

# REUNION 2008 FRAG ORDER

(Retain for your info and planning)

1. The USMC/COMBAT HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION will hold its 12th biannual reunion in **Washington DC** from **August 13-17, 2008**. Attendance is expected to be very high, with as many as 2,000–2,500 members and guests attending, so if you plan to attend **be sure to make your travel and lodging reservations early**.
2. **The enclosed reunion registration form and return envelope are to be mailed to Armed Forces Reunions no later than July 11, 2008 . All checks should be made out to “Armed Forces Reunions”**. Reunion check-in will be at the **Hilton Washington**. The vendors will also be located there, as will the Thursday and Saturday group dinners. Any refunds due individuals for cancelled reservations and meal events will be made after the reunion is over on a pro-rated basis. **The registration fee**, which covers necessary expenses such as the facilities, bus transportation, equipment rentals, T-shirts & mugs, and the like, **is not refundable. The registration fee is mandatory for all attendees**.
3. **The reunion hotel is the Hilton Washington** at 1919 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington DC 20009. EVERYTHING WILL BE UNDER ONE ROOF AT THE HILTON; hootches, meals, vendors. The special group rate is **\$119/night** (plus tax). You may either call the Hilton direct at 202-483-3000 or Hilton Central Reservations at 800-HILTONS. Be sure to say you are with the Popasmoke group to receive the special rate. You may also reserve your room online at <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/DCAWHHH-AFR-20080812/index.jhtml> Please refer to the Popasmoke or AFR websites for a link.
4. Enclosed is information on **discount travel on American Airlines**. Call American at **(800) 221-2255** and refer to Authorization Number **A4988AC** to receive your discount. We have also contracted with **Avis for rental car discounts**. Call them at **(800) 331-1600** for reservations and refer to the Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) Number: **J867764**
5. **The reunion will be a four-day event starting on Thursday with optional tours and Welcome dinner, Friday Evening Parade at the Marine Barracks (included in your registration fee), Saturday Memorial Service at the Vietnam Wall and tour of the Marine Corps Museum at Quantico, and the Closing Dinner Saturday night.**
6. On **Friday** there will be a reunion-sponsored **golf tournament** at Andrew’s AFB coordinated by John Roots. Send your check for \$55 to John at 617 Utterback Store Road, Great Falls, Va. 22066. If there is someone you want to play with, be sure to let John know. Questions, call John at (703) 421- 0288.
7. Friday lunch has been set aside for Squadron get-togethers. Contact your squadron coordinator for details. PLEASE NOTE: You must contact your squadron coordinator and pay them directly for any squadron events.
8. **The dress for the reunion is “Summer Service Casual”**. Vietnam era flight suits may be worn. However, they must have been washed at least once since the Tet offensive and the waistline cannot have been let out more than twice. Come early stay late. Bring memorabilia such as videos, slides, pictures, cruise book, etc.. But most of all bring yourself, your wife, other family members and any additional guests you choose. **There will be war stories, memories, laughter, and maybe a few tears.**
9. For those driving RV’s the closest campground is Cherry Hill Park, in College Park, MD. Public bus transportation comes by hourly and will take you to a nearby Metro stop for easy access to the city. Call them at 800-801-6449 for more info and reservations.

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