



Eightieth Division Veterans Association

Organized in France, March 1919 • National Headquarters Established In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 1919

A.E.F. (1917-1919) — Artois-Picardy Sector • St. Mihiel Offensive • Meuse-Argonne Offensive • First, Second and Third Phases

E.T.O. (1942-1946) — Falaise Gap • Lorraine • St. Avold • Maginot Line • Luxembourg • Bastogne • Siegfried Line • Rhine River • Wiesbaden • Kassel • Erfurt • Jena • Austria
Global War on Terrorism Since 09-11-2001 — Kuwait • Afghanistan • Iraq

Dear 80th Division Veterans and family and friends of veterans:

Greetings from the 80th Division Veterans Association!

It is my pleasure to invite each of you to the 97th Annual Reunion of the 80th Division Veterans Association, August 17 – 20, 2016 in beautiful Alexandria, Virginia. This year, the Holiday Inn and Suites Alexandria Historic District, will be our host hotel for the reunion. We invite all veterans and friends and descendants of veterans to join us for this year's reunion.

We are planning a fantastic reunion this year and invite you to participate in as much – or as little – as you would like. There will be two optional bus tours this year, one each on Thursday and Friday. Thursday will take us just a short drive from the hotel to the Mount Vernon home of our first President, George Washington. We will plan to have lunch and spend the afternoon at Mount Vernon.

On Friday, we have a packed day as we will be boarding our bus and enjoying lunch at the Fort Myers Officers Club and then a memorable visit to the World War II Memorial. Time permitting; we are planning some additional stops and a windshield tour of the National Mall. We will return to the hotel for our Friday night family buffet and then head back out for an evening of honors and festivities at the Marine Corps Barracks, hosted by the Command Sergeant Major. An evening U.S. Marine Corps parade is also planned.

We are thrilled to announce some fantastic guest speakers this year. On Friday, World War II researcher, historian and author, Jennifer Holik, will be speaking. Jennifer is an expert on researching veteran records and has helped countless family members trace the steps of their loved ones. She has written numerous books on how to do this, along with recounting some of the greatest stories she has discovered in her research. Jennifer will be with us throughout the week and happy to answer any questions you might have. She has recently made two trips to Europe and walked many of the battlefields where the 80th walked. You will be very impressed with her knowledge and research ability.

Saturday night, we will have international guests for our Commander's Reception and dinner. Erny Kohn, President of the Luxembourg-based CEBA organization, along with other members, will be our speakers. The CEBA organization has been instrumental in helping erect numerous 80th Division monuments across Luxembourg, including the latest one in Nocher, Luxembourg in January, 2015. They were instrumental in the very first 80th monument that was unveiled in 1975 near Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.

CEBA is dedicated to ensuring future generations of Luxembourgers never forget the sacrifices made by the United States to secure their liberation from Nazi Germany. Most specifically, they focus on the actions from the Battle of the Bulge (Dec. 16, 1944 – Jan. 25, 1945). In addition, they welcome U.S. veterans and their families and provide services such as battlefield tours, memorial and museum visits and red carpet hospitality. Erny will bring greetings from the people of Luxembourg and share some of his favorite 80th Division stories.

OK, what do you need to know?

1. Make your plans to attend and complete the registration form printed in this issue of the Blue Ridge magazine, and send payment to the address on the form.
2. Reserve your room at the hotel. You can do this by calling the hotel at 703-548-6300 and tell them your attending the 80th Division Veterans reunion. The reunion rate for this year is \$105.00 plus tax. That rate includes breakfast buffet for two each morning. You must secure your hotel reservation before Friday, July 22, 2016 to insure you can use the group rate.
3. For those of you flying to the reunion, Alexandria is just minutes from the Washington-Reagan National Airport. The hotel offers complimentary shuttle every half hour.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Bill Black, Reunion Chairman, at 404-493-6601 (call or text); or via email at 80thveterans@gmail.com.

See you this August in Alexandria!

Bill Black, Reunion Chairman
80th Division Veterans Association
P.O. Box 4343
Suwanee, GA 30024

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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY AND RETURN BY JUNE 30, 2016

Veteran or Attendee: _____ Is this your first Reunion?
Phone(s): _____ Yes No
Name of Spouse or Guest(s): _____
Unit Affiliation: _____ Period: _____ Handicap: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
E-mail (if available): _____

Registration Fee:	_____ x \$40 per person	\$ _____
Prize Tickets (\$2 each or all 12 for \$20):	_____ x \$2 per ticket	\$ _____
Wednesday Night Commander's Reception (Aug. 17):	_____ x \$25 per person	\$ _____
George Washington's Home Mount Vernon Tour (Aug 18): (Light lunch included)	_____ x \$45 per person	\$ _____
Thursday Night Dugout Party (Aug. 18):	_____ x \$35 per person	\$ _____
WW2 Memorial Visit (Aug. 19): Windshield Tour of National Mall & Evening Honors	_____ x \$50 per person	\$ _____
Friday Night Buffet:	_____ x \$35 per person	\$ _____
Saturday Night Dinner (indicate meal choice for each person) # of CHICKEN meals: _____ # of BEEF meals: _____	_____ x \$39 per person	\$ _____
Program Listing: (PRINT NAMES BELOW*)	_____ x \$5 per name	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1"H x 3.5"W: \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> 2"H x 3.5"W: \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> 4"H x 3.5"W: \$50
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**Mail Form and Check payable to 80th Division Veterans Association to:
80th Division Veterans Association c/o Bill Black, Senior Vice Commander
P.O. Box 4343 • Suwanee, GA 30024**

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This is a 50/50 Raffle in which as many \$250 prizes as receipts will allow will be awarded. You need not be present to win; awards will be mailed to winners not present. Please attach mailing labels or print name and address clearly below. Please note: there are 12 tickets provided, and additional tickets are available on request. **Donation is \$2 per ticket.** 12 tickets are provided. Purchase the entire sheet for \$20 and the *extra two are FREE.*

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