Hotel 2/5 Vietnam Veterans Newsletter

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Hotel Co. 2/5 Celebrates Independence Day 2026

As we celebrate Independence Day, we're reminded that freedom is not just a historic ideal — it's a living promise, safeguarded by the courage and sacrifice of those who served. his month we don't just celebrate 250 years of fireworks and freedom — we celebrate Liberty! We pause to honor the brave men and women who make that freedom possible. We pause to thank all of our folks currently serving in the armed services of America. We also pause to thank all the veterans of America who gave to ensure us freedom that we have today.





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Our next reunion will be in San Diego, CA.

Oct 7 - 10, 2026

30 registered as of 7/1/26

FEATURED MARINE

How to Become a

Featured Marine

HOTEL 2/5
UNITED STATES MARINES
The Few, The Proud
Always Faithful
Vietnam Veterans

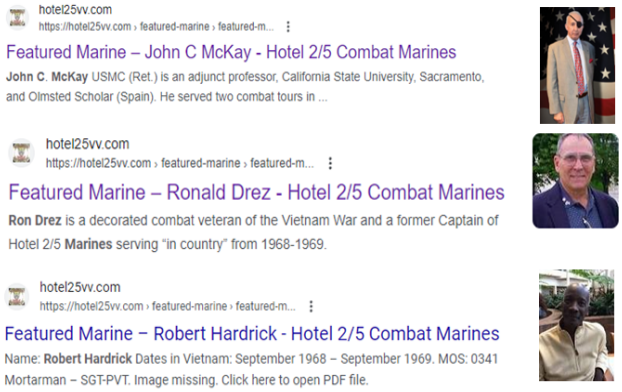
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Please Note: If no one is interested in submitting their names with information, this Featured Marine page will no longer be published in this newsletter. There are over 100 of us still alive who hasn't gotten their name featured yet, so get busy and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

Last Change. Larry hasn't received any information from anyone. This section of the newsletter goes away next issue unless we here from you.

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

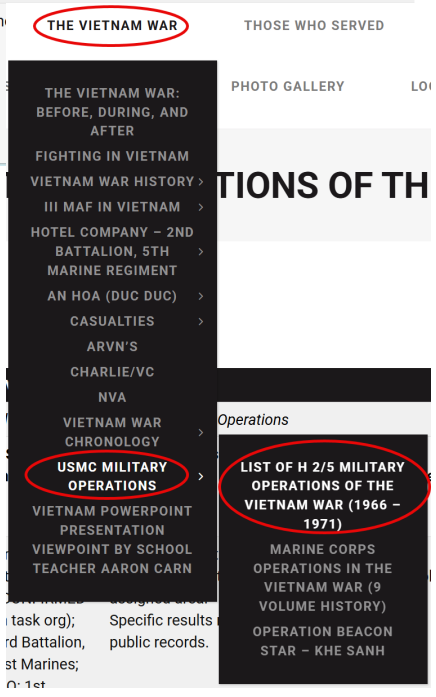
Have you seen the new list of our Military Operations that Hotel 2/5 participated in during the War in Vietnam? You definitely will want to go to our website and look up all of your military operations that you went on. Larry has spent over 150 hours putting this information together. There is much more that will be added to this section of the website moving forward in the months to come.

LIST OF HOTEL 2/5 MILITARY OPERATIONS OF THE VIETNAM WAR (1966 – 1971)

H COMPANY, 2nd BATTALION, 5th MARINES — 1st MARINE DIVISION

VIETNAM WAR OPERATIONS | 1966 – 1971 | Arranged in Chronological Date Sequence | 51 Total Operations

