

2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines Vietnam Veterans

2/3 VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION

2025 ANNUAL REUNION TUCSON, AZ 15 - 21 September 2025

NOTES:

Make sure your dues for FY 2025 are up to date. Check with Art for dues status. Members must be paid in full for FY 2025 to attend Reunion 2025. 2/3 VVA dues are NOT payable via the Reunion Registration Form. Mail 'em in. Make sure you check the box "2/3 V.V.A. ATTENDEE?" and "1st TIME ATTENDEE?"

2/3 VVA Tees and Caps will soon be available.

Book your rooms NOW. They will go fast. MH (5 APRIL '25)

THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCATION SEPTEMBER 14 – 21, 2025 SHERATON TUCSON HOTEL & SUITES

Schedule of Events

uesday, Septem	ber 16	Room Name
Time	Event Event the Reunion	Sabino Room
200 -	Hospitality Room Open Daily Throughout the Reunion	Pima Room
200 -	The Bunker Open Daily Throughout the Reamen	Sabino Foyer
1300 – 1800	. B distriction Open	
1700 - 2130	GASLIGHT THEATRE – PHANTOM OF THE OPERA	
Wednesday, Se	otember 17	Sabino Foyer
0700 – 0730		
0800 - 1600	DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB/PIMA – Valid ID Required	Sabino Foyer
1400 – 1800	Reunion Registration Open	Catalina Ballroom
1800 – 2100	Meet & Greet Featuring Deluxe Nacho Bar and Cash	
1000	Bar; Memorial Service	
Thursday, Sept	ember 18	
0800 - 1200		Sage Room
1300 - 1400	Memorial Scholarship Meeting Fund Meeting	Sage Room
1430 – 1530	Board of Directions Meeting	Sabino Foyer
1600 – 1700	Ice Cream Social	Sage Room
1700 – 1800	Financial Committee Meeting	
1800	Unit Meetings	
Friday, Septer	nber 19	
0830 - 1530	TOMBSTONE	Catalina Ballroom
1800 -	250 th Birthday Reception	
Saturday, Sep	tember 20	Catalina Ballroom AB
0930 – 1130	Mombership Busilless Mooting	
1000 – 1500	Ladies Outing - Shopping in Tubac	Sage Room
1230 – 1330	Board of Directions Organizational Meeting	Sage Room
1330 – 1400	Chapter Presidents Meeting	
1400	Silent Auction Closes!	Catalina Ballroom Foye
1800	Cash Bar Opens	Catalina Ballroom
1900 – 2300	Banquet/Program	
Sunday, Sep	tember 21	Sage Room
0730 – 1030	Religious Services	
	Farewells and Departures	

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date of August 15 Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$15 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable Group/ AFR registration fee. For addition mistakes by the user that incur charges above the intended amount that require a refund, user will be responsible for additional credit card fees. Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9am until 5pm Eastern Time, excluding holidays. Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities. Refunds will be processed 4-6 weeks after the reunion. Canceling your hotel reservations does not cancel your reunion activities.

*TOUR BUSES WILL LOAD AND UNLOAD AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE HOTEL. GUESTS SHOULD GATHER
IN THE LOBBY FOR LOADING AT LEAST 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO DEPATURE*

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Driver and Guide gratuities are not included in the tour price and are at the discretion of the individual.

Tuesday, September 16 GASLIGHT THEATRE DINNER AND SHOW

Since 1977, The Gaslight Theatre has provided Tucson with the finest family entertainment in Arizona. Cheer the hero and boo the villain while enjoying your favorite beer or soft drink, pizza, ice cream, and mountains of free popcorn! Make sure to place your order once you have been seated. Here at The Gaslight, we are about great entertainment, great food, low prices, and giving you a fun place to forget about your troubles, sit back, relax, and laugh! We will be seeing Phantom of the Opera.

5:00pm board bus, 9:30pm back at hotel \$69/Person includes bus, admission & escort. Dinner on your own in the theatre.

Wednesday, September 17: MONTHAN-DAVIS AFB AND PIMA AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

Pre-arranged activities await you as you arrive at Davis-Monthan AFB.

