

2024 ANNUAL REUNION – FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA **(Washington, DC area)**

September 29–October 6, 2024. Centrally located Fairfax County, Virginia, is the site of our 74th annual reunion. This beautiful area is home to George Washington’s Mount Vernon, Dulles International Airport, Manassas Battlefield, Arlington National Cemetery and Civil War and Revolutionary War sites. It is an important area of our country’s history. We will visit as much as we can without exhausting everyone.



The Westin Dulles Airport Hotel has given us a rate of \$125 per room, per night (plus taxes, of course) single or double. This rate includes breakfast, free parking, free wifi, and transfers from and to Dulles International Airport.

Going into downtown Washington is a simple matter of riding the metro; and the hotel shuttle will take you to the closest Metro station, in addition to shops and restaurants within a three mile radius of the hotel, including the Air and Space Museum.

Our sightseeing tours are an exciting combination of historic and modern. On our list of important sites are: Mount Vernon, Vint Hill Winery, Manassas Battlefield, various memorials and culminating at the National Museum of the United States Army, one of the most unique museums you will ever visit.

Detailed descriptions of these tours are on page 22.



Washington, D.C. Area

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Now is the time to call your 25th ID buddies—especially those you haven't seen for a while. And, don't forget your family. They will enjoy meeting your old friends from the Division, some of whom you have probably mentioned over the years. The hospitality room will be open from 8:00 am until 11:00 pm and will have the traditional beverages (soda, water, beer, and wine) and snacks available. Nothing compares to sitting in the hospitality room and visiting with fellow Tropic Lightning Soldiers while enjoying a beverage.

Don't wait until the last minute or you may be out of luck. We have an agreement with the hotel to reduce the number of rooms we're holding if we don't meet certain numbers.

Send in your registration forms now!

For the latest information, visit our website:
<https://www.25thida.org/association/reunions>

JOIN US

74th Annual Reunion

29 September to 06 October 2024

Washington, D.C. Area





To see the latest information about the Virginia reunion, check out our website: www.25thida.org/association/reunions/

2024 Virginia Reunion Preliminary Itinerary

Sunday, September 29	Early arrivals and afternoon packet stuffing
Monday, September 30	Early arrivals, No planned activities
9:00 AM	Registration opens
<i>Pick up your packet. The rest of the day is free to enjoy as you wish. Perhaps take the hotel shuttle to a local restaurant for lunch or dinner.</i>	
Tuesday, October 1	
8:00 AM	Registration opens
8:00 AM – 11:00 PM	Hospitality Room
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM	Tour Mount Vernon
	Virginia countryside, Washington’s Grist Mill
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Welcome Cocktail Party in the Luray Room
Wednesday, October 2	
8:00 AM	Registration opens
8:00 AM – 11:00 PM	Hospitality Room
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM	Manassas Battlefield Park Tour
	Vint Hill Craft Winery
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Executive Council Meeting.
Thursday, October 3	
8:00 AM	Registration opens
8:00 AM – 11:00 PM	Hospitality Room
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM	Washington DC, Memorials Tour,
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Chapter Meetings
6:00 PM	Cocktail Party (cash bar)
Friday, October 4	
8:00 AM – 11:00 PM	Hospitality Room
9:30 AM	National Museum of the United States Army
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Evening entertainment in the hotel
Saturday – October 5	
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Annual Meeting
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Memorial Service at the hotel
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Tropic Lightning Heritage Society Meeting
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Hospitality Room
6:00 PM	Cocktail Party (cash bar)
7:00 PM	Annual Banquet
10:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Hospitality Room
Sunday – October 6	
11:00 AM	Check out



Step 1: 74th Annual 25th IDA Reunion Registration

Please PRINT!

Member Full Name: _____
 Member Name as you want it to appear on your Nametag: _____
 Spouse Name: _____ Nametag: _____
 Guest Name: _____ Nametag: _____
 Guest Name: _____ Nametag: _____

For additional guests, attach a list

Your Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Unit within the 25 ID (i.e., 27th Inf, 8th Cav, etc.) _____
 Dates of Service with the 25 ID _____ to _____
 Era of Service (✓) WWII Korea Vietnam War on Terror Cold War Peacetime
 Check (✓) here if this is your first 25th Infantry Division Association Reunion

Item	Quantity	×	Cost	Total
*Reunion Registration	_____	×	\$122 pp \$	_____
Thursday, October 3, Buffet	_____	×	\$55 pp \$	_____
<i>Annual Auction to Follow Buffet Dinner</i>				
Saturday, October 5, Banquet				
Chicken	_____	×	\$53 pp \$	_____
Fish	_____	×	\$53 pp \$	_____
Steak	_____	×	\$84 pp \$	_____

Mail to:
25th Inf Div Assn.
PO Box 7
Flourtown, PA 19031-0340

All meals include salad, entrée with starch & vegetable, dessert, coffee and iced tea, Price includes service charge and taxes.

