

# ONE\* SEVEN\* MARINES

## REUNION REMINDER

1<sup>ST</sup> BN 7<sup>TH</sup> MARINES  
VIETNAM ASSOCIATION

MARCH 2026



JOIN US IN

# ORLANDO, FL

MAY 5-7, 2026

## IMPORTANT NEWS FLASH

**The upcoming 2026 reunion could very well be the last formal reunion event that our 1/7 Association will be able to offer to our members.**



### PLAN YOUR FREE TIME

\*\*We have left you lots of free time during the 2026 reunion. You can use it to either hang out in the hospitality room and visit with your 1/7 friends or explore some of the local attractions or do a bit of both. Remember our group rate is good for 3 days prior and 3 days after the actual reunion dates.

We are 15 minutes from Universal Studios, Walt Disney Theme Parks, SeaWorld and a host of premier golf courses.

We are only steps away from the Florida Mall. The Florida Mall offers world class shopping with premier brand retailers like Armani Exchange, Apple, H&M, Michael Kors, Victoria Secret and more.

The Florida Hotel and Conference Center offers a 24-hour Fitness Center.

Enjoy some pool time at the beautiful fresh air pool.

Sleep till noon.

## **ATTENTION ON DECK!**

**IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING THE 2026 ORLANDO REUNION, PLEASE SEND YOUR REUNION REGISTRATION TO **Al LaPointe, 106 East Saddle Lane, Havelock NC 28532** AND CALL **800-588-4656** TO MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS ASAP.**

**THE “CUT-OFF DATE” FOR ROOMS UNDER OUR GROUP RATE IS 4/6/2026. HOTEL RESERVATION REQUESTS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A SPACE AND RATE AVAILABLE ONLY BASIS.**

## Hotel Information

*When: 5-7 May 2026*

### *The Florida Hotel and Conference Center*

*1500 Sand Lake Rd. Orlando, Fl 32809*

*<http://www.thefloridahotelorlando.com>*

**RATES:** Our group rate is \*\$135.00 per night plus tax for a Deluxe Room.

**RESERVATION METHOD:** Room reservations can be made by calling Reservations at **800-588-4656**.

Guests should identify themselves as **1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 7<sup>th</sup> Marines Reunion attendees**.

Individual room reservations may be cancelled without penalty outside of 72 hours prior to arrival. Cancellation within 72 hours of scheduled arrival will result in a 1 night's room and tax charge.

**CUT-OFF DATE:** The "cut-off date" is 4/6/2026. Reservation requests received after the cut-off date will be accepted on a space and rate available basis.

**CHECK-IN:** Guests may check in the hotel after 4:00 PM. A valid credit card or cash deposit will be required at check-in. Guests may also be required to present a valid form of identification. Room and tax will be charged fully upon check in. The hotel will charge \$50.00 for early check-ins prior to noon. Early check-ins are based on availability.

**CHECK-OUT:** is prior to 11:00 AM. There will be no refunds for early checkout. Any requests for late checkout must be made with the front desk on the night prior to check-out and is subject to a late checkout fee. Any late checkout after 11:00 AM will be charged a full night room, unless you receive *prior* approval by the Manager on Duty.

# Schedule of Events

**Tuesday: May 5, 2026**

## **Welcome Aboard**

**Hospitality & Registration 11:00AM - 11:00PM** - Coffee, soft drinks and snacks and will be available. Sandwich wraps will also be available while they last starting at 11:00AM.

Cash bar will be available inside Hospitality room from 6-10:30 PM

**Wednesday: May 6, 2026**

**Hospitality & Registration: 8:00AM – 11:00 PM** - Coffee, soft drinks and snacks will be available. Sandwich wraps will also be available while they last starting at 11:00AM.