Enjoy lunch with troops in the mess hall. A variety of items are available for purchase. Payment is on your own and cash or credit cards will be accepted.

After lunch, head over to the Pima Air Museum, established in 1967 and now ranked as the third largest aviation history museum in the U.S. View models, uniforms, insignia, WWII mock-up airmen's quarters, a B-29 "Superfortress," Douglas "Globemaster," F-84 "Shooting Star," F-100 "Super Sabre," SR-71, and a pristinely restored B-17. There are over 200 planes on display including two B-52's and JFK's Air Force One. Trace America's heritage of flight from a full-scale replica of the Wright brothers' plane to the X-15 rocket that first took men to the edge of space. For a nominal fee take advantage of the convenience of a tram ride through this outdoor museum. *Note: Only small bags permitted in the Museum. Comfortable shoes recommended.*

8:00am board bus, 4:00pm back at the hotel. Lunch on base. \$71/Person includes bus, admission & escort

*YOU MUST PRESENT A VALID ID OR DOD CARD ON THE BUS – AN ID CHECK WILL BE CONDUCTED UPON ARRIVAL ON BASE REGARDLESS OF PRIOR APPROVAL STATUS.

Thursday, September 18: SABINO CANYON CRAWLER

Enjoy a 7.4-mile, breathtaking, narrated tram ride through the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains learning about how the Canyon was formed, the plant & wildlife in the canyon and cultural history. Take in the view that features the best of this "Desert Oasis" in the Coronado National Forest, including the Saquaro Cactus, which grows only in the region. The Squaro is a slow grower. After 10 years they could be about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches tall. It takes 50-80 years to reach 10 feet tall. You will see spectacular Saguaros twice that height. For many in our group, this may be a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the spectacular Saguaro scenery.

8:00am board bus, 12pm back at hotel \$61/Person includes bus & escort

Friday, September 19: TOMBSTONE

Known as the "Town too Tough to Die," a visit to Tombstone is like stepping back into history. Home to the infamous Gunfight at the OK Corral, Boothill Graveyard, and the World Largest Rose Bush. Enjoy wonderful shops, gunfight renactments and museums. Don't forget to stop and grab a bite at Crazy Annie's or Doc Holiday's Saloon! You can take a scenic ride on a stagecoach, take a trolley ride, or stroll the streets at your pace. A quick stop at the Visitor's Center will provide you with all the information you need. *Please note, all attractions are on your own including admission fees, etc.

8:30am board bus, 3:30pm back at hotel \$85/Person includes bus & escort. Lunch is own your own.

Saturday, September 20: LADIES OUTING

Start your day with a stroll through the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park & Museum. The park contains historic buildings, a museum with exhibits covering 2,000 years of Southwest history, an art gallery, and ruins of the Spanish fort from the mid-1700's. Then enjoy a few hours in the historic streets of Tubac shopping at one of their art galleries, antique or pottery shops, or a vintage Native American Jewelry shop. Enjoy lunch on your own at one of many family-owned restaurants serving traditional southwestern dishes. The final stop before heading back is to Santa Cruz Chili & Spice Company. Locally owned and operated, they sell individual spices, ready-to-use mixes plus sauces, jellies, and cookbooks!

10am board bus, 3pm back at hotel \$39/Person includes bus & escort

There is a limit of one hydraulically lifted scooter or wheelchair per handicap accessible bus. Please note the combined weight of the passenger and motorized wheelchair or scooter may not exceed 500lb due to lift limitations. If you use a scooter or motorized wheelchair but can climb the steps to board the bus, either you and/or a person travelling with you must be able to put the scooter or wheelchair in the bus's luggage compartment. Due to liability issues, drivers, and tour guides cannot assist with scooters or motorized wheelchairs.

THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION Reunion Registration Form

Listed below are all the registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter a quantity for each event you and your guests wish to participate in. Then total your costs and send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of a check or money order. You may also register online and pay by credit card at https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/3rdMarine2025 (online registrations have a convenience fee of 4%). All registration forms and payments must be received on or before **8/15/25**.

