- Pet Friendly (Dogs only)
- On-site restaurant
- Business Center 24/7
- 24-Hour Fitness Center
- Free Wi-Fi
- 24 Hour Market
- Laundry Facilities
- Accessible
- Free Parking

Restaurant: The Houlihan's Restaurant is open daily, from 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Bar: The Houlihan's Bar is open daily, from 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Rooms:

- Smoke Free Facility
- Bathrobe
- Keurig Coffee & Tea Maker
- Complimentary Bottled Water
- Mini Refrigerator
- Microwave
- Work Desk with Lamp
- Iron and Ironing Board
- Accessible Rooms Available Upon Request\*\*

\*\*If you want an accessible room, please plan to book your room early.

## Sightseeing

Sightseeing in Virginia/Washington DC includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Smithsonian Museums:
  - National Air & Space Museum
  - National Museum of Natural History
  - National Museum of American History
  - National Museum of African American History & Culture
  - National Zoological Park
  - United States Botanic Garden
  - National Museum of American Art
- United States Arboretum
- Washington National Cathedral
- United States Capitol
- White House
- Superior Court
- Library of Congress
- National Archives
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Arlington National Cemetery
- National Portrait Gallery
- Theodore Roosevelt Island
- Kennedy Center
- Reflecting Pool
- Washington Monument
- Lincoln Memorial
- Vietnam Wall Memorial
- Korean War Memorial
- World War II Memorial
- Martin Luther King Memorial
- FDR Memorial
- Jefferson Memorial
- Army Museum
- George Washington's Mt. Vernon
- Navy Memorial Plaza & Visitors Center
- Ford's Theater
- President Lincoln's Cottage
- The President Woodrow Wilson House
- National Guard Memorial Museum
- National Building Museum
- S. Dillon Ripley Center
- National Law Enforcement & Officers Memorial
- International Spy Museum

Shopping:

- Tysons Corner Shopping Center
- Reston Town Center
- Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets

## Document Checklist

**Please** be sure to enclose all the requested information when sending your Registration Fee. These documents include:

1. Registration Form
2. Registration Fee (Check \$30 made out to Dennis O'Brien)
3. Dinner RSVP with number attending
4. RSVP National Museum of the Marine Corps with number attending and driver information.

Thank you and we are looking forward to seeing you soon!