

**10th ARMORED DIVISION VETERANS' ASSOCIATION
796TH AAA BN**

"FINAL SALUTE" REUNION

**AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 4, 2006
GENERAL INFORMATION**

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM (Enclosed) More than ever before, registering in advance is vital to the registration process this year. For our MAIN EVENT, the "Final Salute" Ceremony at The Patton Museum Memorial Park scheduled for Friday AM, September 1, you will board buses at 9:45 AM. All registrants are urged to attend! Therefore, the registration desk will not be open Friday morning for Late Registration upon arrival. It is important that you arrive on Thursday to pick up your Advance Registration packet which contains your tour and lunch ticket. In case you arrive late on Thursday evening you may pick up your packet early Friday morning. Advance Registration Forms must be mailed by Monday, August 7 so that we can guarantee bus and lunch seating in advance and to plan for other activities. Advance registration fees and late registration fees are as shown on the registration form. Because of tour and meal guarantees, no refunds will be made unless you cancel by August 30.

HOTEL REGISTRATION ENVELOPE (Enclosed) Mail this envelope directly to the Louisville Marriott Downtown. Reservations must be received on or before Monday, August 14, 2006 to receive the special rate of \$89 (single, double, triple, quad) plus 15.01% tax. This rate is available two days prior and two days after reunion dates. You may also call the Marriott for reservations Toll Free by calling **800-533-0127**. The hotel has provided us with this number in place of the number given us earlier.

REUNION REGISTRATION DESK INFORMATION

Registration Schedule

Thursday, August 31: 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Pick up Advance Registration packets.

Friday, September 1: 8:00 AM. Pick up Advance Registration packets. Limited registration upon return from tour.

Saturday, September 2: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (With lunch hour)

Sunday, September 3: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Name Tags

These will be placed in the Advance Registration packets. Advance Registration Form must be complete and accurate for name tag preparation in advance. Be sure to include state of residence for all registrants. 10th Armored and 796th AAA veterans are to pin their name tags to the red, white and blue neck ribbon given to you at the registration desk.

TOUR TICKETS The ticket for the Fort Knox tour is a package deal which covers the bus fee, lunch at the Leaders Club and Club rental. Tickets must be shown to the bus captain upon boarding buses and will be collected at the Leaders Club. Your ticket will be in your Registration packet.

BANQUET TICKETS Ticket must be placed by your plate in order to be served. This ticket will also be in your Registration packet.

BANQUET SEATING Seating will again be arranged by unit. To avoid confusion it is important that you sit at a table assigned to your unit. Be sure to enter your unit on the reunion registration form from which this information is taken. Your guests will also be seated with your unit.

TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT The Marriott does not provide shuttle service between the hotel and the airport. Two recommendations by the hotel (other than the bus system): (1) by taxi which runs approximately \$15 each way, or (2) call ahead for car service (Cosmopolitan Car Service at 502-214-7421) at \$45 each way for up to 4 people.

HOTEL LOCATION The Marriott Louisville Downtown Hotel is located at 280 West Jefferson Street.

HOTEL PARKING Inside parking space at the hotel for our group is \$8 per day which is one-half the regular rate.

NEARBY FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT AND SHOPPING FACILITIES We are fortunate to be across the street from the new 4th Street Live complex, easily accessible via the convenient overhead pedway. Among the eateries are TGI Fridays, Red Star Tavern, Hard Rock Cafe, Sully's Restaurant Saloon, Maker's Mark Bourbon House, The Pub and Food Court. In addition you will find other retail and entertainment establishments.

DAILY ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 This is primarily a setup day for reunion activities. However, it is important that you plan to arrive on Thursday to pick up your Advance Registration packet and be ready to board the tour bus at 9:45 AM Friday. Once again we remind you of the importance of mailing your Advance Registration Form by Monday, August 7 rather than waiting to register when you arrive in Louisville. All registrants are urged to sign up for the Fort Knox tour to witness the impressive "Final Salute" Ceremony and the tour of The Patton Museum arranged with unbelievable cooperation and support from The Patton Museum and Fort Knox officials. There will be no registration Friday AM (other than early pick up of Advance Registration packets) so that registration personnel may attend the Ceremony.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 Board buses at 9:45 AM to arrive at Armor Memorial Park at 10:45 AM for 11:00 AM "Final Salute" Ceremony. Fort Knox and Patton Museum personnel in charge of arrangements have spared nothing to provide for conveniences as well as a comfortable setting for attendees. Among these are canopies, chairs with seat cushions and water coolers. George Patton "Pat" Waters, General George Patton's grandson and a member of The Patton Museum Foundation Board, has been scheduled to speak. At the conclusion of this impressive ceremony we board buses to proceed to the Leaders Club for lunch and presentations. After lunch we will again board buses for a tour of The Patton Museum prior to our return to the Marriott. Upon return to the hotel there will be a "Happy Hour" with a cash bar followed by dinner on your own. At 8:00 PM there will be a premiere showing of the Memorial DVD.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 Saturday is "Trolley Tour Day" in downtown Louisville. The Louisville Convention Center has been very helpful in selecting the most popular attractions for us to visit along the trolley route. Some of these have already offered discount admission fees for veterans and guests. A list of recommended sites, along with brochures, will be available at the registration desk. The City of Louisville has gone all out in the last few years to renovate the downtown area into a first class convention city. Some of the most popular attractions are relatively new. The trolley charge for each boarding is only 25 cents. Saturday also provides you with the opportunity to cross over to "4th Street Live" for additional attractions. Or, you may wish to relax or visit in the hospitality room. Dinner will again be on your own. At 8:00 PM we have our traditional "Bavarian Night" with free beer and soft drinks. A six piece combo from the Moonlight Big Band, which I'm sure you remember from the past, will provide music for your pleasure and dancing.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 Catholic and Protestant services are scheduled for Sunday morning. The Annual (Final) Business Meeting is scheduled for 1:30 PM. A complimentary wine and cheese reception (courtesy of the Marriott) will precede our final Memorial Service, Banquet and Dance. Music will again be provided this year by the popular 17 piece Moonlight Big Band.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

