

The Annual Meeting and Reunion will now start on September 30, 2021, with our banquet on October 2 and checkout on October 3. We will still be at Ft. Bragg, and the hotel will be the same. The updated reunion information and registration form are attached. Please use this registration form when signing up for the Annual Meeting/Reunion.

Please review the information for due dates and for making room reservations at the hotel. If you are one of the few who have registered for August, please contact Judy Rishel at jjr5277@gmail.com or 410-379-5831 to tell her if your registration and check can be applied to the new dates.

Sorry for the uncertainty. We wish there could be a clearer path, but there simply is not. While we are hopeful that we can meet in late Sept./early Oct., we will continue to monitor changes and updates closely. We will have to consider safety, and it may be possible that we will need to look at further changes.

Thankfully, membership and finances ending Dec. 2020 for our Association remain strong. For those who have not renewed, please keep those memberships coming in. For an update on certain Association activities, I refer you to the latest Octofoil.

Our mission, as stated on the first page of every Octofoil, remains central to all we do. We thank you for being part of such an important organization. If you have any questions, please contact me at petetrpt@gmail.com or at 785-213-2968 or contact Terry Barnhart, Reunion Comm. Chairperson at trbrnhrt@ix.netcom.com or at 303-466-9364.

**76th Annual Reunion Program
Ninth Infantry Division Association
September 30-October 3, 2021
Clarion Fayetteville I-95
1944 Cedar Creek Rd.
Fayetteville, NC 28312**

Thursday, September 30

8:00 AM to 10:00 PM	Registration-Hospitality Room	Suite 1032
3:30 PM to 5:00 PM	Board of Governors Meeting	Cedar Room
6:00 PM to 9:30 PM	Welcome to Carolina Dinner	Dogwood Room

Friday, October 1

8:00 AM to 10:00 PM	Registration-Hospitality Room	Suite 1032
7:00 AM to 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Baron's Bar & Grill
9:00 AM to 9:15 AM	Board Shuttle to Ft. Bragg	Front of Hotel
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Memorial Service /Group Photo	Fort Bragg
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	Lunch	Fort Bragg
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Tours on base	Fort Bragg
4:45 PM to 6:00 PM	Tour of Airborne & Special Operations Museum	Fayetteville
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Taste of Italy Dinner at Museum (Cash Bar and Buffet)	Fayetteville
8:30 PM to ??	Hangout in Hospitality Room	Suite 1032

Saturday, October 2

8:00 AM to 10:00 PM	Hospitality Room	Suite 1032
8:00 AM to 9:30 AM	Breakfast	Baron's Bar & Grill
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	General Business Meeting	Dogwood Room
	Lunch on your own	
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM	Board of Governors Meeting	Dogwood Room
2:30 PM to 4:30 PM	"Show and Tell" Presentations	Dogwood Room
6:00 PM to 6:45 PM	Cocktail Hour (cash bar)	Dogwood Room
6:45 PM to ?	Reunion Banquet	Dogwood Room
8:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Entertainment/Raffle	Dogwood Room

Sunday, October 3

6:30 AM to 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Baron's Bar & Grill
	Goodbyes, checking out and heading home. See you all next year!	



“Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina”

What better place could there have been to celebrate this 75th Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association than where it began with the 9th Infantry Division training for WWII? It was unfortunate that the Covid-19 pandemic prevented this Reunion from taking place in person. However, the 2020 Reunion Committee met virtually to renegotiate plans to honor this milestone. We are happy to report that everything will happen as originally planned, just one year later as the 76th Annual Reunion.

The Ft. Bragg Command has agreed again to host the Association for a special one-day event on-base. This will be only the fourth time that the Association has visited Ft. Bragg. Reunions were also held there in 1962, 1982 and 1992. This will be a unique opportunity to see where the troops trained over 78-79 years ago and give us a modern-day glimpse into troop training today. Make your plans to experience some Southern hospitality and visit the largest military base where the “Old Reliables” legend began.

Date

Since the base activities need to be held during a weekday, the reunion schedule has been moved up a day. We will meet Thursday, September 30, and conclude with our annual banquet on Saturday night, October 2. Check out will be on Sunday October 3 unless you decide to stay to enjoy the Fayetteville and North Carolina area.

Hotel

This Reunion will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Fayetteville, NC. It is conveniently located near I-95 and is approximately 15 miles from Ft. Bragg. A special room rate of \$102 per room has been negotiated which included a hot breakfast buffet for everyone in each booked room. There are also microwaves and mini-fridges in every room along with in-room coffee. (See reunion application for specific registration details.)

Transportation

Two regional airports and rail service are available to the Ft. Bragg region. Nearby Fayetteville Regional Airport is served by both Delta and American Airlines. East Coast Amtrak routes also serve Fayetteville. The Clarion has a complimentary hotel shuttle to these local transportation venues. Raleigh-Durham offers more air carriers, but is approximately 60 miles away. There is no complimentary shuttle service to and from this airport.

Welcome Dinner

Registration will be open all day on Thursday. The Board of Governors will hold the first of several meetings in the afternoon. During the evening, there will be a Welcome Dinner that will give you a taste of North Carolina cuisine that will have your mouth watering.

Fort Bragg

After breakfast on Friday morning, the group will be transported to Fort Bragg for the Memorial Service on the parade grounds at the 9th Infantry Division monument dedicated in 1982. Plans include a new plaque dedication to commemorate the 75th Reunion. Lunch will be provided at two of the mess halls where we will join the training airborne troops followed by two interesting on-base tours of training facilities. Transportation will be provided back to the hotel for those who are not interested or unable to participate. Afterwards, we will be transported to the Airborne & Special Operations Museum located in Fayetteville to enjoy a private tour and an Italian Buffet Dinner. It will be a full day of wonderful experiences which can be shared when we return to the hotel and chill out in the Hospitality Suite.

Saturday

Saturday will be enjoyed in the hotel as we conduct the business of the Association and have a time of Show and Tell which has become a favorite for attendees. Bring an interesting item or story to share and discuss with all. There will be a video interview with 100-year-old Herb Stern, one of our WWII veterans who trained at Ft. Bragg in 1941-42. You will find his memory of this time remarkable!

Of course, the reunion would not be complete without our traditional Banquet that will include a delicious meal, good fellowship, an exciting raffle and wonderful entertainment.

More details about additional “after reunion activities” will be included in the next Octofoil. So please, meet new friends and reunite with those who share this common bond as we continue to remember those who have given so much for our freedom. Registration for this reunion is \$300 per person which includes all the scheduled events. A deposit of \$100 per person is due by June 1, with the remainder due by August 1. **We ask that you complete your registration by the due dates to facilitate a smooth planning process for the Reunion Committee.** We hope to see you in beautiful North Carolina as we return to relive and create special memories of times past and present.



Annual Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion

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Clarion Fayetteville I-95
1944 Cedar Creek Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28312
September 30-October 3, 2021**

Name: _____ Number in Party _____

The following names and contact information will be printed in the Reunion Program.

Name	Address	Telephone #	E-Mail Address

Please indicate if you are a 9th Infantry Division Veteran. If so, specify if you are:

WWII: _____ Vietnam: _____ Regiment: _____ Battalion: _____ Company: _____ Ft. Lewis, WA _____

- *Banquet meal choice: _____ Prime Rib (Slow Roasted with Natural Jus)
_____ Chicken Marsala with Portabella Mushrooms
_____ Vegetarian: Wild Mushroom Orzo Risotto with
Sun-dried Tomatoes, Shaved Parmigiana, Sweet Peas,
Grilled Asparagus

***If more than one in your party, please specify who has which meal choice beside each option, i.e., 2 Prime Rib (John & Mary) etc.**

Please make checks payable to Ninth Infantry Division Association (write 2021 Reunion on memo line). A \$100 per person deposit is due by June 1, balance of \$200 per person by August 1, 2021.

Please submit this registration form and deposit to:

Judy Rishel, 8029 Brightwood Court, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Any questions about registration, please contact Judy @ (410)-299-6675 or jjr5277@gmail.com

To make your room reservations at the discounted rate of \$102, please contact the hotel directly at **910-323-1600** and reference the **Ninth Infantry Division Association**. Please specify if you need a handicapped room. Check-in time is 3:00 PM and check-out time is 11:00 AM. The Cut-off date for making reservations at the special rate is **8/30/21**. **Any reservations made after this date will be subject to availability and at the hotel regular rate.**

