

CALL ME SPEARHEAD

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Spearhead Veterans:

I would like to update each of you on the current activities and operations of our Association of 3d Armored Division Veterans. Our membership has grown to over 600 total members with 472 members currently active. We have seen a rise in our membership applications over the last six months. We are still a work in progress on our “**Members Only**” section of the web site. As soon as we make our final decision on the content and implementation of the “**Members Only**” section, we will forward a login and password to each member. The position of editor of the “*Call Me Spearhead*” newsletter is still open. We are in need of a member or members to handle the job. The Editor of “*Call Me Spearhead*” newsletter gathers stories, edits, publishes and mails the quarterly newsletter. If you are interested in taking on this job or working with a group please let us know.

First, I would like to review with each of you the plans for the 2003 Reunion 16 –20 July in Seattle, Washington. Carl Erickson (2nd Battalion 48th Infantry) has done a tremendous job setting up and coordinating the entire reunion. Carl has a team of Washington State and west coast A3ADV members working to make the reunion a success. The **Hawthorne Suites Hotel (253-395-3800)** will serve as CP headquarters for the entire event including our evening meals and hosting the nightly hospitality suite, the *Spearheader Biergarten*. The Spearheader Biergarten is the meeting room in the hotel where reunion attendees gather each day to mingle, share their memories of their time in the 3 AD, and share a drink with other Spearhead Veterans and their families. Yes, bring your personal photo albums to share with the members. The A3ADV Store will be in operation to allow you to purchase new A3ADV shirts, hats, flags and books. Following is a complete itinerary for the reunion:

Wednesday, July 16, 2003:

1700 - 2200 Registration

1900 - 2400 Social Gathering in Hospitality Suite (*Spearheader Biergarten*)

Thursday, July 17, 2003

0700 - 0900 Complimentary, hot breakfast buffet for registered guests at hotel

0800 - 0845 Registration

0900 - 1630 Seattle City Tour (includes box lunch)

1630 - 1800 Registration

1800 - 2100 German Dinner Buffet at Hawthorne Suites

2100 - 2400 Social Gathering in Hospitality Suite

Friday, July 18, 2003

0700 - 0900 Complimentary, hot breakfast buffet for registered guests at hotel

0800 - 0900 Registration

Alternate programs - select one:

0900 - 1630 Ft. Lewis Trip (includes lunch at Officers' Club) OR

1000 - 1630 Tillicum Northwest Indian Village and Harbor Boat Tour (includes lunch)

1800 - 2000 Dinner Buffet at Hawthorne Suites: **Tribute to WW2 veterans with guest speaker Bert Close. Bert served in the 32nd Armor as the hull gunner for tank ace Sgt Lafayette's Pool.**

2000 - 2400 Social Gathering in Hospitality Suite

Saturday, July 19, 2003

0700 - 0900 Complimentary, hot breakfast buffet for registered guests at hotel

Alternate programs - select one:

0900 - 1100 Association Business Meeting OR

0900 - 1100 Family/Spouse activity

1130 - 1230 Buffet sandwich lunch at Hawthorne Suites

Alternate programs - select one:

1300 - 1700 - bus drop off and pick-up at entrance to Boeing Museum of Flight

1300 - 1700 - bus trip to Columbia Winery for a tour and wine tasting

1800 - 1900 Cocktail reception

1900 - 2130 Reunion Banquet Buffet at Hawthorne Suites: **Tribute to Gulf War vets, guest speaker Rod Thomas. Rod Thomas served as the 3 AD Division G-4 during Desert Storm and was responsible for providing the food, fuel and ammunition. Rod is also one of the three original founding members of the A3ADV.**

2000 - 2400 Social Gathering Meeting Room in Hospitality Suite

Sunday, July 20, 2003 (Departure or continue your Seattle visit)

Attached you will find a complete registration form for our members that do not have access to the Internet. I look forward to meeting with each of you in Seattle.

ELECTION

The A3ADV will be holding its annual election for three new members to the Board of Directors. We will conduct the election during the Seattle Reunion. If you are interested in serving as member on the Board of Directors for the A3ADV please submit your name to Daryl Gordon, A3ADV Secretary at secretary@3ad.org or (317) 409-4550. The Board of Directors position is a volunteer position that does not receive any pay. The members of the Board of Directors communicate weekly through email and telephone calls as required. The Board of Directors holds its annual planning meeting in October at a city in North Carolina TBD. If you are interested in helping with the A3ADV please step forward.