**9:30 AM ALL HANDS MEETING**  
All members are encouraged to attend.

**1:00 – 2:30 PM Ladies Social**  
All ladies are encouraged to attend.

**6:00 – 8:00PM Casual BBQ style Buffet Dinner**

Cash bar will be available inside Hospitality room from 6-10:30 PM

**Thursday May 7, 2026**

**Hospitality & Registration: 8:00AM – 11:00 PM** - Coffee, soft drinks and snacks will be available. Sandwich wraps will also be available while they last starting at 11:00AM.

**9:30 AM-11:00AM Memorial Service**  
Please do not arrive late. Late arrivals will not be permitted to enter the service.

**5:00 PM - 6:00 PM No Host Cocktail Hour**

**6:00 PM – 10:30 PM Evening Banquet**

# 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION 7<sup>TH</sup> MARINE VIETNAM VETERANS 2026 REUNION REGISTRATION

	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>COST PER PERSON</b>	<b>NO. OF PERSONS</b>	<b>TOTAL Cost x No. of Persons</b>
	Casual dress for all except coat/tie <b>suggested</b> for banquet			
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>May 5, 2026</b>  11:00AM – 11:00PM	<b>Welcome Aboard:</b> Information Center/Hospitality Room at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center opens at 11:00 AM. Coffee, soft drinks & snacks provided. Bring photographs, mementos and souvenirs to display.  <b>Registration Fee</b> helps to provide the food and snacks in the hospitality suite, memorial and banquet ceremony expenses plus administration costs. Please wear your nametag, which will be in your reunion packet, to all reunion functions!	Reg. Fee \$25 per adult	_____	\$ _____
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>May 6, 2026</b>  8:00AM – 11:00PM  9:30 AM  1:00PM – 2:30PM  6:00PM-8:00PM	<b>FREE TIME: Please enjoy the hospitality suite.</b>  Please feel free to hang out in the hospitality room and enjoy the fellowship of other Marines and Corpsmen or play the tourist and visit some local attractions.  <b>All Hands Meeting:</b> All members are encouraged to attend.  <b>Ladies Social:</b> fun, games, prizes & snacks. How many ladies will be in your party _____. Free to all ladies.  <b>Casual BBQ Dinner</b>	BBQ \$30 per person	_____	\$ _____
<b>Thursday</b> <b>May 7, 2026</b>  8:00AM – 11:00PM  9:30-11AM  5:00 PM - 6:00PM  6:00 PM – 10:30PM	<b>FREE TIME: Please enjoy the hospitality suite.</b>  Please feel free to hang out in the hospitality room and enjoy the fellowship of other Marines and Corpsmen or play the tourist and visit some local attractions.  <b>Memorial Service</b>  <b>No Host Cocktail Hour</b>  <b>Evening Banquet</b>	Banquet \$60 per person	_____	\$ _____
	<b>TOTAL</b>			
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	<b>Add Totals for Meals &amp; Registration fees.</b>  Full refund ONLY if cancelled by April 15, 2026 otherwise we can only refund the money that is returned to us from the suppliers.			Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to **1/7 MARINES** and return with this form by **May 1, 2026**, to Al LaPointe, 106 E Saddle Ln., Havelock, NC 28532. Ph: 252-447-4854, e-mail: [aslapointe@ec.rr.com](mailto:aslapointe@ec.rr.com). Your cancelled check is your receipt. We do not accept Credit Cards.

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as payment for 2026 Reunion as ordered above.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please **PRINT** and include names of **all** attendees including guests - if child include age.

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

**\*Room reservations must be made directly with the Florida Hotel and Conference Center at 800-588-4656. Identify yourself as 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 7<sup>th</sup> Marines Reunion attendee.**



# TAPS

Recently reported deaths  
among 1/7 Marines  
and Corpsmen.

NAME	UNIT	DOD
BEAUFORT ANTHONY LEE SR.	A	09/20/2005
STERLING DENNIS DAN	A	06/17/2007
BIRMINGHAM ROBERT L.	D	10/19/2006
GALE JAMES F.	A	05/11/2020
LUNA MARC	D	02/00/2026
WONG SEL RONALD	D	12/12/2024

Please remind your family members to notify us of  
your passing so that you can be listed in our taps  
section.