After 8/15, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of your completed form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form. (Returned checks will incur a \$20 fee)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. 322 Madison Mews Norfolk, VA 23510

OFFICE USE ONLY	Check #	
Received	Inputted	

ATTN: THIRD MARINE DIVISION

CUT-OFF date is 8/15/25

DATE/TIME	TOURS/ACTIVITIES	\$ per Person	# of People	Total
Tuesday, 9/16 – 1700 - 2130	Gaslight Theatre	\$69		\$
Wednesday, 9/17 – 0800 - 1600	Davis-Monthan AFB/Lunch/PIMA Air & Space Museum *Military ID or Security Information Required	\$71		\$
Thursday, 9/18 – 0800 - 1200	Sabino Canyon	\$61		\$
Friday, 9/19 – 0830 - 1530	Tombstone	\$85		\$
Saturday, 9/20 – 1000 - 1500	Ladies Day at Tubac	\$39		\$
	MEAL FUNCTIONS			
Wednesday, 9/17 – 1800 – 2100	Meet and Greet Featuring Deluxe Nacho Bar with Cash Bar; Memorial Service	\$37		\$
Thursday, 9/18 – 1600 – 1700	Ice Cream Social	\$9	¥	
Friday, 9/19 – 1800	250 th Birthday Celebration	FREE		
Saturday, 9/20 – 1800 – 2300	Annual Banquet – Cash Bar 1800 (Please select your entrée for each person)			
	Pot Roast with Red Wine Braising Sauce	\$65		\$
	7 Oz. NY Steak with Green Peppercorn & Brandy Demi	\$65		\$
	Chicken Breast with Lemon Basil Butter Sauce	\$65		\$
	Vegetarian – Eggplant Parmesan	\$65		\$
	MANDATORY REGISTRATION FEES			
Price if received by 8/15/25	PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE	\$30		\$
Price if received by 8/15/25	REGISTRATION FEE for kids under 18, Active Duty, WWII Vets & their spouses and Medal of Honor Recipients	FREE		
Price if postmarked AFTER 8/15/25	LATE REGISTRATION FEE (NO EXEMPTIONS)	\$40		\$
	ON-SITE REGISTRATION FEE WILL INCREASE TO \$50.00 PER PERSON. THIS APPLIES TO ALL ON-SITE REGISTRATIONS. NO EXCEPTIONS, NO EXEMPTIONS . PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE.	\$50		\$
Total number in your party (including				
Total Amount Payable to Armed For				\$

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME AND	SPOUSE/GUEST NAMES AS YOU WISH THEM TO APPEAR ON THE NAMETAG:	
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*IF ATTENDING WEDNESDAY, 9/17 DAVIS-MONTHAN TOUR – PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FO EACH PERSON ATTENDING LOCATED ON PAGE 2

ATTENDEE LEGAL NAME: FIRST	LAST	MIDDLE INITIAL/NAME:
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DRIVER'S LICENSE #	STATE ISSUED:	DATE OF BIRTH:
SSN#	COUNTRY OF CITI	ZENSHIP
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DRIVER'S LICENSE #	STATE ISSUED:	DATE OF BIRTH:
SSN#	COUNTRY OF CITI	ZENSHIP
GUEST #1 (IF ATTENDING) FIRST		MIDDLE INITIAL/NAME
DO YOU HAVE A VALID MILITARY ID ②YES ②N IF NO, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING IF		RSDAY BASE TOUR:
DRIVER'S LICENSE #	STATE ISSUED:	DATE OF BIRTH:
SSN#	COUNTRY OF CITI	ZENSHIP
GUEST #2 (IF ATTENDING) FIRST DO YOU HAVE A VALID MILITARY ID ② YES ② N IF NO, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING IF	10	
DRIVER'S LICENSE #	STATE ISSUED:	DATE OF BIRTH:
SSN#	COUNTRY OF CITI	ZENSHIP
GUEST #3 (IF ATTENDING) FIRST DO YOU HAVE A VALID MILITARY ID ② YES ② N IF NO, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING IF	10	
DRIVER'S LICENSE #		
SSN#	COUNTRY OF CITI	ZENSHIP
DISABILITY / DIETARY RESTRICTIONS		
EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME		
DO YOU NEED TO BE HYDRAULICALLY LIFTED ONTO		PARTICIPATE IN TOURS? YES 🗆 NO 🗆

