

# REUNION UPDATE

## Reunion 2016 – Dallas/Fort Worth Texas – September 21-25, 2016

Half Way! We are just half-way between our last great reunion in Norfolk, VA and the next one in The Dallas/Fort Worth area. The actual location for the hotel is in Plano, Texas, just a few miles north of Dallas on Highway 75. Our hotel is the Comfort



Suites, a newly renovated hotel that has given us a great rate of \$79 per night. **RESERVE NOW by calling 972-881-1881 directly to the hotel. Be sure to identify yourself as being with the 39th Eng Bn Block to get this rate.** The room rate includes a hot morning breakfast, free internet, free morning newspaper, in-room refrigerators and microwaves



and they are pet friendly, so bring Fido. As well, if you need any special accommodations (handicap accessible, etc.), please let them know at the time you make your reservation. We will have a very spacious hospitality room with poolside access and smoking area right outside the room.

Plano has a very eclectic downtown featuring many small shops and restaurants. It's a great way to spend an afternoon or evening. There are many great restaurants near the hotel and some of the state's finest shopping malls and shopping centers.



We have free time set up in our schedule to allow you to check out the area on your own.

(<http://plano.gov>)

Our theme will be the Great State of Texas "Welcome Pardner" hospitality, so Cowboy up and

have a real western adventure. All of our featured events are one-of-a-kind, once-in-a-lifetime experiences. The registration form is in this newsletter, so fill it out and return it as soon as you can so we can lock in our numbers for each event. You can pick and choose which events you would like to participate in or just check them all. Be sure to indicate how you wish to pay for the event. You can pay in full (fully refundable if you need to cancel up to 30 days prior to the reunion), pay a deposit and the balance upon arrival or charge to your credit card. Regardless of how you prefer to pay, be sure to indicate which events you wish to attend on the registration form.

What are we doing and where are we going?



How about the South Fork Ranch (the site for the filming of the famous TV series "Dallas")? We will have a tour of the estate and hold our banquet there on Saturday night with live entertainment following the banquet. The banquet will consist of a truly southern buffet, so no specific selection will be required. Just check the number of persons attending. ([www.southfork.com](http://www.southfork.com))

We will also be visiting the Fort Worth Stockyards and hopefully be able to witness a live cattle drive right down the middle of the street.



([www.fortworthstockyards.gov](http://www.fortworthstockyards.gov)) That will be followed by a great Mexican Dinner at the famous



Joe T. Garcias Mexican Restaurant, a superb culinary experience. ([www.joets.com](http://www.joets.com))

Ride the BULL at the world-renowned (and world's largest) "Billy Bob's" Honky Tonk. This will really get you into the cowboy/cowgirl atmosphere. There will be some options available for this event for those who wish to take it to the western extremes and will be offered once you arrive at the reunion. ([www.billybobstexas.com](http://www.billybobstexas.com))



We will also visit to the Dallas Book Depository (The Dealey Center), the location from which Lee Harvey Oswald fired the fatal shot that took the life of President John F. Kennedy. This is a very historic and well-presented reflection of the events of that day. Do you remember where you were when the announcement came? I do! ([www.jfk.org](http://www.jfk.org))

Add to all of this our annual Pizza Party, which will include wings and salad for those who are not excited about pizza. Of course, we'll have our usual Hospitality Room fully stocked with your favorite beverages and snacks. Special requests will be honored, if possible. We will travel primarily by motor coach to our events and some private vehicles as necessary. Got boots? Bring 'em. Got a southern drawl? Exercise it. Got a hitch in your giddy up? Bring it to the banquet and we will work it out on the dance floor.



*Most of all,  
Just Be  
There, Y'all.  
Want more  
information?  
Just call  
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Bill Ray or*

Reunion Chair Gale Helser. Be sure to check out the web sites listed throughout this article as well. Brothers then, Brothers now, Brothers forever, Gale Helser, Reunion Chair  
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**39<sup>th</sup> ENG BN Reunion 2016 – Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX – Sept. 21-25**  
**COMFORT SUITES, Plano, Texas**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ for name badge \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest name \_\_\_\_\_ for name badge \_\_\_\_\_

Unit & Years in VN \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact & Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee \_\_\_\_\_ \$45 members/ \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 guests Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Registration includes member gift, hospitality supplies, pizza party and beverages & snacks)

Any special requests for beverages or snacks? \_\_\_\_\_

9/22 **Dallas Book Depository (JFK – Dealey Plaza) & Joe T. Garcia's Mexican Restaurant** \$55/person \_\_\_\_\_ number attendees Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*www.jfk.com / www.joets.com*

9/23 **Fort Worth Stockyards/Billy Bob's** \$34/person \_\_\_\_\_ number attendees Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*www.fortworthstockyards.gov / www.billybobstexas.com*

9/24 **Southfork Ranch Tour/Banquet/Entertainment** \$50/person \_\_\_\_\_ number attendees Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*www.southfork.com*

**Total enclosed** (min. deposit required to hold all selected events \$100/or pay in full.) Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Fully refundable if canceled prior to Aug. 15, 2016)**

**If paying by credit card:** Circle one: VISA MasterCard Discover American Express  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 3-digit Code on Back of Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any special needs (i.e., room amenities, mobility issues, dietary considerations, etc.)  
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Arriving via (check one) \_\_\_\_\_ flying \_\_\_\_\_ driving  
(Shuttle info will be sent with registration confirmation for DFW and DAL airports)

**AFTER 4/15: Mail Reservation Form and payment to:** Gale Helser  
**(Do not mail sooner – we're moving)** 941 W. Rio Guaymas  
Green Valley, AZ 85614

**Make checks payable to: 39th Eng Bn**

**Be sure to visit each website for more information**