

## CARE PACKAGES TO THE ACTIVE DUTY 3/4 SERVING IN IRAQ (AGAIN!)

As most of you already know, 3/4 were redeployed to Iraq and are there now. Dennis "Reddawg" Thun and Oscar "The Grinch" Kergalvis have taken the lead again and sent a CARE package from the Association. They intend to send another and need donations to accomplish this worthy effort. **Please send any donation you can to Chuck Lear, 708 S.E. Basil Ct., and Lees Summit, MO 64063**

## REUNION INFORMATION

As voted at the reunion in Seattle this reunion will be held in San Antonio, Texas August 3rd thru 7th, 2005.

### Hotel

The hotel selected in the Hilton, located at 511 North West Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas 78216. Phone number 210-340-6060. You must make your own hotel reservations. The rooms reserved are filling up rapidly so don't delay in calling. Be sure to mention the code **C-TBFM**, hotel-speak for conference- Third Battalion Fourth Marines, in order to get the great rate of \$79 per night. The hotel shuttle runs to/from the San Antonio airport every 20 minutes beginning on the hour. A taxi to the hotel from the airport is under \$10.

Meals at the hotel are very good priced comparative to other hotels. We will have three Hospitality Suites, two located across from one another and one a short distance down the hall (alcohol free). Member Joe Rodriguez has offered to run the Hospitality Suite and keep it stocked with ice, snacks, and a generous supply of "Vitamin C".

### Schedule of events

**Wednesday, August 3rd:** The Cocktail Flag is raised and the Hospitality Suite is open at Noon. Registration begins. The registration will be set up directly outside the Hospitality Suite. You will be on your own for dinner.

**Thursday, August 4th:** We will need to assemble in the hotel lobby by 0900 for the bus trip to St. Mark's Episcopal Church for our Memorial Service conducted by our own Chaplain Stan Beach. Following the service there will be a brief wreath laying at the Vietnam Memorial, located directly across the street. At this time you may take the bus back to the hotel or walk about one block to the famous Riverwalk. You will be notified of where and when to catch the bus back to the hotel at approx. 1600. Lunch on your own (not a problem on the Riverwalk, it is one restaurant after another).

At 1530 we will again assemble in the hotel lobby for transportation to a VFW for a Texas style BBQ with a live Mexican Band. No cost has been determined as yet but the Post Commander, once again our own Joe Rodriguez, has guaranteed that it will be inexpensive. At the end of the music we will return to the hotel and the Hospitality Suite

**Friday, August 5th:** We are attempting to arrange a golf outing with tee times as early as possible.

Beginning at 0900 there will be a three to four hour tour of the city, including the Alamo and other major sites. The buses will return between 1200 and 1300. Lunch on your own.

Evening Moonlight Cruise on the San Antonio Riverboats. A sure winner for all. Cost and times TBA at registration. Highly recommended.

**Saturday, August 6th:** The Association Business Meeting will be held at 1000 in a conference room on the lobby level.

You will have a free afternoon to visit the other attractions such as the San Antonio Zoo, Sea World, etc. The banquet will begin with a No Host Cocktail hour at 1800 and dinner and our program to follow.

**Sunday, August 7th:** Departure. See you two years in ???

Please, please, please fill out the self addressed insert and return it to us so that we can make further arrangements for transportations, tours, number of meals, etc.

Other attractions you may wish to visit on you own while in the San Antonio area:  
(only a small sampling)

- \*Six Flags Fiesta Texas
- \*San Antonio Zoo
- \*Sea World San Antonio
- \*San Antonio Museum of Art
- \*King William Historic District
- \*Market Square
- \*Mission Trail
- \*13 Art Galleries
- \*A myriad of some of the finest restaurants you will ever find
- \*Parks and Lakes
- \*Schlitterbahn Water Park
- \*Shopping

There are also Bike and Moped rentals available.

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## NEWSLETTER



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### *Letter from the President*

Dear Fellow 3/4 Marines:

Well its April already, time to begin preparations to attend this year's reunion in San Antonio Texas. Included inside this newsletter you will find an insert that will be your planning guide. It is very easy, fill out the form and return it to our association secretary Doc McNiff. We have plenty of rooms available but they will fill up quickly, so contact the hotel and make your reservations. Get started on travel arrangements. The date are August 3-7, 2005 and you are welcome to come early and stay later if so desired. This year is really shaping up with plans for a real Texas style pool party and barbeque in addition to the memorial service, banquet and other exciting events. And, of course there will be plenty of cold beer and great Marine camaraderie.

I also want to bring your attention to the notice inside regarding donations for a care package for the troops. As most of you are aware, The Battalion was deployed to Iraq for a third tour in January. Please keep all members in your prayers throughout this difficult time in that war torn country. In March, thanks to the donations of many of you we sent our first care package of beef jerky and cigars. Again, many thanks to Dennis "Reddawg" Thun and Oscar "The Grinch" Kergalvis for their dedication and hard work implementing this project. We are planning to send a second care package near the end of their tour. We will remember the importance of receiving goodies from home, so give generously.

We want to see all of you in San Antonio. Those of you who want to attend but are suffering financial difficulties are reminded that this year we are again offering an assistance program. Chaplain Stan Beach will arrange a room and other benefits for anyone who qualifies. This year Chaplain Beach and I have revamped this program so that we will be able to offer it to more members than before. Remember that the identity of all participants is kept in total confidentiality. Only the Chaplain knows the identities. For details contact Chaplain Beach directly by mail at 108 Poinsettia Cove, Leesburg, FL 34748, or email at STANBEACH@aol.com.

So polish your brass and break out the old 782 gear and we'll see ya-all in San Antonio.

Semper Fi,

Jim Conklin

# Reunion '05 Sign Up Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Kids (ages too): \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to attend the following:

**Thursday, August 4:**

Event	No. attending	Do you need transportation?
Memorial Service	_____	_____
Riverwalk	_____	_____
Evening BBQ/live band \$15 to \$20 pp	_____	_____

**Friday, August 5:**

Event	No. attending	Do you need transportation?
Golf outing	_____	_____ Need rental clubs? _____
Tour of San Antonio	_____	_____ cost unknown at this time
Riverboat cruise	_____	_____

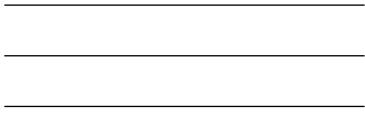
**Saturday, August 6**

Event	No. attending	
Business meeting	_____	
Only dues paid members can vote		
Banquet	_____	
Kids under 12 free	_____	
Dinner	Prime Rib of Beef _____	Chicken Wellington _____

Special dietary requirements can be made by you directly with the hotel.  
Costs of the above are approximate. Transportation fees will be assessed at the hotel as you register for the reunion.

As you may know, our Hospitality Suite is open to all free of charge. If you care to make a donation to help defray the costs please send a check. All donations of any amount will be gratefully accepted.

**Please fill out this form and return ASAP**



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