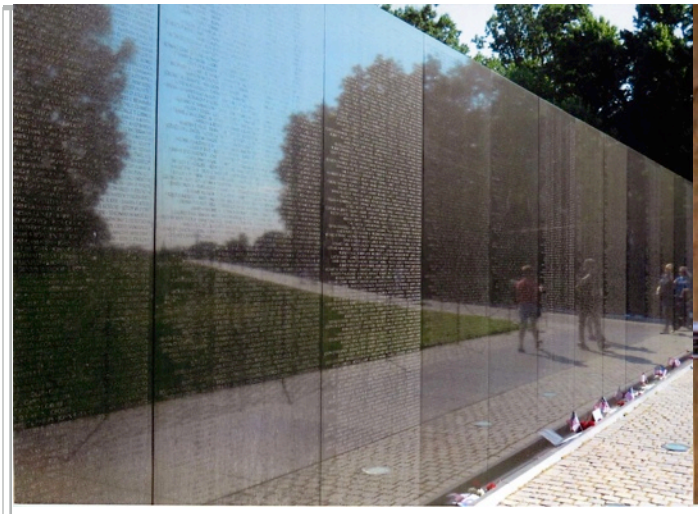
Hotel 2/5 Newsletter

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Editor's Column

This month's news letter is for February. No need to point out that February is almost gone. I will make it up with another in the very near future with more reunion details.

Did I mention that I was in a trial where my client may end up serving 250 years to life? It has been keeping me busy. It started in January and is still going. We are now in the final days and an end is in sight. (Winning juror's hearts and minds--Light at the end of the tunnel)

Work continues on the KIA list. A great resource is available that has been very helpful in compiling our list. I might add that I was able to correct an error on their part. As I told them, I felt like a kid complaining that SantaClaus left a couple cooky crumbs after delivering every gift that had been requested. The Coffelt Database will be comparing their list and getting me a down load of all Hotel KIA. Take some time to check out the Coffelt Database: http://www.coffeltdatabase.org/search.php

Take a look at the Hotel 2/5 web page and see what is new.
http://hotel25vv.org/those-who-served/lest-we-forget/
and
http://hotel25vv.org/those-who-served/lest-we-forget/lest-we-forget-list/
Let Larry know what you think and give him your suggestions.

I am still working on the paperwork for obtaining your 201 file. Hope to have that by next month if my trial ever ends.

Semper Fi.

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REUNION UPDATE

This year's reunion will be held Nov. 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Pensacola Grand Hotel, 200 East Gregory St. Pensacola, FL 32502

The room rate for our group is $124 per night plus applicable taxes. Your reservation must be made by October 17, 2016 to qualify for the group discount. The discount rate is available for November 2nd through the 7th if you would like to arrive early and/ or stay later.

The hotel provides a free airport shuttle 6 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. Parking and internet are complimentary.

Tentative itinerary is as follows:

November 3

Thursday afternoon and evening Registration. We will need some volunteers to man the registration table on Thursday afternoon and evening.

Dinner on your own

19:00 Reception in Hospitality Room

November 4

Complimentary breakfast in restaurant

Hospitality Room and registration open 09:00

Explore Pensacola on your own.

12:30 Bus transportation to USS Alabama Battleship Museum in Mobile, AL.

Dinner will be served to in the Wardroom of the Ship.

Return to Hotel. Hospitality Room open after hotel return.

November 5

Complimentary breakfast in hotel restaurant.

Hospitality room open 09:00.

Company meeting at 9:30 to discuss business items and 2017 reunion in Santa Fe, NM.

Shuttle trolley to the US Navy Aviation Museum and USN Exchange starts running 10:30 – 15:00. Purchases at the exchange are only permitted to those holding a valid Department of Defense ID card.

There is a guided tour of the Museum and Lunch is included.

Hospitality room will close at 15:00 to allow banquet set up.

