



HMM-265 Veterans Association, Inc.

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Fellow Marines:

Following hurricane Ida, some of you may be wondering what the status is of our New Orleans reunion this November.

I contacted the Astor Crowne Plaza for an assessment. They assured me that, barring another unforeseen calamity, there will be no further interruption of service. New Orleans was without power for a little over a week, but the hotel escaped with only minor damage and reopened early this week.

I also inquired about any Covid restrictions now in effect and the projection for any requirements by the time we arrive. Currently, New Orleans authorities are recommending masks throughout the city but not mandating them. Merchants, however, are free to impose their own restrictions as long as they are no less burdensome than those the city imposes. According to our hotel contact, today, most, if not all, merchants (bars, restaurants, shops, etc.) *are mandating masks and requiring proof of at least one vaccine shot to enter their premises.*

It is impossible to project how long these or any Covid restrictions will be in effect. My best guess is that they will be tied to the frequency of new cases and the percentage of the population that has been vaccinated. Hopefully, they'll be a thing of the past by our arrival. Regardless, it is what it is and will be. Astor management promised to keep us apprised of developments.

The situation is Go. The Astor is looking forward to seeing us and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on November 8th in New Orleans.

Semper Fi,

Bob Basye  
President