

LAST CALL FOR REUNION

30 Days and counting.....

INCOMING NEWSLETTER March 2024



Date: April 16-19, 2024

Where: River City Casino & Hotel
St Louis, Mo.

Group rate: \$119.00 plus taxes and fees. Our group rate will be available 3 days prior & post reunion dates.

Reservations: Call **314-388-7777** and Use Code: **FBMV24D**.

All reservations must be accompanied with a first night room deposit or guaranteed by credit card.

**2024
Reunion Schedule**

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

HOSPITALITY ROOM WILL OPEN AT 11AM.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

HOSPITALITY ROOM 8AM-11PM
LADIES COFFEE SOCIAL 9AM-11.AM
BBQ DINNER 6-8PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

ALL HANDS MEETING 9AM
MEMORIAL SERVICE 1:30 – 3:00PM
COMPANY PHOTOS WILL FOLLOW MEMORIAL SERVICE
NO HOST COCKTAIL RECEPTION 5-6PM
EVENING BANQUET 6-10PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

FAREWELL BREAKFAST BUFFET 7-9AM

EVENT DETAILS

Tuesday, April 16

The Hospitality Room will open at 11AM. Bring your photos, and mementos to display. Take a minute or two to seek out any **First Timers** or **Gold Star** family members who may be present. They will be wearing a BLUE or YELLOW NAMETAG. They may be feeling a little overwhelmed so please say hello and welcome them aboard.

Take this time to mingle with both old and new friends. Grab some food and snacks and settle in for some good conversations and camaraderie.

A Sandwich and Wrap Station:

A sandwich and wrap Station will be set up on both Tuesday and Wednesday in the hospitality room starting at 11AM. Wraps will be available on a first come first serve basis, so make sure you stop by and get one or two before they run out. Soda, water, coffee, chips, etc. will also be available.

Smoked Turkey, Provolone, Lettuce, Tomato on Croissant.

Ham Cheddar, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion on Wheat.

Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap.

Tuesday afternoon is usually filled with members checking in at the 1/7 registration desk, so please make sure you do that FIRST and pick up your registration package. It will include your NAMETAG, event tickets and any info that we need to pass.

Please wear your NAMETAG at all of our events. It is your pass into ALL the events and the Hospitality Room, so you must wear it!

A CASH BAR will be available inside the Hospitality Room on both Tuesday & Wednesday evenings. The exact hours will be posted in the room.

Wednesday, April 17

The Hospitality room hours are 8AM-11PM. Cash Bar hours will be posted.

The Ladies Coffee 9-11AM

The FUN will kick off at 9AM. This free event will be filled with fun and games, not to mention all the prizes and give-a-ways. All ladies attending the reunion as a registered guest of a member including the spouses, sisters, daughters, nieces, cousins, friends, etc. are welcome to come and play with us. Coffee, tea, and lots of other goodies will be served. It is a great opportunity to come together and meet the other ladies and share in some fellowship. Win a prize or two, relax and just have a good time with a few good belly laughs thrown in for good measure. We look forward to seeing you there.

Free Time

Enjoy the casino, or the pool, take a nap or just hang out in the Hospitality Room, and have a fresh cold cut wrap. Mingle and spread the joy!

The BBQ Dinner Buffet 6-8PM

MENU

Tossed Salad with dressings.

Potato Salad

BBQ Sliders

Hot Dogs

Baked Beans

Ketchup, mustard, mayo, pickles, and red onion.

Coffee reg & decaf, Herbal teas, water, soft drinks, and Iced Tea.

Thursday, April 18

All Hands Meeting 9-11AM

All members and adults are encouraged to attend this meeting. Not only is this a fun time with company competitions and lots of laughs, but it's also a necessary part of the reunion....SO BE THERE!

Memorial Service 1:30-3PM

We come together, we stand together and together we will never forget. Join us while we pay tribute to the 566 Marines and Corpsmen who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Company photos will follow the Memorial Service.

NO HOST COCKTAIL RECEPTION 5-6PM

Cash Bars will be available for this reception outside of the Banquet Room. There will be ABSOLUTELY NO EARLY ENTRY into the Banquet Room itself, unless you need help being seated. For those of you who do need help, if you are in a wheelchair, or scooter, or walker please find a staff member to seat you prior to the doors being opened. Otherwise meet up with your friends in the cocktail area and wait for the doors to open. There are NO reserved tables for general seating.

Evening Banquet 6-10PM

Field Greens with Garden Vegetables, Ranch or Balsamic dressing.

Roasted NY Strip Loin with Natural Jus

Garlic Whipped Potatoes

Brown Butter Green Beans

Chocolate Carmel

Friday, April 19

Farewell Breakfast Buffet 7-9AM

Sausage Links
Scrambled Eggs
Breakfast Potatoes
Whole Fruit
Assorted Breads and Toaster

****Please let us know when you send in your registration form if you have special dietary requirements. We will do our best to accommodate you if we can. Please note it on your registration form or Email aslapointe@ec.rr.com.**

****If you have already made your hotel reservations, please get your registration forms to us as soon as possible. It is important that we have an accurate headcount for each event. Thank You.**

Don't forget about the raffles!

Another beautiful quilt was made and donated by Jack & Pat Shipley for the 2024 Reunion. The special quilt raffle tickets will be \$10.00 each and will be available at the 1/7 reunion registration table. All other tickets are \$3 or 5 for \$10. Raffles will be held daily. Raffle times and places will be posted in the Hospitality room and at the registration table. Good Luck

FOR RESERVATIONS
Call 314-388-7777
USE CODE FBMV24D

This 1/7 Reunion is being held in St. Louis, MO, in order to bring the Marines and Corpsmen on both sides of the Mississippi River together.
Time is getting short for all of us.

