

Dear Seaboard Family,

Happy Thanksgiving!

We hope this letter finds you all healthy, happy and looking forward to our upcoming SPAR Reunion. Normally we would be well into the registration process by now, however this year we are off to a late start. With our group getting smaller and smaller we have found it difficult to have our needs met as easily as in past years. All that is finally settled and so, on with the show!

This year we are again visiting the **Washington D.C. area**. We will be staying in Springfield, VA., located only 9 miles from the center of our nation's capital. I know we talked about going back to Charleston, however we were unable to book a hotel for less then \$200 per night for our timeframe.

Our hotel is the newly renovated **Holiday Inn Express Washington DC SW-Springfield**. This modern hotel is 1.9 miles from the Franconia-Springfield Metro station and 12 miles from Arlington National Cemetery.

The upgraded rooms come with a king sized bed and a sofa bed, free WiFi, flat-screen TVs, desks, mini-fridges and coffeemakers. A hot buffet breakfast, parking and a shuttle to the Metro and local areas are complimentary. Additional amenities include a lounge with a fireplace, fitness center and a seasonal outdoor pool.

Check-in is Sunday May 1, 2016 and checkout is Wednesday May 4, 2016. Below is the updated reservations information. Please read!

Our group rate is **\$149 per night**. You may also book this rate for up to 3 days prior and 3 days post reunion. We were able to get a guarantee of 20 rooms per night with additional rooms as long as availability lasts. Please **don't wait** until the last minute to book. The rates will increase after our cut-off date.

For reservations, please call **Toll Free: 1-877-834-3613** or **1-877-810-5191**. **Do not attempt to book online**. (There was a problem honoring the group rate of \$149 for the 3 days pre and post reunion).

**The cutoff date to make reservations is Tuesday March 1, 2016.
Rooms will go quickly so please call soon!**

As you can see from the attached welcome letter we have 2 very nice group dinners planned, as well as a visit to one of my favorite museums.

The **National Museum of the Marine Corps** is a fantastic look at our nation's history as seen thru the eyes of the men and women who have fought throughout the world since 1775 to keep us safe and free. You won't want to miss this tour!

Please indicate **yes or no** on the registration form if you will be able to use your vehicle for car pooling. We also **need drivers** for each of the **group dinners**.

Our group dinners this year are both "order off the menu". Monday night (6 pm) will be at **Outback Steakhouse**.

On Tuesday (again 6 pm) we will dine at **Maggiano's Little Italy**. This will be family style...bring your appetite!

We look forward to seeing all of you in our nation's capital in May 2016.

Sincerely,

Lou
Ed
Paul