



A-4 SKYHAWK REUNION 2026

September 17–21, 2026 | Arlington, Virginia

AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

FINAL WARNING ORDER

SIX WEEKS TO STEP OFF

MARINES,

ATTENTION TO ORDERS!

This is your August situation report and final warning order.

The Skyhawk Reunion is no longer on the horizon—it is dead ahead.

We are approximately six weeks from stepping off in Arlington, Virginia.

The time for planning has ended.

The time for execution has begun.

THIS IS YOUR MISSION

Your mission remains unchanged:

Report to Arlington, Virginia, 17–21 September 2026, ready to reconnect with your fellow SKYHAWK Marines and their families in keeping with the traditions of the United States Marine Corps.

Mission success depends upon every Marine completing the required administrative actions before deployment.

CRITICAL DEADLINE

17 AUGUST 2026

This is not a suggested date.

This is not a target date.

This is the **administrative cutoff date** established by the Reunion Committee.

By **17 August**, every Marine planning to attend must have:

- ✓ Reunion Registration Complete <https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/Skyhawkers26>
- ✓ Hotel Reservation Confirmed <https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/Skyhawkers26>
- ✓ Travel Plans Finalized
- ✓ Squadron Dinner Coordination Complete

After **17 August**, we will finalize:

- Hotel room counts
- Reception seating
- Banquet meal guarantees
- Transportation manifests
- Name badges
- Tour rosters
- Welcome packets
- Final contracts with our vendors

Once those numbers are submitted, they become increasingly difficult—and in some cases impossible—to change.

The Reunion Committee cannot guarantee accommodations for late registrations.

Don't put yourself in that position.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

If you have not reserved your room at the Hilton Arlington National Landing—

STOP READING THIS NEWSLETTER.

Make your reservation first. <https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/Skyhawkers26>

Then come back and finish reading.

Every reunion has Marines who wait until the last minute.

Every reunion has Marines who call saying,

“Is there anything you can do?”

The answer is simple.

Only if rooms are still available.

Don’t gamble with your reunion.

Lock in your room today.

REGISTRATION

If you’re coming...

Register. <https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/Skyhawkers26>

If your spouse is attending...

Register. <https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/Skyhawkers26>

If you’re bringing family...

Register them. <https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/Skyhawkers26>

The Reunion Committee cannot plan for Marines who haven’t completed registration.

Remember:

If your name isn’t on the roster, you’re not part of the planning numbers.

Help us execute this operation the Marine Corps way—organized, disciplined, and prepared.

READY ROOM OPERATIONS

The Ready Room remains the center of gravity.

This is where friendships are renewed.

This is where sea stories grow just a little bigger every year.

This is where Marines who haven't seen one another in decades shake hands like they were together yesterday.

No schedule.

No museum.



The banner features the Armed Forces Reunions logo on the left, which includes a stylized American flag and the text "ARMED FORCES REUNIONS Incorporated". To the right is a grayscale image of a USMC Skyhawk aircraft. Below these is the main title "USMC Skyhawkers Reunion 2026" in a large, bold, dark blue font. Underneath the title is the "Registration Close Date : Aug-17-2026" in a smaller, bold, dark blue font. A horizontal line separates this from the "Events Documents" section, which contains four dark blue buttons with white text and document icons: "2026 REUNION PROGRAM", "2026 REUNION MAIL IN REGISTRATION FORM", "NEARBY RESTAURANTS", and "Hotel Info Sheet - Final.pdf". At the bottom left is a "View Attendees" button. A large red arrow points from the right towards this button. To the right of the arrow is the text "* Information required to complete registration".

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USMC Skyhawkers Reunion 2026

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No banquet.

No ceremony.

Nothing replaces time spent in the Ready Room.

Plan on being there.

We are looking for volunteers to be the Squadron Duty Officer for the Ready Room. You basically make sure the room is squared away. If you can work a two-hour duty for any of the below periods, please let us know at usmcskyhawkers@gmail.com.

