

66th Annual Reunion • Dayton, Ohio

October 3 - 6, 2019

Submitted by: Jackie Hanson, Site Chair and daughter-in-law of Maynard Hanson, 565Sig

The 65th Infantry Division Association is having its 66th Annual Reunion—how can that be! It is amazing that the Association has been having reunions for so many wonderful years. The 71st Division Association is holding their 35th Annual Reunion. They started much later having reunions and since 2016 we now have joint reunions. The reunion will be in Dayton, Ohio.

Dayton is the sixth-largest city in the state of Ohio and has a population of 140,000. Ohio's borders are within 500 miles of roughly 60 percent of the country, so this makes Dayton a great location for our reunion. Dayton is known as the "Birthplace of Aviation." It is home to the Wright Brothers, the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, the Wright family mansion; Hawthorn Hill, the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and much more.

The Crowne Plaza in downtown Dayton will be



our reunion home. Experience the vibrant energy of downtown Dayton. The Crowne Plaza is located adjacent to the Dayton Convention Center and just minutes from the airport and Wright-Patterson AFB. Enjoy your perfect home away from home right in downtown Dayton, just steps from attractions, museums, dining, shopping and nightlife. The hotel offers the perfect combination of excellent service, total comfort and unbeatable convenience right here in the "Birthplace of Aviation."

HOTEL INFORMATION AND AMENITIES:

- **Rooms:** King or 2 queens—\$146.42 tax included
- Hotel cutoff date is **August 27, 2019**
- Check-in: 3PM—Check-out: Noon
- Hot breakfast included
- Complimentary valet parking
- Complimentary airport shuttle—schedule with hotel's front desk in advance.
- Group rates honored three days prior and three days post reunion, subject to availability.
- Attendees using pre- or post-days will receive coupons for breakfast in the hotel's restaurant. Please ask for these at check-in.
- Cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance of check-in date for a full refund.
- Complimentary local shuttle within a 5 mile radius of hotel based on shuttle availability.
- 15% discount in View 162—the hotel's roof top restaurant—please request your discount.
- Complimentary high speed internet
- In room refrigerators
- Business center
- Complimentary fitness facility

Thursday: October 3, 2019

REGISTRATION:

Our joint reunion with the 71st Division Association will start with registration in Salon A on the main floor at 2:00PM. This is always a good time to catch up on the events of the past year and to meet new attendees. This year we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Divisions preparing to enter the war activities in Europe. This includes:

- *Final weeks at Camp Shelby, Mississippi*
- *Camp Shanks in Orangeburg, New York*
- *New York Port of Embarkation*
- *Troop ships that took the men to the European Theatre*

We will have a welcome reception in Salon A from 4 to 6PM hosted by the Crowne Plaza.

Executive Council members please arrive in time for the annual meeting at 7PM in the Wilbur room on the top floor.

Friday: October 4, 2019

DAYTON—THE GEM CITY

PRICE: \$55.00 PER PERSON, LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

Friday will start with a tour of the historic **Dayton Veterans Administration Campus** via a motorcoach with a step-on guide. On March 3, 1865, near the close of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln authorized the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers (NHDVS). The act provided Civil War veterans' healthcare, a home, and an opportunity to learn a trade. The Dayton VA Medical Center opened its doors in 1867. The beautiful, fully renovated Protestant Chapel opened in 1868 and has attracted many dignitaries to Dayton, including General Ulysses S. Grant, who spoke there as President in 1870. Bishop Milton Wright, the father of Orville, Wilbur and Katherine Wright, preached sermons from the chapel's pulpit in 1897. This is just a bit of the rich history of the National Soldiers Home (or the Dayton VA Center). The grounds are rich with stories of our forefathers. The Ohio Master Gardeners Club has adopted the grotto on the VA grounds as their project and has won a national award for the beauty they created at the site. There is a small museum on the property where guests can view military memorabilia from many decades of service.

Our next stop will be **Woodland Cemetery**, founded in 1841. It is one of the nation's five oldest rural garden cemeteries and a unique cultural, botanical and educational resource in the heart of Dayton, Ohio. The motorcoach tour will feature the chapel which has one of the finest original Tiffany windows in the country. Thousands tour the grounds each year to visit the gravesites of Wilbur and Orville Wright, poet Paul Laurence Dunbar, the Queen and King of the Gypsies, Governor James Cox, writer Erma Bombeck, and many others.

