

**76th Annual Reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division Association
19-23 June 2024**

The Fort Knox Area Chapter invites you to join the rest of the First Team Family in Louisville, KY for the 76th Annual Reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division Association from 19-23 June 2024. All Life and Associate Members are welcome to attend this special event. Gold Star Families and Widows of our members are always welcome to attend.

Please register early to assist us in coordinating the best reunion possible. Some events have limited seating available due to the size of available rooms. All members of the Association must register and pay the \$40 Registration Fee except for our Active-Duty Troopers who pay \$20 to register. Family members attending with an Association member, Widows of 1st Cavalry Division Troopers, and Gold Star Family members that attend do not have to pay a registration fee. *The registration fee will no longer be refundable regardless of when a member cancels.*

Online registration starts 1 October 2023; the Reunion registration form will be included in the Saber from November '23 through April '24. Those sending in registrations post-marked after 1 May 2024 must pay a late registration fee of \$50.

The Association will be providing our guests with transportation to the Louisville Slugger Museum and back to the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Friday 21 June 2024 (0930-1800) at a cost of \$20 per person. Additionally, a bus will be provided for members who wish to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Elizabethtown, KY on Thursday 20 June (0930-1600), at \$40 per person. Bus tickets can be purchased when you initially register, either by mail-in or on-line, or at the Walk-in Registration area. There will be no bus passes issued for those attending the mixer or the Ladies Tea.

NOTE: Cancellations are non-refundable after the 1 May 2024 deadline.

Hotel Information

We will be utilizing the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Expo Center for all our events. The Crowne Plaza has guaranteed a room rate of \$131 per night plus tax for rooms and there is no charge for parking. Make sure that you identify yourself as attending the 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion. The hotel does provide a free shuttle service from the Louisville Airport and rental cars are available at the airport.

Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport (866) 888-0620 reference code: CR1
830 Phillips Ln
Louisville, KY 40209

Or use the provided link on the right-side menu.

I do not foresee the hotel running out of rooms, however if the need arises, I have provided additional hotels for our members to consider and in walking distance to the Crowne Plaza.

Spring Hill Suites Louisville Airport	(502) 361-9009
Tru by Hilton Louisville Airport	(502) 792-8800
Hampton Inn Louisville Airport	(502) 366-8100
Howard Johnson by Windham Louisville Airport	(502) 363-9952
Courtyard by Marriott Louisville Airport	(502) 368-5678

RV Park Information

For our members traveling with an RV, I have provided you with several options:

Derby Park Campgrounds & RV Parking (502) 636-3532

2900 7th Street Rd
Louisville, KY 40216

Brooks Mobile & RV Park (502) 276-6090
205 Sarver Ln
Brooks, KY 40109

Louisville North Campground (812) 282-4474
900 Marriott Dr
Clarksville, IN 47129

Reunion Event Overview

You will notice several event changes on the registration form. Instead of War Lunches we will be having a Legacy Breakfast. The Mixer has now been changed to the President's Reception. We did raise the registration costs, to include late registrations and Walk-in registrations. Beginning this year, we will no longer refund the registration fee at any point for a cancellation.

Transportation arrangements have been made for our members to visit the Downtown Louisville area on Friday 21 June (0930-1800). There is a slight cost required for this transportation (\$20 per person).

Louisville is a city full of culture and compassion. For the "Foodie," Louisville is ranked among the top 10 best new food cities; if Bourbon gets your engine running try the world's only Urban Bourbon 'city-wide' experience; and for the kid in all of us, visit the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory or the Muhammad Ali Center. These are just a few things to do. Hop on the 'LouLift,' free downtown transportation, and you can see everything else the downtown area has to offer. Additionally, we will offer a bus trip to Elizabethtown, KY to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park. Our local chapter helped raise money and supported the The Wall Project. The cost for this trip is \$40 per person.

This year's Ladies Tea will be at the Waterfront Botanical Gardens. The Waterfront Botanical Gardens was started by Botanica, an umbrella organization for the local gardening community started in 1993 to help enlighten, entertain, and educate the community about the botanical world.

The President's Reception/Mixer will again be at Churchill Downs. This time you can bet on real races. Thursday is Night Racing in Kentucky. There will be a light meal available for attendees, a cash bar, and camaraderie while you take in a race or two.

As usual, we will have all other planned events in the Crowne Plaza: Legacy Breakfast, Unit Lunches, Purple Heart Breakfast, Association Banquet, Group Breakfasts, and Memorial Service. We will have meetings of the Chapter Presidents, Foundation Trustees, the Board of Governors, and our General Membership meeting. During our General Membership meeting on Saturday morning, we will hold elections for the Association and Foundation.

Seating for all events is open except for Reunion Banquet on Saturday night. If you are attending the banquet, you must get your tickets **marked with a table number** at the Banquet Seating table when picking up your registration packet. If you want to sit with specific people, we recommend that you all go to the Banquet Seating table together with your tickets available. Don't wait until the last minute or we may not be able to accommodate your needs.

Cavalry casual attire is appropriate for all reunion events. Wear what you feel comfortable wearing; a coat and tie, your uniform (if it still fits), casual clothing with open collar, jeans, or shorts. We want you to attend and aren't overly concerned with what you wear, so long as it isn't indecent!

The Association will provide a Reunion Room in the Crowne Plaza for you to gather and enjoy yourself. Drinks (beer and wine) in the Reunion Room are free but we ask that you generously donate to help us pay for this room. The Reunion Room will open daily at 0900 with the bar opening at 1200 hours.

The Crossed Sabers Chapter Gift Shop will set up a store in the hotel to sell all kinds of Cav-tastic First Team merchandise including shirts, hats, Stetsons, pins, decals, and other items too numerous to mention.

The Best Part of the Reunion

As always, the best part of any reunion is the people that attend. The 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion brings in Troopers from almost every era of the First Team's history. Troopers that rode horses, fought in the Pacific with MacArthur, occupied Japan, fought in Korea, or stood watch on the DMZ will spend time with the Sky Troopers of Vietnam and the Troopers from Operation Desert Storm, Fort Hood, Bosnia, and the latest combat Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. The equipment and terrain might be different, but the common bond of serving with America's First Team binds us together. Saddle up and ride on down to Louisville in 2024!