18:30 Reception with cash bar followed at 19:15 with the banquet. There will be raffles during the banquet to help fund the 2017 reunion.

November 6

Breakfast in Hotel Restaurant and Goodbyes.

Hospitality Room closes at 12:00.

The Great Tequila Taste Test

I have been taking wine to the reunion since 2009 when I shipped a case of Jarhead Red to Al Gautschi in Hubbard. Since then I have substituted "Hotel Company Wine". In 2012 I added a bottle of "Cava de Oro extra anjeo", an aged tequila that I had picked up in Mexico at a very hefty price. This



is sipping stock. It is not the stuff you blend in a Margarita. It went over well. Ultimately, I discovered that it was available in San Diego at a small store just down the road from the location of the 2014 reunion. It was also considerably cheaper in San Diego than what I was paying in Mexico. There were many side trips made by Marines to the store to pick up a bottle to take home. (including me)

However, there were some people who said that the San Diego tequila was not as good as the tequila purchased in Mexico. (My wife and daughter) To answer this question and get to the bottom of this great controversy I did a little research. First we scheduled a New Year's Eve cruise to Mexico. I am always willing to go the extra mile for you guys. While in Cabo San Lucas, I questioned the guy behind the counter as to why I could buy his product in San Diego cheaper than I could in Mexico. Explanation was that the stuff in Mexico is bottled there, has a slightly lower alcohol level by law and comes with a little sticker. San Diego tequila is shipped in bulk form and bottled in the U.S.

Again going the extra mile for you guys, I bought a bottle of the higher priced sticker encrusted lower alcohol content tequila to perform a taste test. If you include the cost of the cruise to Mexico, this is really one expensive bottle of tequila.

We did a blind taste test to see if it is worth the extra cost. There were plenty of volunteers. Carolin, my daughter Carlie, her boy friend Gabe and I all participated. It was initially determined



that it would take a lot more than just one taste. All of the volunteers felt they could make the sacrifice. And of course we all did.

Bottom line is that there was no clear winner. No one was 100% consistent with their choice. We all agree that the more you drink the better it tastes and given the cost savings and the fact that they deliver to your doorstep we also all agree that Old Town Liquor and Deli is the best buy..
http://www.oldtowntequila.com/

Hotel Company Wine

I was told that quite a few guys have ordered the wine for various occasions. If you enjoyed the wine at the reunion it is still available through Dave Johnson. The source for the wine is Windsor Vineyards and Dave has a great offer for Hotel Company Marines and Corpsmen. What you get is a case of wine with FREE SHIPPING (for 1 penny) and 3 extra bottles free. That's 15 bottles for the price of 12 and shipping anywhere in the US (except for a few states*)



You can't find this special deal on line. You must call Dave Johnson at 707-921-2656 between 6:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. California time or send him an email djohnson@vintagewineestates.com
Be sure and tell Dave that you want the Hotel 2/5 label.

If you live in one of those states where the wine can't be shipped, Utah, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Alabama, Kentucky, Delaware, Mississippi, Rhode Island, South Dakota, talk to Dave about alternative ideas for shipping.

This deal may not last for ever so, if you want some great wine at a good price with the Hotel Company logo, take advantage of it soon.

The red at the reunion was the "Fusion". The white at the San Diego reunion was a "Moscato". (Both $12.00 per bottle) I order those because I like them.

Windsor has many great selections at various prices. If you did not like the wines at the reunions or if you just want to try something different, go to the Windsor web site (windsorvineyards.com), review the various choices and prices, and then talk to Dave. However, to get the deal you need to call Dave at the above number or by email. The offer is not available on line.

Hotel 2/5 Web Page

Larry is constantly updating and improving the Hotel web site. Be sure and check it out regularly. Most importantly, send Larry anything you want to appear on the pages. He is looking for photos and articles about Hotel to fill the pages. He can't do it without your submissions.

If your having problems accessing the pages, just contact Larry and he will walk you through it.

http://hotel25vv.org/