

# *Golf 2-7 Vietnam Veterans Association*

## Newsletter 2013 Volume I

### **2013 Kansas City Reunion August 14 – 18, 2013**

This year's reunion will be in the downtown area of Kansas City at the Westin Hotel. **A block of rooms has been reserved and will be held until July 17th at \$99.00 (plus taxes) a night rate so please reserve your room NOW.** If you have access to a computer go to our business website <http://golf2-7vva.com> and use the hotel link there. For those who prefer to call the hotel directly their phone number is (816) 474-4400. Let the reservation clerk know you are with the "Golf Company Reunion" group. Again please reserve your room ASAP. The hotel allows cancellations up until the day before check-in and will not charge your credit card until you check out.

This year's Friday night gathering will be a little different than in past years. Since the pool is on another floor than the banquet areas, Friday night's pool party has been renamed to Friday's Mardi Gras in KC Party and will have a Mardi Gras theme.

Our Friday meal will be light like previous pool parties, but not just hot dogs and hamburgers. We will be going with a selection of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres followed by a DJ, dancing and cash bar. The Saturday Banquet will be salad, Kansas City combination plate, sliced smoked beef brisket, charbroiled chicken breast with garlic mashed potatoes and cheesecake w/raspberry glaze for dessert. Coffee or iced tea are included. It will also be followed by dancing and cash a bar.

Parking in the city is a bit expensive at \$16 a night self-park and \$24 a night for valet. See the information about parking and airport shuttle later in this newsletter to see deals we have arranged.

Online Membership Application and Registration are available on the Golf business website and payment can be made with credit cards or via PayPal. Included in this newsletter are Membership Applications and Registration Forms as well. If you are mailing in your membership

dues and/or reunion registration form(s) please make sure that they are **mailed no later than August 1st** or you will have to bring them to the reunion and register.

Golf 2-7 Vietnam Veterans' Association mailing address will change on May 6, 2013.

**From:** 10501 Woodland Waters Blvd  
Brooksville, Florida 34613

**To:** 3103 W Bay Villa Ave, #2  
Tampa, Florida 33611

So check the date and use the correct address if mailing in your reunion forms.

We are still in the process of working on activities for this year's reunion. At this point we have a tour planned of the World War One Museum and have sign-up for tickets on the registration form. A list of other local activities or restaurants to visit will be available on the business website shortly.

### **2012 Membership Meeting Palm Springs, CA**

Our 2012 reunion in Palm Springs was well attended and a good time was had by all. This year we had 109 people attending the banquet and 103 at the pool party. Golf 2-7 V V A President Ron Myers opened the Membership Meeting with introductions of his officers and then the two first time members Larry Walsh and Bill Cirra. Both Marines were welcomed home. An update on Tommy Zangrilli's fight with cancer was given. Sadly we lost TommyZ on December 20, 2012. This brought the loss of Golf 2-7 members in 2012 to four. Not a good year.

Elections were held for the Vice President and Secretary positions. We had two nominations for each position with Larry Williams (1968) being elected as Vice President and John (Jonesey) Jones (1967 – 1968) as Secretary. Each officer's term will be for 2013 and 2014. Our thanks also go to

August (Auggie) Miele for stepping up. At the 2013 Reunion we will be electing our new President, Treasurer and Sergeant at Arms. If you are interested in running for one of these positions or know someone that you would like to recommend, please let one of the Officers know.

The 2013 reunion sites that were recommended last year for the reunion committee to review, Branson or Kansas City, were presented and after much discussion the Kansas City location was selected. Making the 2013 reunion a little different is that it will be held in a large hotel in a downtown major city setting. The 2014 reunion will be held on the west coast and several locations, Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle were suggested for consideration. After much discussion a vote was taken and, pending further research by the reunion committee, the 2014 reunion will be held in either the Seattle or Portland metro areas.

Other business included a raffle for a very nice K-Bar with case that the Sergeant Grit organization donated with August (Auggie) Miele being the winner. Prior to closing the meeting Don Gray and his reunion committee were recognized and thanked for their work. A reminder was made that KIA's dog tags still needed to be picked up for our Memorial service and that our Chaplain Rick Lewis was looking for a couple of volunteers to read names at that service. Ron thanked all members and closed the meeting.

## Attention Marines!

Golf 2-7 V V A is a reunion based association whose By-Laws list several objectives and purposes with its first being; "Encourage, Promote & Aid the Membership." So if you are or know of a Golf Member who is in need of assistance in order to join us at this year's annual reunion, please let one of the officers know, leave a message on the company website or email us directly at [golf2.7vva@gmail.com](mailto:golf2.7vva@gmail.com). Assistance will be considered on a case-by-case basis and includes help with expenses to attend a company reunion such as: transportation expenses (gas or bus fare) activity fees, banquet and lodging costs.

## Parking at the Kansas City Reunion

The hotel parking is below the main entrance to the Westin Hotel at #1 East Pershing Road. Self-Park under the hotel is \$16 a day and \$24 for valet parking. If you use the public parking garage located at 25th and Grand (one block around the corner from the Westin) try parking on level 1A or 2-B. These areas are the closest to the hotel entrance.

The public parking garage has the same rates as the Westin but **offers free weekend parking** (6 PM Friday until 6 AM Monday) that the hotel does not.

## Shuttle to/from the KC Airport

We have arranged \$5.00 off each way from the airport to the Westin Hotel. ShuttleFare Transportation for the week of our reunion is offering a \$5.00 discount each way. So once you have your airline reservations (flight numbers and times) go to <http://shuttlefare.com> (link is also on the business website) and follow these instructions:

Using the reservation link above, click Kansas City Airport and type in Westin Hotel then Press "continue booking"

Next choose "pick up from airport" and "roundtrip", and click "schedule pickup"

Then click "reserve now" and add the discount code **(REUNION)** on this checkout page

Your reservation must be made online in order to use the coupon code.

Once you complete your reservation an email confirmation will be sent to you from ShuttleFare and this will be your travel voucher for your airport transportation. It will also include instructions on where to meet your shuttle when you arrive at the airport.

If you need to make changes AFTER your reservation is complete, please contact customer service at: 877-300-4826, Monday - Friday 6am - 9pm EST, Saturday-Sunday 9am-5:30pm EST.

## Our Fallen Members in 2012

1/26/2012 *Robert Webster (Savage)* 1966 - 1967

4/10/2012 *William Belcher (Bill)* 1966

10/9/2012 *Glenn Davidson (Bear)* 1968 - 1969

12/20/2012 *Thomas Zangrilli (TommyZ)* 1969