Our final stop of the day is **Carillon Historical Park**. This park is very walkable and has many places to sit, both inside and outside, to relax as you view the enthralling history of Dayton. A six-person golf cart has been requested for our group to help shuttle those that need it to various buildings. Today lunch is on your own, so you may want to start by making your way to the Carillon Brewing Company or the quaint Culp Café.

Carillon Park immerses you in the region's history—from Dayton's founding in 1796 through two centuries of expansion, industrialism and innovation. Learn about these revolutionary achievements while strolling through the Park's 25 historical buildings and interacting with the hundreds of artifacts in the exhibits. Meet the "founding fathers" of Dayton (Wilbur Wright, Orville Wright, Col. Edward Deeds, Charles "Boss" Kettering and John Patterson) in an amazing 4D production in the theater. Where else can you see the original 1905 Wright Flyer III, the world's first practical airplane and National Historic Landmark, the 1835 B&O (Grasshopper) steam locomotive, and the first automobile self-starter? Only at Dayton's Carillon Historical Park, that's where! As a visitor, you will also get to experience Dayton's pioneer history complete with costumed interpreters and a visit to Dayton's oldest building, Newcom's Tavern, erected in 1796.



Friday evening will be the pizza mixer in the hospitality room. Come and relax for an evening of visiting and checking out what the hospitality room has to offer.

Saturday: October 5, 2019

AVIATION HISTORY COMES TO LIFE:

PRICE: \$ 47.00 PER PERSON, LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

On Saturday we will tour this small museum at the **Wright Brothers Interpretive Center** depicting the life of Wilbur and Orville Wright and the early days of flight. Included is a 20-minute video providing an overview of the Wright's and their contribution to history. The **Wright Memorial** overlooks Huffman Prairie where Orville and Wilbur Wright flew their experimental airplanes and the Wright Company conducted a flying school. Then on to the location



where the action took place—**Huffman Prairie.** Known as “the world’s first airport,” this is the actual site with a replica of the

catapult used by Orville and Wilbur. It was here that the Wright Brothers learned how to fly. See where the brothers successfully mastered the mechanics of controlled, powered, heavier than air flight.

Our next stop will be the **National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.** It is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The galleries present military aviation history, boasting more than 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles on display—many rare and one-of-a-kind—along with thousands of historical items and powerful sensory exhibits that bring history to life and connect the Wright brothers’ legacy with today’s stealth and precision technology. The newest fourth hangar, the Presidential Gallery houses the Presidential planes, along with space exhibits.



The National Aviation Hall of Fame is located within the USAF Museum and was chartered by the U.S. Congress to honor America’s air and space pioneers.



While at the museum take time for lunch at the Museum’s cafeteria and browse the gift shop. Also, check out what is showing at the 6-story IMAX Theatre (hourly from 10AM to 3PM—\$7.00 fee).

We have 2 scheduled tours:
 11:00AM — Presidential Gallery
 1:00PM — Early Years and WWII Galleries

Sunday: October 6, 2019
MEMBERSHIP MEETING & BANQUET

Veterans and Legacy members are needed in Salon B at 9AM for the Membership meeting. We need to meet our quota of 25 to continue these reunions for our fathers and grandfathers. Guests are always welcome.

The hospitality room will be open until 4:00PM for your enjoyment or you can spend the afternoon on your own seeing more of what Dayton has to offer.

The banquet will begin with a cash bar and photographs in Salon C&D at 5:00PM. After dinner we will be entertained by the Gem City Band.

BANQUET CHOICES—please make your selections on the registration form:
PRICE: \$50.00 PER PERSON

Entrées:

- 10 oz. Herb Roasted Prime Rib with horseradish cream and au jus
- Grilled Salmon with creamy leek sauce
- Vegetarian Pasta dish

Desserts:

- Double layer chocolate cake
- Carrot cake

All meals will come with garden salad, carrots with brown butter sage, garlic mashed potatoes, rolls and coffee or iced tea.

