



March 2016



**Charleston South Carolina
19,20,21 September 2016**

It's now 6 Months till our Reunion

OK Jarheads, we have 34 so far for the trip to PI, if you have not responded to me, we need to "GET ER DONE" we have 5 seats on the bus and only 26 left.

We are in the forward motion now and Big John Kispert is looking into a tour of the Carrier and the RVN display at Patriots point.

For those that are getting there early, make sure that you make us aware that you will be there. We are expecting of opening the Hospitality room at Noon on Monday 19 September.

Heard from Cpl. Stephen Maher, Alpha Company 1st Sgt when we landed. He is expecting to be there. So the Challenge is out there for Alpha Company to have some Alpha grunts there. Delta Company, we are in your backyard and there is no excuse for you not being there.

Would like to see some Delta Dog's there this year. Charlie Company, you folks have always had a good number at the reunion, hope to see you there.



By the Way, as usual Patricia Thrush and her Daughter will attend the reunion. This is Rich Thrush's family. Dr. Gary Jarvis has sent in his registration.

Are you Coming to the Reunion?

We are in the final planning stages of the reunion and we would like to know if you are planning to attend, even though you have not registered or sent your money.

Please respond to this email with a yes or no and the number of attendees.



Gun Rack that will be donated by Ed Singletary, one of our Warriors. This will be an auction item. Its Black Walnut and Oak wood with the 1/27 coins embedded on the top and a MC seal in the center. Beautiful work.

Thanks Ed.

Ed does beautiful wood work, if you want something built, talk to him at the reunion.

1/27 Marines

September 19 through September 22, 2016

Town & Country Inn and Suites

2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407

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Group Room Rate: **\$99.00** plus 13.5% tax per room per night, Sunday through Thursday evenings.
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Room Type Preferred: ___ Contemporary King ___ Contemporary Two Queens

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Check-in Time: 3:00pm Check-out Time: 12:00pm

Group Code **MARINE**

To confirm accommodations, please return form to the Hotel, or call directly, by **August 19, 2016**.
The accommodations block and group rate will not be held beyond this date.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

Reunion Banquet

This form allows you to select those things that you can partake in at our Charleston Reunion. Please fill out the form and total the amount that you have chosen.

Mail the form and a check to Felix Salmeron 1406 Nighthawk Dr. Little Elm Tx. 75068

8 oz. Prime rib of beef,

Mixed green Salad with choice of Dressings.

Roasted new potatoes, Vegetable of the day, rolls and butter, Iced Tea and Coffee and a dessert

\$44.00 Per Person X_____ = \$

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Mixed green Salad with choice of Dressings.

Roasted new potatoes, Vegetable of the day, rolls and butter, Iced Tea and Coffee and a dessert

\$44.00 Per Person X_____ = \$

Filet of Salmon w/dill Sauce

Mixed green Salad with choice of Dressings.

Roasted new potatoes, Vegetable of the day, rolls and butter, Iced Tea and Coffee and a dessert

\$44.00 Per Person X_____ = \$

Vegetarians: Pasta Primavera Alfredo,

Mixed green Salad with choice of Dressings. Roasted new potatoes, Vegetable of the day, rolls and butter, Iced Tea and Coffee and a dessert.

Total

\$

Donation

\$

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Company _____

Date of Attendance _____

Paris Island Trip



1st Battalion, 27th Marines Reunion committee has arranged a tour of MCRD-Parris Island. We can reserve a bus for the day trip to Beaufort, SC from the Town & Country Inn in Charleston, SC. **The cost per person for transportation to Parris Island for the day will be \$30.** We will need a minimum of 55 people in order to secure the bus and make the trip. Please sign up the full names in your party who will be making the trip and send your money to:

Felix Salmeron

1406 Nighthawk Dr.

Little Elm, TX 75068

Deadline for signing up for the trip is June 30, 2016. If we do not have 50 people the trip will be canceled.

The tour will begin by bus departing the hotel at 08:00 a.m. Arrival at MCRD-PI will be at approximately 10:00 a.m. We will be met at receiving by an MCRD-PI Drill Instructor who will be our tour guide for the duration of the tour.

The tour will consist of:

- 1) Receiving briefing
- 2) Windshield Depot Tour
- 3) Iwo Jima/Purple Heart briefing
- 4) Lunch at a mess hall (lunch \$5.55 per person)
- 5) Parris Island Museum
- 6) Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Training (If available)
- 7) PX Call
- 8) Return to hotel in Charleston, SC 3:00 p.m. arriving about 4:30 p.m.

On the windshield tour we will be able to observe Marine Corps recruit training, i.e., Parade deck, living quarters, rifle range activities, confidence course, Drill Instructor school, crucible, MCRD museum and other sights...

TIME IN THE BARREL

The Photographic-Historical Account
of
1st Battalion, 27th Marine Regiment in Training
And Vietnam
1966 – 1968
By
Grady T. Birdsong



Patch Design by Gary E. Jarvis, PhD ~ 1/27 Delta Company

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To all Marines, Corpsmen and supporting personnel of the 27<sup>th</sup> Marines: I am in final research and writing of a manuscript (a Photographical-Historical account) which I am preparing to independently **publish** in book format this **2016 late spring/summer**. If you would wish to contribute personal accounts/recollections/photos of our history of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Marines in both training and in our Vietnam days please contact me. I am still looking for accounts of your time during training in Hawaii, in the Hue-Phu Bai/canal area and **especially on Operation Allen Brook** with your squad, platoon, and company. Your accounts/recollections both serious and funny are welcome. I still need R&R stories. I still need boat stories while going to Vietnam in early 1968. This is **our history** with photos and I am preparing to publish it soon, make it available on Amazon.com/Barnes & Noble as well as put it in the Marine Corps Historical Archives. I have thus far received quite a few personal accounts and have edited and recorded them in the draft manuscript which I am preparing for publication. You can email or call me at:

[GradyTBirdsong@aol.com](mailto:GradyTBirdsong@aol.com) 303-466-6491

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Number of seats: 411
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Number of seats: 274
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Number of seats: 137

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Number of seats: 100
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Number of seats: 100
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Number of seats: 250
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- 5 daily nonstop departures to Washington (DCA)  
Number of Seats: 294

# Giants of Our Corps



Grand-dad Eugene Sheely



Uncle Bob Sheely



Uncle John Sheely



Jim Sheely Sr.



Jim Sheely Jr.



Jim Sheely III



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**"We march to the sound of the Guns"**

We're on the Web  
[1stbn27thmarines.us](http://1stbn27thmarines.us)



Bn. Challenge coins available for \$10.00 each plus shipping. Shipping is about \$5.00  
Please let me know how many you would like and send me a check for the amount. All proceeds from this coins will be used for the 2018 27th Regimental Reunion in Washington DC.  
Send request to Felix Salmeron at 1406 Nighthawk Dr. Little Elm. TX 75068