



# 2026 LPH's - IWO JIMA CLASS

## REUNION - September 23-27, 2026

### Holiday Inn – Virginia Beach/Norfolk, VA

Norfolk! Back to where many of you have been before. Let's celebrate YOU, celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> and the Association's 25<sup>th</sup>. Next steps:

- Look over the information in this packet (hotel info, program, meal and tour options, registration form)
- Send in your Registration Form as early as possible, with payment, to AFR (Armed Forces Reunions). AFR is again handling the tours and meals for us. **REGISTRATION SHEET enclosed is to be returned to AFR.** You can also register online at [www.events.afr-reg.com/e/LPHS2026](http://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/LPHS2026)
- Call the Holiday Inn to reserve your room. Please be sure to let them know if you have special needs (handicapped accessibility, etc.) Rooms include breakfast buffet for two and free parking. **NO AIRPORT SHUTTLE AVAILABLE.** (EARLY BIRD DEADLINE IS May 15...EVERYONE REGISTERED BY THAT DATE WILL BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING FOR ONE FREE HOTEL ROOM NIGHT!) There will also be a link posted on the Association website for booking your room ([www.iwojimaassociation.org](http://www.iwojimaassociation.org))
- Memorabilia – don't forget to bring your memorabilia to share. The Memorabilia Room is one of the highlights.

#### Breakfast

The hotel will provide a Breakfast buffet for use each morning in their restaurant.

#### Stars & Stripes Forever!!!

On Thursday night we will have patriotic fun night! Deck out in your red/white/blue and join the fun. Start practicing for our annual Corn Hole Tournament!

#### HOTEL REGISTRATION

Every year there are issues with registration at hotel – not enough rooms in the block, no rooms of the type you want available, etc. PLEASE text or email me with issues – I can almost always make it work. 615/585-2088

#### Social Media

Don't forget the Association has two online platforms...

Website: [www.ussiwjojimaassociation.org](http://www.ussiwjojimaassociation.org)

Facebook: LPHs Iwo Jima Class

#### REUNION BOOKS

Phoenix Reunion Books were mailed recently and everyone is enjoying looking at the fun. Once again Lynn did a fabulous job. THANK YOU!

**DISCLAIMER:** All hotel public spaces are designated NON-SMOKING Liquor liability laws also prohibit the consumption of privately owned alcoholic beverages in its public spaces. **We do not provide alcohol (except cash bars at some events), however you are free to bring your own in to the Memorabilia room (but NOT in public areas).** LPH's - IWO JIMA CLASS does not accept responsibility or liability whatsoever for any incident involving the use of any alcoholic beverages.

Invite your friends and shipmates. If you know someone you would like to have a packet sent to, please let me know....the more the merrier!

#### AUCTION

We will hold an auction on Friday night. If you'd like to make a contribution, please contact Dena.

#### MEMBERSHIP and DUES

Don't forget. YOUR membership supports this organization. If you are not a member, please download a Membership application on the website and join TODAY!.

#### Notes from Dena...

History – both Naval and American, the beach scene/festival and sharing memories together.

Looking forward to seeing all of you this year. As in previous years, the Board approved giving us monies to reduce some events. Wednesday Evening Reception is compliments of the Association (but PLEASE indicate how many will attend).

If you have time, please come early or stay after – there are so many wonderful things to do in this area. I have a few surprises planned, but there's plenty more to see and do.

If you have any questions, or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me....

Dena Rice

Secretary/Reunion Chair

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See you in Phoenix!!!!

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

**AUGUST 17, 2026**

**BANQUET DRESS CODE** – dress code for the Saturday evening banquet is **BUSINESS CASUAL** – collared shirts, long pants, jackets not required. PLEASE NO T-SHIRTS OR SHORTS –  
*Feel free to dress up if you wish! Some of our folks like to look pretty snazzy – some even in uniform!*

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