Name of Operation	Mission Purpose / Objective	Dates of Operation	Locations / Cities	USMC Units Involved	Mission Results	USMC KIA	USMC Wounded	Enemy KIA	Enemy Wounded	TAOR (Tactical Area of Responsibility)	Notes / Source References	H Company Confirmed?
Operation Wyoming	Search and destroy 15 miles NW of Chu Lai; coordination between 1st Marines and 5th Marine Regiment in Quang Tin Province.	26–30 Apr 1966	Quang Tin Province; 15 miles NW of Chu Lai; I Corps	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (CONFIRMED in task org); 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines; HQ: 1st Marines	Search and destroy mission conducted in assigned area. Specific results not in public records.	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Unknown	Quang Tin Province; 15 miles NW of Chu Lai; I Corps	CONFIRMED 2/5 Marines — unit explicitly listed in task organization. Sources: '2-5 Military Operations Vietnam'; USMC Command Chronologies.	**CONFIRMED**
Operation Colorado (Lien Ket 52)	Search and destroy PAVN 2nd Division in Que Son Valley; combined US-ARVN operation to clear Hiep Duc District.	6–22 Aug 1966	Hiep Duc District; Que Son Valley; Quang Nam Province; ~55 km south of Da Nang	H Company, 2/5 Marines; 1/5 and 3/5 Marines; ARVN 2nd Division; 1st Marine Aircraft Wing	PAVN 2nd Division suffered significant casualties and temporarily withdrew. Rice caches and equipment destroyed.	99 (all USMC)	212 (all USMC)	283 PAVN	Unknown	Que Son Valley; Hiep Duc District; Quang Nam Province; ~55 km SSW of Da Nang	H/2/5 participated as part of regimental ops. Source doc confirms 2/5 Marines task org. Sources: Marine Corps History Division.	*Confirmed*
Operation Napa (Lien Ket 56)	Search and destroy in Quang Tin Province jointly with 2nd ARVN Division following Operation Colorado; locate and destroy PAVN/VC forces northwest of Tam Ky.	4–15 Sep 1966	Quang Tin Province; NW of Tam Ky; I Corps	1/5 Marines; 3/5 Marines; 5th Marine Regiment (HQ); 2nd ARVN Division; 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 ARVN Bns. Note: 2/5 Marines not explicitly listed in public task org.	Search and destroy mission in assigned area. Specific results not in public records. Listed in '2-5 Military Operations Vietnam' document.	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Unknown	Quang Tin Province; NW of Tam Ky; I Corps	Listed in '2-5 Military Operations Vietnam'. Task org in public records lists 1/5 and 3/5 only; 2/5 involvement implied by document. Sources: USMC An Expanding War 1966 (USMC Historical); USMC Command Chronologies.	*Listed in Source Doc*
Operation Dover	Search and destroy in Quang Tin Province. Continuation of 5th Marine Regiment operations to	18–30 Oct 1966	Quang Tin Province; I Corps	1/5 Marines; 5th Marine Regiment (HQ). Note: 2/5 Marines not explicitly listed in public	Search and destroy mission. Specific results not in public records. Listed in '2-5 Military Operations Vietnam' document.	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Unkn			



Click here https://hotel25vv.com/list-of-allied-military-operations-of-the-vietnam-war-1966 or go to Go to the website menu to The Vietnam War/USMC Military Operations/List of H 2/5 Military Operations of the Vietnam War (1966-1971). Once there seeing the worksheet, you can click with the mouse on the Name of the Operation to go to another page of information about that Operation.

Scroll down the list and locate ***Operation Tuscaloosa*** and click on it. After reading the PDF page, click on the lower right corner button, Additional Information—Operation Tuscaloosa, to read more data and click on more links about this operation.

You can help Larry by sending him an email with your details of the operations you served on and he can add that text to these operations.

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 in our last newsletter and continued again in this newsletter for the "**250th USA Story**" — 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

Did you catch Jocko Willink's speech at the opening ceremony with President Trump at the Great American Fair in Washington, DC? Jocko Willink is a highly decorated retired U.S. Navy SEAL officer, best-selling author, podcaster, and leadership consultant. We transcribed his speech so we could add it here for all of us to enjoy his speech again.

Jocko Willink

Speech at the Great American State Fair

Washington, DC - Wednesday, June 24, 2026

It is a miracle that we are celebrating 250 years of America. And in many ways, it's a miracle that America even exists at all. Because since day one, we have had the odds stacked against us. Everything at the very beginning, when we declared independence from Great Britain, the world's most powerful empire. And then we had to fight them. Now the British had more men, more guns, more ships. But we had something the British did not have. You see, the British soldiers and officers, they were subjects of the king. But we would bow to no man.

