

2027 Reunion

MARCH 4–7, 2027 · NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

Tradition brings us together.

2027 Don Davis Squadron Annual Reunion

Marine Corps Aviation Association · DoubleTree by Hilton New Bern – Riverfront



Register by February 3, 2027

Payment due February 3, 2027

Guest of honor: TBD

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A word from the C.O.

To our Marines, their families, and friends of the Don Davis Squadron:

We are finalizing our agenda/reunion package and are extremely excited for you to join us March 4-7 2027, at the Double Tree by Hilton New Bern-Riverfront in New Bern, North Carolina!

Our schedule includes Thursday's icebreaker, Friday activities, Saturday morning's Executive Round table with new guests, the Business Meeting, and of course our evening banquet and awards program. Two of 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing's finest will be recognized for their achievement. While still TBD, our Guest of Honor will certainly inspire our Logisticians and attendees.

As in past reunions, we will have our Silent Auction that raises critical funds for the Pete Freeman Academic Scholarship, so please consider a unique item/s to help the cause. The CO's Challenge remains in effect and has contributed significantly to the operation of this Squadron.

This package has been highly automated to ease the registration process. Please read in its entirety. We have also created an on-line registration capability on our website at <https://www.avlogmarines.org/reunion2027/>. You can automatically register and pay on this page. Without spoiling the surprise, we have a special gift for all who register.

The enclosed itinerary has been tirelessly planned by the Squadron Officers and is designed to exceed expectations for all who participate.

Dana and I encourage you to join us for this history rich tradition! I ask that you register as soon as you receive your packet to assist our Officers with the planning and execution. Numbers matter, so I again ask that you register early and communicate your special requests to me or my staff.

Questions or concerns?

Contact Patrick Kelly, at : mcaadondavisavlogsquadron@gmail.com or he can also be reached at (904) 577-5389.

Dana and I look forward to seeing you at the Reunion next March!!

Semper Fidelis, and thanks to all!

Steve Franklin

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Stay on the riverfront

DoubleTree by Hilton New Bern – Riverfront

100 Middle Street • New Bern, NC 28560 • (252) 658-9000

Reunion room block: all rooms are river facing. Room rates are \$179 per night plus 12.75% tax before December 15, and \$199 per night plus 12.75% tax after December 15.

Hotel reservation deadline: February 3, 2027. After the cutoff, discounted group rates are unavailable and guests must book at the Best Available Rate.

Basic guestrooms include a daily breakfast buffet for two guests per room; additional room guests are charged \$10 per day. Also included: outdoor pool, fitness center, free Wi-Fi, and self-parking.

Reserve online

Use the group booking link below. The default dates are March 3–7: select “Edit Stay” to enter your actual arrival and departure dates, and update the number of guests. Have your credit card information ready.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/ewnmsdt-9mc-b2c9fc9b-ce69-4614-8fc9-2f8a3145594e/>

Or reserve by phone

Call (252) 658-9000, option 1. Identify yourself as an attendee of “MCAA Don E Davis Squadron Reunion” and use group code 9MC. Notify Patrick if you encounter a problem booking online or by phone.



MARCH 4–7, 2027

Your reunion weekend

Thursday, March 4

1200–2359 | Registration • Lawson “Ready” Room, open all weekend. Enjoy riverfront views, Left Center Right, and beer, wine, liquor, bar coolers, ice, and snacks available for donation.

1800–2000 | Welcome Aboard Reception • Lawson “Ready” Room. Optional Southern Comfort Buffet: \$45 per person. Buffet purchase is not required to attend the reception. Beverages are separate and available for donation.

Friday, March 5

0900 - 2359 | Registration • Lawson “Ready” Room.

0830 - Shotgun Start | Option 1 | Sound of Freedom Golf Course, MCAS Cherry Point. Shotgun start, time TBD. \$70 per person, prepaid; carpool to and from the course. Lunch is included.

0800 - 1600 | Option 2 | Carolina Museum of the Marine, lunch at The Landing at MCAS New River, and MALS-26 tour. Bus transportation provided; depart the hotel at 0800 and return at 1600. Prepay the all-inclusive tour package. See Friday outing details.

Afternoon/evening | Free time and dinner on your own. Optional local activities appear in Explore New Bern; make your own reservations and prepay through the listed websites.

