



# WELCOME TO WILLIAMSBURG, VA

## VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE 34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REUNION

### August 14 - 18, 2015

## REVISED HIGHLIGHTS AND SCHEDULE INFORMATION

### REGISTRATION FEE

All who attend the VBOB Reunion must pay the registration fee (\$35/person.) This fee covers the expense of name tags, programs, table decorations, Hospitality Room, etc.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

Registration and complimentary Wine and Cheese Reception.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

A visit to **Fort Lee, Virginia**, home of the Army Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM). Beyond its primary mission of training sustainment Soldiers, Fort Lee is a community, a workplace and a home to hundreds of military families.

In addition to the Combined Arms Support Command, Team Lee now consists of the Army Logistics University, the U.S. Army Ordnance School, the U.S. Army Quartermaster School and the U.S. Army Transportation School. Its tenants include headquarters elements of the Defense Commissary Agency, Kenner Army Health Clinic, a Military Entrance Processing Station and the Defense Contract Management Agency.

We will start the day with a visit to **The Aerial Delivery and Field Services Department** to watch parachute riggers in action. Some attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a simulation. We will then have **lunch with Troops** in a dining facility located in the Ordnance area. This will be followed by a "windshield" tour of the installation to see all of the schools and training areas including the Army Logistics University (ALU) and the largest 1,000 room lodging in the Army on our way to the museums. After splitting into two groups, we will alternate visits between the **Quartermaster and Women's Museums** where Major General Steven R. Lyons, CASCOM Commander, and his staff will provide a welcome and history of the post. Additional information can be found at: [www.lee.army.mil/](http://www.lee.army.mil/).

After completing our museum tours we will participate in the **official wreath-laying ceremony** with invited dignitaries and guests across the street at the Headquarters Clamshell/Flagpole. This will consist of Chaplain remarks, laying of wreaths, taps, a 21 gun salute, and retreat.



Visitors trying on armor at the Jamestown Settlement, which we will visit on Monday.

After a long day, we will return to the hotel to relax and have dinner on your own.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Beginning in spring 2015, Fort Lee will vet all persons (over the age of 18) requesting entry who do not possess the appropriate military issued credentials (e.g., military ID card, CAC, Retired ID card). We will need to give an attendee list to the Visitor Control Center (VCC) prior to the day of the event, to avoid background checks at the VCC when we arrive. **You will then need to bring a valid driver's license/photo ID on the bus for entry to Fort Lee**, which will be checked against the list provided in advance.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

**ADDED:** We will start the day with a **wreath laying ceremony** in Williamsburg in celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the ending of World War II, as part of the Spirit of '45 "Tribute to America's Greatest Generation." Ours will be one of about 2,000 wreaths being dedicated on that day across the world.

The rest of Sunday will be a relaxing day with **meetings** scheduled for Chapter Presidents or their representatives, an Executive Council meeting, and General Membership Meeting. The day will be capped off with a **Reception**

with cash bar and our **Banquet** consisting of Seared Filet of Beef Tenderloin or Crab Imperial Stuffed Flounder for your entrée.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 17

This is our historic day with visits to **Jamestown Settlement**, including lunch, and **Yorktown Victory Center**.

Jamestown Settlement tells the story of 17th-century Virginia; from the arrival of English colonists in Jamestown in 1607 to the cultural encounters and events that planted the seeds of a new nation. The world of Jamestown, America's first permanent English colony, comes to life through film, gallery exhibits and outdoor living history. Expansive gallery exhibits and an introductory film describe the cultures of the Powhatan Indians, Europeans and Africans who converged in 17th-century Virginia, and trace Jamestown's beginnings in England and the first century of the Virginia colony. Climb aboard replicas of the three ships that sailed from England to Virginia in 1607, and explore life-size re-creations of the colonists' fort and a Powhatan village. In the outdoor areas, costumed historical interpreters describe and demonstrate daily life in early 17th century Jamestown. Included is an expert guided tour and lunch at the Jamestown Café.

Experience the entirety of the American Revolution at the Yorktown Victory Center. This center is near the battlefield where allied American and French forces won the decisive battle of the American Revolution in 1781, the Yorktown Victory Center chronicles the Revolutionary period, from colonial unrest to the formation of the new nation. The story of America's evolution from colonial status to nationhood is told through films, exhibits and participatory experiences inside a new museum building and outdoor living history at a re-created Continental Army encampment and Revolution-era farm. After a two-hour guided tour, we will return to the hotel to relax and enjoy fellowship.

Additional Jamestown and Yorktown information can be found at: [www.historyisfun.org/](http://www.historyisfun.org/)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

After breakfast at the hotel, you can stay for additional days to visit **Colonial Williamsburg** and/or **Busch Gardens**, or depart for home.

