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2023 Redcatcher Reunion Information and Itinerary

The reunion will begin in Columbus Georgia and Fort Benning Georgia on Monday, June 26th and will conclude Friday Night, June 30th.

The Doubletree Hotel Columbus will host the reunion. It is located at 5351 Sidney Simons Blvd., Columbus Georgia 31909.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Hotel reservations can be made by phone at 706-327-6868. Make sure you hit “0” and ask for the “Redcatcher block of rooms”. The rate, including taxes and fees is \$150 per night and includes two (2) breakfasts per room. The rate is guaranteed 2 days before and 2 days after the reunion, from June 24th to July 2nd. The room rate is guaranteed for reservations made before June 5th; after that date the rate is based on availability.

Room reservations may also be made online by using the following link.

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If you have any problems registering, contact Richard Masters @ 805-377-2688.

RESERVATIONS FOR REUNION EVENTS:

Please see the separate reservation form for the reunion events where you can register and calculate the cost. Payment will be by check ONLY and mailed to Bob Cusick, 280 Mohawk Trail, Wayne New Jersey 07570. Make sure you list all the people in your group. There is a \$20 charge for adults 18 and over to help cover the costs for the hospitality room and defray other reunion costs.

If you have four (4) or more in your party for the Reunion Banquet, make sure you complete a reservation form at the registration table so you can sit together.

HOSPITALITY ROOM:

The Hospitality room will be in the Somerset Ballroom and will be open most days at 07:00. It will be CLOSED from 18:30 to 21:00 on Monday for the Welcome and Remembrance Ceremony. On Wednesday it will be CLOSED AT 18:00 during the Memorial Service and reopen at 21:00. On Friday, it will CLOSE at 16:30 during the Redcatcher Banquet and reopen at approximately 21:30.

TRANSPORTATION ON POST:

Temporary vehicle passes onto Fort Benning will be available for up to 5 days are available at their visitor center upon showing proof of registration, insurance, and adequate personal identification. You are urged to go EARLY to any event if you need a temporary pass. You may also use the US Department of Veterans Affairs ID card with picture.

ON POST DIRECTIONS:

Maps and directions will be furnished for traveling to venues on post. Directions to the National Infantry Museum will be provided.

USE OF PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES (POV):

We urge you to consolidate and “buddy-up” in POVs as some venues on post have limited parking.

There is plenty of parking available at the National Infantry Museum, but consolidation is recommended.

REUNION EVENTS:

MONDAY JUNE 26TH:

The hospitality room will open at 07:00 and close at 18:30 before the Welcoming and Remembrance Ceremony that will begin at 20:00 in front of the 199th Memorial. It is suggested that you leave the hotel by 19:00 and travel by POV to the National Infantry Museum parking lot where shuttle vans will take us to the Memorial for our service. You will also be able to view other memorials. After the service concludes, shuttle vans will take us back to the NIM for travel by POV to the hotel. The hospitality room will reopen following our return. Everyone is urged to “buddy-up” to reduce the number of POVs that need to travel to the NIM.

TUESDAY JUNE 27TH:

The hospitality room will open at 07:00 and close at 22:30.

09:00 We will visit the Basic Trainee Confidence Course (BTCC). Those attending will leave at 09:00 by POV to go to the NIM parking lot where a caravan of POVs will be guided to the venue. Wives and children are invited. Following the visit to the BTCC we will stop for lunch at the Basic Trainee Dining Facility. The cost is yet to be determined but will be modest.

09:30 we will visit the FDR Little White House and Gardens. A bus will pick up attendees at the hotel and take them to the FDR Little White House and Gardens for a tour, after which there will be a stop for lunch at the Bullock House Restaurant and nearby shopping. Return to the hotel will be at around 15:30. Bus seats are limited to the first 57 people who reserve a seat. The cost of the bus is \$30 per person. There is a \$10 entrance fee at the venue and lunch will cost around \$18.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 28TH:

The hospitality room will open at 07:00 and close at 17:30 for the Memorial Service.

At 09:00 our annual Redcatcher Business Meeting will be conducted in the hospitality room. See the separate agenda for this meeting.

At 09:30 a bus will depart the hotel for a tour of the Historic District of Columbus and other points of interest. Seating is limited to the first 57 people who sign up. The bus will stop for lunch at a place yet to be determined. The cost of the bus is \$30 per person. The bus will return around 15:30.

At 19:00 we will gather at the Fort Benning Main Chapel for the Memorial to honor our fallen brothers. Attendees should plan to leave the hotel by 18:00. There is plenty of parking in the Chapel parking lot. Directions will be provided.

THURSDAY JUNE 29TH:

The hospitality room will be closed to approximately 13:00 due to our attendance at the Change of Command ceremony at the Parade Field.

The Change of Command ceremony will commence at 09:00 and we are urged to start leaving the hotel by 08:00 by POV. Directions and guidance will be provided to the parking area adjacent to the Parade Field. The ceremony will include an invitation to all Redcatchers present to form up and be presented on the parade field to compliment the “Old Soldier/New Soldier” theme. We will form up under the leadership of LTC (Ret) Laurie Ruffino and First Sergeant (Ret) Myron Kindrick.

Following lunch, we can again form up in the NIM parking lot at 13:30 to convoy to the Armor Basic Officers Leadership Course by POV.

FRIDAY JUNE 30TH:

The hospitality room will open at 07:00 and close at 15:30 for the Redcatcher Banquet. It will reopen at approximately 21:30.

At 09:00 we will visit the Airborne Training Center and then the Observance of the Airborne Graduation Ceremony. Those attending should plan to leave at 08:00.

At 17:00 we will gather at the NIM for the Redcatcher Banquet. Redcatchers should leave the hotel by 16:00 using POVs. The cost will be \$50 per person. There is no charge for children younger than 10.