



HMM-265 Veterans Association, Inc.

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Fellow Marines:

I hope everyone's New Year has begun happily and healthfully. I wanted to take this occasion to provide an update on news from the squadron, particularly on plans for our biennial reunion this November in Tucson and the new squadron logo apparel line we've assembled.

First, the reunion: As a reminder, we'll be meeting at the Desert Diamond Hotel and Casino from November 8th through the 11th, with departure on Sunday the 12th. Plans are well underway and we have put together a preliminary schedule of events which, barring unforeseen circumstances should remain fairly intact in November. A copy is attached to this message and is also posted on the squadron web site. If you're receiving this by regular mail, a copy is in the envelope.

The festivities will begin with a welcome buffet on Wednesday. Other highlights include our Marine Corps Birthday banquet and celebration on the 10th, hosted by Vice President Steve Benckenstein. We're still working to get a guest speaker for this event; an announcement to that effect will be forthcoming. Also, we've scheduled a visit to the PIMA Air and Space Museum on Thursday the 9th and a Tombstone Wild West bus tour for Saturday the 11th. Both events promise to be fun and interesting. We expect registration forms to go out in late spring, so re-mark your calendars for November and keep your eyes peeled.

Next, the apparel line: Board member Gordo Tubesing has been working with vendors he's familiar with to make available T-shirts, polo shirts and baseball caps emblazoned with the squadron logo. You'll be able to purchase them in advance through the reunion registration form for pickup at the Desert Diamond at the welcome dinner or throughout the week. A flyer will accompany the registration form so you can see what you're buying. Additional purchasing options are being considered and will be announced at the general meeting on Thursday the 9th. As an added benefit, this year, a reunion T-shirt will be provided as part of your registration package.

Finally, for those of you with internet service, Webmaster Chuck Johnson says that an app will be available soon which, if you sign up for it, will notify you when new pages or posts are added to the Association's web site, <https://hmm-265.org>. Most of us visit the site infrequently because we're not aware of any new material, and this innovation will go a long way towards keeping us current. The app will be free and details will be posted when it is up and running, hopefully by March 11th.

Hope to see everyone in Tucson this November . . .

Semper Fi,

Bob Basye, President