

United States Marine Corps
9th Engineer Battalion Vietnam Veterans Association
Newsletter – February 2004



June 3 - 6, 2004 – 9th Engineer Reunion Washington, D.C.
Make Room Reservations Now!

With the holidays over, the New Year is flying by. Many of us are buried in snow and ice and find it hard to believe that summer **and the 9th Engineer Battalion Reunion are less than 4 months away!!** Where will you be June 3, 2004? We hope you'll join us at the Sheraton National Hotel as we gather to share memories and rejoice in the future. To facilitate planning, please reserve your room and send reservations to the association A.S.A.P.



Hotel Reservations: Reunion/Room rate is \$119/night. This includes use of hotel facilities for reunion registration, hospitality room, and meeting and banquet rooms. If we do not fill our quota of 100 rooms, a surcharge will be imposed on the Association. To reserve your room, call the Sheraton National Hotel at 1-800-325-3535 (Hotel direct line: 703-521-1900). Make sure to make your reservation under: "9th Engineers/1st Shore Party."

2004 Reunion Itinerary

- **June 3-4: Arrival, Registration**
- **June 3-5: Hospitality Room open, Membership Meeting**
- **June 5: Evening Banquet:** This is the official closing event of the reunion. Plans are being made for a Marine Color Guard and band detail, special speaker, memorial ceremony, and a roast beef dinner (other menu choices under discussion) with cash bar.
Cost is \$35.00 per person.

Please send the attached form to register for the 2004 Reunion and reserve banquet tickets. Please include checks (payable to "9th Engineer Association") for banquet tickets, optional tours and Association dues.

**Make sure to make a notation on your check which items you are including payment.

2004 Reunion Optional Tours

June 4: Sunset Parade at Marine Corps Headquarters "8th and I": This is an optional bus trip with special seating to view the Sunset Parade featuring the Marine Corps Band and Silent Drill Team at the historic USMC Headquarters. Reserve early, only 150 seats are available for this very impressive, moving ceremony. Those of us who have seen the parade, insist that this should not be missed.

- **Cost for this trip is \$20.00 per person.**

June 5: Arlington Nat'l Cemetery, Iwo Jima Memorial, Vietnam Wall

This is an optional bus trip visiting these sights during the day on Saturday.

- **Cost for this trip is \$20.00 per person.**

To make reservations for the optional trips, note your requests on the attached registration form and send payment to:

Paul Roy, Treasurer
9th Engineer Association
10 Ridge Road
Grafton, NH 03240



9th Engineers at "The Wall" 2000 Reunion

2003-2004 Membership Renewal

Yearly dues are \$20.00 per person. If you haven't renewed yours yet, it's not too late to do so!! Dues cover the cost of running the Association, printing and mailing information to members, and will also help to build our newly created scholarship fund. Please send checks payable to "9th Engineer Association" to Paul Roy, 10 Ridge Road, Grafton, NH 03240.

9th Engineer College Scholarships

Scholarship winners for 2003 are: Sheila Marie Wood, Shannon Marie Organ and Scott Sperlings. Congratulations!! Good luck at school.

2004 Reunion Volunteers Needed

Help needed: Welcome Table, Sales (chances, Assoc. merchandise), Banquet set-up, Bus Trip Coordinators. Interested? Call Bill Spadafora at 1-888-200-0831.

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2004 Reunion Reservation Form

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO PAUL ROY WITH YOUR CHECK TO RESERVE SEATS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- _____ **Number of Banquet Tickets (June 5) @ \$35.00 each**
- _____ **Number of optional June 4 bus trip tickets for: USMC Sunset Parade @ \$20.00 each**
- _____ **Number of optional June 5 bus trip tickets for: Arlington, Iwo Jima, & Vietnam Wall @ \$20.00 each**
- _____ **9th Engineer 2003-2004 Association Dues @ \$20.00**
- _____ **Total Amount Enclosed for reservations and dues (checks payable to 9th Engineer Association)**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

**Send this reservation form with your check to: Paul Roy, Treasurer. 9th Engineer Association
10 Ridge Road, Grafton, NH 03240**