

Marines: Below are some announcements of membership interest:

**NEW MEMBER:** The WCDIA welcomes the following new member:

**2ndLt Danny E. Dillman (Vet)**

**1990 - 1992 Parris Island**

**REUNION 2020 UPDATE:**

It seems hard to believe another year has rolled around, but it is time for everyone to start planning attendance at our 2020 reunion. There is a change of venue this year--we will not be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel where we have been loyal customers there for many years--they told us that we were not welcome back due to the excessive noise that came from our Duty Hut last year. We switched gears and finalizing our events at the Handlery Hotel just a short distance east of the Crowne Plaza. We have nicer rooms than in the past and we managed to negotiate rates of just \$129 plus tax per night. They also plan to book us in first floor rooms for our convenience. We are being provided a nice hospitality suite next to the pool that we will use as our Duty Hut.

Our reunion schedule had to be adjusted to accommodate the massive bookings taking place in San Diego due to the Comic Con Convention in late July. As a result we have moved our reunion schedule to *Friday, August 27* through *Sunday, 30 August*. We are still working on reunion details and some changes may be enacted before the reunion. A tentative schedule is shown below for member convenience (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

**Thursday, 27 August:** Check-in at the Duty Hut. We will have a nice more user-friendly environment at the Duty Hut.

**Friday, 28 August:**

**Morning activities:**

**0600: Breakfast at the mess hall (Duncan Hall).**

**0730: CG's Morning Color Ceremony at Building 31.**

**0830: Possible DI School Tour (the tour is still in the works).**

**1000: Graduation Parade**

**1130: Known Marine Memorial**

**Afternoon activities:**

**1215: BBQ at the Boathouse (subject to change).**

**1600: Back to the Duty Hut.**

**Saturday, 29 August:**

**Morning activities**

**0800: All member meeting at the Duty Hut (or TBA)**

**0900: Annual Golf Tournament at River Walk Golf Coarse.**

**0900: Member free time**

**Evening activities:**

**1800: Cocktail Hour at the banquet room.**

**1900: Banquet (includes guest speaker, silent auction, live auction, dancing, and more).**

**Sunday, 30 August:**

**Burrito Breakfast Farewell at the Duty Hut.**

**We obviously have a lot of work to do in order to get the details ironed out, but we will soon be sending out our registration forms. Guests will also be able to register and pay on-line like last year. MCRD now requires those guests that do not have a military ID card to pre-register on a form we will submit that will require full names, drivers license numbers and state of issue.**

**THE BATTLE COLOR CEREMONY IS COMING SATURDAY, 29 FEBRUARY: This year the Battle Color Ceremony will start at 1400 hours on the MCRD Grinder. Like always we will request a separate bleacher to house our members and their guests. Shoot us a quick email if you would like to have seats. Seating is first-come, first-served, so plan to arrive early.**



**782 GEAR STOCK HAS BEEN REPLENISHED:** We have a new supply of shirts, caps, patches, challenge coins, and more. Merchandise can be ordered directly through me at [greggstoner22@aol.com](mailto:greggstoner22@aol.com), our website <https://wcdia.us/>, and in addition we have our cyber store "Shopify" where the gear can be ordered and paid by credit card--just click on the following link: [www.wcdia.myshopify.com](http://www.wcdia.myshopify.com). Don't delay ordering because our gear goes very fast!

**NOW IS THE TIME TO ORDER A BRICK BEFORE THE REUNION:** Bricks are one of the best ways to memorialize your service, or to memorialize someone special to you. For just \$100 you can have three lines, each line with 18 characters worth of information. Lots of DI's show their wives the appropriate praise with a special brick for her. Don't delay--in order to get the bricks installed before our reunion we need to cut the orders off by 1 July. Bricks can be ordered on our website <https://wcdia.us/>. *Order today!*



**THE MCRD COMMAND MUSEUM NEEDS FORMER DRILL INSTRUCTOR DOCENT TOUR GUIDES:** We have found that former drill instructors make the best docents. Our corps of docents includes eight former DI's and we could use more.

**Docents take the newly minted Marines on a two-hour tour of the Command Museum on their Marine Day-5, a mere week before graduating. Docents share their personal experiences while also displaying the Marine Corps legacy that the new Marines inherited as soon as they pinned their Eagle, Globe, and Anchor on their uniform at the conclusion of the Crucible. Imagine once again standing tall in front of new Marines. If you think you can do it give me a call at 619-884-9047 and I can give more details and arrange a walk-along with another docent to show you what it is about.**



**MISS PIGGY SAYS: "This is the time of year that we need our members to step up and make a donation to help us achieve our goals. Can we count on you?"**



**Help Miss Piggy help the WCDI achieve the financial goals that the Board of Directors have set for helping drill instructors and their families. Make your check payable to West Coast DI Association and then mail to; West Coast DI Association, PO Box 400084, San Diego, CA 92140. Credit card donations may also be made on our website <https://wcdia.us/>. Thanks to all of you who have already submitted your generous donations.**

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