Complimentary airport transportation will be based on availability.
Local Taxi's and Ubers are available at the airport, (30 min ride).

Complimentary wireless internet in Guest rooms.

There are several restaurants (5) located inside the hotel/casino complex.

Complimentary self-parking in covered garage with 6,100 spaces.

The hotel is roughly a 16-minute car ride from Downtown St Louis.

A few nearby attractions include:

Missouri Botanical Gardens, 5.7 miles.
Jefferson Barracks Telephone Museum, 1.8 miles.
Cardinals Hall of Fame and Museum, 7.6 miles.
St Louis Art Museum, 7.8 miles.
St Louis Zoo, 7.5 miles
Jefferson Barracks Historic Park, A 19-minute walk.
Gateway Arch National Park, 7.8 miles.
Ulysses S, Grant National Historic site, 5.1 miles.
Budweiser Brewery Experience, 5.6 mil

1ST BATTALION 7TH MARINE VIETNAM VETERANS 2024 REUNION REGISTRATION

	ACTIVITY	COST PER PERSON	NO. OF PERSONS	TOTAL Cost x No. of Persons per event
	Casual dress for all except coat/tie suggested for banquet.			
Tuesday April 16, 2024	Welcome Aboard			
11:00 AM - 11:00 PM	Registration Desk/Hospitality Room at the River City Casino & Hotel opens at 11:00 AM. Soft drinks & snacks will be provided throughout the reunion. Bring photographs, mementos, and souvenirs to display. Registration Fee pays for cost of newsletter, hospitality suite, memorial ceremony, and reunion expenses. Please wear your nametag, which will be in your reunion packet, to all reunion functions! ONE DAY guest passes are available.	Registration Fee \$20 per adult \$10 one day guest pass	_____ _____	\$ _____ \$ _____
Wednesday April 17, 2024	Free Day	FREE TIME		
9:00-11:00 PM	The Hospitality Room will be open at 8AM. Take this time to mingle with both old and new friends.		No. of Ladies attending	
9AM-11AM	Ladies Coffee: FREE to all 1/7 Ladies.		_____	
6PM-8PM	BBQ Dinner at the hotel. *See Newsletter for more details.	BBQ Dinner \$25 per attendee	_____	\$ _____
Thursday April 18, 2024	Annual Meeting, Ladies Coffee, Evening Banquet			
9:00AM – 11AM	All Hands Meeting: ALL Members and adults are encouraged to attend.			
1:30 – 3:00 PM	Memorial Service.			
12:00-2:00PM	Company Photos: location will be announced.			
5:00-6:00PM	No Host Cocktail Reception.	Banquet Dinner \$60 per attendee		
6:00-10:00PM	Banquet: **Details to be announced.			\$ _____
Friday April 19, 2024	Farewell Buffet Breakfast			
7:00 – 9:00 AM	**Details to be announced.	Buffet Breakfast \$25 per attendee	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL FOR EVENTS	Full refund if cancelled by March 31, 2024 otherwise we can only refund the money that is returned to us from the suppliers.			\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED	Add Totals for Meals, events & Registration fee(s). Full payment is appreciated in order to reduce bookkeeping time; however, partial payments can be accepted, with balance due by April 1, 2024.		Total Amount Due	\$ _____

Please make checks payable to **1/7 MARINES** and return with this form **by April 1, 2024** to Al LaPointe, 106 E Saddle Ln., Havelock, NC 28532. Ph: 252-447-4854
e-mail: aslapointe@ec.rr.com. Your cancelled check is your receipt.

Enclosed is \$ _____ as payment for 1/7 2024 Reunion as ordered above.

Name(s) _____
Please PRINT and include names of all attendees including guests. Use back of page if necessary, if child include age.

Address	City	State	Zip
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Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____ E-mail _____

Unit in Nam _____ Dates in Nam _____ First Reunion: _____
(e.g., D Co., Corpsman D Co., etc.) _____ yes or no

Please Note: Room reservations must be made directly with the River City Casino & Hotel.

Call **314-3887777** and **use code FBMV24D** for reservations. **The cut-off date is March 31, 2024.** Use Code 1st BN 7th Marines.

2024 1st Battalion 7th Marines Order Form

COVER BALLCAP STYLE	Golf Cap Red with EGA and 1 st Bn 7 th Marines embroidered in black on front with adjustable fit strap.	\$12.00
	CHALLENGE COIN 2 sided diamond edge coin with the Association logo on one side and First Team shield on the other.	\$15.00
License Plates Circle the plate of your choice		\$10.00 each
	1/7 Association Bumper Sticker (3x10)	\$3.00 each or 4/\$10.00
GHOST WRITINGS FROM NAM By Maria Greer	This book contains the letters of LCpl Steven James Greer A Co. KIA 6/11/70	\$10.00
	1/7 Association Foil Window Decal (4.5 in)	\$3.00 each or 4/\$10.00
	1/7 Association Logo Embroidered patch (3-inch circle)	\$6.00 each

Please make your check or money order payable to 1/7 Marines.
Mail to: Al LaPointe, 106 East Saddle Lane, Havelock, NC, 28532-2938

SHIPPING FEE: Please add the amount that applies to your order	Shipping Cost	Totals:
Shipping under \$25.00	\$5.00	Order Total \$
Shipping for \$25.01 - \$100.00	\$10.00	+ Shipping \$
International rates are not available to post. Email aslapointe@ec.rr.com for information. Rates will be estimated at time of purchase.		Total Due \$

Please print

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____