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Hotel Co. 2/5 Celebrates Memorial Day 2026.

For Memorial Day 2026, the nation honors all veterans, particularly recognizing those who made the ultimate sacrifice and the 1,560 still missing in Vietnam. Key observances include the national ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in D.C. on March 29th, with additional local events and traveling walls nationwide honoring the 58,000+ who died.



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Our next reunion will be in San Diego, CA.

Oct 7 - 10, 2026

How to Become a

Featured Marine

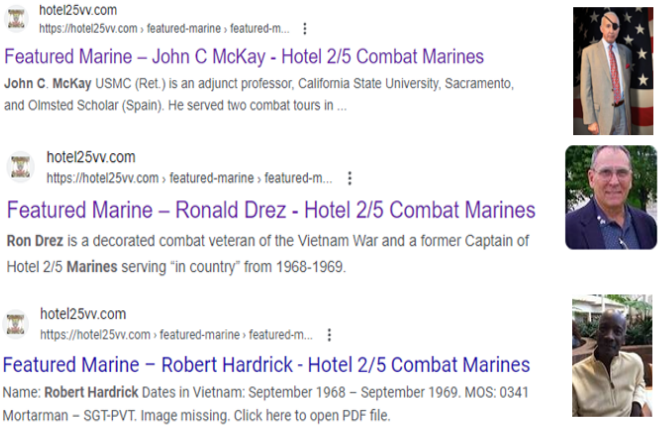


Website: https://hotel25vv.com

Please Note: If no one is interested in submitting their names with information, this Featured Marine page will no longer be published in this newsletter. There are over 100 of us still alive who hasn't gotten their name featured yet, so get busy and send Larry the information described below. Thanks!

What is a Featured Marine?

A complete page set up on the Hotel25vv.com website that features information about you. When you Google "Featured Marine — your name, you will find yourself listed in the Google search.



They have served not only on active duty in a combat environment, but during their civilian life they have proudly worked and served in their local communities throughout the United States of America protecting, encouraging, and helping American citizens. Our members are from all walks of life with a common heritage and bond of brotherhood. They served in Vietnam from 1966 – 1971 to serve where Freedom was challenged. They fought in the Vietnam War the local South Vietnamese people and to help stop communism from spreading throughout Southeast Asia.

The American people owe them a great deal of gratitude. We salute You. God Bless, and Thank You.

Our section of "Featured Marines" is dedicated to all the MARINES AND CORPSMEN of the Hotel 2/5 Vietnam Era. These men have served our country and our Beloved Corps with Honor.

How to Become a Featured Marine?

Gather together copies of all the information you would like to have displayed on your "Featured Marine" web page. Your information should include:

- A copy of your DD214
- Written information about your involvement in Vietnam
- Dates you were in the Vietnam War
- Your rank when involved with Hotel 2/5
- Copies of all your medal awards
- Clippings from newspapers, books, written materials mentioning you
- Internet links from others mentioning you
- A current picture of yourself
- A Vietnam War picture of yourself
- List of your publications, if any
- Picture of your military medals and awards
- Documentation about your Purple Heart Award if you received one or more
- Copy of Biography or Autobiography
- Digital pictures of your Vietnam pictures

Submit above information to:

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Hotel 2/5's First and Last Military Operations in Vietnam

Did you know that **Operation Wyoming and Operation Imperial Lake** were the first and last Operations carried out with Hotel Company in Vietnam?

On 26–30 April 1966, Hotel Company and the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines participated in **Operation Wyoming**, with 2/5 Marines and 3/1 Marines a search-and-destroy operation conducted approximately 15 kilometers northwest of Chu Lai in Quang Tin Province with elements of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. Company engages VC elements in the Quang Tin Province operational area.Operation Wyoming was Hotel Company's first major named combat operation in Vietnam under 1st Lieutenant Doherty's command.

Operation Imperial Lake was a U.S. Marine Corps, Republic of Korea Marine Corps and U.S. Army operation in the Que Son District, Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam that took place from 1 September 1970, to 7 May 1971. It was the last operation of the 1st Marine Division during the Vietnam War. On 1 **September 1970 — 7 May 1971, Operation Imperial Lake** — the last major operation of the 1st Marine Division in Vietnam — formally concluded. This was a historically significant date: it marked the end of an unbroken chain of Marine combat operations in I Corps that had begun with the landing of the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade at Da Nang on 8 March 1965. Hotel Company, though no longer in-country, had participated in Imperial Lake from its initiation in September 1970 through the withdrawal on 3 March 1971.

On 18 October 1970, the 1st Marine Division ordered a change to the operation with six-man patrols deployed in the Que Son mountains which would call in a quick reaction force (QRF) at LZ Baldy to exploit any contact. The 1st Reconnaissance Battalion moved to LZ Vulture, now renamed LZ Rainbow, which would serve as the patrol base. On 21 October, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines replaced Company M, 3/5 Marines at LZ Rainbow while **Company H, 2/5 Marines** formed the QRF.

