

Hotel 2/5 Newsletter

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RETREAT HELL

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Editor's Column

I am sitting at home relaxing. It is Margarita weather and I plan to take serious advantage of that fact. Most of the surrounding area is going up in flames, but nothing close enough to home that I am worried. The closest was just the other side of the golf course. Far enough away that I could not drive a golf ball that far, but close enough that I could hit something with an M14 on qual day in bootcamp.

All of you procrastinators have successfully waited to the last minute to register for the reunion. It could not be easier to register this year. We want everyone to register on line. Larry has set up all of the means for registration. Follow the links here in the newsletter and you should have no

trouble. Again, all you have to do is follow the links. If you run into trouble just give Larry a call and he will walk you through it.

REGISTER BEFORE SEPTEMBER 25TH. THAT IS ALSO THE CUTOFF DATE FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS!

I have to admit that I am among the procrastinators. I have been and continue to be swamped with work. A murder trial coming up and a shitload of minor bullshit. However, I will get it done in the next few days as soon as my daughter decides if she is going. We have both been swamped with work, but I think she is going to come along and join me in New Mexico. She helped with the reunion in San Diego and enjoyed the experience immensely. New Mexico

will be another memorable experience.

Dave and Bonnie have gone to extraordinary lengths to ensure that you will have a great time. Do them a favor and get off your ass and register for the reunion and help them with the planning.

Consider showing up a few days early to enjoy the local ambiance and see the sites both in Albuquerque and Santa Fe. I'm planning on doing that as there is so much to see and do.

Hope to see you all in New Mexico.

Semper Fi.

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2017 Reunion Info Santa Fe, New Mexico

You're running out of time!!!

[Register online](http://hotel25vv.org/reunions/2017-santa-fe-new-mexico/registration/) for the reunion by copying and pasting or clicking on the following address: <http://hotel25vv.org/reunions/2017-santa-fe-new-mexico/registration/>

Our 2017 Santa Fe Reunion is being held Oct. 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th hosted by Dave & Bonnie Harbin

REUNION REGISTRATION

- **Registration Marine:** \$165.00 (includes Sweatshirt)
- **Registration Guests:** \$150.00 (does not include Sweatshirt)
- **Extra Reunion Full-zip Sweatshirt:** \$20.00 (3XL \$30.00)

REUNION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

If money is an issue, you can [apply for a reunion scholarship](http://hotel25vv.org/reunions/2017-santa-fe-new-mexico/apply-for-reunion-scholarship/) by copying and pasting or clicking on the following address: <http://hotel25vv.org/reunions/2017-santa-fe-new-mexico/apply-for-reunion-scholarship/> to request consideration for a paid scholarship. **This scholarship does not include hotel arrangements or transportation costs associated with a reunion.**

We need to have your registration by September 25th.

For a complete list of relevant tourist information SantaFe.org is a great link!

A virtual tour of the [Vietnam Veterans Memorial State Park](http://www.vietnamveteransmemorial.org/virtual-tour/15/TheGrounds/) at Angel Fire, New Mexico is available at the following link: [https://www.vietnamveteransmemorial.org/virtual-tour/15/TheGrounds/](http://www.vietnamveteransmemorial.org/virtual-tour/15/TheGrounds/)

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[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR HOTEL](#)

The dates for the reunion are Oct. 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th, 2017 at the Hotel Santa Fe, 1501 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, NM 87501. Look at the Order of March on the next page for daily events.

ROOM RATES

The room rate for our group is \$119 per night plus applicable taxes. These taxes are currently 15.313% and are subject to change without notice.

Additional persons after two is \$25.00 per person, per night. Children 12 and under stay free when in the same room as parents.

Rate includes a continental breakfast, parking, Wi Fi, and shuttle service around Downtown Santa Fe. Your resort fee has been waived. There is a 15% discount on a Spa Treatment.

