



# WELCOME TO SAN ANTONIO, TX

## BATTLE OF THE BULGE ASSOCIATION 36th ANNUAL REUNION

**September 23 – 28, 2017**

### HIGHLIGHTS AND SCHEDULE INFORMATION

#### REGISTRATION FEE

All attendees (except for WWII Vets) must pay the registration fee. The fee covers the expenses of nametags, programs, table decorations, Hospitality Room, etc.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Registration and complimentary Wine and Cheese Reception in the Hospitality Room.

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Join us for a narrated 1-hour river barge ride along the famous San Antonio Riverwalk (each boat holds 35 people). Then tour the **Buckhorn Saloon and Museum**. Established in 1881, it is one of the places Teddy Roosevelt recruited Rough Riders (1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry) for American involvement in the Cuban War of Independence, and Pancho Villa is rumored to have planned the Mexican Revolution there.

Dinner at **Mi Tierra Mexico Café & Bakery**, serving classic Mexican fare for 75 years, with margaritas and mariachis, located at the “El Mercado” Market Square, a 3-block outdoor plaza lined with shops and restaurants.

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

After enjoying breakfast, bus departs for Fredericksburg, Texas, home of the **National Museum of the Pacific War** and tour of the **Nimitz Museum**. After touring the Nimitz Museum, enjoy a box lunch from Clear Pecan Sandwich Shoppe in the restored Hotel ballroom. Continue with a tour of the National Museum of the Pacific War and see the state-of-the-art 33,000 square foot exhibit featuring 40 media installations, approximately 900 artifacts in 97 climate-controlled cases, and hundreds of photographs. Central to the experience is a spectacular artifact: the HA-19, one of five Japanese two-man subs that took part in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Dinner on your own. For those interested, join Barbara & Everett for a trip by water taxi to the **Pearl Brewery**, an abandoned brewery from 1881 with 15 restaurants and lots of shops. Last water taxi runs at 9:00 PM – after that, use Uber or taxi to return to the hotel.



#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**Fort Sam Houston** is a U.S. Army post in San Antonio, Texas opened in 1876. The installation's missions include serving as the command headquarters for the U.S. Army North, U.S. Army South, the Army Medical Command headquarters, the Army Medical Department Center and School, the Fifth Recruiting Brigade, Navy Regional Recruiting, the San Antonio Military Entrance and Processing Station, and the Medical Education and Training Campus. Many of our WWII Nurses trained here.

The Quadrangle is the oldest structure at the Fort. It was originally a supply depot. During that time, it housed the Apache war chief Geronimo and warriors captured with him, while the Federal government decided whether to treat them as prisoners of war or common criminals.

After touring the **Fort Sam Houston Museum**, enjoy **lunch with the troops** in the mess hall.

Rest up in the afternoon for an evening of Texas-style BBQ and dancing at the oldest VFW Post in Texas! **VFW Post 76** was granted its charter in 1917 for veterans of the Spanish American War and is located in a Victorian-style home. Enjoy a world-famous **Rudy's BBQ** dinner, and music and dancing with the band BlackJack, who play a variety of music, including all of the standards you would expect,



Highlights include: an evening of Texas BBQ and dancing at VFW Post 76 (top left), the National Museum of the Pacific War (bottom left), and the Pearl Brewery complex (above).

in the Lee Swain Carriage House. Don't forget to pack your dancing shoes!

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

The day starts with a **tour of San Antonio** with a certified guide on board. We will begin by **laying a wreath at the Battle of the Bulge Monument** located at Veterans Memorial Park. This Monument was placed in the park to commemorate “the 50th anniversary of this ever-famous American Victory.” Continue our tour to the **Mission San Jose** (short 23-minute film), **The Alamo**, **Menger Hotel**, and other world heritage sights in the air-conditioned comfort of our bus.

After lunch on your own, please attend the **Membership Meeting** to discuss important issues and vote on the slate of officers for the next governing year. The President will receive nominations from the floor. (Be sure to have the person's permission and willingness to serve, before nomination.)

All veterans are invited to dress for the **Banquet** and have their picture taken before the **Reception**. Enjoy the music of the 323d Army Band Brass Quintet and vocalists during the reception (with cash bar.) Banquet will follow in the ballroom of the hotel.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

After breakfast at the hotel, stay for additional sightseeing days or depart for a safe trip home.