(Special hotel room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly to the hotel staff upon reservation)

ONLINE REUNION REGISTATION AT: https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/3rdMarine2025

SHERATON TUCSON HOTEL & SUITES

Location

5151 East Grant Road Tucson, AZ 85712

Reservation Information

To make reservations by phone:

Dial 800-325-3535 and reference the THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION 2025 ROOM BLOCK

OR

You may click on the link below to make your reservations online. Please enter dates <u>prior</u> to hitting "Check Availability":

Book your group rate for Third Marine Division Association 2025

Group Name: Third Marine Division Association

Reunion Rates Available: Sunday, September 14 – Sunday, September 21, 2025

Room Rate: Standard Room Rate - \$119.00 plus applicable taxes (Currently 12.05% plus \$4.00) per night; Suite Room Rates - \$134.00 plus applicable taxes (Currently 12.05% plus \$4.00) per night

Breakfast: Complimentary Hot Breakfast for Two Included in the Room Rate. Served in The Glowbal Restaurant. Monday – Friday (6:30am – 9:30am) and Saturday – Sunday (7:00am – 11:00am)

Cut-Off Date: 8/27/25. After the group cut-off date, the Hotel will accept additional group reservations at the contracted rate or at market rates based on room availability.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellation must be received 24 hours prior to arrival date or there will be a charge of one night's room plus tax.

Parking & Shuttle Information: Self-Parking is Complimentary. Shuttle service is not available.

Wheelchair Accessible Rooms: If you need a handicapped accessible guestroom, please call the hotel directly for assistance.

Wheelchair Rental: Scoot Around rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call (888) 441-7575 or visit www.scootaround.com for details and to make reservations.

Reunion Registration: To register for the reunion online please visit:

https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/3rdMarine2025

ACTIVITIES AT TUCSON REUNION

Tues - Gaslight Theater

A must do. Intimate theater, all good seats. Shows are spoofs, parody, satire, lampoon, while sticking closely to the story script. We will see The Phantom of the Opera. Don't miss this!

Wed - <u>Davis-Monthan AFB</u>, including lunch with active duty. Very important Air Base participating in all wars from WWII on. We then go to the Pima Air and Space Museum.







This is an amazing place. Over 400 aircraft. There are 2 or 3 B-52s there. Many of you will remember watching them on their bombing missions in Vietnam. There is an Air Force One. Both indoor and 80 acre outdoor display. There are lots of helicopters also. There is a tram tour available if you wish to purchase a ticket there. This will be an amazing day.

Evening, the must-attend Meet and Greet. We will have a game of identifying young Marine pictures of us with nice prizes. We also will have the Memorial Service. A great evening.

Thurs - The breathtaking Sabino Canyon tram ride.

The Saguaro Cactus grows only in that region and no 2 are alike.



The Saguaro is a slow grower. After 10 years, they could be about 1½ inches tall. It takes 50-80 years to reach 10 feet tall. You will see spectacular Saguaros twice that height. For some in our group, this could be a once in a lifetime event. You will see many hundreds of Saguaros. Spectacular scenery.



The ever popular ice cream social follows when we return to the hotel.



Fri - From morning until mid-afternoon, we will have this great adventure to Tombstone

It is home to the famous Gunfight at the OK Corral and Boothill Graveyard. There is lots to do there including live gunfight reenactments.

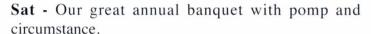
Friday evening will be our lovely USMC 250th Birthday Celebration. It is a free event with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. We will have a cake cutting ceremony. You will remember we had a great time at the 80th anniversary of the founding of the 3rd Marine

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Division in San Diego in 2022. Commanding General, MajGen Bargeron was there and cut the first 2 pieces of cake for the oldest and youngest Marines present. You will also remember a Marine who graduated from boot camp that very day was at our hotel and joined us. There he was receiving a piece of cake from a MajGen just a few hours after graduating boot camp. It was a very festive evening. We should have either the current CG of 3rd Marine Division, or the Commandant will send us someone. He has never sent anyone below a MajGen. Should be a great celebration.

