



Basic School Class 4-60

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Welcome to Quantico

Actually, welcome *back* to Quantico. This is where the journey started for us some fifty years ago. We hope you will enjoy these few days at the "Crossroads of the Corps."

You will see that many things have changed, and that is good. The "cattle cars" are gone! You will also see that many things have *not* changed, which is also good.

We'll have the opportunity to see and learn about the Marine Corps of 2010 and beyond. Most importantly, we'll get to meet many of the fine young men and women of today's Marine Corps. You will be impressed. Just as it was back in 1960 (and earlier), the most important asset of the Marine Corps has always been... our Marines.



The "Iron Mike," WWI Statue in front of the old Quantico Headquarters Building. The original Iron Mike statue is at Parris Island.

Reunion Information

Name Badges. Please wear your name badge to all reunion events and functions.

Dress. Casual for all events. However, a suit, or coat and tie would be appropriate for the Friday evening banquet. Our active duty guests will be in their dress blues.

Transportation. On Thursday we'll be transported to all of our events on Marine Corps buses. They will pick us up, and drop us off, at the

Crossroads Inn. On Friday, we'll use our own cars to get to the museum and back. It might make it easier if we formed into car pools for the short trip to the museum. On Friday evening, we'll also use our own cars for transportation to the museum banquet. Be aware that the "back gate" closes at night and you will have to return through the main gate. Alcohol will be served on Friday evening. Designated drivers

may be appropriate.

Meals. All of our meals will be served in Marine Corps facilities.

The reception on Wednesday evening will be unlimited grazing: roast beef, turkey, egg rolls, wings, meatballs, etc., with a cash bar. The reception will be in The Clubs at Quantico (TCAQ) building which is next door to the Crossroads Inn.

A hot buffet Breakfast will be served in the TCAQ on both Thursday and Friday mornings.

Lunch on Thursday will be at the Officer's Mess in O'Bannon Hall at The Basic School (TBS)... the exact same place that we dined in back in 1960/61 (and during our previous reunions). The TBS mess is still being used to feed the lieutenants of 2010, so please feel free to spread out among them, join them at their tables, and regale them with tales of the "Olde Corps."

The Thursday evening dinner will again be in the conveniently



located TCAQ. It will be served buffet style.

On Friday, you will be on your own for lunch during the museum visits. The museum has two separate and excellent venues for lunch. They have the most appropriate names of "The Messhall" and "Tun Tavern." Tun Tavern is a sit-down, place-your-order, pub-like operation. The Messhall of course, serves cafeteria style. Both are on the second floor of the museum.

Friday evening's meal will be our museum banquet.

Shopping. We'll have PX passes for all hands. The passes will allow you to purchase any items in the Marine Corps Exchange except alcohol or tobacco... darn. If you are looking for a good selection of Marine Corps related items, the *museum* has a fabulous shop that sells everything you could possibly imagine -- the mother-of-all Marine Corps memorabilia shops. Also, on Main Street, Quantico Town, there is an excellent store called *The Marine Shop*. They sell uniforms, accessories, books and all kinds of things that you ought to have. As many of you are already aware, the Marine Shop is now owned by the Marine Corps Association.

REUNION EVENTS

Wednesday Evening. Welcome Aboard reception at the TCAQ. Cash bar and heavy Hors d'Oeuvres.

Thursday. Please note that the morning briefings will be held in Heywood Hall at the Basic School. This is exactly the same building and very same classroom that we used in 1960/61. Basic School is being completely modernized, and Heywood Hall along with O'Bannon Hall (and the Hawkins Room!) will be torn down sometime after our reunion. You will see the construction underway.

Marine Corps Combat Development Center (MCCDC) Briefing. This will be a "state-of-the-Corps" briefing on the vision and future of the Marine Corps. As you are probably aware, the Marine Corps has been all over the news about having to define, or re-define, our roles and mission. Some of it is in response to questions like: "Why does our country need two armies?" Secretary Gates has spoken of a force restructuring and possibly of a resizing (smaller) of our Corps. Many Marines are quite concerned about the possibilities. It should be a lively interactive session. Don't hesitate to ask questions.

The Basic School Briefing. An update by TBS, about TBS. We'll get the very latest information about our Alma Mater.

Officer Candidates School (OCS) Briefing. After lunch, we'll attend a briefing at OCS. A briefing about the screening process for PLC's, OCC's and NROTC's. It hasn't changed much in these fifty years. There will be no candidates present as it will be between the summer and fall sessions.

Dinner at TCAQ. We'll have a guest speaker from the Officer's Candidates School. Colonel Rick Jackson, the CO, is presently attending a 10 week Joint Professional Military Education Course in Norfolk and will be unable to make the presentation himself. A suitable substitute will be furnished.

Friday

Breakfast at TCAQ w/ Guest Speaker. You will recall that our Basic School, Commanding Officer was then Major, Robert Wehrle who has since passed on. We are privileged to have his son, Andy Wehrle, to speak to us about his recent experiences in Afghanistan.

Andy Wehrle graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1972 and spent ten years in the Corps. He led several infantry platoons (rifle, 81's, 106's) and later served as C.O. of a rifle company and H&S companies. Staff assignments included S-3A of a Landing Support Battalion and S-4 for an infantry battalion.

