



# TROPIC LIGHTNING FLASHES



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**Reunion 2019**

## 2019 Virginia Beach Reunion Calendar

<b>Sunday, September 8</b>	Early arrivals and afternoon packet stuffing
<b>Monday, September 9</b>	Early arrivals. Registration opens. No planned activities
<b>Tuesday, September 10</b>	
AM 9:00 – 2:30 PM	Morning tour includes First Landing Cross at Cape Henry, Old Cape Henry Lighthouse and Military Aviation Museum with box lunch included.
PM	Afternoon free <b>Hospitality Room opens officially PM</b> Evening – one hour Welcome Cocktail Party in the Hospitality Room
<b>Wednesday, September 11</b>	
AM 9:00 – 12:30 PM	Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Museum
PM 1:30 – 5:30 PM	Norfolk Botanical Gardens and Chocolate Tasting Tour
PM	Afternoon Meeting 14th Infantry Regiment Chapter
PM	Evening - Executive Council meeting <b>Hospitality Room open all day</b>
<b>Thursday, September 12</b>	
AM – 8:30 – 3:00 PM	Jamestown Settlement Tour with return via Yorktown and the Revolutionary War battlefields
Evening	Buffet Dinner and Auction <b>HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN ALL DAY</b>
<b>Friday, September 13</b>	
AM 9:00 – 2:30 PM	Norfolk City Tour , MacArthur Memorial and Museum followed by Spirit of Norfolk luncheon cruise.
PM 4:00 PM	Tropic Lightning Heritage Society Get Together
PM	12th Evac Hospital –meeting and general Get Together
PM	Free time for individual activities
PM	Evening entertainment in the hotel <b>Hospitality Room open all day</b>
<b>Saturday – September 14</b>	
8:30 AM	Annual Meeting
10:30 AM	Memorial Service
PM	Free time for individual activities
6:00 PM	Cocktail Party and Banquet



**Step 1: 70th Annual 25th Division Reunion Registration** **Please PRINT!**

Member Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member Name as you want it to appear on your Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

*For additional guests, attach a list*

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit within the 25ID (i.e., 27th Inf, 8th Cav, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service with the 25ID: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Era(s) of Service (✓)  WWII  Korea  Vietnam  War on Terror  Cold War  Peacetime

Check (✓) here if this is your first Division Association Reunion.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Reunion Registration</b>	_____	X	\$89	\$ _____
<b>Buffet Dinner, Thursday, September 12th</b>	_____	X	\$49	\$ _____

*Annual Auction to follow Buffet Dinner*

**70th Annual Banquet - Saturday, September 14th**

*All meals include salad, entree with starch & vegetable, dessert and coffee & iced tea*

Chicken Fricassee	_____	X	\$38	\$ _____
<i>Pan sauteed wiht lemon &amp; parsley butter sause</i>				
Sliced Sirloin of Roast Beef	_____	X	\$42	\$ _____
<i>Topped with a peppercorn demi-gaze</i>				
Crab Cakes	_____	X	\$47	\$ _____
<i>Two broiled crab cakes with a chilled Mango Salsa</i>				
			Hospitality Room Donation	\$ _____
			Grand Total	\$ _____

Check here if you would like to volunteer at Registration, or Hospitality

I am paying by:  Check  Credit Card (NOTE: All credit cards transactions processed through PayPal)

*Make checks payable to "25TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION"*

Credit Card Information:  Discover Card  Visa  
 Mastercard  American Express

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reunion Cancellation Policies**

The cancellation policies of the Holiday Inn Virginia Beach Hotel and Convention Center apply to all hotel transactions. The cancellation policies of Phillips DMC apply to all activity transactions.

