

Colorado Springs, Colorado
“Wild Blue Yonder”
October 17 – 21, 2024
Optional Extension – October 21 & 22

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This year the 93rd Bomb Group Association has partnered with the Heritage League, the follow-on organization of the Second Air Division Association, whose mission is “*educating following generations about the sacrifices of our forebears of the Bomb and Fighter Groups of the Second Air Division in WW II, and the 467th Bomb Group Association, whose mission is “ to keep alive the memory of the legendary WWII 467th Bombardment Group (Heavy), its remarkable performance within the Mighty Eighth Air Force, and the heroic sacrifices of its members. We honor their service by conserving their records and stories, promoting historical research, and hosting educational and social programs.”* The 93rd BG Association is “*dedicated to preserving the legacy of the men and woman who served in the 93rd Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force during World War II and to perpetuate the friendships and memories of service in the 93rd.*” All three organizations share the same interest and enthusiasm in preserving the legacy and memory of the men who took part in the bombing campaigns in Africa and Europe. We are looking forward to making new friends and sharing time together.

REMINDER: The deadline for hotel reservations is **Monday, September 23rd**. After that date, the hotel will release any remaining rooms.

Reunion Registration:

Reunion advance payment for meals, transportation, and entertainment are required by the hotel, bus company, and events. Therefore, **please submit your registration form(s) and payment by September 25**. Each participant pays \$410 which covers four dinners, bartenders, two lunch meals, meeting room rental, transportation, museum entrances, shipping, Color Guard, and speaker meals, two memorial wreaths, photographer, and other incidental expenses.

Also, an optional Add-On titled “Colorado Springs Fall Beauty” is scheduled for October 21 – 22, 2024.

As we have done twice before, we are going to have an optional two-day extension on October 21st & 22nd to explore the beautiful natural beauty of Colorado. We will ride the Pikes Peak Cog Railway, tour Seven Falls, travel to the Royal Gorge Suspension Bridge, ride the Royal Gorge Railroad and conclude with a tour of the Cave of the Winds. The extension is open to everyone.

Participants can retain their rooms at the Embassy Suites and enjoy a hearty breakfast to start the day. Transportation and event entrance fees are included in the Fall Beauty Add-On. Time

will be provided for lunch and dinner on your own. Each participant will pay \$310 for two days.

Step #1 - Make hotel reservations by **September 23rd** to obtain the group rate.

*Hotel: Embassy Suites Colorado Springs
7290 Commerce Center Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80919*

*Reservations: (719) 599-9100 To secure the group rate, be sure to state you are with the **93rd Bomb Group Association Reunion Block.***

If you require assistance, our Hotel Coordinator is Sheri Neely, (719) 955-6807. Ask for her assistance if you encounter any difficulty. The negotiated rate is available three days before and after the reunion. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. The rate is available until September 23rd.

Room Rate: \$155.00 plus tax of 12.5% per night (\$174.38 inclusive). (Rate good from Monday 10/14 – Thursday 10/24). Our rate is the same for either King or Queen Suites.

Includes:

Made to Order Breakfast
Complimentary Internet Access
Complimentary daily evening reception
Fitness Center 6 am – 10 pm
Heated Indoor Pool, 7 am – 11 pm
On-site Laundry Facilities
Complimentary Parking

Airport Transportation: The hotel is 14 miles from Colorado Springs Municipal Airport (COS) and 60 miles from the Denver International Airport (DEN). Hotel shuttle service is not available. Taxi, Uber or Lyft or Private Shuttle are available.

Step #2 – REGISTRATION - You have the option to register online or by mail.

On line –

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Attendees have the option to register online and make payment via credit card, debit card, or from your personal PayPal account. Please note that the registration process must be completed for EACH ATTENDEE. There will be a processing fee of \$15.00 added for each attendee in your group. These instructions can be found on the websites for the 93rd and 467th Bombardment Groups and The Heritage League. You need to register **online by September 20th**. Please go to this link to register online:

<https://heritageleague.org/2024-colorado-springs-convention-registration/>

By mail –

If you wish to mail your registration form(s) and pay by check, please print, and complete a registration form (below) for each attendee in your group. Make your check payable to the 93rd Bombardment Group. There are no additional processing fees. The completed registration form(s) and check should be **mailed before September 20th** to:

Kim Whitney
3253 Yorkshire Circle
Sanford, NC 27332
(716) 378-0560
stringquartet2013@yahoo.com

Step #3 - Make travel arrangements to arrive at the hotel in time for registration between 2:00 - 5:00 PM on Thursday, October 17th. Our welcome dinner begins at 6 PM.

Step #4 – If interested in the two-day extension, adjust your hotel reservations accordingly and add \$310 per person to your payment.

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REGISTRATION FORM

One per guest

Please complete form and make payment for the total amount by September 20th. A single payment for multiple guests is encouraged.

Name: _____

Please indicate if attendee is under the age of 12 _____ - Contact Kim Whitney for "adjusted" Registration Fee

Organization (Circle all that apply):

_____ Heritage League _____ 93rd Bomb Group _____ 467th Bomb Group _____ Other Bomb Group _____ Number? _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____
(Someone not traveling with you) (Name) (Phone Number)

When do you plan to arrive/depart? _____
(Arrival Time/Date) (Departure Time/Date)

If traveling by plane: Airline and Flight#: _____

Are you related to a WWII veteran?

