
Welcome Address from the Reunion Organizer

To all those in attendance, as well as our 80th Division supporters joining us from afar,

It is my great honor to serve as organizer of the 105th Annual Reunion of the 80th Division Veterans Association, a responsibility I have proudly undertaken on behalf of my grandfather. Preparing this gathering has been a privilege and it is my sincere hope that each of you finds enjoyment, connection, and reflection during this time together.

This reunion represents far more than a scheduled event. It is a longstanding tradition that brings together individuals from across the country to renew enduring friendships and to strengthen the bonds formed through shared history. Though our time together may be brief, its significance is lasting. Opportunities such as this remind us of the importance of coming together to reflect, to reconnect, and to create memories that will endure well beyond our time here. For those of us of a younger generation, these moments are especially meaningful, as they allow us to listen, to learn, and to carry forward the stories entrusted to us.

I would also like to extend our sincere acknowledgment to those who are unable to be with us in person. Your presence is felt in spirit, and your continued support and encouragement remain deeply appreciated. Their presence, in many ways, continues through all of us.

These reflections bring us to this year's theme: Legacy.

Legacy is the enduring impact of service, sacrifice, and shared experience. It is not confined to history books or distant memory. It lives on in the stories we tell, the traditions we preserve, and the relationships we continue to build. Within this community, legacy is both inherited and created. Each of you, through your service, your presence, and your willingness to return year after year, contributes to something far greater than any one individual.

In the context of military service, legacy carries profound meaning. It is reflected in the courage of those who served, in the sacrifices made by their families, and in the lives of those who did not return home. The freedoms we enjoy today stand as a testament to that legacy, one built through dedication, resilience, and an unwavering sense of duty. It is a legacy that calls upon us not only to remember, but to continue to honor it through our actions, our words, and our commitment to one another.

On a personal note, I wish to express my deepest appreciation for my grandfather, Burt. Over time, he has come to represent many things to many people: a mentor, a friend, and a source of joy and camaraderie. While I have always known him in these ways, it was only in later years that I began to fully understand the depth of his experiences and the significance of his service. Through the stories shared at gatherings like this, I have come to see his journey more clearly, not as a collection of moments, but as part of a larger legacy. I am profoundly grateful for the opportunity to learn from him and to carry that understanding forward.

In many ways, that is what brings us all here today. Each of you is part of this legacy, not only as individuals who have served or supported, but as members of a community bound by respect, remembrance, and enduring connection. What we share here ensures that this legacy will continue, not only for us, but for those who will follow.

In closing, I extend my sincere thanks to each and every one of you.

Thank you for your presence, for your contributions, and for your role in sustaining this remarkable tradition. It is a privilege to stand among you and to count you not only as members of this association, but as friends and extended family.

Eightieth Division Veterans Association 105th Annual Reunion

August 5th - 9th, 2026

Springhill Suites by Marriott Chester

12301 Redwater Creek Rd, Chester, VA

Please **PRINT** all information and return by July 2nd, 2026



First Reunion: Yes No

Name of Veteran or Attendee: _____

Name of Spouse or Guests: _____

Phone: _____

Unit Affiliation: _____ Period: _____ Handicap: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Email address if available: _____

Registration Fee: _____ x \$35 per person = \$ _____

Prize Tickets: (\$2 each or all 12 for \$20) _____ x \$2 per ticket = \$ _____

Wednesday Night Welcome Dinner: Fried Chicken Dinner _____ x \$32 per person = \$ _____

Thursday Trip – Canal Cruise Boat Excursion and Arts District _____ x \$40 per person = \$ _____

Thursday Dinner – Commander’s Reception _____ x \$40 per person = \$ _____

Friday Trip – Virginia Holocaust Museum _____ x \$35 per person = \$ _____

Friday Night Veterans Buffet _____ x \$45 per person = \$ _____

Saturday Night Dinner: (Indicate choice for each person) _____ x \$50 per person = \$ _____

_____ x Grilled Chicken Breast

_____ x Beef Tips

_____ x Vegetable Lasagna

Program Listing: (PRINT NAMES) _____ x \$5 per name = \$ _____

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Program Ads: Check Desired Size *Note Ads Reduced 25%!* _____ = \$ _____

3.625" W x 1" H: \$10

3.625" W x 2" H: \$20

3.625" W x 4" H: \$30

7.5" W x 2" H: \$30

7.5" W x 4" H: \$60

7.5" W x 10" H: \$95

Additional Commemorative Reunion Programs: (mailed to address above) _____ x \$7.50 each = \$ _____

Registered attendees Receive Program book in Reunion packet.

NOTE: All meal prices include taxes and gratuities. Also, be advised due to international conflict causing rises in gas prices and shortages in food, some prices may have increased from previous years.

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

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