

**THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
*Invites You to Join Your Friends for the*  
**“EVENTS OF REMEMBRANCE AND COMMEMORATION”**  
**OF THE 73rd ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE**  
**December 13, 14, and 15, 2017 Metropolitan Washington, DC**

We have been invited to a co-hosted reception by the Belgium Ambassador Dirk Wouters and Luxembourg Ambassador, Ms. Sylvie Lucas, at the Luxembourg Embassy, on Wednesday, December 13, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. See below for the schedule.

December 16 is Saturday and this happens to be the same day as the Wreaths Across America (WAA) Day. Since this event started in 1992, it has never occurred on December 16. Because no vehicles will be permitted in Arlington National Cemetery on December 16, we will be holding our wreath laying ceremonies on Friday, December 15.

The DoubleTree Hotel Crystal City by Hilton, 300 Army-Navy Drive, in Arlington VA 22202 has been selected again for this event. We have been able to secure a rate of \$119/night for Wed/Thurs/Fri. The rates for Mon/Tues are \$139/night and for Sat/Sun are \$99/night. Parking is \$12 a night for Monday through Sunday (It is usually \$30/night). **Please make your reservations early to secure a room.** Please mention the **Battle of the Bulge** to obtain the special rate. If you need a handicap accessible room, please request this early. To make a Reservation: call **800-Hiltons (800-445-8667)** or 703-416-4100 by **December 1, 2017**. Check-in time is 4:00 PM. Any guest checking in after 12 noon will be able to do so for no additional charge, based on the availability of rooms.

This year, we will offer a tour of the Pentagon (<https://pentagontours.osd.mil/Tours/>). This is the headquarters of the Department of Defense, the Pentagon and is one of the world's largest office buildings. Built in just 16 months, the Pentagon is the world's largest low-rise office building. It is twice the size of the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, has more than twice the floor space of the Empire State Building, and the U.S. Capitol could fit into any one of its five wedge-shaped sections. The tour will accommodate wheelchairs and powered scooters.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017**

2:00 - 5:30 PM      **Registration & Hospitality Room open - Lincoln Hall Ballroom** - Pick up Registration Packets with name badges, Banquet/bus tickets. Sign Attendance Books  
2:00 - 11:00 PM      Hospitality Room/Exhibits, Books, scrapbooks, memorabilia, snacks & beverages open every day  
3:30 - 4:30 PM      Our traditional **Tree Trimming** “Salute to Bulge Veterans” If you are a Bulge Veteran and haven't submitted a picture of yourself to add to the Christmas tree, please contact me (see below for contact info.)  
5:30 PM              Depart for the **Luxembourg Embassy Reception** from 6:30-8:30 PM. Return to hotel around 9:30 PM.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017**

9:00 AM              Depart for a tour of the **Pentagon**  
11:30 - 11:45 AM      Bus pick-up from the Pentagon and travels to Pentagon City (Fashion Centre)  
12:00 N              Arrive at Fashion Centre to have lunch (on your own). Many options of restaurants and places to shop.  
2:30 PM              Depart for DoubleTree Hotel to rest or visit in the Hospitality Room (Should you wish to stay at Fashion Centre longer, the hotel shuttle will do a ‘pick-up’ at 3:30 PM and 4:30 PM).  
6:00 PM              Hospitality room closes at 6:00 PM for Banquet  
**6:00 – 10:00 PM**      **BANQUET AT THE DOUBLETREE HILTON HOTEL, COMMONWEALTH ROOM, (Lower Lobby, South Tower).** A limited number of parking passes are available for banquet only attendees.  
10:00 PM              Hospitality Room re-opens after the banquet

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017**

8:45 AM-12:30 PM      Bus departs promptly at 9:00 AM for wreath layings at **World War II Memorial, VBOB Memorial, and Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery**  
12:30 PM              Return to DoubleTree Hotel for annual **BOBA Luncheon** in the Capital View Room of Washington  
1:00 PM              **Lunch 14<sup>th</sup> Floor North Tower** of hot soup and sandwich, beverage and dessert. Please indicate on Registration form if you have any dietary restrictions or if you prefer vegetarian. We will have the **Swearing-in** of the new National Battle of the Bulge Association officers for **2018**.  
2:00 - 6:00 PM      Hospitality Room open

