



February 2016



Charleston South Carolina
19,20,21 September 2016

It's now 7 Months till our Reunion

Things are beginning to fall together, John Kispert, Grady, Rich Hunt and Andy are all excited and looking forward to the reunion. Now the challenge is to get as many Marines there as we can possibly get.

We have made arrangements for a trip to Paris Island on Tuesday 20 Sept. If your interested in making the trip, please let us know, information is on the following pages.

If your flying into Charleston, you might want to start looking at airfares. They are the lowest that I have seen. I am flying to Minneapolis to see my Daughter Areina and the total cost from Dallas Tx. to Minneapolis for me and my wife is \$249.00 round trip for both of us.

That is unheard of. That is on southwest airlines, I understand that United is also have low fares. You will find the phone numbers for just about all the Airlines, you might want to give them a call, it might be a lot cheaper than driving.



cheapOair has Tami and I flying to Charleston from Dallas on American airlines for \$595.00, that is cheaper than us driving. So it remains to be seen, perhaps driving allows us to arrive tired. I will wait and

see if the airfares will drop with Southwest.

If your going to rent a car, try **Priceline** and make your bid for a car. I checked and bid on a Luxury car that is normally \$98.00 a day and bid for \$35.00 a day and got the car for that amount. \$204.98 FOR 4 DAYS.

There are opportunities available that we overlook, I will continue to look at air and rental car prices and will post it in our newsletters in the future months.

Don't forget, we ail be asking for donations for the Auction on Wednesday evening at our banquet. The funds will help us at our 50th annual reunion in Washington DC. That event will be a little longer and will include the following activities:

Day 1 arrival (Wednesday)

Day 2 Trip to the Marine Corps Museum Quantico (Thursday) Will look into a banquet style meal for that evening.

Day 3 Trip to DC to visit the wall and then to Marine Barracks for the sunset parade (Friday)

Day 4 Banquet (Saturday) Memorial service, Group Photos and evening dinner

Day 5 Departure (Sunday)

The excitement builds.....

Charleston Oyea...



Charleston is known for...

Five of Charleston's most unique features and characteristics.

1. Low-country Cuisine:

Charleston's restaurant scene is gaining national attention for its distinctly southern flavors, uniquely modern restaurants, and talented newcomer chefs. Local ingredients have always been a point of pride for area restaurants, and in recent years Charleston's finest have rallied behind a standard of using only fresh, locally sourced foods. In this way, Charleston's classic Southern recipes are maintained, created and served right from the source, giving visitors a truly authentic taste of the lowcountry. Charleston is known for comfort foods with a Gullah influence, and famous for such dishes as Shrimp and Grits and Hoppin' John.

2. Historic Homes:

Early in Charleston's history, the city collected property tax on the street width of the house, rather than the length, creating a preference for the long, narrow houses that are signature Charleston style homes today. Almost every home on Charleston's peninsula is historic, including most of the homes of area college students! Beautifully colored antebellum mansion homes can be found on East Bay on Rainbow Row, and at the Battery on Murray and South Battery streets. Most of these picturesque dwellings also contain shady secret courtyards and black ironwork gates.

3. Southern Hospitality:

A town raised with "Yes, sir" and "Yes, ma'am," Charleston demonstrates its southern hospitality in every aspect of life. The friendliness of locals and strangers is noticeable, and anyone on the street is willing to point you in the right direction or give insider recommendations. Hotels in Charleston go above and beyond the usual amenities you'd expect, with many offering complimentary wine and cheese receptions in the afternoons, and cookies and milk in the evenings. Restaurants hold their staff to the highest level of accommodation. Charleston has even been named America's [Most Mannerly City](#) more than 10 different times!

4. Beaches:

While Charleston's downtown itself is a harbor town, three beaches are located just a short drive off of the peninsula. Isle of Palms, the furthest beach from downtown, is full of upscale beach condos and remains relatively uncrowded most of the year. Sullivan's Island, only about 15 - 20 minutes away by car, is a flat sand beach with beautiful homes and rentals, unique bars and restaurants, and is the home of Fort Moultrie, a defensive fort used in both Revolutionary and Civil wars. Folly Beach, a 20 minute's ride away on James Island, is most popular with college students and Charleston vacationers.