Saturday, March 6

0900 - 1200 | Business Meeting / Executive Roundtable • Hawks Room. Coffee, water, and bagels provided.

1200 - 2400 | Registration • Lawson "Ready" Room.

1800–1845 | Social time • Grand Ballroom. Cash bar.

1845 - 2300 | Colors, banquet, awards, and silent auction. Banquet meal prices appear on the registration form; a 50/50 is also listed there. Bring silent auction items to the Ready Room when you register.

Sunday, March 7

1100 | Hotel checkout. Fair winds and following seas!

Events & Registration

Registration | \$20 per person; \$30 per couple/family

Thursday buffet | \$45 per person

Southern Comfort Buffet: roasted chicken, fried flounder fillet, Caesar salad, rice pilaf, seasonal vegetable medley, cheesecake, sweet or unsweet tea, and water. Price includes tax and service charge. Reception attendance is free; food is optional. Drink donations are welcome for beer, wine, liquor, and other beverages.

Friday option 1 | Golf at Sound of Freedom

Friday golf and the museum/lunch/bus tour overlap. Choose one Friday outing.

MCAS Cherry Point • Shotgun start: time 0830 • \$70 per person, prepaid.

Includes a cart, green fees, swag bag, and lunch buffet. Carpool to and from the event.

Lunch menu: grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, house chips, hot dog chili, lettuce, tomato, onion, cheeses, condiments, and chopped onion.

<https://cherrypoint.usmc-mccs.org/recreation-fitness/recreation/outdoor-recreation/golf-courses/general-information>

Friday option 2 | Carolina Museum of the Marine, Lunch & MALS-26 tour

Visit the Carolina Museum of the Marine, enjoy the Backyard BBQ Buffet at The Landing at MCAS New River, and tour MALS-26. Bus transportation is provided: hotel departure at 0800; return at 1600.

Museum tour packages include admission, taxes, lunch, and bus transportation. All-inclusive rates are rounded up to the nearest dollar: Active Duty \$63; Veteran \$65; Senior \$67; Non-Veteran \$69. No separate lunch charge.

Backyard BBQ Buffet: smoked pulled pork, BBQ chicken, mini-buns, BBQ sauces, mac and cheese, coleslaw, baked beans, corn on the cob, cornbread, iced tea, and water.

Prepay the all-inclusive tour package. If you lack an ID that permits base access, register in advance to participate in the tour.

<http://www.museumofthemarine.org>

Saturday Banquet | Awards | Silent Auction | 50/50 Raffle

Prices are per person and include tax and service charge. Choose dinner quantities in the fillable form below.

A • Filet with peppercorn demi-glace | \$75

B • Pan-seared chicken, herbed lemon sauce | \$70

C • Vegetarian option | \$35

All dinners include garden salad, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetable medley, a freshly baked butter roll, Key lime pie, sweet and unsweet tea, and water.

Please consider donating a silent auction item. Items will be displayed in the Ready Room, then moved to the banquet Saturday afternoon. Let Patrick know in advance, if possible.

We have also created an on-line registration at <https://www.avlogmarines.org/reunion2027/>. You can automatically register and pay on this page.

If using the printable packet, send the completed form to kellypwusmc@yahoo.com or mcaadondavisavlogsquadron@gmail.com. Payment instructions follow. Registration and payment are due February 3, 2027. Use desktop Adobe Acrobat Reader for automatic calculations and the arrival calendar. Save the completed PDF and email it to the reunion contacts. This PDF does not submit registration or collect payment.

Reunion registration

YOUR INFORMATION · REGISTER & PAY BY FEBRUARY 3, 2027

Name

Rank / title

Spouse / primary guest name

Additional guest names

Street address

City

State

ZIP code

Phone

Email address

Confirm email address

Military / service status

Arrival date

Arrival time

Staying at the DoubleTree?

Friday tour base access

Food allergies / dietary needs

Hospitality room volunteer?

Complete event selections and calculated totals on the next page.