# VBOB REUNION REGISTRATION FORM **DEADLINE: JULY 24, 2015**

Complete this form OR register online: [www.battleofthebulge.org](http://www.battleofthebulge.org), click on "Attend Reunion" and fill out the registration form. Either type of registration form must be received by VBOB no later than **July 24, 2015**. Hotel rooms may not be held past that date, so reserve your rooms early. There is not a penalty for canceling up to the day of arrival. *Go to page 19 for separate hotel registration information.*

**IMPORTANT NOTE: If you have already registered, please do not register again. We will contact you to see if you would like to attend the wreath laying ceremony on Sunday.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Division, Regiments, etc \_\_\_\_\_

Check box if Associate Member  Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Wife/Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: Please indicate No. of People attending *free* events as well! We need to know for room capacities. Thank you.**

	No. of People	Cost per Person	Total Cost
<b>Registration Fee</b> ( <i>all attendees must register</i> )	_____	\$35	_____
<b>Friday, August 14, 2015</b>			
Wine and cheese reception	_____	free	
<b>Saturday, August 15, 2015</b>			
Trip to Fort Lee ( <i>including bus and lunch</i> )	_____	\$40	_____
<b>Sunday, August 16, 2015</b>			
<b>ADDED:</b> Wreath Laying Ceremony	_____	free	
Chapter Presidents' Meeting	_____	free	
Executive Council Meeting	_____	free	
General Membership Meeting	_____	free	
Reception	_____	cash bar	
Banquet ( <i>choose entrees below</i> )			
Seared Filet of Beef Tenderloin	_____	\$54	_____
Crab Imperial Stuffed Flounder	_____	\$44	_____
<b>Monday, August 17, 2015</b>			
Trip to Jamestown and Yorktown	_____	\$60	_____
<i>Includes admission fees, tours, bus, and lunch</i>			
Select from the following choices for lunch (included):			
Angus Cheeseburger	_____		
Brunswick Stew	_____		
Chef Salad	_____		
Barbecue Sandwich	_____		
			<b>TOTAL</b> _____

**Mail this form and check (payable to VBOB) to:** Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, Inc., PO Box 27430, Philadelphia, PA 19118  
**Or, to pay with a credit card, register online at [www.battleofthebulge.org](http://www.battleofthebulge.org), click on "Attend Reunion"**

(Refunds for cancellation, will be honored in whole or in part, depending on availability of funds)



# VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE, INC.

## 2015 VBOB REUNION IN WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA August 14 – 18, 2015

### REVISED REUNION PROGRAM

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2015

2 pm – 6 pm	Registration (Newmarket Hall)
2 pm – 10 pm	Hospitality Room open (Newmarket Hall)
6 pm – 8 pm	Free Wine and Cheese Reception in Hospitality Room

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015

**NOTES:** *You will need to bring a valid driver's license/photo ID on the bus for entry to Fort Lee, which will be checked against the list provided in advance. (See pg. 16.)*

*There will be ample rest opportunities throughout the day.*

8 am – 5 pm	Registration (Newmarket Hall)
8 am – 11 pm	Hospitality Room open (Newmarket Hall)
8 – 8:15 am	Load Buses for trip to Fort Lee
8:15 – 9:30 am	Buses travel from Hotel to Fort Lee on historic Virginia Route 5
10 – 11 am	Rigger school briefing, demonstration, and simulation
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch at dining facility with Troops
12:30 pm	Buses depart dining facility, travel past Army Logistics University; Visit Quartermaster and Women's Museums (to include Welcome to Fort Lee)
4:15 - 5:15 pm	Flag Ceremony to include: Chaplain remarks, laying of wreaths, taps, and 21 gun salute; Retreat by Fort Lee Soldiers
5:15 – 5:30 pm	Load Buses for return to the hotel
5:30 – 6:45 pm	Buses travel from Fort Lee to the hotel Dinner on your own

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015

8 am – 2 pm	Registration (Newmarket Hall)
8 am – 11 pm	Hospitality Room open (Newmarket Hall)
8:30 am	Load buses for trip to Williamsburg Memorial Park
9-10 am	Spirit of '45 Wreath Laying Ceremony
10 am	Return to hotel
10:30 – 11:30 am	Chapter Presidents' Meeting (Jefferson Davis Amphitheater)
11:30 am - 1 pm	Lunch on your own
1 – 2 pm	VBOB Executive Council Meeting (Jefferson Davis Amphitheater)
3 – 5 pm	General Membership Meeting (Jefferson Davis Amphitheater)
6 – 7 pm	Reception (cash bar) (Richmond Hall)
7 – 9:30 pm	Banquet at the hotel (Richmond Hall)

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015

8 am – 11 pm	Hospitality Room open (Newmarket Hall)
8:15 – 8:30 am	Load buses for Jamestown/Yorktown tour
8:30 – 9 am	Buses travel from hotel to Jamestown Settlement
9 – 11:30 am	Formal tour of Jamestown Settlement to include ships and demonstrations
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch at the Jamestown Settlement Café
12:30 – 1 pm	Buses travel from Jamestown to Yorktown on historic Williamsburg Parkway
1 – 3:30 pm	Formal tour of the Yorktown Victory Center
3:30 – 4 pm	Buses travel from Yorktown to the hotel Free time, dinner on your own