REUNION 2004

Let me now move to our plans for the 2004 Reunion in Columbus, Ohio. I attended a joint planning session back in November 2002 with the leadership of the Spearhead WW2 Association. The plans were laid out for a joint reunion between the A3ADV and the WW2 Association. We currently have a tentative schedule for the tours, and the hotel accommodations

have been reserved. I need several A3ADV members who live in the Columbus, Ohio area to help with the planning. It is difficult to coordinate an event like this long distance from South Carolina where I live. If you would like to help with this event please call me (home 843-216-7877 or work 843-886-4047).

Finally, I would like to explain an item that is often misunderstood by our members and the Internet viewing public. We are fully recognized by the IRS as 501-C-3 not-for-profit organization. This not-for-profit distinction means that we do not have to pay federal income tax on the money that the organization receives. We receive money from several different sources to include membership dues, A3ADV store sales and donations. This not-for-profit distinction does not mean that the A3ADV does not have to pay its bills (internet hosting fees, mailing, accounting and newsletter expenses). We are in the process of finalizing our end of fiscal year 2002 financial statements. If you have any questions about the financial operations or standing of the organization please get in touch with us. We have nothing to hide and are more than willing to share our information.

I look forward to meeting with each of you in Seattle. SPEARHEAD!

Thank You

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A3ADV REUNION REGISTRATION FORM - SEATTLE 16-19 JULY 2003

Veteran's Name: _____ Membership # _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Email address: _____

Arriving on (check one): _____ Wed _____ Thurs _____ Fri _____ Sat

Names of guests and relationship for nametags: i.e. Mary Smith (wife), Bill Smith (son)

Registration (required for all attending any Association activities):

- Veterans.....\$40.25 per person _____ = \$ _____
 - Guests registered with a veteran.....\$23.00 per person _____ = \$ _____
- (How Many?) (Total Cost)

Select from the following meal and activity options (must be registered above);

Meals:.....\$96.60 per person _____ = \$ _____

- Includes Thurs, Fri, & Sat dinners plus Sat, lunch. (How Many?) (Total Cost)

Meals and Association Conducted Activities:.....\$149.65 per person _____ = \$ _____

- Includes Thurs, Fri, & Sat dinners plus Sat, lunch. (How Many?) (Total Cost)

- Friday Fort Lewis Trip including lunch on post
- Saturday Boeing Museum of Flight and Winery transportation. The museum has an additional \$9.50 entrance fee – the Columbia Winery tour admission is free (save \$12.00) *Note: for those taking the Tillicum Village & Harbor Tour Trip, the Registration + Meals option is recommended with the Winery Tour a la carte*

A la Carte Meals and Activities (must be registered):

- | | (How Many?) | (Cost) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| • Thursday Night German Buffet Dinner..... | \$34.50 per person _____ | = \$ _____ |
| • Friday Ft Lewis Tour and Lunch | \$43.70 per person _____ | = \$ _____ |
| • Friday Night Buffet Dinner..... | \$28.75 per person _____ | = \$ _____ |
| • Saturday Sandwich Lunch..... | \$11.50 per person _____ | = \$ _____ |
| • Saturday Boeing Museum/Winery bus transportation..... | \$17.25 per person _____ | = \$ _____ |
| • Saturday Night Reunion Banquet..... | \$28.75 per person _____ | = \$ _____ |
| • <i>Seattle City Tour and Tillicum Village tour conducted by Convention Services Northwest – see note at bottom</i> | | |

Total of all of above: \$ _____

Add 10% if payment made after June 1, 2003: \$ _____

Check Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Credit Card Charge Amount (provide your card information below): \$ _____

Card Type (circle one): Discover Visa MasterCard

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Month _____ Year

Authorization Signature: _____ Date _____

Send application and payment to: A3ADV, PO Box 681486, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1486

Note: Thursday Seattle City Tour and Friday Tillicum Village and Harbor Tours are provided by Conventions Services Northwest Inc, and subject to a minimum of 30 or subject to cancellation. Reservations for tours must be made by mailing their registration form directly to them using the separate form provided. **This form reserves no tours or hotel rooms.**