Events & Registration

ENTER QUANTITIES FOR YOUR WHOLE PARTY · USE 0 TO SKIP AN EVENT

Registration type and fee - select FIRST

Select registration

EVENT / MEAL	RATE	QTY	LINE TOTAL (\$)
Thursday · Southern Comfort Buffet	\$45	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Friday · Sound of Freedom golf	\$70	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Friday · Museum tour · active duty	\$63	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Friday · Museum tour · veteran / retired	\$65	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Friday · Museum tour · senior citizen	\$67	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Friday · Museum tour · non-veteran, not a senior	\$69	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Saturday · Filet with peppercorn demi-glace	\$75	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Saturday · chicken / herbed lemon sauce	\$70	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Saturday · vegetarian dinner	\$35	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>

Scholarship Donation

	QTY	DONATION (\$)
<input type="text" value="No donation"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>

* Museum tour rates include admission, taxes, lunch, and bus transportation.

Total

PAY BY FEBRUARY 3, 2027

Support the scholarship fund

Please consider making a monetary donation or bringing an item for the silent auction. All proceeds support the Pete Freeman Scholarship Fund. Notify Patrick in advance if possible, and bring the item to the Ready Room at registration. Items will be moved to the banquet Saturday afternoon. Select a monetary donation amount and quantity in the fillable form.

Become a member today

Join the Don E. Davis MCAA Squadron here.

Payment & contacts

Pay by check

Make your check for the total amount payable to MCAA DON DAVIS SQUADRON.

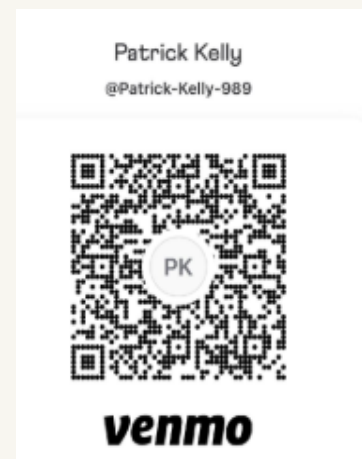
Mail to: 506 Kingston Rd, Baltimore, MD 21229.

Electronic payment



Zelle — preferred

Zelle kellypwusmc@yahoo.com,
or scan the original Zelle QR code
shown here.



Venmo

Venmo: @Patrick-Kelly-989, or
scan the original Venmo QR code
shown here.

For an electronic bank-to-bank transfer, contact Patrick for the squadron's routing and bank account information.

Stay in touch

Squadron: mcaadondavisavlogsquadron@gmail.com, Patrick's cell:(904) 577-5389.

<https://www.avlogmarines.org> • Facebook: MCAA Don Davis Squadron

Register, reserve, and pay by February 3, 2027. Looking forward to seeing you all. Safe travels!

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISIT

Explore New Bern

Optional Friday afternoon/evening activities. Make your own reservations and prepay through the listed websites. Hours and descriptions below are retained from the reunion draft; check with each operator before visiting.

Tryon Palace – North Carolina's grand first capitol

529 Front Street, New Bern, NC 28562

(252) 639-3500

Hours: Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

More Information and Reservations: <https://www.tryonpalace.org>

New Bern Historical Society

This home, built circa 1790, exhibits 18th- and 19th-century furniture and New Bern historical objects including Civil War artifacts.

511 Broad Street, New Bern, NC 28562

(252) 638-8558

Hours: Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Self-guided tours; free admission.

More Information: <https://www.NewBernHistorical.org>

New Bern Trolley Tour

90-minute guided tour of historic downtown New Bern.

Pickup at the corner of George and Pollack Streets.

(252) 637-7316

More Information and Reservations: <https://www.NewBernTours.com>

New Bern Civil War Battlefield Park

Self-guided tour pamphlets are available at the site of the Battle of New Bern, fought in 1862.

Guided tours are available by appointment; contact the Historical Society.

Located off Highway 70 East at the entrance to Taberna.

(252) 638-8558

Free admission

More Information: <https://www.NewBernHistorical.org>

New Bern Food Tour

Discover the rich history and excellent cuisine of historic New Bern, a destination for adventure and culinary exploration.

Downtown New Bern

(910) 713-1778

More Information: <https://www.foodietoursnc.com/>

Boat tours — 2 River Cruises

Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful rivers and creeks throughout New Bern and Craven County.

Downtown New Bern. Located on Dock Z behind the DoubleTree.

(919) 223-2627

More Information: <https://www.2rivercruises.com>

Other boat charter companies are also available on Dock Z behind the DoubleTree.

<http://www.VisitNewBern.com>