Primary sources: '2-5 Military Operations Vietnam' document; USMC Command Chronologies (National Archives, RG 127); Marine Corps History Division; hotel25vv.com. For full records contact: National Archives II, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park MD 20740 or Marine Corps History Division, Quantico VA 22134.



Jack Sparrow, from Gearvet wrote this on Mar 17, 2026:

"The Vietnam War left a lasting mark on the men who served. For many US veterans, it was more than a time in history — it was a life-changing experience built on courage, sacrifice, and the unbreakable bond of brotherhood."

"Many Vietnam veterans were very young when they deployed. They faced harsh conditions, constant danger, and moments that stayed with them long after they returned home. But through it all, they stood strong for their country and for the brothers beside them."

"That is why remembering Vietnam veterans matters. Their service deserves honor. Their sacrifice deserves respect. Their story deserves to be carried forward."

There is a story. A story of courage. Of sacrifice. Of men and women who answered the call and proudly served. **America's 250th Anniversary** is more than a milestone. It is 250 years of grit, freedom, and unshakable pride. And for veterans, that means something deeper. Because you know this country is not built by words alone. It is built by service. By loyalty. By sacrifice. By those willing to stand up and defend what matters. May God bless America and to all who have served this country.

That is why I chose to create a special blog today for the "**250th USA Story"** for this newsletter — a tribute to the meaning behind this moment and the pride that still lives strong today.

AMERICA 250

A Nation Reflects — Two and a Half Centuries of Freedom

July 4, 1776 — July 4, 2026

A MOMENTOUS MILESTONE

On July 4, 2026, the United States of America will mark an extraordinary milestone: the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Known as America 250, this semi quincentennial celebration is not merely a birthday party for a nation — it is a profound moment of reflection, gratitude, and renewal. From the first bold stroke of a quill pen in Philadelphia's summer heat to the global superpower that stands today, the American story is one of breathtaking scope, remarkable resilience, and enduring promise.

Two hundred and fifty years ago, fifty-six courageous men affixed their signatures to a document that declared, against all odds, that "all men are created equal" and "endowed with unalienable rights". That act of defiance against the most powerful empire of the age ignited a revolution — not only on American soil, but across the world. The ideals enshrined in those immortal words have shaped the arc of human history ever since.

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THE FOUNDING ERA: COURAGE UNDER FIRE

The road to independence was forged through sacrifice. General George Washington led a ragged Continental Army through brutal winters at Valley Forge, crossing the icy Delaware River on Christmas night 1776 to strike a blow that kept the revolution alive. Statesmen like John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, and James Madison debated, argued, and ultimately crafted the constitutional framework that has endured as the world's longest-running democratic charter. Ratified in 1788, the Constitution — and the Bill of Rights that followed — established a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

TRIAL BY FIRE: EXPANSION, DIVISION, AND REUNION

The young nation grew with breathtaking ambition. The Louisiana Purchase of 1803 doubled the country's size. The Lewis and Clark Expedition revealed the vast beauty of a continent. Yet growth brought contradiction: the institution of slavery stood as a moral cancer at the heart of a nation that proclaimed freedom. Abraham Lincoln, the Rail-Splitter from Illinois who became one of history's greatest leaders, guided the nation through its most devastating trial. The Civil War claimed more than 600,000 lives, but it preserved the Union and led to the abolition of slavery through the Thirteenth Amendment in 1865. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address — just 272 words — reframed the American promise for all generations to come.

The Reconstruction era, the westward settlement, and the Industrial Revolution that followed transformed a largely agrarian republic into an industrial giant. Immigrants from every corner of the globe arrived at Ellis Island, bearing little more than hope, and wove their languages, cultures, and labor into the American fabric. By the dawn of the twentieth century, the United States had emerged as a world power.

ANSWERING THE CALL: AMERICA IN THE WORLD WARS

Twice in the twentieth century, America's sons and daughters crossed oceans to defend freedom against tyranny. In World War I, more than four million Americans served under General John "Black Jack" Pershing, tipping the balance on the Western Front. In World War II, the Greatest Generation answered the call after the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. From the beaches of Normandy to the islands of the Pacific, American men and women in uniform — 16 million strong — made the ultimate sacrifice to defeat fascism and imperial aggression.

On the home front, Rosie the Riveter symbolized the millions of American women who powered the arsenal of democracy. Generals Dwight D. Eisenhower and Douglas MacArthur led Allied forces to victory. The Tuskegee Airmen and other minority servicemembers proved their valor while fighting for a country that had yet to fully recognize their rights.

