

USMC COMBAT HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION
July 31 – August 4, 2024
SHERATON PENTAGON CITY, ARLINGTON, VA

Wednesday, July 31

1200 - 1800 **Early Bird Registration open/SNAFU desk open**
Evening on your own
Squadron Hootches open – Hours to be posted

Thursday, August 1

0830 - 1700 **Registration open/SNAFU desk open**
0830 - 1700 Vendor Area Open
0900 - 1430 *Memorials & Monuments Tour*
1300 - 1500 Board of Directors Meeting
1800 - 2100 Welcome Dinner and cash bar
Squadron Hootches open – Hours to be posted

Friday, August 2

0800 - 1000 **Registration open/SNAFU desk open**
0800 - 1700 Vendor Area Open
0800 - 1500 Golf Tournament
0930 - 1430 *National Air & Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center*
1200 - 1700 **Registration open/SNAFU desk open**
1730 - 2300 *USMC Marine Parade, 8th & I Barracks*
Squadron Hootches open – Hours to be posted

Saturday, August 3

0830 - 1500 *National Museum of the Marine Corps*
1000 - 1600 Vendor Area Open
1700 - 1800 Happy Hour
1800 - 2100 Closing Dinner
Squadron Hootches open – Hours to be posted

Sunday, August 4

Farewells and Departures. See you in 2026!!

Register online for reunion activities at:
<https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/popasmoke2024>

NOTE: There is a limit of one hydraulically lifted scooter or wheelchair per handicap accessible bus. If you use a scooter but can climb the steps to board the bus, either you and/or a person traveling with you must be able to put the scooter in the bus's luggage compartment. Due to liability issues, drivers and tour guides cannot assist with scooters.

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

MEMORIALS & MONUMENTS TOUR

Thursday, August 1

On our way to the memorials we'll ride by some of the main memorials in DC while your guide provides interesting facts and historical notes. We'll then stop at the National World War II Memorial, the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II. From there we'll head to the Vietnam Wall and allow time for reflections and to find names on the Wall of friends and family. Afterward we'll stop at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, which is the largest building (3.1 million square feet) in Washington, DC and is the first and only federal building dedicated to both government and private use. While there, enjoy lunch on your own at the Reagan Building food court - named one of the "best family food courts" in DC. Following lunch we'll visit the Korean War Memorial, where "our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met." Often called "the forgotten war" the most striking feature of the Memorial are the statues of 19 servicemen on patrol.

0900 board bus, 1430 back at the hotel

\$60/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own

A photo ID is required for entrance to the Ronald Reagan Building

STEVEN F. UDVAR-HAZY CENTER

Friday, August 2

This museum, part of the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum, is dedicated to the preservation and display of its collection of historic aviation and space artifacts. Located at Washington International Dulles Airport, the facility has large aviation and space exhibit hangars. The museum currently has over eighty aircraft and dozens of space artifacts on display including the Space Shuttle Discovery, an SR-71 Blackbird, the Dash 80 prototype of the Boeing 707, and the B-29 Superfortress "Enola Gay." Lunch options include a food-court style McDonald's and coffee place. You may tour the exhibits at your own pace, but there is a lot of walking, so please wear comfortable shoes.

0930 board bus, 1500 back at the hotel

\$58/Person includes bus and escort. Lunch on your own.

8th & I EVENING PARADE

Friday, August 2

After dinner on your own, board bus for the Marine Barracks (8th & I Streets). You'll be directed to your reserved bleacher seating. Marines from the Barracks will give a history of the Barracks and a preview of what is to take place during the parade, which begins at 8:45pm. As the "Oldest Post of the Corps," Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., established in 1801, has performed military reviews and ceremonies since its founding. The present-day Evening Parade was first conducted on July 5, 1957. Observe the ceremonies that have been the tradition of Presidents and past Commandants of the Marine Corp that will include ceremonial Drum and Bugle Corps, Silent Drill Team, the US Marine Band, and the Marine Corp mascot "bulldog."

1730 board bus, 2300 back at hotel

\$53/Person includes bus and escort.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS

Saturday, August 3

Open to the public in 2006, the National Museum of the Marine Corps is a lasting tribute to U.S. Marines — past, present, and future. Situated on a 135-acre site adjacent to the Marine Corps base in Quantico, Virginia, the Museum's soaring design evokes the image of the flag-raisers of Iwo Jima. World-class interactive exhibits using the most innovative technology will surround you with irreplaceable artifacts and immerse you in the sights and sounds of Marines in action. You'll see permanent galleries and temporary exhibits. *Groups may choose to include a box lunch in the tour price or give folks to option for lunch on their own at the Museum food outlets.*

0830 board bus, 1500 back at hotel.

\$61/Person includes bus and escort. Lunch on your own.

Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.

Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.

All trips require a minimum of thirty-five people, unless otherwise stated.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

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