



# THE THUNDERING THIRD

## NEWSLETTER



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**THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES ASSOCIATION**  
23 Hampton Meadows, Hampton, NH 03842

### Letter from the President

Greetings members!

We are rapidly closing in on the reunion in Washington, D.C. (August 28-Sept 1, 2013) and before you know it we will be there. If you have not made your reservations for the hotel and the reunion events, be sure to get that done soon! As a reminder the reunion will be held at the Hilton Dulles Hotel, Herndon, Virginia. The room rate will be \$99.00 plus applicable taxes, per room, per night. The hotel has extended this rate to include the 3 days before and the 3 days after the established reunion dates in order to accommodate anyone who may wish to come early/stay longer to do some extra sight seeing. The check-in date is Wednesday, August 28, 2013 with check-out date of Sunday, September 1, 2013 (unless you come early or stay later). The reunion itinerary is attached to this newsletter. Members can plan (by line item) each function they wish to participate in for the planning of their trip. Instructions on how to secure hotel rooms and make payment for the reunion are included on the form. You can also access the web page for the event coordinator for details.

As always, if anyone has fallen on hard times and wishes to attend the reunion and is in need of assistance, please contact Chaplain Stan Beach and he will make arrangements for help. Any request for assistance will be held in the strictest of confidence between yourself and the Chaplain. Contact Chaplain Beach at: email address: [stanbeach@aol.com](mailto:stanbeach@aol.com) or phone him at 352-365-2406 and he will begin the process for you. Do not let the lack of funds prevent you from attending. Chaplain Beach will give you all the necessary details for assistance.

We are attempting to secure a very special guest speaker for our banquet evening on Saturday night. We have not yet had a confirmation from him but if he agrees to attend I know you will find it a most enlightening and interesting evening with him.

There are quite a few items being collected by some of you for the raffle at the end of the banquet evening. Please make an effort to bring something that we can raffle. If you are able to do that, notify Travis Fryzowicz by email ([maddogandgrace@verizon.net](mailto:maddogandgrace@verizon.net)) or give him a call at 732-251-5518 and let him know what you are planning to donate. We hope to receive a larger number of items to raffle this year, as we didn't have too many at the last reunion.

As many of you are aware we have ordered new challenge coins. John "Doc" Holladay will be receiving those soon. The original order we received had a spelling error on them and the supplier had to remake them. Those of you who have orders pending will be receiving your coin(s) as soon as Doc can get them out. If you have already received one of the defective coins, you will be receiving a replacement.

Speaking of challenge coins; the active duty battalion will be having their LAST Marine Corps Ball this year since they are slated to be deactivated in the Spring of 2014. GySgt Grant Searer has notified us that he has about 150 of their NEWEST "Darkside" challenge coins available for anyone who would like to have one. The Battalion is raising funds to try to stave off some of the expense of conducting the Ball this year. Their coins can be purchased for \$10 each (plus shipping & handling costs). If you are interested in obtaining one, or several, contact the Gunney at: email address [grant.s.searer@usmc.mil](mailto:grant.s.searer@usmc.mil) or call him direct at 910-650-9273 and make arrangements with him.











Gunney Searer is also involved in the Marine Corps Ball planning along with 1<sup>st</sup>Sgt Sotorodriguez and SgtMajor Miller. Their Ball date is currently planned for November 26<sup>th</sup>, at "The Paris" in Las Vegas. Tickets will be available (most likely about \$75 each) to association members who may wish to attend. He said that they will make available as many tickets for Association Members as is needed. You can contact either of these men and work out the details for assistance and payment of Ball tickets. [grant.s.searer@usmc.mil](mailto:grant.s.searer@usmc.mil) or [hector.sotorodriguez@afg.usmc.mil](mailto:hector.sotorodriguez@afg.usmc.mil)

Looking forward to seeing you at the reunion!

Semper Fidelis

Roger

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Washington D.C. Reunion  
August 28-September 1, 2013**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>Check in at</p> <p><b>THE HILTON WASHINGTON DULLES AIRPORT</b></p>  <p>12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Hospitality Room Open... Snacks, Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks Provided</p> <p>Each Day of Reunion</p>  <p>5:30 p.m.</p> <p>“WELCOME ABOARD” BUFFET At Hotel</p> <p><b>\$22.00 per person including tax and gratuity</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast</b></p>  <p>8:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>MARINE CORPS MUSEUM at Triangle, Va.</b></p> <p>Lunch on your own at museum</p>  <p>4:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MEMORIAL SERVICE at Quantico</b></p> <p>And</p>  <p>5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>DINNER at The Boys and Girls Club</b></p> <p><b>\$63.00 per person including tax, gratuity and transportation</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast</b></p> <p>10:00-10:30 am</p> <p><b>WREATH LAYING at THE WALL</b></p>  <p><b>TOUR MONUMENTS ON YOUR OWN</b></p> <p>Lunch on your own</p> <p>4:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BUFFET DINNER at Hotel</b></p>  <p>6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PARADE</b></p> <p><b>\$83.00 per person including tax, gratuity and transportation</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>OFFICERS MEETING</b></p>  <p>10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>BUSINESS MEETING</b></p>  <p>5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PHOTO SESSION</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>CASH BAR and</b></p>  <p>7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FINAL EVENING BANQUET</b></p> <p><b>\$47.00 per person including tax and gratuity</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast</b></p> <p>Depart</p> <hr/> <p><b>HOTEL PRICING:</b></p> <p><b>\$99.00 per room per night plus tax, including breakfast each day</b></p> <p><b>All pricing includes tax, gratuity and transportation to and from the hotel.</b></p>

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest/Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Co: \_\_\_\_\_ Platoon: \_\_\_\_\_ Squad: \_\_\_\_\_ Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Gold Star Family Member of: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Host Hotel: Hilton Washington Dulles Airport

Call 703-478-2900 for room reservations and mention you are with the Third Battalion Fourth Marines Reunion to get the special rate of \$99.00 per room per night.  
(room rate good 3 days prior and 3 days after the reunion based on hotel availability)

PLEASE REGISTER ME FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Wednesday, Buffet Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ # of Attendees x \$22.00 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, Tours and Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ # of Attendees x \$63.00 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, Tours, Dinner and Parade \_\_\_\_\_ # of Attendees x \$83.00 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, Cash Bar and Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ # of Attendees x \$47.00 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of Entrée: \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

Registration Fee (not optional) \_\_\_\_\_ # of Attendees x \$25.00 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A 50% deposit is requested by June 28, 2013 with final payment by July 28, 2013. In order to guarantee reservation for tours/meals you MUST register by July 28, 2013. We can't "add on" at the reunion. Refunds on cancellations after August 14, 2013 will be on a case by case basis.

Mail Registration Form and Check Payable To:

GATHERINGS PLUS  
P. O. BOX 1023, BRANSON WEST, MO. 65737  
417-338-4048  
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www.reunionpro.com