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Our forefathers knew that there was something more important than king and crown. Something more important than safety or substance. An ideal more important than life itself. The founders of our country, for them, the most important thing was freedom. All men created equal, endowed by our creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. And that ideal, it gave us something the British military leadership did not take into account. We had a will to win, unlike anything they had ever seen before. And because of that will, we did win. And that victory of these free and United States over the British crown, that victory, unleashed a force which to this day has been completely unmatched in the world.

That freedom that we fought for, the freedom to speak, to protest, to worship, the freedom to protect ourselves, our families, and our property, the freedom to work, to risk, to build the freedom to achieve. And our spirit turned America into the most powerful nation the world has ever known. But that power was not built by the government. It was not built by the state. It was not built by the bureaucracy. America was built by freedom. The freedom for Americans, from any background, to chase their dreams, turn those dreams into reality and be rewarded for their effort. And our work ethic, our creativity, our will to win and freedom itself have made America's rise undeniable.

But there is one more important ingredient that allowed America to overcome the odds and become the greatest nation on earth. Without this last vital ingredient, America would not and could not exist. That final ingredient is blood. The blood of our patriotic service men and women, you see the men and women of our military, they swear an oath, a commitment that if need be, they will sacrifice their lives, sacrifice their liberty, and sacrifice their happiness for us. For our freedom. And for 250 years, our military has held the line against darkness, against tyranny, against evil, against fanatics, determined to die for their cause. But we are determined to live and fight for our cause, the greatest cause of all — freedom.

And that is the true strength of America. So as we celebrate 250 years of freedom, let us remember the sacrifices that have been made and will be made to protect it. We must remember those brave people who are not only soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines, but who are also fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, brothers and sisters who had plans and hopes and dreams and they had goals and they had ambitions and yet they sacrificed all of that. They sacrificed everything on some wretched piece of dirt or in the raging merciless sea or in the unforgiving clouds above throughout our history, on sea, air, and land. Even warriors have given their lives for our freedom. And for that, we owe them everything.

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And the best thing we can do to honor their sacrifice is use this sacred freedom. Do not squander one second. We must not merely dream the American dream. We must live it. Live the American dream. Relish our liberty and our lives, relentlessly pursue happiness, strive and work and build and create every day for ourselves, for our family, for our country, but most of all for them, the fallen heroes, those who gave us this gift of freedom. Remember them, honor them by living this life, this American miracle. Live it to the utmost, to the utmost for them.

May God bless those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom and may God bless the United States of America. Thank you.



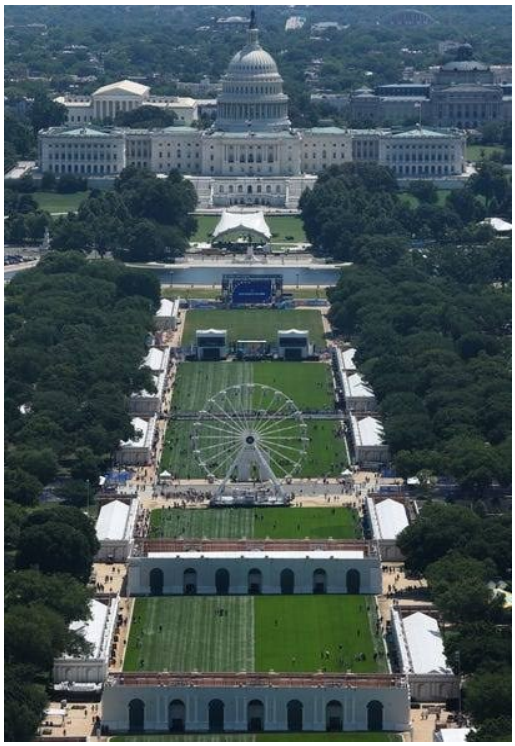
Jocko Willink is a highly decorated retired U.S. Navy SEAL officer, best-selling author, podcaster, and leadership consultant known for his no-nonsense philosophy on discipline and extreme ownership.