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TOWARD A MORE PERFECT UNION: CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL PROGRESS

The post-war decades saw America confront its own contradictions with renewed urgency. The Civil Rights Movement, led by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, John Lewis, and countless ordinary Americans of extraordinary courage, challenged the nation to live up to its founding ideals. Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in 1963 remains one of the most powerful declarations of human dignity in history. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 dismantled legal segregation and expanded the franchise. In the decades that followed, Americans continued to broaden the circle of freedom — for women, for people with disabilities, and for communities long denied full participation in American life.

ONE GIANT LEAP: AMERICAN INNOVATION

Few moments captured the American spirit of ingenuity and daring more vividly than July 20, 1969, when Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the Moon. President John F. Kennedy's bold 1961 challenge — to land a man on the Moon before the decade's end — was met by a generation of engineers, scientists, and test pilots who refused to accept the impossible. American innovation has always been a cornerstone of national identity: from the Wright Brothers' first flight at Kitty Hawk in 1903, to the invention of the internet, to breakthroughs in medicine, technology, and space exploration that continue to shape humanity's future. Now, in April 2026, the safe return of the Artemis II crew has marked a historic milestone – humans have travelled to the Moon for the first time since Apollo 17 in 1972. Though the mission didn't land on the lunar surface, its crew of four completed a breathtaking figure-of-eight flightpath around our nearest celestial neighbor and made it home safely. That success has now paved the way for Artemis III, which should make a lunar landing and see the first woman set foot on the Moon in 2027. American innovation is alive and well.

ETERNAL GRATITUDE: HONORING OUR MILITARY AND VETERANS

At every chapter of the American story stands the figure of the American servicemember — men and women who set aside comfort, family, and safety to defend the freedoms the rest of us enjoy. From the Minutemen at Lexington and Concord, to the doughboys in the trenches of the Meuse-Argonne, to the Marines raising the flag at Iwo Jima, to us Marines fighting the NVA in Vietnam, to the soldiers patrolling the mountains of Afghanistan, America's warriors have answered their nation's call across 250 years. More than one million Americans have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.

Our veterans carry the weight of their service long after they remove the uniform. As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, we owe them (us) not merely ceremony and applause, but a solemn commitment: to care for the wounded in body and spirit, to honor those who have fallen, and to ensure that no veteran is left behind. The memorials that grace our National Mall — the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial — stand as sacred reminders of the price of freedom. America 250 calls us to renew that covenant with those who served and those who grieve.

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THE NEXT 250 YEARS: AN ENDURING PROMISE

America at 250 is neither a finished masterpiece nor a failed experiment — it is a living work in progress, guided by principles that have proven resilient enough to weather civil war, depression, world wars, and social upheaval. The American experiment has always been defined not by perfection, but by the determined pursuit of it. The words “we the people” remain both a description and an aspiration — a reminder that self-governance is not a birthright to be taken for granted but a responsibility to be honored in every generation.

As fireworks light the skies on July 4, 2026, Americans of every background, faith, and heritage will gather to celebrate a shared story. That story belongs to the farmer and the factory worker, the immigrant and the indigenous, the soldier and the schoolteacher. It belongs to every child who has recited the Pledge of Allegiance and every new citizen who has raised their right hand and sworn an oath. America 250 is a moment to remember where we came from, to honor all who carried us here, and to recommit ourselves to the luminous promise first set down in Philadelphia on a July afternoon two and a half centuries ago: that liberty is worth defending, that justice is worth pursuing, and that the American story — remarkable, imperfect, and magnificent — is far from over.

U.S. Happy 250th Birthday, America U.S.



July 4, 1776 — July 4, 2026



HOTEL 2/5 VIETNAM VETERANS NEWSLETTER

We continue to add new information to our website each month. If you haven't been on the website in a while, take note of the "Recent Posts" section on the righthand column on the frontpage. It has some pretty cool information.

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FAMILY TIME

Special Days

If you would like to be added to our birthday or anniversary list, please contact Stephanie Casey at stephcasey2018@gmail.com.

Happy Birthday to Our Hotel 2/5 Veterans and Their Lovely Ladies!

Birthdays:

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SAN DIEGO HOTEL 2/5 REUNION—OCT 7-10, 2026

Be sure to check out Jay Peterson's 'Call to Muster' on our website at:

https://hotel25vv.com/2026-call-to-muster

YOU CAN NOW REGISTER AT THE HOTEL IN SAN DIEGO

Go to https://hotel25vv.com/hotel-reservation-san-diego

to register at the hotel.

Our theme is:

"RETURNING TO OUR BEGINNINGS"

We have a block of 30 rooms available for the reunion Wednesday October 7, Thursday October 8, Friday October 9, and Saturday October 10, 2026 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel San Diego, 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108

$149.00 Single/Double, $164.00 Triple, $179.00 Quad

Daily Buffet Breakfast is included in the room rate.

Registration is open on our website.
These rates do not include applicable state and local taxes, currently 14.75% plus .1950%.

There are no other charges such as resort fees.

The rates are available for attendees, based on availability, (3) days before and (3) days after the above dates.