

# THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

*Invites You to Join Your Friends for the*  
**“EVENTS OF REMEMBRANCE AND COMMEMORATION”  
OF THE 74th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE  
December 15, 16, and 17, 2018 Metropolitan Washington, DC**

We have been invited to a co-hosted reception by the Belgian Ambassador Dirk Wouters and Mrs. Katrin Wouters and the Luxembourg Ambassador Ms. Sylvie Lucas, at the Belgian Ambassador’s residence, 2300 Foxhall Road, NW, Washington, DC, on Monday, December 17, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

The DoubleTree Hotel Crystal City by Hilton, 300 Army-Navy Drive, in Arlington VA 22202 has been selected again for this event. We secured a special Battle of the Bulge rate of \$99/night (**plus** room taxes). Discounted self-parking rate is \$12 a night. **Please make your reservations early to secure a room, especially if you want a handicap accessible room. To make a Reservation: call 800-Hiltons (800-445-8667) or 703-416-4100 by November 28, 2018.** Must mention **Battle of the Bulge** to obtain the special rate. 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 **VIP tour/presentation at the Library of Congress**, located on Capitol Hill. We will learn about the Veterans History Project, a valuable and exciting project which collects, preserves, and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war. Library of Congress is handicapped accessible. You will need to pass through security.

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018**

- 2:00-7:00 PM **Registration - Lincoln Hall Foyer/Ballroom** – Pick up Registration Packets with name badges, banquet/bus tickets, latest updates. Sign Attendance Books.
- 2:00-11:30 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 have not submitted a picture of yourself to add to the tree, contact Tracey Diehl: 703-528-4058 or [tracey@battleofthebulge.org](mailto:tracey@battleofthebulge.org) (Family members representing their deceased veteran are also welcome to submit veteran’s photo, if have not already.)
- Evening Socialize in Hospitality Room (Snacks available). Dinner on your own – consider the hotel’s revolving Skydome Restaurant, or another of many dining venues in the neighborhood.

*Note: Anyone participating in “Wreaths Across America” (see their website) at Arlington Cemetery today would do so on their own. Consider booking your room 1 night early (12/14) at BOBA discount rate.*

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018**

- 9:00 AM-12:30 PM Depart promptly 9 AM for wreath layings at **World War II Memorial, VBOB Memorial, and Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery**
- 12:30 PM Depart for DoubleTree Hotel to rest or visit in the Hospitality Room or sightsee in the area
- 6:00 PM Hospitality room closes
- 6:00-10 PM **Banquet at DoubleTree Hotel in Washington Ballroom**
- 6:00 PM Social Hour/Cash Bar. Seated for Dinner at 6:45 PM
- 7:00 PM Color Guard & Honors
- 7:15 PM Dinner served: Salmon or Chicken Piccata (Indicate choice on registration form)  
Program: Greetings from Dignitaries, Speaker, Person of the Year Award
- 10:00-11:30 PM Hospitality Room re-opens after the banquet

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018**

- 9:00 AM-11:00 PM Hospitality Room open
- 9:00 AM Depart promptly for the Library of Congress (security screening)
- 9:30-11:30 AM Presentation/tour. Learn about remarkable Veterans History Project
- 11:30-11:45 AM Bus pick-up
- 12:30 PM *Option: Drop off at Pentagon City Mall (Fashion Centre) where you can have lunch on your own (many choices) and finish your holiday shopping. Return on your own to hotel via Hotel shuttle or a 3-block walk.*
- 12:45 PM Return to DoubleTree Hotel
- 5:00 PM Depart promptly for Belgian and Luxembourg Ambassadors’ Reception (6-8 PM)

### **NOTES:**

- Free Airport shuttle provided by the DoubleTree Hotel every 15 minutes (6 AM-11 PM), 1.5 miles from Reagan Washington National Airport.
- Free shuttle from the Hotel every 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.