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015

7 – 10:30 am	Breakfast at the hotel and depart or stay longer for sightseeing, on your own
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## FORT MAGRUDER HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER

6945 Pocahontas Trail  
Williamsburg, VA 23185  
website: [www.fortmagruderhotel.com](http://www.fortmagruderhotel.com)  
Phone: 757-220-2250

**RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR  
GROUP RATE: July 24, 2015**

# VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

## August 14 – 18, 2015

(Our VBOB group rate is good from August 10 – 21, 2015)

### Hotel Information

Boasting an enviable location within blocks of Colonial Williamsburg, the College of William and Mary, Busch Gardens and Water Country USA, the newly-refreshed, historical Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center is also convenient to the area's wide (and growing) selection of outlet shopping options.

During the Civil War, Fort Magruder was an earthen fortification commanding the junction of two roads leading up the Peninsula to Williamsburg. Redoubt #3, an authentic Civil War earthwork, is located here on our grounds around the gazebo. Historic artifacts on display on the hotel property include musket balls, uniform buttons, a Union Army belt buckle, and a hand-stitched original 1850 quilt.

This hotel has a smoke-free policy. The room rate is \$119 per night, single or double occupancy, plus 11% tax and \$2 occupancy fee per day. This includes the buffet breakfast each morning for two.

Check-in time is 4:00 pm; Check-out time is 11:00 am.

### RESERVATIONS

To make your reservation you have two options, by telephone or online.

**1. By phone:** call 1-757-220-2250 and say you are with the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge group. Handicap rooms are available, but you must call the hotel to reserve one.

**2. Online:** Go to: [www.fortmagruderhotel.com/](http://www.fortmagruderhotel.com/) and click on "reservations". You can enter the dates on the next screen after you put **VBOB** in the Group Code Box. Change the Availability Box to August and then you can click the arrival and departure dates.

We suggest you guarantee your reservation with a charge card. **Reservation must be made by July 24, 2015 to guarantee you will get the group rate. After July 24, reservations will be made on a space-available basis.** If you need to cancel your reservation, please inform the hotel by 6 pm on the day of scheduled arrival (earlier is better).

### HOTEL AMENITIES

- Full service restaurant and lounge (Veranda dining room)
- J.B's Lounge for cocktails and tasty meals
- Room service offering complete entrees, handcrafted pizza and a children's menu
- ATM (Near Guest Registration)
- Business Center
- Complimentary high speed wireless internet access

- Compact refrigerator & lighted makeup mirror in every guest room
- Indoor Pool w/hot tub; Outdoor Pool w/Kiddie Pool
- Fitness Center (Room key required for 24-hour access)
- Game Room
- Sundry Shop offering beverages, snacks and sundry items
- Complimentary Guest Parking
- Shuttle Service to and from Colonial Williamsburg, Busch Gardens/Water Country, and the local Amtrak Station

### DIRECTIONS TO THE HOTEL

Easily accessible from the entire Mid-Atlantic region, Richmond International Airport and Williamsburg-Newport News International Airport are both close by.

**AIRPORT SHUTTLES:** The hotel does not provide airport shuttle service, but some local ones are (*not endorsements*): Tidewater Coach (757-218-9539, [www.tidewatercoach.com](http://www.tidewatercoach.com)); Carey Transportation (757-853-5466, [www.onetransportationsolution.com](http://www.onetransportationsolution.com)); Williamsburg Chauffeur Service, LLC. (757-927-5049, [www.williamsburgchauffeur.com](http://www.williamsburgchauffeur.com)).

**BY AUTOMOBILE: From the North** - Traveling on I-95 SOUTH toward Richmond. Take exit 84-A on the left to merge on I-295 SOUTH (Toward Rocky Mount NC/Richmond Intl. Airport). Take exit 28-A to merge on to I-64 EAST (Toward Norfolk/Virginia Beach). Follow directions from the West to the Hotel.

**From the West** (Including Richmond Intl. Airport) - Traveling on I-64 EAST toward Norfolk/Virginia Beach, take exit 242A, VA-199 West toward Williamsburg/Jamestown. Go 1.2 miles and exit onto Route 60 (Busch Gardens/Williamsburg). At the bottom of the ramp turn left on to Route 60 West. Fort Magruder Hotel will be found 1.2 miles on the left.

**From the East** (Including Williamsburg/Newport News Intl. and Norfolk Intl. Airports) - Traveling on I-64 West take exit 242A, VA-199 West toward Williamsburg/Jamestown. Go 1.2 miles and exit onto Route 60 (Busch Gardens/Williamsburg). At the bottom of the ramp turn left on to Route 60 West. Fort Magruder Hotel will be found 1.2 miles on the left.

**BY TRAIN:** For Amtrak service to Williamsburg, call: (800) 872-7245 or visit: [www.amtrak.com/home](http://www.amtrak.com/home)