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 Fover/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

(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.

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RESERVATION FORM

"REMEMBRANCE AND COMMEMORATION" OF THE 74th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE December 15, 16, and 17, 2018 Metropolitan Washington, DC

Return form and check by November 28, 2018 to:

Questions:

Battle of the Bulge Association, Inc.

Madeleine Bryant, Chair

Tracey Diehl

or

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703-528-4058

Name:		Telephone:		Cell:	
Address:		_ City:	S	State:ZIP:	
Name of Spouse/Gue	ests:	.;	;	;;	
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.)					
RESERVATIONS Number Attendin Registration Fee: Provides for Badges, Programs, Hospitality, Toasts, etc.			Cost/Person X \$45.00	Total \$	
SATURDAY, DECE 3:30 PM	MBER 15, 2018 Tree Trimming Lincoln Hal	ll, North Tower		X FREE	
	BER 16, 2018: Bus Departs for Wreath La WWII Memorial, VBOB M Commemorative Banquet: ain Course selection(s):	emorial, Tomb of the Un		X \$25.00	\$
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■ Grilled Salmon (Names)				X \$47.00	\$
■ Diabetic Meal with Salmon (Names)				X \$65.00	\$
■ Diabetic Meal with Chicken (Names)				X \$47.00	\$
	ames)			X \$56.00	\$
Seating is open except for Head Tables. Plan ahead with your friends to be seated at the same table. Tables are rounds of 8.					
MONDAY, DECEN 9:00 AM	MBER 17, 2018: Bus Departs for Library of (includes drop off at Pentagon C	O	f desired)	X \$25.00	\$
5:00 PM	Bus Departs for home of Be	-		X \$25.00	\$
(Enclose check made o	out to Battle of the Bulge Assoc	ciation, Inc.)		GRAND TOTAL	<u> </u>
NOTE: You may opt to 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:			DATE		

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 <u>directly</u>, no later than <u>November 28, 2018.</u> Telephone 800-Hiltons (800-445-8667). Mention "Battle of the Bulge."
- Return completed Reservation Form for events to Battle of the Bulge Association no later than November 28, 2018.
- No cancellation refunds after November 28, 2018. 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 for. Thanks!

■ Good idea to have a picture ID (Driver's License or Military ID), even if not specifically required.