



WELCOME TO SEATTLE, WA

VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE 35th ANNUAL REUNION

October 5 - 10, 2016

UPDATED* HIGHLIGHTS AND SCHEDULE INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FEE

All attendees must pay the registration fee (see Registration Form). The fee covers the expenses of name tags, programs, table decorations, Hospitality Room, etc.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Registration and complimentary Wine and Cheese Reception.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

Visit the **Joint Base Lewis-McChord Military Base (JBLM)** - home of the Corps and 62nd Airlift Wing. The facility is an amalgamation of the US Army's Fort Lewis and US Air Force McChord Air Force Base. This Base is a training and mobilization center for all services and is the only Army power injection base west of the Rocky Mountains. Its location provides rapid access to deep water ports for deploying equipment. The Joint Base Headquarters (JBHQ) operates the installation in support of war fighting units, their families and the extended military community. From 1942- 1946, it was used as a training base (including training for the Anti-Aircraft Artillery) and a clearing station for planes headed for Alaska and the South Pacific. If you were ever stationed at Ft. Lewis (as it was known in WWII era), we would like to hear your story during the bus trip to the Base. *For more information about JBLM, their web site is: <http://www.lewis-mcchord.army.mil/about.html>*

IMPORTANT: IDENTIFICATION & DEADLINE

If you plan to join us on the tour of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, you will need to:

* NEW (LATER) DEADLINE FOR BASE TRIP!

1) Sign up by September 12. (No exceptions. Late registrants cannot go on the base trip.)



Joint Base Lewis-McChord

2) Bring a government issued photo ID (e.g., driver's license, U.S. passport or passport card, military ID). Children under age 18: bring school photo ID card.

3) If a non-US citizen, bring foreign passport with current arrival-departure record.

4) If a foreign national, please bring permanent resident card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (INS Form I-551).

For questions, please call the VBOB office, 703-528-4058 or email doris@battleofthebulge.org.



Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

After breakfast, please attend the **Membership Meeting**. Important issues will be discussed about the future of VBOB, and we value your input. Following the Membership Meeting, we will have **lunch in the Hospitality Room**. You can choose to have lunch in the restaurant, but if you join us, you will be sure to be on time for the bus departure for the tours. You have **3 choices for the tours** (choose 1): (a) take a bus tour of Seattle (stay-on-bus tour, 3 hours) or (b) explore Pike Place Market (on your own) or (c) go to the Seattle Space Needle [and the Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum.] The Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum is located at the base of the Space Needle and was voted as the #1 place to visit in Seattle by TripAdvisor. Please keep in mind that Pike Place Market is a busy place and the pavement is uneven. It is not wheelchair-friendly. In the evening, we'll go for a **BBQ feast at Famous Dave's** (close to the hotel). If you prefer, stay at the hotel or take the hotel shuttle to a different neighboring

restaurant. *For more information, Pike Place Market: pikeplacemarket.org; Seattle Space Needle: www.spaceneedle.com/home; Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum: www.chihulygardenglass.com*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Visit the **Boeing Museum of Flight** (the #2 place to see in Seattle by Trip Advisor). It is the largest private air and space museum in the world (150 aircraft). They have 25 aircraft from WWI and WWII on display. It has the largest collection of model aircraft, including every plane from both wars. They have a cafe where we can have lunch (at your own timing). *For more information about the Boeing Museum of Flight: www.museumofflight.org/.* After free time in the afternoon, we will have our traditional **Reception and Banquet** at the hotel.



Pike Place Market

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Again, you have a choice of 1 of 3 options from the agenda that was offered on Friday, so you can enjoy your 2nd choice. We will return back to the hotel no later than 1:00 PM. If you have a flight out of Seattle in the afternoon, please allow plenty of time between returning to the hotel and catching the shuttle to the airport. If you want to stay and visit in the Hospitality Room, it will be open.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

After breakfast at the hotel, stay for additional days to see beautiful Seattle, or depart for home.

NOTE: Please bring rain gear (raincoat and umbrella) in case it rains—although we hope that we will be ahead of their rainy season, but it is best to be prepared.

VBOB REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION FOR REUNION: **SEPTEMBER 28, 2016**

There are two options for registering for the reunion: Complete this form OR register online at www.battleofthebulge.org (Click on “Attend Reunion” and complete the Registration Form.) Registration for the Reunion must be received no later than **September 28, 2016**. However, you must register by **September 12, 2016** if you plan on going to Lewis-McChord Base. There is no penalty for canceling up to the day of arrival. Go to page 15 for the hotel registration information. (**Hotel reservation cut-off is September 21, 2016.**)

VBOB registration desk at the hotel will be open on Wed October 5 from 2 pm - 6 pm, and on Thurs October 6 from 8 am - 5 pm.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Division, Regiments, etc _____

