

Reunion Activities in Roanoke, Virginia

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 (early arrivals) Wednesday will see the arrival of a number of officers and members of the Executive Council. A group dinner is being planned, probably offsite. Any other guest who arrives on Wednesday is welcome to join the group.

Thursday, September 29, 2016 • Thursday is a free day when most of our guests will arrive. There are no planned activities. There is time to explore, renew acquaintances, or relax. The Hospitality Room is anticipated to open sometime Thursday afternoon. • A Dinner Buffet (at Holiday Inn) has been planned (time subject to change) from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM as a convenience to the Membership. This buffet can only be set up for approximately 90 minutes, for health/quality reasons. Alternatively, the full service restaurant, Elephant Walk is open, or you may choose to dine out.

Friday, September 30, 2016

9:00 AM – 3:15 PM Scenic Bus Tour of the Blue Ridge area with Fall Foliage highlights enroute to Chateau Morrisette Winery, Meadows of Dan, VA • Guests will travel by tour bus southwest of Roanoke to Chateau Morrisette Winery, one of Virginia's largest wineries. You do not have to be a wine drinker to participate in this event to enjoy the sights, tour, luncheon, tasting and camaraderie. Everyone is encouraged to join us. For anyone not attending, information will be made available about various museums (4) in downtown Roanoke. Hotel shuttle service can be arranged. Tickets and downtown lunch will be up to individuals.

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Business Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Foundation Meeting

6:30 PM Dinner Buffet • A Dinner Buffet is, again, being offered as a convenience at the end of our long day. Of course, Elephant Walk and numerous downtown restaurants are available. And, afterwards, the Hospitality Room will be open.

Saturday, October 1, 2016

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM Scenic bus ride to the National D-Day Memorial, Bedford, VA • The 29th Infantry Division assaulted Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944. This Virginia National Guard Division sustained heavy casualties with the tiny town of Bedford losing 19 of her sons that day, the inspiration behind the establishment of the Memorial at this site. It is a work-in-progress that continues to evolve and grow and is a fitting tribute to those who cracked open the Atlantic Wall and those who followed, including the Iron Men of Metz. The tour is expected to last about 2 hours. 2 Golf Carts are available to assist those with limited mobility. Upon returning to the hotel, the Victory Belles will have their annual luncheon and program. All other members will be offered a lunch buffet at the hotel.

12:45 PM Victory Belles Luncheon

12:45 PM Lunch Buffet

6:00 PM Banquet • The annual banquet, with military honors, will kick off with a Reception and Cash Bar at the Holiday Inn – Tanglewood. The new Commanding General of the 95th Division, Ronald A. Bassford, will speak. We have also arranged for some exceptional entertainment that you will not want to miss. The Hospitality Room will be open following the Banquet.

Sunday, October 2, 2016

9:00 AM Catholic & Protestant Services

10:30 AM Metz Hour

12:00 Noon Adjournment and Departures • All functions, Sunday, are at the Holiday Inn. Join us as we honor the memory of our comrades-in-arms and loved ones who have given so much to the Nation.