Thursday, 17 September:

1600-1800

1800-2000

Friday, 18 September:

1200-1400

1400-1600

Saturday, 19 September:

1900-2100

2100-2300

Sunday, 20 September:

1200-1400

1400-1600

SQUADRON LEADERS

Flight leaders.

Maintenance Chiefs.

Division representatives.

Old salts.

This is your time to lead.

Reach out to every Marine you can find.

Call them.

Email them.

Text them.

If necessary, knock on their front door.

No Skyhawk Marine should miss this reunion simply because nobody contacted him.

Accountability has always been a Marine Corps tradition.

Let's prove it again.

Want to see who is coming to the reunion? <https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/Skyhawkers26>

Tap the button that says view attendees.

SIX WEEKS...

Six weeks sounds like plenty of time.

It isn't.

There are flights to confirm.

Hotels to reserve.

Families to coordinate.

Work schedules to arrange.

Before you know it, we'll be standing together in the hotel lobby telling sea stories like no time has passed at all.

FINAL INSPECTION

Before you secure today, conduct this personal inspection:

- ☐ Hotel Reserved <https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/Skyhawkers26>
- ☐ Reunion Registration Complete <https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/Skyhawkers26>
- ☐ Flights Confirmed
- ☐ Rental Car (if required)
- ☐ Uniform or Reunion Apparel Packed

- ☐ Squadron Contacts Notified
- ☐ One More Marine Encouraged to Attend

If every Marine completes this checklist before **17 August**, this reunion will be one of the finest gatherings in Skyhawk history.

FINAL WORD

Marines, we have all learned one lesson over the years:

Tomorrow is never guaranteed.

Neither are reunions.

Some of the Marines you hope to see this September have traveled long roads, fought hard battles, and overcome life's challenges just to be able to stand beside you again.

Do not miss the opportunity to shake a brother's hand, share a laugh, remember those we've lost, and honor the legacy of the Skyhawk.

The countdown is on.

17 August 2026 is the deadline.

No excuses.

No procrastination.

No Marine left behind.

We'll see you in Arlington.

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Amplifying Details Handout for the Reunion

(Tentative Plan)

17-21 September 2026

Billeting – Hilton Arlington National Landing

Room Rate: \$169 per night plus tax (1 King or 2 Queens).

Upgraded rooms and suites are available.

Rooms are reserved at the reunion rate from 17–21 September.

Hotel shuttle service available to/from Reagan National Airport.

Ready Room Gatherings

Informal Ready Room Happy Hours will be held throughout the reunion. Expect video slideshows, sea stories, reunion merchandise, snacks, and drinks. This is where the real squadron camaraderie happens.

Thursday – 17 September (Travel Day)

1500 – Hotel Check-In

1600–2000 – Reunion Registration

1600–2000 – Ready Room Happy Hour

(Dinner on your own)

Friday – 18 September

1000–1600 – Registration

1200–1600 – Ready Room Happy Hour

(Afternoon: Squadron luncheons encouraged)

1700–2300 – Welcome Reception (Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar)

Marine Corps Birthday-style cake ceremony.

Saturday – 19 September

Tour: National Museum of the Marine Corps Quantico, Va

0900 – Bus Departure

1200-1400 - Ladies luncheon

1500 – Return to Hotel

(Lunch on your own at Tun Tavern or Devil Dog Café.

Evening: Squadron dinners encouraged)

1900–2300 – Ready Room Happy Hour

Sunday – 20 September

Tour: Udvar-Hazy Center – Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum

0930 – Bus Departure

1500 – Return to Hotel

Food available at the Museum.

1200–1600 – Ready Room Happy Hour

1900–2300 – Farewell Reception Banquet

Monday – 21 September

0900–1100 – Final Ready Room Coffee & Pastries

One last cup of coffee, one last handshake, and one last Semper Fi.

Semper Fidelis

That's our plan...until it changes, of course.

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Additional Information

Hat and Tee Shirt: We have had a lot of interest in this topic. For the hat, it will be black in color and have the logo that's been on our last several newsletters, see below:



The tee shirt will also be black in color. The above hat logo will also be on the front left breast pocket and a total new design on the back, see below:

