



HMM-265 Veterans Association, Inc.

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Fellow Marines:

Greetings and Happy New Year! I hope everyone's 2025 started out well and will continue happily and healthfully.

I want to remind everyone of our squadron reunion this November 8-12 at the historic Hotel Gibbs in San Antonio, Texas. This year is our Corps' 250th anniversary, which we will celebrate at our Marine Corps Birthday Banquet on Monday the 10th. I'm looking forward to this popular event and hope to see many of you there.

The Gibbs has provided us with a booking link for making your reunion reservations on line, and this is posted on our web site, hmm-265.org, for your convenience. For those of you receiving this message by mail and/or don't have internet service, the hotel's phone number is 210-933-2000; just ask for reservations and let them know you are attending the HMM-265 reunion. Our room rate is \$159, single or double. Taxes and fees of 16.75% bring your total rate to about \$186 per night. You can get this discounted rate up to two days before and two days following our meeting. Deadline for making reservations is October 24th.

We continue to fine-tune the reunion schedule of events, and anticipate registration materials being available on or about mid-April.

On a second note, merchandise sales have been slow, and I want to try to renew interest in purchasing squadron gear. We've had some fits and starts with this startup, centering mostly around minimum ordering requirements from our vendors. We haven't had enough polo shirt sales, for example, to place an order with our shirt vendor. Broad strokes potential solution – since we're including a reunion T-shirt again this year with your reunion package, if we can get say, at least 20 polo shirts on order by the end of August we can combine them with our T-shirt order. Delivery will be either at the reunion or shipped towards the end of November.

We have a good supply of squadron T-shirts, ball caps, coffee mugs and lapel pins in stock, plus a very few challenge coins left. The inventory is posted on the web site, so you know what you can purchase for immediate shipment. If you need a list mailed to you, drop a note to board member Gordo Tubesing at 149 Aspen Way, Palm Coast, FL 32137.

Hope to see a good crowd in San Antonio this fall . . .

S/F:

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