The 25th Infantry Division Association must provide participant counts for all other activities. The Association is financially responsible to the service providers for services and goods based on participant counts. Therefore, the 25th Infantry Division Association will refund 100% of Reunion Registration & Association activity fees paid provided notice is received at least 30 days prior to the reunion. Between 15 and 29 days the Association will refund 75% of fees provided written notice is received. If notice is received in 14 days or less, no refund will be made except in those cases where injury/illness prohibited attendance and then any refund will be on a case by case basis depending on any losses

incurred due to the cancellation. All refunds must be approved by the Association Executive Committee. Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Please confirm your coverage with your insurance company. Notice of reunion cancellation must be in writing and sent to:

25th Infantry Division Association  
 PO Box 7  
 Flourtown PA 19031-0340

*The Association offices will be closed in September 4-17, 2019* As an alternative, cancellations may be Emailed to the Association at TropicLtn@aol.com. All cancellations must include a copy of the confirmation received from the Association and a complete address and telephone number of the member by which confirmation can be confirmed by our staff.

Mail to:  
**25th Inf Div Assn.**  
**PO Box 7 • Flourtown PA**  
**19031-0340**

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## Step 2: Hotel Registration

### 25th Infantry Division Association 70th Annual Reunion

September 8-14, 2019 • Special Group Rate: \$119 Per Night + 14% tax + \$2 Lodging Daily

*Single - Double - Triple - Quad*

*Room rate includes hot breakfast for two per room per day*

Only Members & Guests Registered for the Reunion will be certified for the Reunion Hotel Rate!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_

Room Type: All rooms are Double Queen Accessible:  Yes  No

*For accessible room call 757-499-4400*

Number of Rooms: \_\_\_\_ Date of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_ (Ages: \_\_\_\_\_)

Maximum guestroom capacity is four (4) adults or two (2) adults and two (2) children. All reservations must be received prior to August 18, 2019 to assure accommodations at the host hotel. All reservations are accepted on a space available basis: a maximum number of rooms is reserved for the reunion. The special rate will be extended 3 days prior and 3 days after the reunion dates subject to availability. A confirmation number for your accommodations will be Emailed to you.

Type of Payment:  Discover Card  Visa  Mastercard  AMEX

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CCV# \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

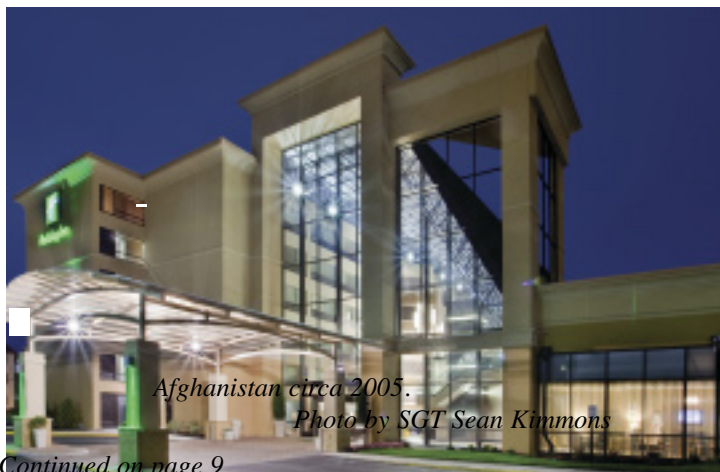
**Holiday Inn Virginia Beach - Norfolk Hotel & Convention Center**

**5655 Greenwich Avenue**

**Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462**

**757-499-4400 or 800-567-3856 (must mention 25th IDA Reunion to get the special rate)**

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• **Book by** •  
• **August 18th** •  
• **to get this** •  
• **room rate!** •  
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*Afghanistan circa 2005.  
Photo by SGT Sean Kimmons*



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# Virginia Beach Reunion Planning

**Sunday & Monday, September 8 & 9** – Early arrivals. Volunteers will prepare registration packets

**Tuesday, September 10** - - Morning city tour departs at 9:00 AM and includes the **First Landing Cross at Cape Henry** where the English colonists first came ashore in 1607 prior to settling at nearby Jamestown. Also, a stop at the **Old Cape Henry Lighthouse**, built in 1792. Continue on to the **Military Aviation Museum** where you will enjoy a guided tour of the galleries. Shop in their delightful gift shop for all things flight related. Return to the hotel around 2:30 PM

