37th Armor (Alumni) 14 June 2020



#### 1. Situation:

## a. Enemy Forces:

- i. Weather: Late March Las Vegas, NV: Average highs in low 70's, lows in the upper 50's. The potential for Inclimate weather exists. Plan accordingly.
- ii. Terrain: Located in the southern region of Nevada, Las Vegas is flanked by California to its west and Arizona on its east. Completely an urban setting.
- iii. Composition of Enemy Forces: Foreign or home-grown terrorists provide an on-going threat to US metropolitan and tourist areas. As a tourist town, traffic may impact operations.

## b. Friendly Forces:

i. Mission of Next Higher: Establish Alumni Operations for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2d, 3d & 4<sup>th</sup> Battalions of the 37th Armor Regiment

ii. Planning Team 21:

Rick Brittle: 1-37 Armor HHC & Bco '87 - '90

Joe Wallace: 4-37 Armor B Company 80-81, 1-37 Armor Bco & HHC 85-89

Jim Aranyi: 1-37 Armor Bco, Dco & HHC '86-'89

• Marshall Allen: 2-37AR 2-37 AR Bco '77 – '79 and HHC '79 – '81, 1-37 Armor

HHC 96-89

Forrest Burke: 1-37 Armor Dco '88-'89; HHC '89 - '91
Scott Bicksler: 1-37 Armor CSC & HHC '82 - '85

Roger Maynulet: 2-37 Armor HHC '01 – '02; Aco '02 – '04

Matt Kelley 1-37 Armor HHC, Aco '98 – '01
Chris Howell 1-37 Armor HHC '03 – '07

- iii. Assigned Forces: All 37th Armor Alumni are invited to the reunion. 37th Armor Veterans that are not Alumni Members should reach out to Kevin Seidl, <a href="mailto:kevinseidl@momentumfleetservices.com">kevinseidl@momentumfleetservices.com</a> to get added to the Alumni before registering.
- iv. Attachments: Dependents are welcome. If participating in any mandatory or paid options, reunion tickets must be paid in advance.
- 2. Mission: TF 37 (Alumni) conducts REGIMENTAL REUNION VEGAS ROUND-UP 25-28 March 2021 vicinity of Las Vegas, NV, to connect with Alumni and conduct Regimental Operations.

## **3.** Execution:

a. Honorary Regimental Commander's Intent: Have a safe, fun, memorable event with the brothers and sisters of the alumni of 37th Armor.

- b. Concept of the Operation: This operation will consist of four phases:
  - i. <u>Pre-Deployment</u>: Alumni conduct individual planning and make reservations for deployment to link up near Las Vegas, NV NLT 1700 24 September 2020.

### ii. Deployment:

- Day 1, 22 MAR: ADVON arrives
- Deployment Day, 25 MAR. Arrive Las Vegas, NV. Hotel does have a direct shuttle service, proceed on own to Excalibur Hotel and Resort Las Vegas, NV. Mc Carran International Airport (LAS) is 3 miles from the hotel. Registration and Regimental no host social TBD later followed by dinner on own. See Annex A for detailed timelines.

#### iii. Operations:

- Day 2, 26 MAR: See Annex B for detailed timelines
  - a. Breakfast on your own. A listing of restaurants will be included in your packet.
  - b. 0800 Wiseman coffee service in room A.
  - c. Wake-up until 1600 is your time to explore independently. A list of activity possibilities will be published in FRAGO's and other media.
  - d. 1630: Regimental program and meal will be held in the Excalibur dining room.
- Day 3, 27 MAR: See Annex C for detailed timelines
  - a. Breakfast on your own.
  - b. Optional Grand Canyon South Rim Tour. Pick up and drop off at Excalibur Hotel. A 14 hour event that will provide photo ops at, Kingman AZ, travel on Route 66, National Geographic Visitor, Bright Angel, Mathers Point, Grand Canyon IMAX theater complex, lunch is provided at the famous Grand Canyon Village and dinner at Kingsman AZ on your way back. Also 30 minutes of free wifi on the bus. Price reduced to \$75 flat fee.
  - c. A list of other activity possibilities will be published in a FRAGO.
  - d. Evening: Social in bar after 1800.
- iv. Re-Deployment: Day 4, 28 MAR No formal activities planned, redeploy to home station on own.
- c. Coordinating Instructions:
  - i. \$150 payment for Alumni and \$130 for dependent due no later than (NLT) 15 FEB <u>2021</u>, both are Non-Refundable. Payment covers mandatory banquet, 37th Armor Alumni Awards, Grog ceremony a goody bag that will include goodies for her as well!
  - ii. NEW PAYPAL REQUIREMENT!
    - Once your fee has been sent, you will receive the following..."Did you pay \$xxx.xx USD to Rick Brittle on (date inserted here)? Reply 1 if yes. You MUST reply with the number 1 to complete the transaction!
  - iii. Payment and acceptance of Event terms can be made through the alumni website only: https://courageconquers.com/
  - iv. Hotel Coordination is to be completed by the Alumni Member directly with the link provided by

Excalibur Hotel and Resort. See para 4.

