

Eightieth Division Veterans Association



A.E.F. (1917-1919)
ARTOIS-PICARDY SECTOR
ST. MIHIEL OFFENSIVE
MEUSE-ARGONNE OFFENSIVE
FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PHASES

Only Moves Forward
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SINCE 09-11-2001
KUWAIT • AFGHANISTAN • IRAQ

E.T.O. (1942-1946)
FALAISE GAP • LORRAINE • ST. AVOLD
MAGINOT LINE • LUXEMBOURG • BASTOGNE
SIEGFRIED LINE • RHINE RIVER • WIESBADEN
KASSEL • ERFURT • JENA • AUSTRIA

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CALL TO THE REUNION

To all 80th Division Veterans, Families, Descendants, Researchers and Friends,

It is a great pleasure to extend an invitation to attend the 104th reunion of the 80th Division Veterans Association to be held in Richmond, VA on **August 9th, 10th and 11th, 2024**. We have selected the Doubletree by Hilton Richmond Midlothian located at 1021 Koger Center Blvd Richmond, VA 23235 as our host hotel. Reservations should be made prior to **July 16th, 2024**, by calling the hotel reservation line at (800) 222-8733 or by using the provided link on the 80th website or Facebook page or through the Hilton app (group code 91V). **NOTE:** Please book early and identify yourself as being with the 80th Division Veterans Association to get the special room block rate of \$125 + tax. Wi-Fi and parking are complimentary. Please specify your room type (handicap accessible if desired, pet friendly).

We have condensed our reunion to 3 days this year and the outings will now be left to the individual. There are numerous attractions in Richmond and the surrounding areas to choose from.

Our speakers will feature James Triesler, Director of Education - Virginia War Memorial, Megan Farency, Director of Education-Virginia Holocaust Museum, Andy Adkins, 80th division historian for WWII, presenting on methods to research military veterans, Leon Reed presenting on the 80th Division's advance across Europe in WWII and training at multiple camps based upon letters written by Frank Lembo, Dr. Lee Anthony, 80th division historian of WWI, presenting on significant battles fought by the 80th in WWI. MG (R) John McLaren, our current national commander, will be presenting on the 80th division in Iraq 2005-2006. We also have invitations out to several European guest speakers so stay tuned for more information to come. **Note:** Saturday Night's event will be a Formal Dress Evening with the 80th Division Training Command based in Richmond VA.

2024 marks the 80th anniversary for many of the events during World War II. The 80th was baptised by fire at Argentan, then travelled the 600+ mile joyride across France after German resistance in Normandy collapsed. Its first contested river crossing at the Moselle, in mid-September, foreshadowed three months of bitter, yard-by-yard combat across the province of Lorraine. Ready to cross into Germany in mid-December, the Blue Ridgers instead galloped 150 miles northward to close off the German "Bulge" and played pivotal roles in the liberation of Ettelbruck, Bastogne, and other centers. In 1945, the division faced its most challenging river crossing at the Sauer, galloped into the interior of Germany, and made contact with the Russians at Liezen, Austria, on VE Day. The Blue Ridgers liberated Buchenwald and Ebensee, accepted the surrender of the entire German Sixth Army, and fired the last shot in the ETO.

We know you look forward to the reunions and realize some cannot attend in person, so we are trying something new by adding a virtual option this year. You will have access to the lectures and the ability to interact with the speakers. There are various activities planned so please join us to make this reunion one to remember. See you in August!

Sincerely,

Brian Faulconer, Reunion Chair

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Eightieth Division Veterans Association 104th Reunion

August 9th-11th, 2024

Doubletree by Hilton Richmond - Midlothian
1021 Koger Center Blvd Richmond, VA 23235

Please PRINT all information and return this form by July 8th, 2024.

First Reunion: Yes No

Name of Veteran or Attendee: _____

Name of Spouse or Guests: _____

Phone: _____

Unit Affiliation: _____ Period: _____ Handicap (Y/N)- Special Needs _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Email address (required for virtual sessions)

Registration Fee: _____ x **\$50** per person = \$ _____

Prize Tickets: (\$2 each or all 12 for \$20) _____ x **\$2** per ticket = \$ _____

(items for raffle appreciated)

Friday Night Plated dinner (Grilled Pork Chop) _____ x **\$55** per person = \$ _____

Indicate if vegetarian/vegan X _____

Saturday Night Dine Out: _____ x **\$65** per person = \$ _____

_____ x **Herb crusted Chicken.**

_____ x **Stuffed Tri-tip Beef Roulade**

_____ x **Vegetarian**

Program Listing: (PRINT NAMES) _____ x **\$5** per name = \$ _____

Virtual Viewing (New). Note: Not all sessions will be broadcast _____ x **\$25** = \$ _____

(Email required to receive call in information)

(Continue on back)

Additional Commemorative Reunion Programs (mailed to address)

_____ x \$5.00

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*****Note:** Program ads not solicited this year due to production workload.
Meal costs have increased due to the current economic environment.

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

Tax and gratuity included.

Make Checks Payable to: Eightieth Division Veterans Association

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