Check box if Associate Member Signature _____

Guest(s) *(please print)* _____

| IMPORTANT: Please indicate No. of People attending <i>free</i> events as well! | No. of People | Cost per Person | Total Cost |
|--|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Registration Fee <i>(all attendees must pay the Registration Fee)</i> | | | |
| Adult (21 and Over) | _____ | \$45 | _____ |
| Child (20 and Under) | _____ | \$25 | _____ |
| Late registration fee after September 28 - add \$20 per person | _____ | \$20 | _____ |
| Wednesday, October 5, 2016 | | | |
| Wine and cheese reception in the Hospitality Room | _____ | free | _____ |
| Thursday, October 6, 2016 | | | |
| Tour of JB Lewis-McChord Military Base <i>(includes bus and lunch)</i> | _____ | \$40 | _____ |
| Friday, October 7, 2016 | | | |
| Lunch in the Hospitality Room | _____ | \$22 | _____ |
| Bus Trips <i>(choose one option):</i> | | | |
| Bus tour of Seattle (a stay-on bus tour) | _____ | \$40 | _____ |
| Trip to Pike Place Market | _____ | \$25 | _____ |
| Trip to Space Needle: | | | |
| Space Needle only | _____ | \$45 | _____ |
| Space Needle & Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum | _____ | \$55 | _____ |
| Dinner at Famous Dave's BBQ | _____ | \$25 | _____ |
| Saturday, October 8, 2016 | | | |
| Tour of Boeing Museum of Flight | _____ | \$43 | _____ |
| <i>(includes bus and museum admission; lunch is on your own at museum cafe.)</i> | | | |
| Reception | _____ | cash bar | _____ |
| Banquet <i>(choose entree below)</i> | | | |
| Lemon Seared Pacific Salmon | _____ | \$45 | _____ |
| Herb Roasted Tri-Tip of Beef | _____ | \$45 | _____ |
| Sunday, October 9, 2016 | | | |
| Bus Trips <i>(choose one option):</i> | | | |
| Bus tour of Seattle (a stay-on bus tour) | _____ | \$40 | _____ |
| Trip to Pike Place Market | _____ | \$25 | _____ |
| Trip to Space Needle: | | | |
| Space Needle only | _____ | \$45 | _____ |
| Space Needle & Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum | _____ | \$55 | _____ |
| | | | TOTAL _____ |

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, click on “Attend Reunion”



2016 VBOB REUNION IN SEATTLE, WA

OCTOBER 5 - 10, 2016

REUNION PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Registration open
2:00 PM - 10:00 PM Hospitality Room open (Summit I & II)
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Wine and Cheese Reception in Hospitality Room
Dinner on your own (at hotel or nearby restaurants)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Registration open
8:00 AM - 10:00 PM Hospitality Room open (Summit I & II)
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Breakfast at hotel
9:00 AM Bus Departs for Joint Base Lewis-McChord Military Base*
Visit the Museum and see WWII Vehicles on the Base
12:00 Noon Lunch on Base (with the soldiers)
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Tour of the Base
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM Arrival back to the hotel
Dinner on your own

***Important note:** To visit the Military Base, you must bring a government-issued photo ID and you MUST sign up for this trip no later than **Sept. 12, 2016** (6 weeks prior to Oct 6). This deadline was issued by the base and it is due to heightened security at Military Bases. No exceptions. Late registrants cannot be accommodated. Hospitality Room will be open if you do not go on the Tour. Please see page 12 for more information.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Breakfast at hotel
8:00 AM - 10:00 PM Hospitality Room open (Summit I & II)
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Membership Meeting (Monterey Room)
11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon Lunch in Hospitality Room (Summit I & II)
12:30 PM Buses depart, three options (choose one)
(a) Bus Tour of Seattle (stay-on Bus tour)
(b) Trip to Pike Place Market
(c) Trip to Seattle Space Needle [and Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum]
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Return to hotel (arrival around 4:00 PM)
6:00 PM Depart for Dinner at Famous Dave's BBQ (or dinner on your own)
8:30 PM Return to Hotel

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Breakfast at hotel
8:00 AM - 10:00 PM Hospitality Room open (Summit I & II)
9:00 AM Bus Departs for Boeing Museum of Flight
Lunch at the Museum Cafe (on your own timing)
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM Return to hotel (arrival around 1:30 PM)
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Reception (cash bar)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Banquet at hotel (Monterey Room)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Breakfast at hotel
8:00 AM - 10:00 PM Hospitality Room open (Summit I & II)
9:00 AM Buses depart, three options (choose one)
(a) Bus Tour of Seattle (stay-on Bus tour)
(b) Trip to Pike Place Market
(c) Trip to Seattle Space Needle [and Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum]
1:00 PM Return to hotel (1:00 PM approximate time)
Dinner on your own

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016

7:00 AM - 10:30 AM Breakfast at hotel
Depart or stay longer and enjoy beautiful Seattle

See Highlights and Schedule Information on page 12 for more details.



