



MCITTA Spot Report 06-2018

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To: All MCITTA members

1. At the 2018 New Orleans Gathering Business Meeting, members discussed ways to increase participation of all our members, particularly at the annual Gatherings. Our Gathering destinations are decided two years in advance during a detailed discussion by members at the business meeting.
2. The next Gathering will be in May 2019, in Nashville and details will be published on our MCITTA.org website. At the business meeting it was also decided that the 2020 gathering would be a cruise, but it is too early for details. Our past destinations, to name a few, have been to Las Vegas, Nova Scotia, Camp Lejeune, Virginia Beach, Hawaii, and Washington D.C. These destinations are chosen carefully by the attending members so that Gatherings are both fun and educational. For example, this year's gathering was in New Orleans and the itinerary included an excursion tour around New Orleans, a plantation visit, a swamp tour, the WWII museum, and a riverboat dinner cruise. The Gatherings also provide plenty of free time to explore on your own.
3. Much work goes into planning the Gathering by the host member to make sure that everyone, including the spouses, are having fun. We all stay at the same hotel which has a hospitality room stocked with beverages and snacks. The laughter, camaraderie, and swapping stories go late into the evening and is truly a great highlight of the Gathering. It never gets old! The Gathering is concluded at the Grand Banquet with the very moving Last Man Standing Ceremony and the singing of our National Anthem and the Marines' Hymn. The Gathering is a great time to see each and every one of your buddies. However, when it is time to leave, it can be very touching and difficult, as we bid farewell until the next Gathering to our Marine Corps family.
4. We keep in touch primarily through e-mail, Facebook, and our MCITTA.org website. Visit our MCITTA.org website to see our past gatherings, activities, and general information. We have over 100 members and on average have 25 to 30 members and spouses attending our annual Gatherings. We want to increase this participation. Therefore, your Board's mission and priority is to contact all members to find out how we can make it easier for you to participate. Please, contact us via e-mail or Facebook, with your Gathering ideas, choice of time of year, possible destinations, and other suggestions that would enable you to more fully participate. For example, the 2019 Nashville Gathering will include the weekend to make it easier for those still working to attend. Now is the time for all former 0250's and 0251's to celebrate their heritage. We know it may be difficult for many reasons to attend, but you will be rewarded with a lasting memory. Do not waste this opportunity!

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