Military Career



Willink spent 20 years in the SEAL Teams. During the Iraq War, he commanded Task Unit Bruiser of SEAL Team Three—the most highly decorated special operations unit of that conflict. Under his leadership, the unit fought in the brutal Battle of Ramadi in 2006. For his service, he was awarded the Silver Star and the Bronze Star.





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"LaFayette, we are (still) here"

Editorial by Dennis Casey

The 250th birthday of America is upon us. It truly is a hallmark moment in our existence. We've been through a lot to get to this event. We're not unscathed or unscarred in doing so. But, nonetheless, to quote Charles E. Stanton who said during the First World War, when U.S. troops arrived in France, "Lafayette, we are here!" The newsletter mentions Marquis de Lafayette because of his many contributions to America's fight for freedom in our 'War for Independence'. His many acts of support to 'our cause' are too numerous to name. He is buried in his homeland of France, with topsoil gathered from the ground on which the 'Battle of Bunker Hill' was fought. He endured the terrible winter at Valley Forge alongside the American troops in comradeship with them and our struggle. He commanded a division of American troops at the Siege and Battle of Yorktown. He was there when the British surrendered. The list could go 'on and on' in his memory, showing his allegiance and love for America and what it meant for the world.

Just as Lafayette has soil from our country covering his grave, we, of Hotel 2/5 (and all Vietnam Veterans) will have the soil from Vietnam on ours. This is a figurative statement, obviously, but real, all the same. Yes, we brought the war back with us because of PTSD, as all combatants do from any war. But Vietnam is different. According to 2023 Census figures, there are 2.3 million Vietnamese living in America. That's less than the number of Americans who served in Vietnam (approximately 3 million). Many, if not most of these 2.3 million people have never set foot in Vietnam. They were born here. We know more about their country than they do. This is not an accusatory observation. It's simply the way it is. In no other war in which America has fought, beginning with the Spanish-American War and including these recent American wars, have so many people from a single country, with reasons strictly tied to the war itself, left their homeland to come to America. Many left the place of their birth to begin a new life here, to create new families undamaged by the memories and nightmares of conflict. We are the positive reminders of their past. In doing so, we, and the history of us, has created an American Vietnam. This is not a bad thing. It gives younger Vietnamese citizens of America 'something more to hold on to', something to connect them to their previous heritage and to their new one. There is a natural bond here, just like the one between America and Lafayette. It will live undisturbed or broken for 'all time to come'.

This July the Fourth, marking our 250th year, will fall on a Saturday. It's almost like time itself has been planning this celebration from day one. It's like Divinity had it scheduled all along. Seemingly, the 'powers-that-be' (The Immortal Ones) had faith in us, as we had faith in them, that we would arrive at this momentous occasion, in spite of our many missteps and misadventures. LaFayette had faith in us, too. He had to, to make so many sacrifices in our behalf. It took approximately 135 years to repay our debt to him. But we didn't forget. People usually don't when their very existence, bathed in freedom, is at stake. It had to be a very emotional moment when those words, "LaFayette, we are here" were uttered." The passing of time and the depth of the sea did not keep that oath and that promise from being kept, and that debt from being paid. It was another way of saying that "our freedom was as important to us as yours is to you." Together, we will defend it!

That's pretty close to what happened in Vietnam in 1965. The South Vietnamese people ask us for help and we arrived. They were willing to take part in the fight, also. The result wasn't as positive as when America helped France during WWI. As they say, "That's a discussion for another time." Maybe the stories of LaFayette helping us in the 1770s and us helping South Vietnam in the 1960s are more connected than it might appear. It's something to think about, hopefully. In the meantime, let's enjoy our celebration, not just for ourselves, but for the world-at-large to see. In doing so, we remind each other 'that we're all in this together', as we stand on the highest mountain and sing in harmony for America and 'all the world' to hear, "Let Freedom Ring!"

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:

June 22nd Stephanie Casey

Anniversaries:

-by: Stephanie Casey

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.