If you have other dietary needs, please let us know.



Kilroy was here!

Schedule at a Glance

Thursday, October 3:

Registration.....	Salon A.....	2 – 9 PM
Hospitality.....	Salon A.....	2 – 9 PM
Welcome Reception.....	Salon A.....	4 – 6 PM
65 th Executive Meeting.....	Wilbur (top floor).....	7 – 9 PM
71st Executive Meeting.....	John’s Room.....	7 – 9 PM

Friday, October 4:

Meet in lobby to load bus.....	8:45 AM
Dayton Veterans Administration Campus	
Woodland Cemetery	
Carillon Park	

Lunch on your own at Carillon Park

Early bus return to hotel.....	3:00 PM	
Late bus return to hotel.....	4:30 PM	
Hospitality.....	Salon A.....	4 – 9 PM
Mixer with pizza.....	Salon A.....	6 – 9 PM

Saturday, October 5:

Meet in lobby to load bus.....	8:45 AM
Wright Brothers Interpretive Center & Memorial	
Huffman Prairie	
National Museum of the U.S. Air Force	

Tour of Presidential Planes..... 11:00 AM

Lunch on your own at the Air Force Museum

Tour of WWII Galleries..... 1:00 PM

Early bus return to hotel.....	3:00 PM	
Late bus return to hotel.....	4:30 PM	
Hospitality.....	Salon A.....	4 – 9 PM

Sunday, October 6:

65 th Membership Meeting.....	Salon B.....	9 AM – NOON
71 st Membership Meeting.....	Orville.....	9 AM – NOON
Hospitality.....	Salon A.....	1 – 4 PM
Banquet.....	Salon A.....	5:00 PM
Cash Bar / Pictures..... 5:00 PM		
Banquet..... 6:00 PM		
Music..... 7:30 PM		

Reminder:

Final itinerary will be handed out at the reunion.

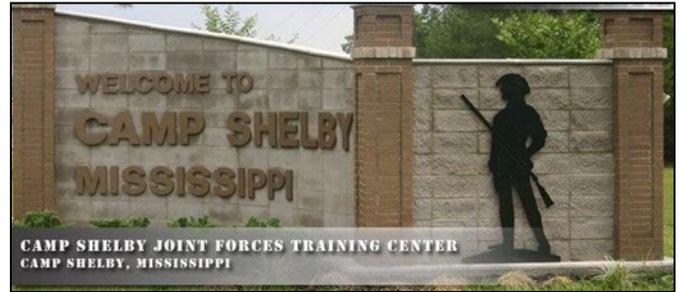
Driving Directions to the Crowne Plaza Dayton from Dayton International Airport (DAY)

- Take the Airport Access Road to I70 East.
- Take 70 East to I75 South.
- Take 75 South to State Route 35 East.
- Take the Main and Jefferson Street exit.
- At the end of the exit, turn right.
- Go to the third light and turn left onto Fifth Street.
- The hotel is immediately on the right.
- 33 East Fifth Street

- Complimentary airport shuttle—schedule with hotel’s front desk in advance: 937-224-0800

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 22-25, 2020

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Join us for the 67th Annual Reunion where it all began—Camp Shelby, Mississippi. We will conclude three years of 75th Anniversary reunions where Patton’s Spearhead Division, the 65th Infantry Division was activated, trained, and departed for war.

This not to be missed “Reunion of Remembrance” will be like none other. Special tours, services, and ceremonies with music provided by the 41st Army Band.

All activities, lodging, and dining will be on the base. Full details will be presented at the Dayton Reunion.

Special thanks to the following for their assistance in planning, support and participation in our 67th Annual Reunion:

- Retired Col. Mark Prine and staff of the Camp Shelby Joint Training Center
- Tommy Lofton, and staff of the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum
- Chief Warrant Officer Casey Kirk and the members of the 41st Army Band

SEE YOU IN DAYTON IN 2019 AND CAMP SHELBY IN 2020

DID YOU KNOW: In its 100+ year history only two military units were activated at Camp Shelby, one of those being our very own 65th Infantry Division.



Mississippi Armed Forces Museum



Registration deadline is Tuesday, August 27, 2019