Veteran's Name: _____ Rank: _____

Duty Position: _____ Squadron/Section: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Meal choices: Circle one entrée per meal (Food descriptions follow):

Special Need _____
Please identify your special dietary requirements

Thursday Welcome Dinner (Circle your choice):

1. Chicken Breast 2. Pork Loin 3. Vegetable Lasagna

Saturday Memorial Dinner (Circle your choice):

1. Blackened Salmon 2. Chicken Cordon Bleu 3. Eggplant Parmesan

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Basic registration fee: \$410.00 Multiply by Number of registrations _____

The registration fee includes: Dinner for 4 evenings, 2 lunches, Memorabilia room, Color Guard and Guest Speaker dinners, transportation, education sessions, and business meeting.

Optional Add-On: \$310.00 Multiply by Number of registrations _____

The optional add-on registration fee includes: Van Transportation, Pikes Peak Cog Railway, Seven Falls, Royal Gorge Suspension Bridge, Royal Gorge Route Railroad, and the Cave of the Winds Discovery Tour.

Calculate your registration fee: (Registration does not include your hotel room) = Total \$ _____

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Food Descriptions

Thursday – Welcome Dinner

Assorted Warm Rolls with Butter Garden Salad
Choice of:
Grilled Chicken Breast with Chardonnay Cream Sauce
Roasted Rosemary Pork Loin
Vegetable Lasagna

Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Sauteed Vegetable Medley
Lemon Cream Cake
Fruit Cobbler with Fresh Whipped Cream
Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Coffee & Iced Water

Friday Lunch – Eisenhower Golf Club – Hometown Deli

Roast beef, turkey, ham, Swiss, cheddar
served with assorted breads and rolls, coleslaw, chips,
lettuce, tomatoes and onions, sandwich condiments with no nut brownies

Friday Dinner – Briarhurst Manor Buffet - Fresh Baked Breads & Rolls with Butter

Salads:

Tossed Baby Greens - *Organic Grape Tomatoes, Carrot, English Cucumber, Toasted Almonds, & Choice Of Dressing*

Briarhurst Chopped Salad - *Cucumber, Sweet Peppers, Apple, Red Onion, Tomato, Summer Squash, Radicchio, Iceberg, Champagne Vinaigrette*

Accompaniments:

Truffled Petite Colorado Potatoes
Honey Chipotle Glazed Carrots
Seasonal Fresh Garden Vegetable Sauté

Main Course:

Poached Red Trout *Dilled Vodka Crème*
Beef Bourguignon – *Braised Angus Short Rib, Stewed Root Vegetables, Petite Onions, Burgundy Veal Reduction*
Fettuccine Primavera – *Spring Vegetables, Roasted Red Pepper Marinara, Parmesan*

Dessert:

Creamy New York Style Cheesecake

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Fresh Berries and Sweet Cream Over Shortbread

Saturday – Lunch – Soup and Salad Buffet:

Soup du Jour

Tossed Garden Salad: Fresh Spinach, & Romaine

Assorted Toppings: Croutons, Diced Hard Boiled Eggs, Onions, Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Bell Peppers, Broccoli, Black Olives, Carrots, Shredded Cheddar & Assorted Dressings

Mini Corn Muffins

Cookies & Assorted Dessert Bar

Iced Tea, Iced Water, & Freshly Brewed Coffee

Baked Potato Bar:

Baked Potatoes, Chili Con Carne, Bacon Bits, Sour Cream, Scallions, Shredded Cheese, & Garlic Butter

Saturday – Memorial Plated Dinner:

Blackened Salmon with a Creamy Cajun Sauce

Roasted Red Potatoes

Steamed Green Beans with Bacon & Onions

or

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Steamed Green Beans with Bacon & Onions

or

Butter Eggplant Parmesan with a Creamy Marinara Sauce

All meals served with:

Roasted Red Potatoes

Garden Salad Rolls with Butter

Ultimate Chocolate Cake or Caramel Apple Pie

Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Coffee

Sunday – Farm to Table Dinner Buffet:

Seasonal Soup De Jour

Simple Greens

Goat Cheese

Candied Pecans, & Avocado Dressing

Chicken Breast, Marcona Almond Butter

**Skirt Steak with Mushrooms, Bacon, & Chile
Demi-Glaze**

Roasted Cod with White Wine Lemon Butter

Citrus Creamed Leeks & Sea Salt

Roasted New Potatoes

**Roasted Baby Vegetables
Lemon, & Thyme Olive Oil
Assorted Warm Rolls with Butter**

**Seasonal Dessert Display
Iced Tea, Iced Water, & Freshly Brewed Coffee**

REUNION REGISTRATION REFUND POLICY

Last minute cancellations can cause significant loss to the 93rd Bomb Group Association. This loss occurs because we must guarantee your attendance to the hotel relative to all meals and other related costs. When you don't show, we still are charged for meals and other expenses related to those meals.

We recognize that there will always be unforeseen events beyond your control, and we truly regret your personal inconvenience. However, your executive committee has decided that we must stay with our policy of "pay as you go" for reunion costs.

We have reviewed the choices: we can either add an extra amount to everyone's fees to cover last minute cancellations, or we can set a deadline date for cancellations after which the fees paid cannot be refunded.

In order to keep our reunion fees as low as possible, your executive committee has chosen the deadline date choice. Therefore, a deadline date, based on hotel contract requirements for each reunion will be provided to you at the time you make your reservations, and included in our reunion announcements.

No refund will be made after October 5th