HOSPITALITY ROOM The hospitality room will open on Thursday for early arrivals and will remain open each day for your enjoyment. Coffee and donuts will be available on Saturday morning at 10:00 AM.

MEMORABILIA SALES/HOWARD LIDDIC DISPLAY These will be set up on Thursday. Please note that all 10th Armored memorabilia now on hand will be offered for sale until all items are sold. This is your last opportunity to acquire these items for yourself and family members. Howard Liddic will again have on display his collection of memorabilia. These two locations will be closed Friday during the Fort Knox tour hours.

WW II VINTAGE JEEP Many of you will remember seeing 3rd Tk Bn Bob Kinser's WW II vintage jeep on display at the 2001 Louisville reunion. This year he will again bring the jeep which will serve as an excellent prop for photos for our veterans and guests. Bob and son Scott will again donate 10th Armored vehicle models to be auctioned off.

MEETINGS

Executive Committee, Thursday 4:00 PM

796th AAA Annual Business Meeting, Sunday 12:00 Noon

10th Armored Annual Business Meeting, Sunday 1:30 PM

FOR ADDITIONAL REUNION INFORMATION Call the Reunion Co-chairmen: Tom Bubin (269-344-7035) or W. C. (Dusty) Schulze (864-223-0120). Further details will be listed in the Reunion Program which will be placed in your Reunion packet to be picked up at the Reunion Registration Desk.

A FEW REMINDERS 1) Advance registration is most important this year for pre-planning purposes. Late registration hours are limited. Mail by Monday, August 7. 2) If you have not mailed your DVD orders, do it now. We need to know how many to produce. Family members will cherish this keepsake for years to come.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM
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796th AAA BN ANNUAL REUNION
LOUISVILLE MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN
AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 4, 2006

IMPORTANT CHECK IF: FIRST TIMER _____ **10TH ARMORED/796th WIDOW** _____ **TRAVEL BY: AIR** _____ **CAR** _____

YOUR FULL NAME _____ **FIRST NAME FOR NAME TAG** _____
(Please Print)

SPOUSE'S FULL NAME _____ **FIRST NAME FOR NAME TAG** _____
(Only if attending)

ADDRESS _____
(Street or Post Office Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

GUEST(S) _____ **FIRST NAME FOR NAME TAG** _____
(Include ages of children if 20 or under) (State)

GUEST(S) _____ **FIRST NAME FOR NAME TAG** _____
(State)

GUEST(S) _____ **FIRST NAME FOR NAME TAG** _____
(State)

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ **TELEPHONE NUMBER ()** _____

MY 10TH ARMORED DIVISION UNIT WAS _____

REFUND OF REGISTRATION AND ACTIVITY FEES WILL BE MADE ONLY IF YOU CANCEL BY AUGUST 30
NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE LATER BECAUSE OF TOUR AND MEAL GUARANTEES
NOTE: LATE REGISTRATION FEE IN LOUISVILLE FOR ADULTS IS \$65.00 PER PERSON

	<u>NUMBER OF PEOPLE</u>	<u>COST PER PERSON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
REUNION REGISTRATION FEES:			
(IF MAILED ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 7, 2006)			
ADULTS (per person)	_____	\$60.00	\$ _____
CHILDREN (20 or under)	_____	\$35.00	\$ _____
WIDOW OF 10TH ARMORED/796TH VETERAN		\$50.00	\$ _____

<u>ACTIVITIES (DETAILS ENCLOSED)</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>NUMBER OF TICKETS</u>	<u>COST PER PERSON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FORT KNOX/PATTON MUSEUM (Includes lunch)	FRI 9/1	9:45 AM	_____	\$27.00	\$ _____
TOTAL (enclose check or money order payable to: 10TH ARMORED DIVISION VETERANS' ASSOC.)					\$ _____

1. Mail hotel reservation form directly to Louisville Marriott Downtown.
2. Do not include dues with advance registration payment.
Unpaid dues will be collected by the Secretary at the reunion.
3. For Fort Knox Tour information call Tom Bubin at (269) 344-7035.
For registration information call W. C. (Dusty) Schulze at (864) 223-0120.
4. Because of required guarantees, no registration or tour fees will be refunded after August 30.
5. Registration fee includes banquet, music and entertainment, free beer and soft drinks on Saturday night, hospitality room, printing and registration expenses.
6. Pick up advance registration packets (including all tickets ordered) at **REUNION REGISTRATION DESK**

**MAIL THIS FORM WITH
REMITTANCE TO:**

10TH ARMORED DIV. VET. ASSOC.
P. O. BOX 49218
GREENWOOD, S. C. 29649-0004

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACE BELOW

Date registration mailed _____

Date registration received _____

Date of check/money order _____