Depart or stay an extra day and take part in the Wreaths Across America Day and lay wreaths on all gravesites at Arlington Cemetery. Contact Doris Davis for details. Email address: [doris@battleofthebulge.org](mailto:doris@battleofthebulge.org) Phone: (650) 654-0101

**Notes:**

- ❑ Free Airport shuttle provided by the DoubleTree Hotel every half hour, 3 miles from Reagan Washington National Airport.
- ❑ Free shuttle from the Hotel every hour on the half hour to the METRO: Pentagon City (Blue/Yellow Line) and to Pentagon City Mall.
- ❑ Early departure: If your reservation plans change, please advise hotel at or before check-in of any change in your reserved planned length of stay to avoid an early departure fee (currently \$75.00) for checking out before your agreed upon reserved length. Any special circumstances of Early Departure Waivers will be on a case by case basis and depending on the severity of the situation.

**RESERVATION FORM**  
**“REMEMBRANCE AND COMMEMORATION”**  
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Return form and check by **December 6, 2017** to:

**Battle of the Bulge Association, Inc.**  
**PO Box 27430**  
**Philadelphia PA 19118-0430**

Questions:

Doris Davis, Chairperson  
[doris@battleofthebulge.org](mailto:doris@battleofthebulge.org)

or Tracey Diehl  
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**703-528-4058**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse/Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Battle of Bulge Unit you (or family member) served with: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vets: do you have a WWII picture to send us? (If you haven't sent it before?)

<u>RESERVATIONS:</u>	<u>Number Attending</u>	<u>Cost/Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registration Fee: Provides for Badges, Programs, Hospitality, Toasts, etc	_____ X	\$40.00	\$ _____

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017

3:30 PM Tree Trimming Lincoln Hall, North Tower \_\_\_\_\_ X FREE

5:30 PM Bus to Luxembourg Embassy Reception \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017:

9:30 AM Bus to Pentagon and Fashion Centre \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Commemorative Banquet: DoubleTree Hotel Commonwealth Room \_\_\_\_\_ X \$60.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Please make your Main Course selection(s):

- Salmon* (Names) \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken Piccata* (Names) \_\_\_\_\_
- Diabetic Meal* (Names) \_\_\_\_\_

*Seating is open except for Head Tables. Plan ahead with your friends to be seated at the same table. Tables are Rounds of 8.*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017:

9:00 AM Departure - Bus for Wreath Laying ceremonies: WWII Memorial, \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

VBOB Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknowns

9:30 – 12:00 Noon Wreath Laying Ceremonies

1:00 PM BOBA Luncheon at DoubleTree Hotel \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Lunch will include soup and a choice of Turkey or Chicken Sandwiches and desert. If a diabetic or vegetarian meal is preferred, please indicate on this form.)*

(Enclose check made out to Battle of the Bulge Association, Inc.): **GRAND TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Register online at:** [battleofthebulge.org](http://battleofthebulge.org), **click on “Dec Event”.**

Permission granted for Hotel to notify Battle of the Bulge Association, Inc. that room reservation has been made.

*Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES & REMINDERS:** Banquet Dress: Business suit/black tie optional (miniature medals encouraged) or military dress uniform  
Room reservations must be made for the DoubleTree Crystal City directly, by **December 1, 2017** Telephone 800-Hiltons (800-445-8667).  
Return completed Reservation Form for events to Battle of the Bulge Association but no later than **6 December 2017**.

No cancellation refunds after December 6, 2017. Hotel Reservations based on Availability. Please do not delay.

Please indicate in all places the number & names attending so that we can be advised of the proper number to plan. Thanks!

**\*\*PLEASE BRING A PICTURE ID (Drivers License, Passport, or Mil ID) for the Washington area\*\***