

VMFA 115 2025 Reunion at Charleston, SC From September 25th through the 28th



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All members of VMFA 115 and Reunion Family members are cordially invited.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Staybridge Suites Charleston/Mt Pleasant
251 Sessions Way
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

To make reservations and get our group rate of \$169 for a king studio or \$189 for a king suite a night please call 843-216-5400 and ask for reservations at the Staybridge Suites Charleston/Mt Pleasant and reference "VMFA 115 Squadron Reunion" Group rate is available three days prior to the reunion or three days after end of reunion if you want to extend your stay. Complimentary parking and breakfast included in our group rate.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Thurs., Sept. 25th 1600

After check-in at hotel, Happy Hour & Check in for Reunion in meeting room (Ready Room) 1600 pm till?

Fri., Sept 26th 0830

We departure on a motor coach to transport us to downtown Charleston where we will take a tour boat for a relaxing narrated 30-minute cruise to the historic Fort Sumter National Park. Fort Sumter's purpose was to defend Charleston from foreign invasion. In reality, the fort would be the flashpoint in a war between Americans where the nature of the Union and the meaning of freedom would be changed forever. Upon arrival, we'll be greeted by National Park Service rangers who will provide programming and answer questions about the history of Fort Sumter and its pivotal role in the American Civil War. We're taking the 9 am tour to Fort Sumter so that you can participate in the morning flag raising. We'll have about an hour to explore Fort Sumter before boarding the boat for a cruise back to our departure point.

Our next stop is the Charleston City Market where there are numerous food options available for lunch on your own or some shopping.

1500

After some lunch or shopping we'll be ready to experience a horse-drawn carriage covering 25 blocks of mansions, houses, gardens, churches, and parks while learning about the history, buildings, architecture, flora, and the people that make up Charleston - the Holy City.

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- Fri., Sept 26th** **1800** Southern meal in our Ready Room back at our hotel
(con't)
- 1900** Business meeting in our Ready Room – all are encouraged to attend as we vote on the 2027 and future reunion locations, board positions, and present financials & minutes.
- Sat., Sept 27th** **0900** We start our day by carpooling about a mile to Patriot Point Navel & Maritime Museum with *Wings & Thing Guided Tour* which focuses on the historic aircraft aboard the USS Yorktown, including the Apollo 8 space capsule replica. After the guided tour you have time on your own to explore Patriot Point (open 0900 to 1700 this day) on South Carolina's Charleston Harbor is must-see with WWII aircraft carrier USS Yorktown as a centerpiece, the Museum is also, home to destroyer USS Laffey, the Cold War Memorial, the Vietnam Experience, the Medal of Honor Museum and the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. It's nearly 1,000,000 square feet of hands-on history combined with heroes' stories and stunning natural landscapes.
- 1730** – Banquet at Charleston Harbor Resort, 20 Patriot Point Rd, Mt Pleasant (about a mile from our hotel) Our Banquet is in the Yacht Club Room, which is made almost completely of windows overlooking the Charleston Harbor Marina and picturesque Charleston skyline for great views of the sunset. In addition to a view like no other, the space features reclaimed wooden planks for the flooring and drop ceilings with stained wooden beams to give that nautical feel.
- Buffet Menu: "She Crab" Soup
 Southern Style Coleslaw
 Baby Greens - Crumbled Goat Cheese,
 Strawberries, Lemon Poppy Seed Dressing
 Grilled BBQ Chicken
Lowcountry Boil: Shell on Shrimp, Fresh Corn, Red Potatoes
 Andouille Sausage, Celery and Onion, Garlic Butter,
 Old Bay Remoulade, Lemons
 Mac-N-Cheese
 Braised Collard Greens
 Corn Bread & Honey Butter
 Fresh Brewed Ice Tea
 Chef's Choice Dessert
Dress code: Business Casual
- Sunday, Sept 28th** Parting is such sweet sorrow, till we meet again in the Fall of 2026 at Ft. Worth, TX

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REGISTRATION FORM

Advanced registration – SUBMIT BEFORE Friday, Aug. 29, 2024

VMFA Member Name: _____

Years served: _____ **MOS** _____

Guest(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone #: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Can we text you during the reunion timeframe? _____ **cell phone #** _____

Please list any dietary, allergies, or physical restrictions: _____

Emergency contact not attending reunion: name _____
phone no _____

Please note: All activities listed below are priced per person.

Thursday, Sept 25th

activity cost X #attendees=total \$

4:00 pm Wed to Sat, Ready Room, beer, wine, soda, water, snacks,
Southern casual meal Fri. night \$35.00 X _____ = _____
Membership annual dues \$10.00 X _____ = _____

Friday, Sept 26th

8:00 am – 4:30 pm -Transportation to Fort Sumter tour, Charleston City Market, \$134.50 X _____ = _____
and Carriage ride Charleston tour discount for senior or veteran (\$3.50) X _____ = _____

6:00 pm – Southern casual meal in our Ready Room (cost included in Ready Room fee) X _____

7:00 pm – Business Meeting

Saturday, Sept 27th

9:00 am to 5:00 pm – Patriot Point Navel & Maritime Museum & guided tour \$38.00 X _____ = _____
Discount for senior (age 62+)-(\$3.00) X _____ = _____
Discount for veterans (\$6.00) X _____ = _____

5:30 pm – 11:00 pm Reunion Banquet – “The Local” Buffet & room rental \$158.25 X _____ = _____

Check # _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

Please send a complete registration form and make check to:

**VMFA 115 Reunion Association
% Patricia L Kaas - VMFA 115 Adjutant/Treasurer
PO Box 170, Asper, PA 17304**