Hospitality Room Donation \$ _____
 Grand Total \$ _____

Check here if you would like to volunteer at Registration or Hospitality.

I am paying by Check Credit Card (Note: all credit card transactions processed through PayPal)

Make checks payable to **"25th Infantry Division Association"**

Credit Card Information: Discover Visa
 MasterCard American Express

Name on Card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: ____/____/____ Billing Zip Code: _____ CVC Code _____ (3 numbers on back of card, except 4 digits on front of AMEX)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

***EVERYONE ATTENDING THE REUNION MUST PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE. UNLESS THEY ARE ONLY COMING TO THE FINAL BANQUET, NO HOSPITALITY ROOM, TOURS, BUFFET, AUCTION, ETC.**

Reunion Cancellation Policies

The cancellation policies of The Westin Washington Dulles Airport Hotel apply to all hotel transactions. The cancellation policies of apply to all hotel transactions and all activity transactions. The 25th Infantry Division Association must provide participant counts for all activities. The Association is financially responsible to the service providers for services and goods based on participant counts. Therefore, the 25th Infantry Division Association will refund 100% of Reunion Registration & Association activity fees paid provided notice is received at least 30 days prior to the reunion. Between 15 and 29 days the Association will refund 75% of fees provided written notice is received. If notice is received in 14 days or less, no refund will be made except in those cases where injury/illness prohibited attendance and then any refund will be on a case by case basis depending on any losses due to the cancellation, such as monies already paid to tour operators, hotels

for meals, etc. All refunds must be approved by the Association Executive Committee. Travel Insurance is strongly recommended. Please confirm your coverage with your insurance company. Notice of reunion cancellation must be in writing and sent to:

25th Infantry Division Association
 PO Box 7
 Flourtown, PA 19031

The Association Offices will be closed September 26 through October 9, 2024. As an alternative, cancellations may be E-mailed to the Association at TropicLtn@aol.com. OR A FAX to (215) 366-5707. All cancellations must include a copy of the confirmation received from the Association and a complete address and telephone number of the member by which confirmation can be confirmed by our staff.



Step 2: Hotel Registration for the 74th Annual 25th IDA Reunion

September 29 – October 6, 2024

Start Date: Sunday, September 29, 2024; **End Date:** Sunday, October 6, 2024

Last Day to Book: Friday, September 6, 2024

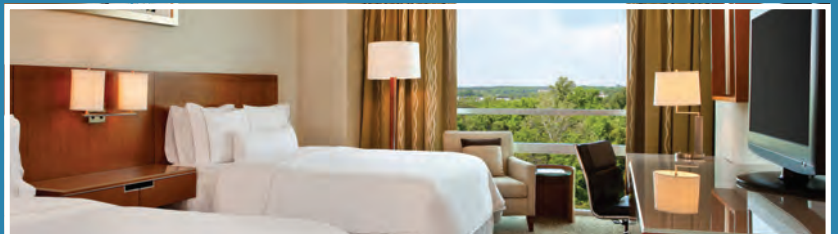
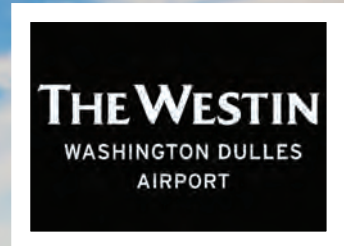
Hotel(s) offering your special group rate: The Westin Washington Dulles Airport for \$125 USD per night

Book your group rate for 25th Infantry Division Association

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1688133054290&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Or Call 866-932-7062

The Westin Washington Dulles Airport
2520 Wasser Terrace
Herndon, VA 20171



Step 3: Activity Registration for the 74th Annual 25th IDA Reunion

Name(s): _____ **Please PRINT!**

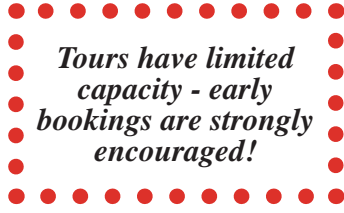
Telephone: (____) _____ Email: _____ @ _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please advise any food allergies or restrictions _____