He's spent the past twenty eight years in the defense contracting business either building or helping the government build and buy complex weapon systems. He's worked on everything from Ground Based Free Electron Lasers to amphibious assault ships.

In 2008 he decided to take a break from the grind and spent 15 months in Kabul, Afghanistan, mentoring Ministry of the Interior procurement and budget efforts. Wehrle is now back supporting Marine Corps Systems Command acquisition efforts.

He is a widely published author with over 30 articles and technical papers in print.

Andy served on the Stafford County School Board from 1991-

1994 and is now on the Board of Directors of The Alexandrian Defense Group, an international counterinsurgency think tank.



Museum Visits. You are on your own to visit the museum at your leisure. There are three significant new exhibits that were opened this past June. These exhibits cover the Marine Corps from Tun Tavern through World War I.

To get your juices flowing, you are encouraged to start your visit to the museum by watching the 15 minute video presentation in the Scuttlebutt Theater located on the left of the atrium (Leatherneck Gallery) as you go in. It is an excellent presentation.

Also, you might get more out of your visit if you take a guided tour. There are volunteer docents on hand to lead you through. These docents are all Marines. Check at the front desk for details. The guided tours are free.

Special Guests. Please take the time to introduce yourselves to our guests and make them feel most welcome and comfortable at our events.

Andy Wehrle and his wife Eva. Previously mentioned. Andy will be with us at our Friday breakfast, and both he and his wife will join us at our Friday evening banquet representing our former commanding officer.

Colonel Rick Jackson. Colonel Jackson is the current CO of the Officer's Candidates School. He will be with



us at our Friday banquet if he can get an early dismissal from the school he is attending in Norfolk.

Colonel Julian D. (Dale) Alford and his wife Jennifer Colonel Alford is the current CO of TBS. He will be a speaker at the Friday evening banquet. His complete biography will be in the banquet program.

Colonel George W. Smith, Jr. and his wife Kathleen. Colonel Smith is the previous CO of TBS. He was our guest at the last museum banquet and without him and his support, none of this would have been possible. We'll ask him to say a few words.

Colonel Rick Mancini and his wife Shannon. Colonel Mancini was the previous CO of OCS. He has recently returned from a tour in Afghanistan and is retiring shortly. Rick was with us at our 2007 banquet and will join us again at this year's banquet.

LtGen Bill Keys. Not really a *guest* but a classmate.; our most distinguished classmate. He and his wife Gail will join us on Friday, possibly sooner. Bill's detailed biography will appear in the banquet program and in our own Biography Book. His biography is most impressive to say the least with entries such as the Navy Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star, CG FMFLant, CG 2MarDiv, etc. He is presently working as President and CEO of Colt Defense (Firearms).

Banquet Seating. Because of your very generous support we will have 75 young lieutenants, including some spouses joining us. We are going to ask the lieutenants to distribute themselves evenly throughout the tables and not to "bunch up" with more than five of them at any one table. That would be about four Lieutenants per table with some of the tables seating five Lieutenants. That leaves the remaining five or six seats per table for us. That will give us the best opportunity to converse with, and get to know these fine young men and women of the Corps. Further, it will prevent the situation we had three years ago where there was at least one table that was ALL Lieutenants. We ask that you wait until the Lieutenants are all seated before you sit down. We'll brief everyone on the seating arrangements at our Friday breakfast.

Support from MCB Quantico. We should all be aware that this reunion would not have been possible without the full support and cooperation of Marine Corps Base, Quantico. We have open access to the base, buses, messes, lodging, briefings, demonstrations, exchanges, etc. It is very obvious that we are still a part of the Marine Corps family. We owe a great deal of thanks to the Command Visit Coordinator, MGySgt (now Mr.) John DeBerry, USMC, Retired. Without him, we wouldn't be here.

Lastly... We hope you enjoy the reunion, especially the opportunity to visit with old friends, to learn more about today's Marine Corps, and to say thank you to the fine young men and women who serve our Corps and Country.

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Schedule of Events

Wednesday

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Welcome Aboard Reception -

The Clubs at Quantico. (TCAQ) Heavy Hors d'oeuvres replenished for 1 1/2 hours.

Cash Bar.

10:00 PM

Taps - Lights Out

Thursday

7:30 - 8:45 AM

Hot Buffet Breakfast at TCAQ

8:45 - 9:00 AM

Embark aboard buses in front of Crossroads Inn

9:00 AM

Buses depart for Camp Barrett

9:30 AM

Heywood Hall, TBS

21st Century USMC Brief

TBS Brief

O'Bannon Hall - Lunch

Buses to OCS

OCS Brief

Return to Crossroads

3:00 PM

Base Liberty

6:00 PM

Cocktails/Dinner at TCAQ

Friday

8:00 - 10:00 AM

Hot Buffet Breakfast at TCAQ

Andy Wehrle, Guest Speaker

10:00 AM

Museum Visits - Lunch at your convenience

3:00 PM

Base Liberty

6:15 PM

Museum Doors Open

6:30 PM

Leatherneck Gallery of the NMMC, Cocktails/Hors d'oeuvres

7:30 PM

Dinner is served