

# AAFA

**2024 Reunion  
September 04-07**



 **Hilton  
Garden Inn**

**1061 York Road**

**Gettysburg, PA 17325**

**717.334.2040**

**Hotel Reservations** must be confirmed by **August 15, 2024** to guarantee special rates. When calling the hotel, please identify yourself as an **American Amphibious Force Association Reunion** attendee ...or... check into the hotel provided link for AAFA attendees only.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/americanamphibiousreunion/>

Very important!! Once you have entered this site, AFTER you hit "BOOK A ROOM", you need to go "EDIT STAY" at top line far right. Enter the days for your stay, select your room, UPDATE and your total will be calculated including tax. Earlier hotel registration is encouraged. **Our special rate is only available Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> through Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2024. Rates will increase after that date.**

## Additional Hotel Information:

- **On-site restaurant: The Garden Grille and Bar**  
Breakfast 6am – 10am, 11am Sat/Sun  
Dinner & drinks nightly 5:00 to 10:00 pm.
- **Free parking.**
- **Mini Refrigerator, Keurig, Microwave**
- **Gedunk a/k/a lobby shop.**

- Hotel is located approximately 1.3 miles from downtown Gettysburg. Route 30 (1061 York Street) and is easily reached from Route 15.
- Nearest Airports:
  - Harrisburg International – 45 miles
  - Baltimore/Washington International BWI – 65 miles

## Activities

Wednesday, September 4, 2024	Registration Hospitality Room Open
Thursday, September 5, 2024	Hospitality Room Open Gettysburg Battlefield Bus Tour Lunch @ Dobbin House
Friday, September 6, 2024	Hospitality Room Open Open Day – explore Gettysburg on your own
Friday Night	Hospitality Room Open Pizza Party, Meeting, Auction
Saturday, September 7, 2024	Hospitality Room Open Open Day – explore Gettysburg on your own
Saturday Night	Hospitality Room Open Buffet Banquet

## Gettysburg information:

- **PARKING!!!!**
  - **Downtown** Gettysburg there are parking meters.
  - You can use Pay By Phone App or coins????
  - **URGENT .... IMPORTANT..... BETTER READ THIS....**
  - **Parking Authority very diligent. Everything is electronic and they KNOW when your meter is up. You will get a ticket! The app is the best way to track your meter. You can add time to your meter remotely.**
  - **Parking is not expensive. Tickets are expensive.**
- Not all museums and shops further from downtown have parking restrictions/meters.

## **Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> tour info:**

- **Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center.**  
[www.gettysburgfoundation.org/exhibits-tours-events/exhibits-tours-events/film-cyclorama-museum](http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org/exhibits-tours-events/exhibits-tours-events/film-cyclorama-museum)

**This includes the following:**

### **Gettysburg Museum of the American Civil War**

The Gettysburg Museum of the American Civil War, featuring items from one of the largest collections of Civil War relics in the world, is available for viewing during regular center hours. With 22,000 square feet of exhibit space, the museum features relics of the Battle of Gettysburg and personalities who served in the Civil War, inter-active exhibits, and multi-media presentations that cover the conflict from beginning to end as well as describe the Battle of Gettysburg and its terrible aftermath.

### **Film - "A New Birth of Freedom"**

A 20-minute film, A New Birth of Freedom, narrated by award winning actor Morgan Freeman, about the Battle of Gettysburg is shown every 15 minutes throughout the day during the summer and every 30 minutes during the winter. The film will orient you to the battle and Gettysburg's place in the American Civil War.

### **Cyclorama Painting**

French artist Paul Philippoteaux took brush to canvas and created the Battle of Gettysburg Cyclorama painting. He spent months on the battlefield researching the battle with veterans, a battlefield guide, and a photographer. It took Philippoteaux and a team of assistants more than a year to complete the painting. The result is a breathtaking canvas that measures 377 feet in circumference and 42 feet high. Longer than a football field and as tall as a four-story structure, the Gettysburg Cyclorama oil painting, along with light and sound effects, immerses visitors in the fury of Pickett's Charge during the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg.

- **Historic Dobbin House restaurant (1776) – Lunch.** [dobbinhouse.com](http://dobbinhouse.com)
- **Gettysburg Battlefield 3-hour tour with licensed guide.**

**Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> - Buffet Banquet:**

- Stuffed Chicken Breast w/Mozzarella Cheese, Spinach, Seasonings
- Lasagna (Meatless)
- Green Beans
- Mashed Potatoes
- Mixed Greens Salad
- Broccoli Cheese Soup
- Apple Pie
- Cheesecake
- Cash Bar