Sat - Saturday morning Ladies Function. Enjoy a stroll through the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park and Museum.

The park contains a museum, a number of historic sites, an art gallery, an underground archeology exhibit displaying the excavated foundations of the Tubac Presidio, and a picnic area. At one point, Tubac became the largest town in Arizona. Then enjoy the considerable shopping opportunities along the historic streets of Tubac. After shopping, lunch at the beautiful and historic Wisdom Cafe for their excellent food. Order and pay for what you want.





Some of the local active-duty Marines tell me they will join us for some activities.

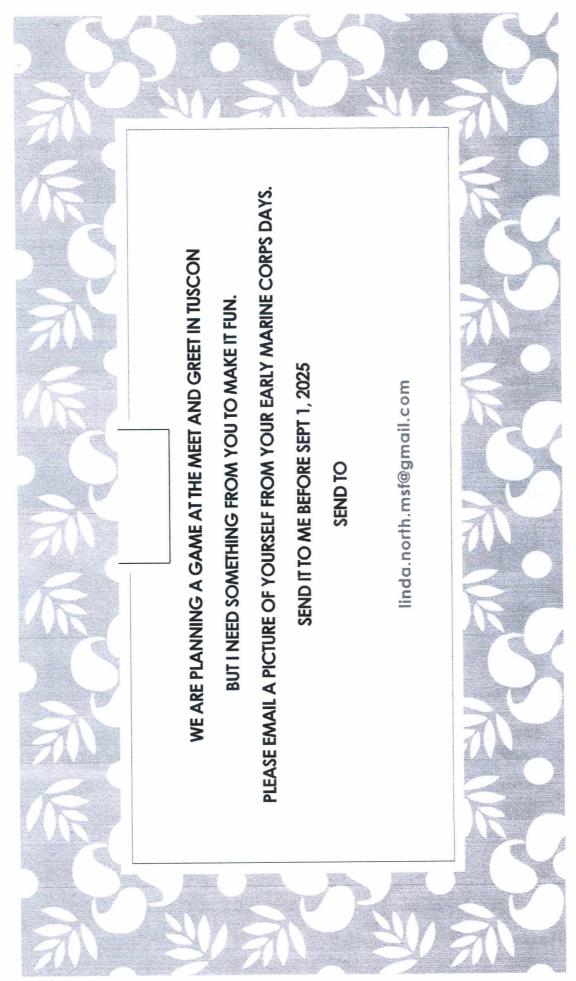
250TH COMMEMORATIVE COINS

There are several commemorative coins for our 250th Birthday, here is one of them:



HERE IS THE WEBSITE:

https://www.usmint.gov/marine-corps-anniversary-commemorative-coin/



NOT THE 2/3 VVA TEE SHIRT





ONLY FOR MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION AND 2/3 VVA.

THIS SHIRT IS A 100% POLYESTER MOISTURE WICKING PERFORMANCE POLO

250TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SHIRT ORDER FORM	Complete information and legible.
NAME	Phone #
NUMBER OF SHIRTS	
SIZE & HOW MANY SHIRTS IN YOUR ORDER	
SMALL	
MEDIUM	
LARGE	
X-LARGE	
XX-LARGE	
XXX-LARGE	
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SHIRTS ARE \$33 EACH AND WILL BE PICKED (ID IN THECON HOON DECICED ATION IF WOLL
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HANDLING AS WELL AS <u>ADDRESS</u> TO ORDER. SH	HIRTS SHIPPED <u>AFTER</u> REUNION.
TOTAL CHECK \$	
Make out check to: Third Marine Division Association, P	O Poy 466: Lishon OH 44422 0466
The date direct to. Third widthe Division Association, P	.O. DOX 400, LISDON, OH 44432-0466

THERE WILL BE NO SHIRTS FOR PURCHASE AT, OR AFTER, THE REUNION. ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 1. ALL SALES FINAL