- v. Operational Timeline follows:
  - 15 DEC19 WARNO Published
  - 15 DEC19 Website Published <a href="https://courageconquers.com/">https://courageconquers.com/</a>
  - 3 MAR20 OPORD Published/Registration Opens
  - 14 APR20 Decision to move reunion into 2021 for safety reasons
  - 14 JUN20 OPORD Published and Registration reopens!
  - 15 FEB21 Registration Closes
  - 25-28 MAR21 OPERATION VEGAS ROUND-UP
  - 9 APR21 AAR
  - 16 APR21 Lessons Learned Document Published and distributed/Funds transferred
  - Updates will be provided to this OPORD as necessary

## **4.** Service Support:

- a. Event Lodging: Excalibur Hotel and Resort, 3850 Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89109 (702) 597-7777
- b. Lodging Instructions:
  - i. Mar 25-28, 2021.
  - ii. Last day to book: 15 FEB 21. THE FIRST 80 ROOMS ENJOY THIS DISCOUNTED PRICE! After these rooms are taken, prices are subject to standard market pricing.
  - iii. Hotel rate fluctuates per night; taxes and resort fees remain the same. We are enjoying discounted rates for the 80 rooms.
  - iv. Reservation link: https://book.passkey.com/go/GARR0321EX
    - Terms: A credit card is required at the time of reservation in order to hold the room. Your card will be immediately charged for the first night.
  - v. Alternate Lodging: Published in FRAGO 001 dated 4 Mar 20.
- c. Deployment Transportation: Alumni Responsibility. TF Members should arrive in Las Vegas 24 SEP 2020 in order to participate in the evening registration (follow signage posted in hotel) & Regimental no-host social.
- d. Event Transportation: 37th Armor Alumni will provide ground transportation for mandatory events as needed.
- e. Services:
  - i. Hotels, meals (except awards banquet dinner) and alcoholic beverages will be paid individually.
  - ii. Attire: Street Casual, Regimental & Patriotic gear welcome. Warm and temperate clothing recommended, including wet weather gear if forecasted.

### 5. Command and Signal

a. Reunion POCs:

i. Rick Brittle vegaspt20@yahoo.com

ii. Kevin Seidl kevinseidl@momentumfleetservices.com

b. Signal:

- Frequencies and Call Signs: Smart Phone/Cell Phone will be the primary means of communications.
   Alternate means of communication are text message, email & alumni Facebook page postings.
   For reunion updates, please subscribe to our Remind group 37AR: <a href="www.remind.com/join/37ar">www.remind.com/join/37ar</a> or text @37ar to 81010.
- ii. Challenge and Password: N/A for this operation.
- iii. Code Words: Identify yourself as 37th Armor Reunion Alumni and qualify for the group rate until discounted room block is exhausted.



## Annex A

Daily Planner for Thursday March 25, 2021

When	What	Where	Who
0700			
0730			
0800			
0830			
0845			
0915			
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1030			
1100			
1130			
1200	Registration Opens	Location TBD	Entire regiment
1230			
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1630			
1700			
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1800			
1830			
1900	Welcome Briefing	Location TBD	Entire Regiment
1930			
2000			
2030			
2100			
2130			
2200			

# Annex B Daily Planner for Friday March 26, 2021

When	What	Where	Who
0700	Day for individual exploration		
0730			
0800	Wiseman Coffee service	A room	Wisemen
0830	Day of self-exploration		
0845			
0915			
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1630	Alumni Banquet/Guest Speakers		
1645			
1700			
1745			
1800			
1830			
1900			
1930			
2000			
2030			
2100			
2130			
2200			

## Annex C

Daily Planner for Saturday March 27, 2021

When	What	Where	Who
0700	Bus pick-up for optional Grand Canyon tour	Excalibur Hotel	Registered participants
0730			
0800	Day of self-exploration		
0830			
0845			
0900			
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