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Earlier
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deadline:
Nov 28, 2017

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. (See *"Pentagon Tour Important Information"* for more on page 12.)

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 Doris Davis (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

8:45 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 14th 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; 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.**

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RESERVATION FORM
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Return form and check by **NOVEMBER 28, 2017** to:

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

Questions:

Doris Davis, Chairperson
doris@battleofthebulge.org

or Tracey Diehl
tracey@battleofthebulge.org
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:

8:45 AM Bus to Pentagon* and Fashion Centre _____	SOLD OUT	X	\$30.00	\$ <u>SOLD OUT</u>
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Commemorative Banquet: DoubleTree Hotel Commonwealth Room 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Please make your Main Course selection(s): _____	X	\$60.00	\$ _____
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- 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.) Diabetic (Name) _____ Vegetarian (Name) _____

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

NOTE: You can register online at: battleofthebulge.org, click on “December Bulge Commemoration DC.”

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 no later than **November 28 2017**.
 No cancellation refunds after November 28, 2017. Hotel Reservations based on availability. Please do not delay.

Please indicate the **number (& names if asked)** 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

***See next page for specific Pentagon Tour ID requirements.**

PENTAGON TOUR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

At least one form of proper identification, which must be current and contains a photograph, is required for visitors age 18 and older to enter the Pentagon. **A valid form of identification that must be presented at the tour includes:**

U.S. Passport

U.S. Passport Card

Driver’s license or identification card issued by a State or outlying possession of the United States, provided it contains a photograph and meets the REAL ID standards, has an extension or contains the notation “ENHANCED DRIVER’S LICENSE”

Identification card issued by Federal, State, or local government agencies, provided it contains a photograph

U.S. Government PIV Card (CAC for DoD Personnel)

DoD Affiliated Identification Cards (Retirees, Dependents, and Inactive Reservists)

Native American Tribal Document

U.S. Border Crossing Card

Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (INS Form I-551 or I-551)

Foreign passport with a temporary (I-551) stamp or temporary (I-551) printed notation on a machine-readable immigrant visa

Foreign passport

The following driver’s license are NOT ACCEPTABLE forms of ID: Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, and

Washington, unless the driver’s license contains “ENHANCED DRIVER’S LICENSE.”

NOTE: Visitors 17 years of age and under require no identification when accompanied by an adult with a DoD Building Pass or one of the above forms of identification.

TOUR LENGTH & DIFFICULTY

The Pentagon Tour is approximately 60 minutes in duration with a walking distance of about one and a half miles through the Pentagon corridors and staircases. Visitors taking part in a Pentagon tour should wear comfortable clothing and shoes. For any additional information, please call (703) 697-1776.

VISITORS WITH DISABILITIES

Ramp access is available for the physically challenged. Tour visitors in wheelchairs must be accompanied by someone who will assist them. A signer will be added to tours to assist hearing impaired visitors provided that two weeks’ notice is given. Special tours for visually impaired visitors can also be arranged with two weeks’ notice.

RECORDING DEVICES

No photographs may be taken. No video cameras, tape recorders, or any other kind of electronic recording device is permitted at any time.

SECURITY BRIEFING

A security briefing is provided prior to the beginning of every tour, and all visitors must pass through a security scanning device similar to those found at airport security checkpoints.

PENTAGON TOUR ADVANCE INFO REQUIRED: If you’d like to go on the Pentagon Tour, we MUST receive your registration form by **NOVEMBER 28, 2017**, including this form for all persons you are registering for the Pentagon Tour (make copies as needed for additional people.) **Please fill out, and mail to address below with registration form on previous page.** You may instead call in this information to Tracey at the BOBA office: **703-528-4058. DO NOT EMAIL** this information, as it puts you at risk for identity theft.

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Middle Name (preferred but not required) _____

DOB _____

SSN _____

Current Residence: City & State _____

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Middle Name (preferred but not required) _____

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