DOUBLETREE SUITES BY HILTON, SEATTLE AIRPORT – SOUTHCENTER

16500 Southcenter Parkway

Seattle, WA 98188

website: www.seattle.doubletree.com

Phone: 206-575-8220

**RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR GROUP RATE:
Wednesday, September 21, 2016**

Hotel Information

The DoubleTree Suites By Hilton Hotel Seattle Airport – Southcenter is located 3 miles from the Seattle Tacoma International Airport (SEATAC). Every suite has 2 rooms – the bedroom and a living room (with a pocket door between the rooms). The living room has a sofa sleeper that can accommodate an additional guest. The bedroom has either 1 king bed or 2 double beds. Each room has a refrigerator. Microwave ovens can be provided upon availability.

The hotel is holding three different types of ADA suites: 5 rooms with 1 king bed, and 3 rooms with 2 double beds. If you need an ADA room, please book your room early. ADA rooms are also suites with a sofa sleeper in the living room.

| ROOM RATE: | Single | Double | Triple | Quad |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Regular room | \$109 | \$109 | \$119 | \$129 |
| King Corner | \$139 | \$139 | \$149 | \$159 |

Our rooms are the Regular room (Row 1.) The same rate applies to ADA rooms. If you want to upgrade, you may reserve a King Corner room (Row 2), but they are outside of our room block and subject to availability. King Corner rooms are larger rooms (about 25% larger).

Our room rate is available for up to 3 nights prior to our Reunion and 3 nights following our reunion, but the rooms are subject to availability. If you want to extend your stay in beautiful Seattle, please book your rooms early.

RESERVATIONS

By phone: call 1-800-222-8733 and say you are with the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge group or give them a group code of VBB. Or call the hotel direct at 206-575-8220 and you will be transferred to ‘reservations.’

Online: <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/S/SEASPDV-VBB-20161005/index.jhtml>

(For online reservations, the group code is also VBB).

All major credit cards accepted. Use the above information to book a Regular Room. If you want to book a King Corner Room, call Laurel (Rooms coordinator) at 206-575-8220 Ext 1124.

Reservations must be made by Wednesday, September 21, 2016 to guarantee the group rate. After September 21, reservations will be made on a space-available basis. In the event you need to cancel your reservation, please inform the hotel by calling 1-800-222-8733 at least 24 hours in advance of your arrival. Individual room cancellations made less than 24 hours prior to arrival and ‘no shows’ will incur a

1-night room and tax cancellation fee. Please have your confirmation number available if you have to call (1-800-222-8733) and cancel.

HOTEL AMENITIES

- Full hot breakfast in the Northwest Landing Restaurant (included)
- Complimentary standard room guest internet access
- Complimentary parking for day and overnight use
- Complimentary Hotel Shuttle (24 hours a day) from airport, and to anyplace within 1 mile of hotel (based on availability)
- Complimentary use of large fitness facility and business center
- Baggage handling and storage (recommended gratuity \$3/bag)
- Very close to the largest shopping center in Seattle
- ATM Machine
- Sundry Shop (offering beverages, snacks and sundry items)
- Beautiful, newly remodeled pool, hot tub, showers, and bathrooms

DIRECTIONS TO THE HOTEL

Airport Shuttle: Complimentary airport shuttle from SEATAC Airport. After you have retrieved your luggage, go to “Courtesy Pick-up” on the 3rd floor of the parking garage. (Directions: Go up 1 floor from baggage claim, cross the sky bridge, then go down 1 floor. See “Ground Transportation”) Go to Island #1 or #3 and call 206-575-8220 from the courtesy phone and the hotel staff will tell you how soon they will be there for you. Please note which Island you are near (#1 or #3).

Driving Directions: Hotel is 3 miles from Seattle/Tacoma. Follow signs to all freeways. Take Hwy 518 East to the Southcenter Parkway exit. Turn right at the stop sign. Go through 2 lights and turn right onto Southcenter Parkway. Turn left at 2nd light into the hotel parking lot.

If you use a GPS, enter the town name Tukwila into your GPS (not Seattle—the hotel is actually in Tukwila.)

RENTAL CARS

Seattle is a beautiful place. Feel free to add a few days before the Reunion or after the Reunion to explore more of Seattle. Our discounted room rate will be honored for 3 days before the Reunion and 3 days after the Reunion. If you need to rent a car, all major car rental companies are located at the airport (and the hotel shuttle can take you there). Enterprise Car Rental has a location nearby at 1110 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA (425-277-5702). They are 2.6 miles (6 min) from the hotel, and this is outside of the parameter that the hotel shuttle bus serves (but Enterprise might be able to bring the car to you.) Parking at the hotel is free.