

## Essential Information

### Reunion dates:

September 10-13<sup>th</sup> 2020

### Location:

Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel  
900 S. Orme Street  
Arlington, VA 22204

### Reservations:

(703) 521-1900

### Rates:

\$129 includes daily breakfast



## Hats

Everyone paying dues will receive a hat.

If you wish to buy an extra one, the cost is \$15. If you pick up the extra hat at the reunion, there is no shipping charge. Extra hats that are shipped are \$15 plus \$5 shipping.



## Schedule

### Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

5:30 p.m. Reception

### Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Memorial Breakfast

### Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Museum of the Marine Corps visit.

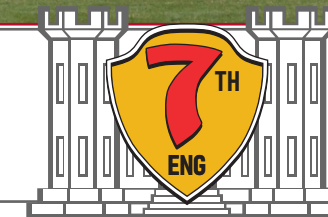
6:00 p.m. Banquet

### Questions?

Call Norm Johnson @ (810) 300-0782  
Doug McMackin @ (623) 419-2135  
Or visit [www.usmc.org/7th](http://www.usmc.org/7th)



7TH ENGINEER BATTALION  
VIETNAM VETERANS' REUNION



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**A**s I am composing the text for this brochure, we are acutely aware that the Covid-19 virus is disrupting our everyday lives. While it is impossible to forecast even the near future, we are going forward with the planning that is required to have a wonderful 2020 reunion. I am hoping that the crisis will subside over the next few months, and allow us to enjoy our reunion as usual. Our second

mailing will be in July. At that time we'll inform you of a "go, or no go."

Please note that we have made a change to the usual schedule of events.

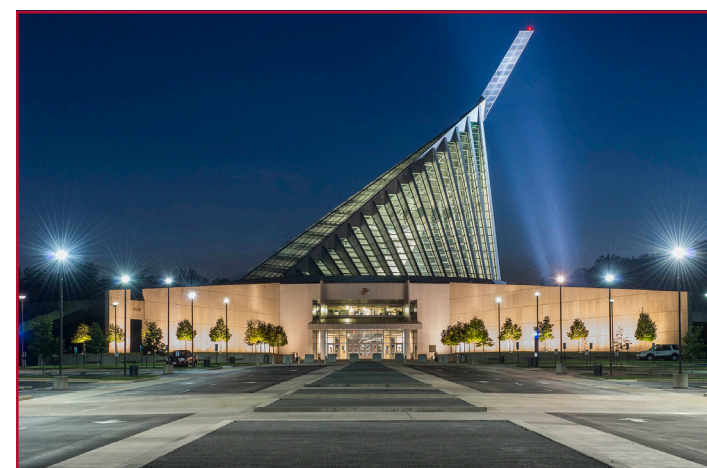
Once again we will be visiting the "crossroads of the Marine Corps". It's hard to believe that it's been six years since our last visit. On our last visit we dedicated our plaque on the Memorial Wall at the Museum of the Marine Corps.



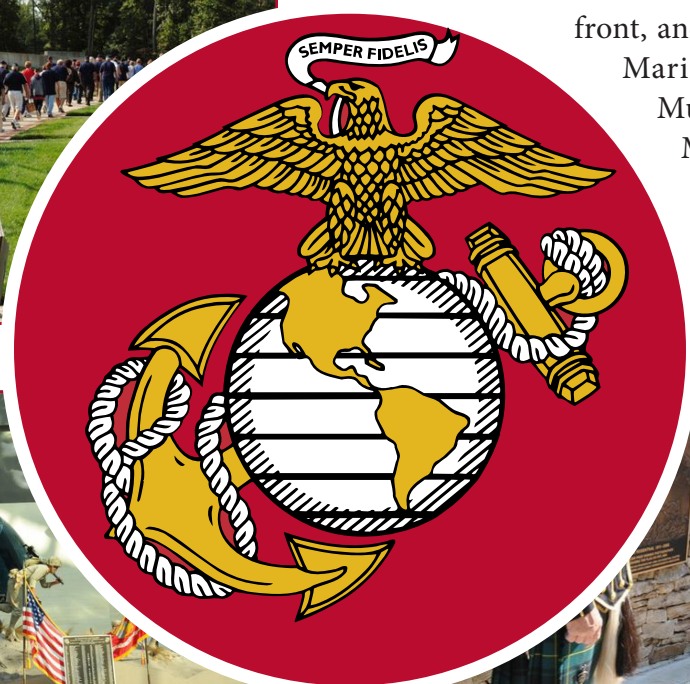
Most of us have not visited the area since then. There are many sites that can be visited even if most government agencies have cut back or closed. The Viet Nam wall and Arlington Cemetery are two examples.

The National Museum of the Marine Corps opened its doors in 2006 as a lasting tribute to U.S. Marines – past, present and future. Situated on a 135-acre site adjacent to Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., the Museum’s soaring design has welcomed more than five million visitors since its dedication. The 120,000-square-foot structure features world-class interactive exhibits that use the most innovative technology to immerse visitors in the sights and sounds of Marines in action. Semper Fidelis Memorial Park, adjacent to the Museum, features more than one mile of interwoven pathways that run along remarkable features such as the Semper Fidelis Memorial Chapel, and monuments erected to honor various Marine Corps organizations and courageous individuals who have earned the title, Marine.

The Marine Corps fought in Vietnam from 1965 through 1975 – longer than in any other conflict. This




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gallery brings to life horrific scenes of close combat and small moments of compassion on the field of battle at such places as Howard’s Hill, Marble Mountain, Quang Nam, Khe Sanh, and Dong Ha. Wall murals and dioramas deliver stories about combat operations, significant contributions to the war, individual Marines, special units, morale, and air support.



The Final Phase historical galleries, scheduled to open in phases through 2023, will include a continuation of the existing Legacy Walk, from which visitors will enter galleries that talk about common Marine structure and missions (e.g., NEOs, HA/DRs, MSG, etc.), the period from 1976 to 9/11, 9/11 as a standalone exhibit, 9/12 to present, the home front, and the Corps’ future. Not every Marine serves in combat, but the Museum recognizes that every Marine is vital to the mission and will honor all Marines.




If you would like to have your Viet Nam photo on your ID tag, contact Dave Haunty at 724-290-0254 or email [dah5312@hotmail.com](mailto:dah5312@hotmail.com)



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**Dave Haunty**  
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## Circle of Trees

**W**e have a couple of new problems that need to be addressed immediately.

First, the existing granite monument has two names misspelled. The monument was dedicated in 1968 and we think it’s about time it’s made correctly. We have arranged to get the marker at cost, and engraved at a discount.

Second, the trees are dying. They are fifty years old and reached the end of their normal life.

We would like to replace the existing Crabapple trees with Cherry trees. We have a quote that is quite reasonable (\$4,900 to remove the existing trees, remove the stumps, and plant thirteen new trees in a larger circle). We want this monument to not only out last us, but our children too.

Please send donations to:  
**7<sup>th</sup> Engineer Bn.**  
**6100 Cochrane Road,**  
**Marlette, MI 48453**

## Dog Tags

\$15 plus \$5 shipping (free reunion pickup available).