Tuesday, October 1, 2024	Number	×	Cost	Total
Mount Vernon and Washington's Grist Mill Tour 9:30 am to 4:00 pm	_____	×	\$101	\$ _____
Wednesday, October 2, 2024 Manassas Battlefield and Vint Hill Winery Tour 9:30 am to 4:00 pm	_____	×	\$73	\$ _____
Thursday, October 3, 2024 Washington, DC & Memorials Tour 9:30 am to 4:00 pm	_____	×	\$71	\$ _____
Friday, October 4, 2024 Museum of the US Army Tour (Price includes box lunch) 9:30 am to 4:00 pm	_____	×	\$63	\$ _____
			Total	\$ _____



Tours have limited capacity - early bookings are strongly encouraged!

I authorize the 25th Infantry Division Association to charge my account for the activities listed above.

Type of Payment: Discover Visa
 MasterCard American Express

Name on Card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: ____/____/____ **Billing Zip Code:** _____ **CVC Code:** _____

Signature: _____

Do you want to be on the same bus as friends? Yes No If "yes," we will do our best to accommodate you.
 Members you wish to travel with _____

Submit all Activity Registrations via mail, or E-mail to:
 25th IDA, 74th Annual Reunion Activities
 PO Box 7
 Flourtown, PA 19031-0007
 Or email to: TropicLtn@aol.com Or fax to: 215-366-5707
Website: www.25thida.org/association/reunions/



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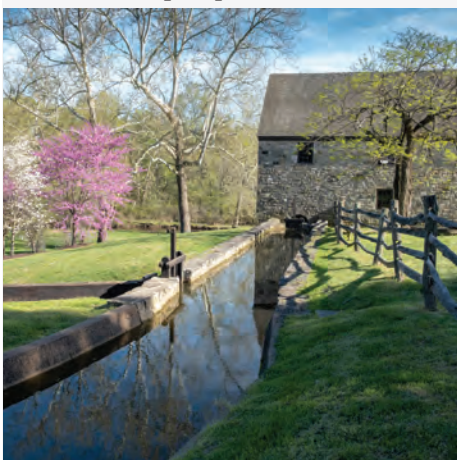
Tuesday, October 1: Mount Vernon

Our sightseeing coach departs to **George Washington's Mount Vernon** where we will enjoy a guided tour before lunch (at your own expense) at the cafe.



After lunch we will continue our tour of the Virginia countryside with a visit to **George Washington's Gristmill** (time permitting) before returning to the hotel at approximately 4:00 pm.

Price: \$101 per person



Wednesday, October 2: Manassas Battlefield Park

Our tour to the **Manassas Battlefield Park** departs. Manassas, also known as Bull Run is the site of two major American Civil War battles. The first battle, July 21, 1861, was a Confederate victory that made both sides realize the Civil War was going to last longer than anyone thought.



Our tour continues to the **Vint Hill Craft Winery** – where our military intercepted the German Encryption codes that started the end of World War II and our own National Security Agency (NSA).



We will enjoy a wine tasting before returning to the hotel about 4:00 pm.

Price: \$73 per person

Thursday, October 3: Washington, DC

Today is the day we will visit our nation's capital. Our **Washington, DC** guided tour will view the White House and US Capitol buildings (outside) before continuing on our Memorial tour.



We will see the World War II Memorial, Thomas Jefferson Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and the Vietnam Women's Memorial before stopping at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial where we will lay a wreath to the fallen. The coach will return to the hotel about 4:00 pm.

Price: \$71 per person



FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA – ACTIVITIES

(Washington, DC area)

Friday, October 4: National Museum of the United States Army

An exciting day is in store for us when we visit the **National Museum of the United States Army** including a box lunch. This museum depicts the US Army from a Soldier's perspective. The exhibits include the Army's role in our history from the founding of our country (Revolutionary War) up to and including the Global War on Terror. In between there was the Civil War, WWI and WWII and the Cold War including the Army's role in our society and the brand new D-Day Exhibit in honor of the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings. Other interesting exhibits include soldiers' stories, the Medal of Honor experience and more. We will return to the hotel in time to relax a bit before our evening activity.

*Price: \$63 per person
(includes box lunch)*

All tours are based on 35 participants per coach. A local guide will be on each coach except on the Friday tour. Museum docents will be available to answer questions and make suggestions. Tour prices do NOT include the tip to the guide and driver.



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National Museum of the United States Army