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Columbus OH Reunion 23-27 June 2021

RENEWED CALL FOR EARLY REGISTRATION & HOTEL BOOKING!

The Association, teamed up with the Central Ohio All-Airborne Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, is continuing to move forward in March with planning our 2021 Reunion.

Many Registrations and Hotel Bookings flowed in during February, but we are still asking more folks to sign up before the end of March. We all have continuing concerns surrounding COVID-19, but vaccination programs are ramping rapidly, and we are already seeing the beginning of a turn-around. Be assured that if the Association cancels/postpones the Reunion event, full refunds of Registration Fees will happen, and Hotel Reservations can be canceled up to 24 Hours in advance of your check-in date no matter what.

So please go to <http://www.508pir.org/> to Register on-line or to print your Registration Form for mail-in. Then Reserve your Hotel Room at <http://www.nwhotelandconferencecenter.com/> or by calling (614) 880-4300.

Once again, we have included information pages for the Reunion in this abbreviated newsletter edition. If you need to contact Reunion organizers with further questions or feedback, please see your points of contact below. Thank you for your continued consideration and support.

Can't make it to Columbus—then be sure to participate along with family, friends and colleagues in this year's 50/50 Cash Prize Raffle. Click on http://www.508pir.org/reunion/reunion_07.htm to buy your tickets now, and thanks for helping **Preserve the Legacy!**

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PRESERVING THE LEGACY

REUNION - COLUMBUS, OH



JUNE 23-27 • 2021

50/50 CASH PRIZE RAFFLE

\$5 PER TICKET

GREAT ODDS – Each Ticket has a 1 in 1000 Chance to Win \$2500*

NO NEED TO BE PRESENT – drawing to be held on June 26

**Assumes the Association achieves its goal of selling 1000 tickets, which cannot be guaranteed.*
Buy Tickets Online at 508PIR.org/reunion/reunion_01.htm

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23 – SUNDAY, JUNE 27

For details and registration, visit www.508PIR.org

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 Columbus, OH

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, 23 June	2:00 PM	Arrival and Registration Opens	
	4:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Opens	
	5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting – FF 508th PIR (Including Reunion Committee)	
Thursday, 24 June	6:30 AM – 8:15 AM	Hot Buffet Breakfast – Hotel Restaurant	
	8:15 AM – 10:00 AM	Formal Welcome Program w/ Guest Speaker, Events Briefing & Sign-Up for Friday/Saturday	
	10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Annual Membership Meeting – FF 508th PIR	
	12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch – Flex Time	
	1:45 PM – 4:45 PM	Visit to Motts Military Museum	
	5:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open	
Friday, 25 June	6:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Hot Buffet Breakfast – Hotel Restaurant	
	9:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Presentations and Q&A/Oral Histories & Videos	
	9:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Alternative: Visit to Easton Town Center	
	12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Buffet Lunch w/ Guest Speaker	
	2:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Visit to German Village, Dinner – Flex Time	
	5:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open	
Saturday, 26 June	7:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Hot Buffet Breakfast – Hotel Restaurant	
	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Open Day	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to Museum of the United States Air Force, Dayton OH Wright-Patterson AFB (leave at 9:00 AM) • Visit to National Veterans Memorial and Museum, Columbus OH (leave at 10:00 AM) • Visit to Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial, Sunbury OH (leave at 10:00 AM) • Other Options (Planning in Progress) 	
	12:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open	
	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Cocktail Hour	
	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Formal Banquet & Program w/ Guest Speaker	
	9:00 PM – 11:45 PM	Socializing and Raffles	
	1:30 AM Sunday	Hospitality Suite Closes	
	Sunday, 27 June	7:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Hot Buffet Breakfast – Hotel Restaurant
		9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Follow-Up Board Meeting – FF 508th PIR (Including Reunion Committee)

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VENUES & THINGS TO DO

Shopping

Easton Town Center (major indoor/outdoor shopping & dining complex)
Polaris Fashion Place

Craft Breweries & Neighborhoods

Olentangy River Brewing Company
Nocterra Brewing Company
Short North Arts District (galleries, specialty shops, pubs, nightclubs, cafes)
German Village (Schmidt's Sausage House, galleries, specialty shops, near Brewery District)

Family Fun & Education

Highbanks Metro Park and Nature Center
Columbus Zoo and Aquarium / Zoombezi Water Park
Center of Science and Industry (COSI)
Topgolf/IKEA
Ohio State Stadium Tour

Military Museums & Memorials

Motts Military Museum
Museum of the United States Air Force (Wright-Patterson AFB)
National Veterans Memorial and Museum
Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial



508TH ALL-ERA & ALL-AIRBORNE REUNION Columbus, OH June 23 – June 27, 2021



Registration Fee (per Person)
Adults: \$150.00 Under 18: \$50.00

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Tel: (cell) _____ Unit: _____

Guest(s) Name(s) _____

\$150 Adults _____ x \$150 = \$ _____

\$50 Children under 18 _____ x \$50 = \$ _____

Donation to Help with General Expenses (**THANK YOU!**) = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Hotel Reservation Instructions

Please reserve your hotel room(s) at the **Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center**, 100 Green Meadows Drive South, Lewis Center, OH 43035. **Call +1 614-880-4300 or Book On-Line at www.nwhotelandconferencecenter.com**. Be sure to reference **Group 257735** for the **attractive group rate of \$149.64 (King Bed Room) / \$161.24 (2 Double Bed Room) / \$172.84 (King or 2 Double Bed Parlor Room) per night, tax & hot breakfast included**. Reservations must be made by **April 24, 2021** for this special rate. Please book early. The hotel also has a limited number of handicapped accessible rooms.

UNLIKE IN PRIOR YEARS, REUNION REGISTRATION FEES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, GIVEN THE IMPACT YOUR NON-ATTENDANCE WILL HAVE ON OUR HOTEL CONTRACT. YOU CAN CANCEL YOUR HOTEL ROOM AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF YOUR ARRIVAL DATE TO AVOID ANY ROOM CHARGES.

Pay On-Line (Credit Card & PayPal) at http://www.508pir.org/reunion/reunion_04.htm and Email Form to: Treasurer@508PIR.org

or

Please Mail Registration Form & Fee to:

Chris Harris – Treasurer, 68B N Main St, So. Deerfield, MA 01373

Checks should be made payable to:

“F&F 508th PIR Assoc”

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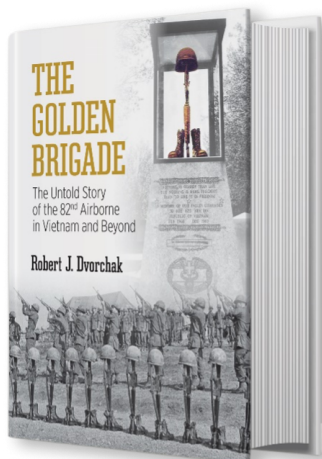
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