# BOBA REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

## DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION FOR REUNION: **SEPTEMBER 8, 2017**

**ITEMS BELOW  
NOW FREE FOR  
ALL WWII VETERANS**

**Due to a very generous donation from the South Carolina Military History Club, all items below are now free of charge for WWII veterans only (additional meals, travel, and hotel expenses are not included).** WWII Veterans must register using this form—the online registration does not allow for free pricing. Those who are not WWII veterans can register below OR online at [www.battleofthebulge.org](http://www.battleofthebulge.org) (Click on the “Attend Reunion” and complete the Registration Form). Registration for the Reunion must be received no later than **September 8, 2017**. There is no penalty for canceling up to the day of arrival. Go to page 19 for the hotel registration information (**Hotel reservation cut-off is September 1, 2017.**)

**BOBA registration desk at the hotel (in the Lone Star Room) will be open on Saturday, September 23 from 12 pm-6:00 pm and on Sunday, September 24 from 8 am-5 pm.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Division, Regiments, etc \_\_\_\_\_

Check box if Associate Member  Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) *(please print)* \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you need a wheelchair  Check here if you will be using your own wheelchair  If so, it motorized?  yes  no

**IMPORTANT: Please indicate No. of Persons attending free events as well!**

	No. of Persons (Not WWII Vets)	Cost per Person	No. of WWII Vets <b>FREE!</b>	Total Cost
<b>Registration Fee</b> <i>(all attendees must pay the Registration Fee)</i>				
Adult (21 and Over)	_____	\$45	_____	_____
Child (20 and Under)	_____	\$25	_____	_____
<b>Late registration fee after September 8 - add \$20 per person</b>	_____	\$20	_____	_____

**Saturday, September 23, 2017**

Wine and cheese reception in the Hospitality Room \_\_\_\_\_ free \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, September 24, 2017**

Riverwalk Barge Rides *(leaves from and returns to Wyndham landing)* \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Trip to Buckhorn Saloon & Museum \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

Shopping at “El Mercado” Market Square & Dinner at Mi Tierra Cafe & Bakery  
*(bus fare only, dinner individually paid)* \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

**Monday, September 25, 2017**

Bus Trip to Museum of the Pacific War *(includes bus and lunch only; pay Museum admission fee below if applicable)* \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Admission to the Museum *(WWII veterans at no charge)* \_\_\_\_\_ \$8 \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuesday, September 26, 2017**

Visit to Fort Sam Houston *(includes bus and lunch)* **Gov’t-issued photo ID required\*** \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner/dance at VFW Post 76 *(includes bus, BBQ dinner & entertainment)* \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

Stay-on Bus Tour of San Antonio with certified guide & wreathlaying at Bulge Memorial \_\_\_\_\_ \$28 \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet *(choose entrees:)* Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ \$55 \_\_\_\_\_

Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ \$55 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Fort Sam Houston attendees will be contacted by the BOBA office to provide Government-issued photo ID information as needed.**

**Mail this form and check (payable to BOBA) to:** Battle of the Bulge Association, Inc., PO Box 27430, Philadelphia, PA 19118



# 2017 BOBA REUNION IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

## SEPTEMBER 23 - 28, 2017

### REUNION PROGRAM

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

6:30 AM – 12:00 PM Complimentary Breakfast at 111 Bar & Grille (*Must be registered at hotel for Friday night*)  
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM Registration open  
12:00 PM – 10:00 PM Hospitality Room open (Lone Star Room)  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Wine and Cheese Reception in the Hospitality Room  
Dinner on your own

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

6:30 AM – 12:00 PM Complimentary Breakfast at 111 Bar & Grille  
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Registration open  
8:00 AM – 10:00 PM Hospitality Room open (Lone Star Room)  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Narrated Riverwalk barge tour (*each boat holds 35 people; leaves from & returns to Wyndham landing*)  
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Bus trip to Buckhorn Saloon & Museum  
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Bus trip for shopping at “El Mercado” Market Square & Mexican Dinner at Mi Tierra Cafe & Bakery

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

6:30 AM – 10:30 AM Complimentary Breakfast at 111 Bar & Grille  
8:00 AM – 10:00 PM Hospitality Room open (Lone Star Room)  
9:00 AM Bus Departs for Fredericksburg, TX, National Museum of the Pacific War  
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Tour Nimitz Museum  
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Box Lunch from Clear Pecan Sandwich Shoppe  
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Tour National Museum of the Pacific War  
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM Bus returns to hotel  
6:30 PM Dinner on your own OR Join Barbara & Everett for a water taxi ride to the Pearl Brewery for dinner (meet in lobby at 6:30 PM – 13 restaurants to choose from) return by Uber or taxi (if enough people are interested, we will rent a small bus)

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

6:30 AM – 10:30 AM Complimentary Breakfast at 111 Bar & Grille  
8:00 AM – 10:00 PM Hospitality Room open (Lone Star Room)  
9:00 AM Bus Departs for Fort Sam Houston  
9:30 AM – 1:30 PM Tour of Fort Quadrangle, Museum and lunch with the troops  
2:00 PM Return to hotel  
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM Bus departs to VFW Post 76 for BBQ Dinner Dance

