

11th and 547th

Engineer Battalion Associations

2026 Annual Reunion

Join us in Jacksonville where we will discover the Flip Side of Florida and tour St. Augustine to explore its old-world charm and *Fountain of Youth!*

Arrive Thursday, 17 Sep - checkout Monday, 21 Sep 2026

The DoubleTree, Jacksonville Riverfront

1201 Riverplace Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207

HOTEL REGISTRATION

1. Please call the number below ASAP to reserve your room for the Reunion:

- a. To reserve your room(s), **call: 800-222-8733.**
- b. Be sure to ask the reservation clerk for the “**Group Code 91E**” special room rates (applicable only for the 11th & 547th Engr Bn Reunion). You have a choice of:
 - i. **Riverfront** * View 1-BR Jr Suite (King, w/ foldout sofa) at **\$149/night** incl/ Refrigerator, breakfast for two, self-parking and Wi-Fi
 - ii. **Riverfront** * View 1-BR Std (King, Queen or 2 Doubles) at **\$129/night** incl/ breakfast for two, self-parking and Wi-Fi
 - iii. **San Marco** View 1-BR (King, Queen or 2 Doubles) at **\$119/night** incl/ breakfast for two, self-parking and Wi-Fi
- c. If you would like to arrive earlier than the 17th and/or stay later than the 20th, the special rates will apply for three days before and after the reunion.
- d. An additional fee of \$15 will apply for each additional adult, over two adults, per room.
- e. No cancellation fee if the hotel is notified at least 72 hr. prior to scheduled arrival.
- f. Group rates available until Thursday, 27 Aug 2026. After that date, or once the block of rooms is full, reservation requests are subject to availability and prevailing rates.
- g. Check-in time is 4 PM and check out time is 11 AM. Guests arriving before the scheduled check-in time will be accommodated as rooms become available. A

baggage storage room is available if a wait is necessary.

- h. An early departure fee of one night's stay can be avoided by informing the hotel before or at check-in of your need to depart prior to your originally scheduled check-out date.

2. About the Jacksonville Riverfront DoubleTree:

- a. This DoubleTree is set directly on the scenic Jacksonville Riverwalk. It's easy for guests to stroll to nearby parks, museums, and vibrant neighborhoods. Whether watching the dolphins swimming in the river, catching a show, exploring the local museums or simply enjoying the waterfront, everything feels close and convenient.
- b. Every corner of the hotel is designed to celebrate its riverfront setting. Many rooms feature private balconies overlooking the St. Johns River, offering front-row seats to glowing sunsets, passing boats, and the sparkling lights of downtown Jacksonville. It's the kind of view that makes mornings brighter and evenings unforgettable.
- c. On-site dining includes:
 - i. **Ruth's Chris Steakhouse & Riverfront Lounge** serves dinner 4-10pm daily
 - ii. **St. John's Provision Co. Restaurant** serves breakfast 6-10am M-F and 7-11am Sat and Sun; and dinner 4-10pm Wed-Sat
 - iii. **St. John's Provision Co. Lounge** serves lunch 11am-2pm Wed-Sat; dinner 4-10pm daily; Bar hours 4-10pm Sun-Tue and 11am-11pm Wed-Sat
- d. The DoubleTree offers plenty of ways to unwind including a sparkling outdoor pool that overlooks the river, a well-equipped fitness center, and inviting lounge spaces. It's a peaceful retreat in the heart of the city.
- e. Mid-September in Jacksonville is typically hot, humid, and prone to frequent afternoon showers or storms. Expect highs in the mid-80's to near 90°F and warm, muggy nights in the low-70's. Mornings are often clearer; storms tend to build after 3 PM.

REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

1. Before completing this form, please make your hotel reservation ASAP per Page 1 instructions above
2. Reunion registration cost is separate from your hotel registration cost
3. The last four digits of your Social Security Number are necessary for the Mayport Naval Station tour

____TH11 or ____TH547

Attendees: Member's Full Name: _____ Mobile Phone _____
Member's email: _____ SSN* (last four) _____
Spouse/Guest: _____ SSN* (last four) _____
Guest: _____ SSN* (last four) _____
Guest: _____ SSN* (last four) _____

Reunion Registration and Bus Tours

The following three items are all included in the single fee that helps us control our expenses

1. **Reunion Registration:** Hospitality suite, drinks, snacks, daily ice service, and invited guest costs.
2. **Friday Bus Tour of Jacksonville and Mayport Naval Station:** This is a guided sightseeing tour by deluxe motor coach of the city of Jacksonville and the Mayport Naval Station (homeport of the US Navy 4th Fleet). This tour includes a catered luncheon at Mayport NS. The meal is a buffet style build-a-sandwich including pasta salad or coleslaw, chips, and drink

3. **Saturday Bus Tour of Saint Augustine:**

Guided sightseeing tour by deluxe motor coach of the oldest city in the United States. Settled in 1565, many of the buildings still appear as they did when Spain ruled Florida hundreds of years ago. Tour allows a two-hour lunchbreak where members can choose to shop and dine at any number of local eateries.

Total for all three items: \$225 x ____ #Attending \$ _____

Sunday Evening Reunion Banquet:

Choose your entrées below. Each includes salad, vegetables, a starch, rolls, coffee/iced tea and dessert:

a. Chicken Marsala	\$60 x ____ # of meals	\$ _____
b. Roasted Pork Tenderloin	\$60 x ____ # of meals	\$ _____
c. Vegetarian/Vegan	\$60 x ____ # of meals	\$ _____

Sunday Spouse/Guest Tour of the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens:

This activity is provided for the spouses and guests of our veterans during their business meetings. Michele Deacon will meet you in the lobby at 12:30 PM and walk you to the water taxi stop on the riverfront, board the water taxi, and cross the St John's River directly to the Cummer Museum for a self-tour of the museum & gardens. The museum cafe serves soup, salads and sandwiches for those who want to have lunch there. The water taxi is scheduled to depart the museum for return at 3:30 PM. The fee covers round-trip water taxi and museum tickets.

\$30 x ____ #Attending \$ _____

Grand Total (Registration, Tours, Banquet, Museum Event) All the Above \$_____ the amount you pay

Mail a copy of this form together with a check payable to the “11th Engineer Battalion Association” to COL John L Booth, 11th Engr Bn Assoc Treasurer, 319 Victory Gallop Court, Havre de Grace, MD 21078

REUNION AGENDA

Day 1—17 SEP

3. 3:00pm – 5:00pm Arrival, & Reunion Registration Begins!

- a. After check-in, locate the reunion registration table located in the 2nd floor Hospitality Suite.
- b. Hospitality Suite opens at 3 PM!
- c. Sign into the reunion & pick up your visitor's package; bring and wear your reunion lanyard/nametag. (If you need a new lanyard/nametag pick it up at the registration table)
- d. If this is your first reunion, please join the Association! (fill out the attached membership form)
- e. Sign up for a Hospitality Suite watch time
- f. Confirm your Banquet dinner selection
- g. Thoroughly enjoy the beverages provided (beer, wine, soft drinks, water) and snacks while you renew old friendships and share memories in the Hospitality Suite!
- h. Please bring your memorabilia items (your 11th and 547th Eng Bn medals, plaques, pictures, etc.) to lay out on the memorabilia tables for everyone to see, enjoy and reminisce over. (For security of all items, we will lock up the Hospitality Suite after hours and during the day when no one is present.)

4. 5:00pm Reunion Officially Kicks Off in the Hospitality Suite

- a. Everybody come and kick-off the reunion!
- b. Welcoming words by 11th EBA President, Norm Fagge
- c. Introductions of 11th and 547th attendees/guests/first timers
- d. Review of the scheduled activities by our reunion coordinator
- e. Enjoy the snacks & beverages provided
- f. Talk/eat/sip and socialize until your bedtime!