RESERVATIONS

[Your reservation](#) must be made by **September 25, 2017** to qualify for the group discount. **Later reservations after the cut-off date must be done directly with the hotel at a higher non-discounted individual rate.**

The discount rate is available for October 26th through the 29th if you would like to arrive early and/or stay later. Call the hotel directly and [make a reservation](#) or [reserve online](#). The telephone number is (855) 825-9876 or toll free at (877) 259-3409. The group code is "17S010". If you are going to stay any days before Thursday 10/26 or after Sunday noon, you can [register online](#) for the three nights using the group code first. Then call the registration office and they will extend your additional days with the group rate.

There will be an informal dinner with the early reunion arrivals at Hotel Santa Fe or other Santa Fe restaurant on Wednesday, Oct. 25th, 2017.

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ORDER OF MARCH

WEDNESDAY October 25, 2017 (optional)	THURSDAY October 26, 2017	FRIDAY October 27, 2017	SATURDAY October 28, 2017	SUNDAY October 29, 2017
Dinner among early reunion arrivals at Hotel Santa Fe or other Santa Fe restaurants.	<p>1:00PM Registration opens in Hospitality Room at Hotel Santa Fe</p> <p><u>We will need some volunteers to man the registration table on Thursday afternoon and evening.</u></p> <p>5:00PM Dinner on your own if desired (there will be snacks, food and drinks at the reception at 7PM)</p> <p>7:00PM Meet and greet reception in Hospitality Room (BYOB)</p>	<p>7:00AM – 9:00AM Continental Breakfast</p> <p>9:30AM Bus Departure to Vietnam Memorial in Angel Fire</p> <p>12:00PM Bus Arrival in Angel Fire for lunch</p> <p>1:15PM Bus Departure to Vietnam Memorial</p> <p>3:30PM Bus Departure for return trip to Santa Fe</p> <p>6:00PM Bus Arrival at Hotel and dinner on your own</p> <p>7:00PM Hospitality Room open (BYOB) for men and a Social at the hotel for the ladies hosted by Bonnie Harbin</p>	<p>7:00AM – 9:00AM Continental Breakfast</p> <p>9:15AM Leave hotel using hotel shuttle & private cars to get to the Santa Fe Plaza</p> <p>10:00AM Group guided tour of Santa Fe Historic Sites</p> <p>12:00PM Explore Plaza, downtown & lunch on your own. Option to visit New Mexico History Museum. (To return to hotel, call hotel for shuttle pickup.)</p> <p>6:00PM – 10:00PM Hotel 2/5 Reunion Dinner. There will be dinner & dancing. No formal attire but men should be in tie and jacket, ladies in dresses or pant suits. Auction/raffle and cash bar.</p> <p>10:00PM – 12:00AM Hospitality Room Open (BYOB)</p>	<p>7:00AM – 9:00AM Continental Breakfast and Goodbyes</p> <p>9:30AM Company meeting to discuss business items and 2018 reunion in Cincinnati, Ohio and future dates and locations.</p>

Hotel Company Wine



The source for the wine is Windsor Vineyards and BONNIE CLAIBORNE, Senior Wine Consultant 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 Bonnie Claiborne at [Direct: \(800\) 289-9463 ext 2612](tel:8002899463) or send her an email bclaiborne@vintagewineestates.com

Be sure and tell Bonnie 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 Bonnie 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 was a "Moscato". (Both \$12.00 per bottle) 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 Bonnie. However, to get the deal you need to call Bonnie at the above number or by email. The offer is not available on line.

HOTEL 2/5 WEBPAGE

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.

TAPS

This page is dedicated to all our combat veterans who served with us in Hotel 2/5 during the Vietnam War who have returned home from the war but are now in eternity. May they rest in peace. We need your help in collecting all the names of deceased veterans and information about them, date when died, cemetery buried in, Service medals they earned, etc. Please contact either Jay or Larry and provide them with any information you have. This is important and we want to honor our brother veterans who have since passed on. **(Editor's note: Don't confuse this section with "Lest We Forget" which honors our fallen comrades who were killed in Vietnam while serving beside us.)**

LEST WE FORGET

We encourage you to add your comments to any one you knew who was KIA in Vietnam. All you need to do is log in, go to Those Who Served, click on "Lest We Forget", click on "Lest We Forget List" and click on the name of the person you know and leave your comment.

If you're having problems accessing the pages, just contact Larry and he will walk you through it. <http://hotel25vv.org/>