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

6:30 AM – 10:30 AM Complimentary Breakfast at 111 Bar & Grille  
8:00 AM – 10:00 PM Hospitality Room open (Lone Star Room)  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Bus Departs for tour of San Antonio with certified tour guide on board  
Wreath laying at the Battle of the Bulge Monument at Veterans Memorial Park (Mission San Jose, the Alamo, the Menger Hotel, and other World Heritage Sites)  
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM Membership Meeting (Executive Salon 2)  
5:30 PM Photograph of Veterans (outside Executive Salon 5)  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Reception (cash bar) - Music by the 323d Army Band Brass Quintet  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Banquet at hotel (Executive Salon 5)

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

6:30 AM – 10:30 AM Complimentary Breakfast at 111 Bar & Grille  
Depart or stay longer and enjoy beautiful San Antonio

*See Highlights and Schedule Information on page 16 for more details.*



## WYNDHAM SAN ANTONIO RIVERWALK

111 E. Pecan Street  
San Antonio, Texas 78205  
Website: [www.wyndhamsariverwalk.com](http://www.wyndhamsariverwalk.com)  
Phone: 1-866-764-8536

**GROUP RESERVATION LINK:**  
<https://aws.passkey.com/go/BBA2017>

## Hotel Information

### RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR GROUP RATE: Friday, September 1, 2017

Experience the best of South Texas when you attend the Reunion at the Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk. Conveniently located along San Antonio's spectacular Riverwalk, the Wyndham is within walking distance of the Alamo, Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, The Pearl Brewery Shopping Complex and El Mercado Marketplace. This full-service hotel is just a short drive from the San Antonio Missions, Fort Sam Houston and San Marcos Outlet Center. You will enjoy the variety of services the hotel has to offer. It is located just 8 miles from San Antonio International Airport.

#### ROOM RATE: \$129 single/double occupancy

Our group rate is available for up to 2 nights prior to our Reunion and 2 nights following, but are subject to availability. If you want to extend your stay in beautiful San Antonio, please book your rooms early.

This hotel has 410 luxurious rooms, but only 14 accessible rooms. If you need an ADA room, please book early. You can cancel without penalty within 72 hours of your scheduled arrival date.

#### RESERVATIONS

Reunion attendees must make their own hotel reservations by calling: 1-866-764-8536 or online: <https://aws.passkey.com/go/BBA2017> before the designated cut-off date, **Friday September 1**. They must identify themselves as members of the Battle of the Bulge Association and a major credit card must guarantee rooms.

#### HOTEL AMENITIES

- Complimentary buffet breakfast at 111 Bar & Grill (adjacent to the lobby)
- River Taxi Landing at the Hotel Riverwalk entrance
- 24 hour room service
- Complimentary wireless Internet access in all guest rooms and the hotel lobby area

- 24-hour state of the art fitness facility
- Outdoor pool & whirlpool with views of the San Antonio skyline
- 24-hour business center
- Gift shop/ATM
- Discounted self-parking \$20 per vehicle per day with in and out privileges

#### DIRECTIONS TO THE HOTEL

*No hotel shuttle available. Take a taxi or Uber to hotel from airport.*

**From the North:** Take I-35 into downtown. Exit Main Street and turn left under the highway. Turn left onto Pecan Street. The Hotel is at the corner of Pecan and Soledad, one block off of Main Street.

**From the Airport:** Take US Hwy 281 South to I-35 South and exit Main Street and turn left under the highway. Turn left onto Pecan Street. The Hotel is at the corner of Pecan and Soledad, one block off of Main Street.

**From the South:** Take I-35 or I-37 North into Downtown.

Off of I-35, take Durango Street exit and turn left at Santa Rosa to Martin Street. Take a right on Martin. The Hotel is will be on the left hand side.

Off of I-37, take the Commerce Street exit and turn left onto Commerce. Take a Right onto Soledad (7 blocks off Interstate). The Hotel is 3 blocks down Soledad on the right, at the corner of Soledad and Pecan.

**From the East:** Take I-10 into downtown San Antonio. Take I-37 North and take the Commerce Street exit. Turn left onto Commerce. Take a right onto Soledad (7 blocks off interstate). The Hotel is 2 blocks down Soledad on the right, at the corner of Soledad and Pecan.

**From the West:** Take I-10 into downtown San Antonio, remaining on the lower level of the freeway. Take the Santa Rosa / Downtown exit. Turn Left at Santa Rosa Street, then a left on Martin Street. The hotel will be on the left hand side.