5. American History:

Called the Holy City for its many church steeples and historically early religious tolerance, Charleston's great tale begins when King Charles the second of England chartered Carolina to his 8 Lords Proprietors. Established in 1670, Charleston fell victim to attack in the centuries to come by Native Americans, Pirates like the "Gentleman Pirate" Stede Bonnet, and throughout the War of 1812, and American Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Visit historical sites like Ft. Sumter in the Charleston harbor, to stand where the first shots of the Civil War were fired.



1/27 Marines

September 19 through September 22, 2016

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Group Room Rate: **\$99.00** plus 13.5% tax per room per night, Sunday through Thursday evenings.
\$139.00 plus 13.5% tax per room per night, Friday and Saturday evenings.
Group rates are not subject to further discounts or any current promotions.
A Credit Card Number is required to guarantee this reservation.

The Town & Country Inn and Suites is a non-smoking Hotel.

Your Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____ # Rooms: _____

Roommate Name(s): _____

Room Type Preferred: ___ Contemporary King ___ Contemporary Two Queens

Special Requests: _____

*Although we cannot guarantee special requests, every effort will be made to meet your request.
Group reservations are blocked several days prior to arrival. Although the Hotel makes every effort to pre-block group reservations as close as possible, we do not guarantee the proximity of rooms due to numerous variables, including varying arrival dates and room types.

Deposit Enclosed: _____ OR

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp: _____

Cardholder Signature Authorizing Hotel's Use of Credit Card: _____

*(PLEASE NOTE: Those guests sending a cash deposit should be aware that a credit card imprint and valid, state-issued ID will be necessary upon check in. Should you wish to pay for your stay with cash, a credit card imprint and valid ID will still be required upon arrival to secure your accommodations. All cash payments are accepted upon departure.) Cancellation Policy: 24 Hours prior to arrival date.

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 50 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

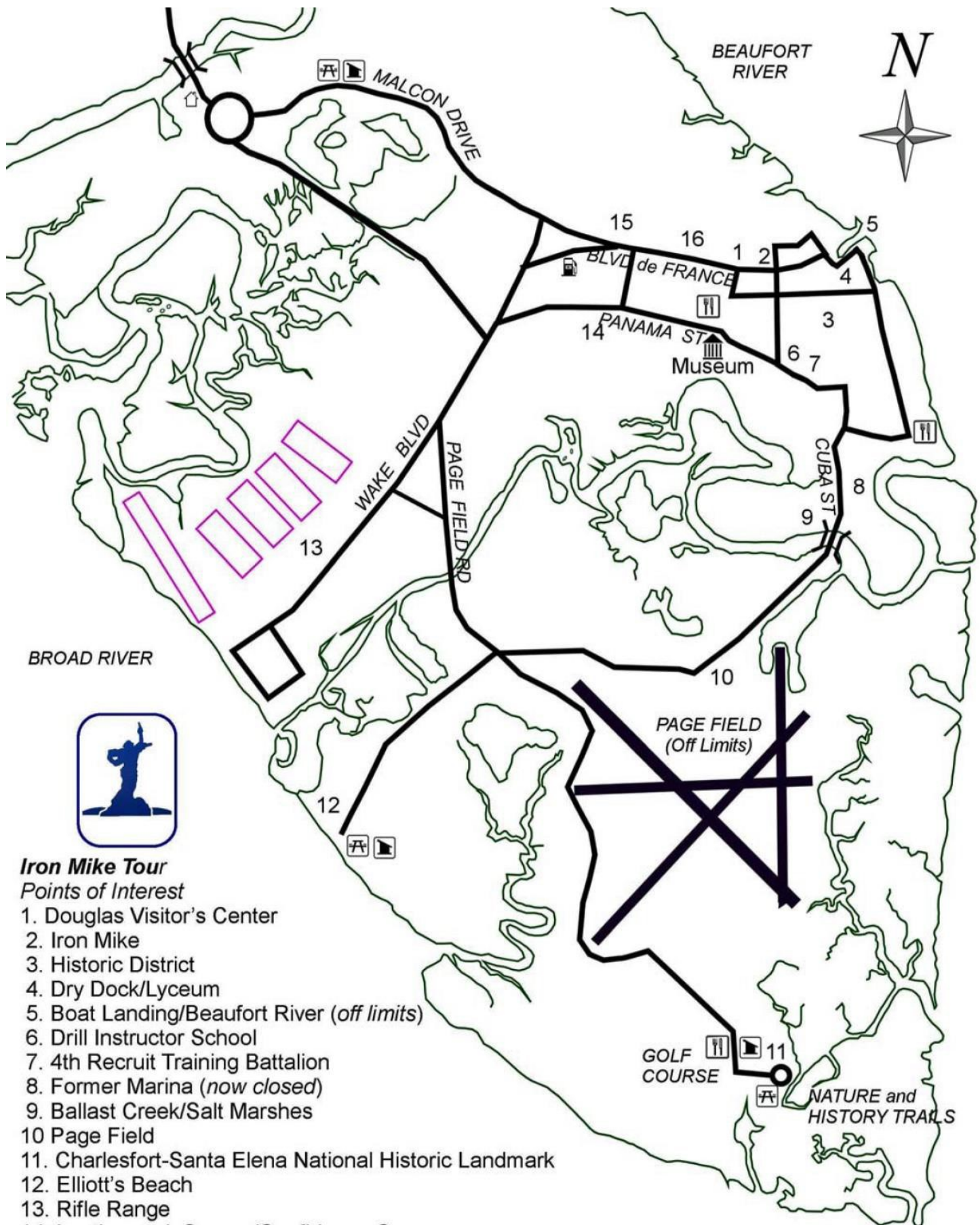
Deadline for signing up for the trip is June 30, 2016. If we do not have 50 people the trip will be canceled.

