

**THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 4, 2026
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON NEW ORLEANS AIRPORT**

Schedule of Events

***Bold** = Ticketed Event*

Tuesday, September 29

Time	Event	Room Name
1200	Hospitality Room Open Daily Throughout the Reunion	
1200	The Bunker Open Daily Throughout the Reunion	
1300 – 1800	Reunion Registration Open	
1600 - 2000	DRIVING CITY TOUR WITH A STOP AT CAFÉ DU MONDE	

Wednesday, September 30

0700 – 0730	Reunion Registration Open	
0830 - 1530	WORLD WAR II MUSEUM	
1400 – 1800	Reunion Registration Open	
1800	Meet & Greet Featuring Taste of New Orleans and Cash Bar; Memorial Service	

Thursday, October 1

0900- 1000	2/3 VVA Meeting	
1000 – 1115	Memorial Scholarship Fund Meeting	
1130 - 1245	Board of Directions Meeting	
1300 – 1345	Financial Committee Meeting	
1400 – 1800	FRENCH QUARTER AND BOURBON STREET	
1800	Unit Meetings – 1/3, 2/3 VVA, Texas Chapter, etc.	

Friday, October 2

0800 - 1200	SWAMP BOAT TOUR	
1430 – 1530	ICE CREAM SOCIAL	
1530	Town Hall Meeting (Everyone Invited)	

Saturday, October 3

0930 – 1130	Membership Business Meeting	
0900 – 1300	Ladies Outing – MARDI GRAS WORLD/LUNCH AT FLAMINGO A GO GO	
1230 – 1330	Board of Directors Organizational Meeting	
1330 – 1400	Chapter Presidents Meeting	
1400	Silent Auction Closes!	
1800	Cash Bar Opens	
1900	Banquet/Program	

Sunday, October 4

0800	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 (**August 15**) 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 additional 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 DEPARTURE

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

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

Tuesday, September 29

DRIVING CITY TOUR WITH A STOP AT CAFÉ DU MONDE

Your guided tour of the Crescent City includes views and stories of Lake Pontchartrain and continues to unique above-ground cemeteries. Enjoy the trip down historical St. Charles Avenue complete with universities, parks, old oaks, stately charm, and an operational streetcar line. Hear the stories of Hurricane Katrina and see first-hand the long-lasting effect it has had on New Orleans. Continue to the French Quarter (the "Vieux Carre"), where a blend of French and Spanish cultures intermingles with a modern lifestyle. Of course, a stop at the famous Café Du Monde for their famous Beignets is a must! Also witness the bustling seaport activities, which are such an important aspect of the city's economy.

1600 board bus, 2000 back at hotel

\$55/Person includes bus and tour guide. Purchases made at Café Du Monde are on your own.

Wednesday, September 30:

WORLD WAR II MUSEUM

Dedicated in 2000 as the National D-Day Museum and now designated by Congress as the country's official WWII Museum, this remarkable attraction illuminates the American experience during the WWII era. From the Normandy invasion to the sands of the Pacific Islands and the Home Front, you will see the courage, teamwork and sacrifice of the men and women who won *the war that changed the world*. Explore moving personal stories and powerful interactive displays. Visit the U.S. Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center, which tells the story of our nation's unprecedented industrial capability during the war years. Explore the evolving strategy for fighting across the Pacific and in Asia, and the cultural differences and tremendous range of extreme conditions that confronted our Military. Also learn about the faltering first battles in North Africa to the bloody struggle at Germany's doorstep. The immersive galleries recreate actual battle settings and villages. For an additional cost view the powerfully authentic 4-D cinematic experience, *Beyond All Boundaries*, narrated and produced by Tom Hanks, in the Solomon Victory Theater. Visit the Soda Shop or The American Sector Restaurant for lunch on your own.

0830 board bus, 1530 back at the hotel

\$95/Person includes bus, admission and escort. Lunch on your own.

Thursday, October 1:

FRENCH QUARTER AND BOURBON STREET

A trip to New Orleans wouldn't be complete without some free time to explore the French Quarter. The city's historic heart, famous for colorful buildings with cast-iron balconies and unique architecture. Explore the crowd favorite Bourbon Street featuring jazz clubs, Cajun eateries and bars serving New Orleans most iconic cocktails including the Hurricane and the Ramos Gin Fizz as well as the city's official cocktail, the Sazerac. For a quieter experience, head to the French Market with gourmet food and local crafts or head over to Jackson Square to be entertained by local street performers. There is something for everyone!

1400 board bus, 1800 back at hotel

\$55/Person includes bus and escort

Friday, October 2:

SWAMP BOAT TOUR

Enjoy a professionally narrated boat tour with guides native to South Louisiana, as they share their knowledge of the Louisiana Swamp. With access deep into the swamp interior and shallow backwater areas, learn about resident and migratory wildlife including alligators, bald eagles, herons, egrets, ibis, owls and so much more. Make sure to have those cameras ready as you may very well see them along with the way!

0800 board bus, 1200 back at hotel

\$95/Person includes boat ride, bus and escort.

Saturday, October 3:

LADIES OUTING – MARDI GRAS WORLD

A must-see local attraction, Mardi Gras World is located along the Mississippi River. This 300,000 square foot working warehouse is where floats are made for the Mardi Gras parades, right here in New Orleans. See the magic right before your eyes in this maze of carnival creations. Following your tour, the group will head over to Flamingo A Go Go. Located in the Warehouse District, with funky décor and lounge type feel, this hidden gem is well known for its bottomless brunching and the largest courtyard, enjoy a menu featuring New American fare with a hearty southern and Caribbean influence. And since it is never too early, enjoy one of their popular "Flocktails".

0900 board bus, 1300 back at hotel

\$45/Person includes bus, escort and tour. Lunch/Brunch on your own.

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.