

December 2025

I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays. This is a great opportunity to spend time with family and friends. I also encourage everyone to remember all of our service members serving away from home this time of year. We also remember the families who sacrifice while their service member is away from home.

I hope everyone has seen the photos from our 2025 Reunion in Key West. If you have not please see the reunion page on this webpage. It was a great time of camaraderie and fun activities. I enjoyed getting to visit with squadron members and their families and friends. There were lots of fun activities and I want to thank everyone who worked to make the reunion a great success.

Our next reunion will be October 14-18, 2026 in Dallas, Texas. It will be in conjunction with the Marine Fighter Foray. This event will be a great opportunity to visit with our squadron mates and also reconnect with other Marines that we served with. Other squadrons will be having their reunions in conjunction with the Foray. I encourage everyone to add this event to your calendar for 2026. Please pass this information along to all the Marines that you keep in contact with. More specific information will be coming early in 2026 and the website to make reservations should be up soon. We will keep everyone informed.

The Gray Ghost Squadron is always looking to connect with Marines and their families who served in VMFA-531. If you know of anyone who would be interested please direct them to this website and the communication links. Doug Winslow is our fine Membership Chairman and would love to connect with anyone associated with the squadron.

Please look for more information on the upcoming reunion. If there is anything that I need to know about or an issue that needs to be addressed please let me know at Rustysmith1521@gmail.com.

Semper Fi,

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