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...



BROAD RIVER



Iron Mike Tour

Points of Interest

1. Douglas Visitor's Center
2. Iron Mike
3. Historic District
4. Dry Dock/Lyceum
5. Boat Landing/Beaufort River (*off limits*)
6. Drill Instructor School
7. 4th Recruit Training Battalion
8. Former Marina (*now closed*)
9. Ballast Creek/Salt Marshes
10. Page Field
11. Charlesfort-Santa Elena National Historic Landmark
12. Elliott's Beach
13. Rifle Range
14. Leatherneck Square/Confidence Course
15. Parade Deck/DI Monument/Purple Heart Monument
16. Iwo Jima Monument

PAGE FIELD
(Off Limits)

GOLF COURSE

NATURE and
HISTORY TRAILS

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: 137

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3 daily nonstop departures to Dallas (DFW)

Number of seats: 150

2 daily nonstop departures to Miami (MIA)

Number of seats: 100

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11 daily nonstop departures to Atlanta (ATL)

Number of seats: 1535

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Number of seats: 100

2 daily nonstop departures to New York (JFK)

Number of seats: 100

5 daily nonstop departures to New York (LGA)

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Number of seats: 300

2 daily nonstop departures to Washington (DCA)

Number of seats: 200

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5 daily nonstop departures to Chicago (ORD)

Number of seats: 250

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Number of seats: 50

2 daily nonstop departures to Houston (IAH)

Number of seats: 100

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Number of seats: 250

4 daily nonstop departures to Washington (IAD)

Number of seats: 200

**U.S AIRWAYS**

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9 daily nonstop departures to Charlotte (CLT)

Number of seats: 723

3 daily nonstop departures to Philadelphia (PHL)

Number of seats: 180

5 daily nonstop departures to Washington (DCA)

Number of Seats: 294





# 2015



## "In Memory of our Warriors"

**Col. JOHN E. GREENWOOD USMC (Ret.)** Marine Corps Colonel who retired in 1980 passed away on April 5, 2015 . (Commanding Officer 1st Bn. 27th Marines)

**Victor E. DeCurtis, 69, of Pitcher, NY,** passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, April 12, 2015, at the Syracuse VA Hospital, Syracuse, NY.

**Dennis L. Healy (H&S Company 1st Bn. 27th Marines)**

**Tracy Robeson, 27 Nov. 1949 to 24 December 2016 (Delta Company 1st Bn. 27th Marines)**



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FRONT



BACK

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