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REUNION AGENDA

Day 2—18 SEP

5. 9:00am – 3:00pm Bus Tour of Jacksonville and Mayport Naval Station

- a. Luxury Motor Coach, Guided Tour of Jacksonville
- b. Travel to Mayport Naval Station and Enjoy Lunch buffet
- c. Guided tour of Mayport Naval Station
- d. Return to hotel

6. 3:00pm – 7:00pm Rest and Dinner

- a. Rest and dine at a local eatery of your choice
- b. Check out the Riverwalk or just relax with friends in the Hospitality Suite

REUNION AGENDA

Day 3—19 SEP

7. 9:00am – 3:00pm Bus Tour of Saint Augustine*

- a. Luxury Motor Coach Guided Tour of St Augustine
- b. Two-hour off-the-bus break for lunch and sightseeing
- c. Back on the bus and return to the hotel

8. 3:00pm – 7:00pm Rest and Dinner

- a. Rest and dine at a local eatery of your choice
- b. Check out the Treaty Tree park nearby or just relax with friends in the Hospitality Suite

REUNION AGENDA

Day 4—20 SEP

9. 9:00 am – 12:30 am

- a. Free time (explore the riverwalk, watch the dolphins, shop, relax or whatever)

10.12:30 am – 1 pm

- a. 11th and 547th Veterans enjoy lunch and prepare for their business meetings
- b. Spouses/guests who signed up for the Cummer Museum Tour gather in the lobby with Michele Deacon and proceed to the river taxi pier to cross the river to the Cummer Museum for lunch and museum/gardens tour

11.1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

- a. 11th and 547th Veterans conduct business meetings
- b. Spouses/guests tour the Cummer Museum and return to the hotel via water taxi

12.4:00 pm – 5:00pm

- a. Everyone changes into their banquet attire and proceeds to the reception room (adjacent to the banquet room) for our reunion group photo

13.5:00 pm – 5:15 pm

- a. Group photo by our photographer
- b. The hotel lounge bar next to the banquet room serves as our cash bar for the evening

14.5:15 pm – 5:30 pm

- a. Proceed to the banquet room
- b. Select a table and display your dinner entrée tag at your place setting

15.5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

- a. Get a favorite beverage at the cash bar
- b. The dinner and guest speaker proceed per the Banquet brochure

16.7:30 pm – 7:45 pm

- a. 10-minute bathroom break
- b. Get reseated and comfortable for the fund-raising auction

17.8:00pm -- Fund-Raising Auction

- a. Support your unit fund raiser; enjoy the bidding; have fun!
- b. After the auction, feel free to retire to the Hospitality Suite

REUNION AGENDA

Departure Day — 21 SEP

18. Hotel check out time is 11am.

- a. All good times must unfortunately come to an end. Checkout is 11 AM, but don't hesitate to stop by the Hospitality Suite and say goodbye to each other!
- b. Safe Travels Home!
- c. See you next year at the 2027 Joint Reunion in San Diego!!

11th & 547th 2026 Joint Reunion
Sunday, 20 Sep — Spouse/Guest Activity



Spouses and Guests Sunday Afternoon at the Cummer Museum & Gardens

While the gentlemen attend their business meeting, the ladies are invited to spend a delightful afternoon exploring the Cummer Museum and Botanical Gardens in Jacksonville. Transportation will be provided via the pre-paid Jax River Taxi, departing and returning to the DoubleTree Hotel (approximately 12:45–3:15 p.m.).

The Cummer Museum features a permanent collection of more than 5,000 works of art, spanning from 2100 BC to the 21st century. Highlights include exceptional European and American paintings and an impressive collection of Meissen porcelain.

Set along the scenic St. Johns River, the museum's historic gardens are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and offer a serene and picturesque setting.

Guests may also enjoy a light lunch or a delicious treat at the on-site café, with the option of dining al fresco on the patio.