Afternoon is free to visit with friends in the **Hospitality Room**. Tonight a **Cocktail Reception** (cost included in Registration Fee)

**Wednesday, September 11** - 9:00 AM departure to visit to **Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Museum**, which contains 800,000 gallons of aquariums and more than 300 hands-on exhibits. At the largest aquarium in Virginia, guests will experience a unique journey through Virginia's marine environment. Exhibits include a shorebird aviary, jellyfish and octopus aquariums, a sea turtle aquarium, a 300,000-gallon ocean aquarium housing sharks, stingrays and other large ocean fish. Time will be allowed for shopping in their gift shop. Return to the hotel approximately 12:30 PM. Afternoon meetings for 14th Infantry Regiment. Time and locations to be advised.

Members and guests depart at 1:30 PM for the **Norfolk Botanical Gardens**. Enjoy a trackless train ride through 175 acres of colorful landscape. The gardens contain one of the East Coast's largest collections of azaleas, camellias, roses and rhododendrons. Time to browse the garden gift shop before we go to **The Royal Chocolate** to sample a variety of chocolates from around the world. Return to the hotel around 5:30 PM.

Evening Executive Council Meeting – time and location to be announced.



**Thursday, September 12** – A delightful day is planned for today beginning with an 8:30 AM departure to the re-created village of **Jamestown**, the first permanent settlement in the new world. An introductory film, "1607: A Nation Takes Root," and indoor exhibition galleries provide you with the political social and economic factors that led to the colonization of the New World and the culture of the Powhatan Indians of coastal Virginia at the time of the English arrival.

Outside the exhibition hall is the re-creation of a Powhatan Indian village, a colonial fort and the three ships – Susan Constant, Godspeed and Discovery – that transported English colonists to Virginia in 1607. Costumed historical interpreters demonstrate work and everyday life of the era and engage visitors in a variety of activities. After lunch on your own in the Jamestown Café and a visit to the gift shop, board the coach for the return trip to the hotel via **Yorktown** and the **Revolutionary War Battlefields**. Your tour guide will point out areas of interest along the way.

**6:00 PM – Buffet followed by our annual auction.**

**Friday, September 13** - Morning city of Norfolk tour stopping at the **MacArthur Memorial** for a visit. Next, board the magnificent **Spirit of Norfolk** for a luncheon cruise. Feast on a sumptuous buffet and enjoy the informative narration as you cruise through the Hampton Roads Harbor. Return to the hotel for relaxation time...maybe a dip in the pool before going to the hospitality room. Get together for the Tropic Lightning Heritage Society and 12th Evac Hospital .

Tonight enjoy local entertainment. Details to be announced.

**Saturday, September 14** – This morning we will have our annual business meeting followed by our Memorial Service. The rest of the day is free to do as you please.

Tonight a cocktail party precedes our annual banquet.

**Sunday, September 15** – Until Next Year. Sadly we leave our friends behind for another year. Safe journeys to all!



# Step 3: Activity Registration



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

*I authorize the 25th Infantry Division Association to charge my account for the activities listed below.*

Type of Payment:  Discover Card  Visa  Mastercard  
 Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
 Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to be on the same bus as friends? If "yes," we will do our best to accommodate you. Members you want to travel with: \_\_\_\_\_

*These tours have limited capacity and are subject to availability at the time of booking. Early bookings are strongly encouraged!*

	Number X Cost Per Person = Total
Tuesday, September 10, 2019 <b>Virginia Beach Tour</b> 9:00-2:30	_____ X \$75 pp = _____
Wednesday, September 11, 2019 <b>Virginia Aquarium &amp; Marine Science Museum</b> 9:00-12:30	_____ X \$65 pp = _____
<b>Norfolk Botanical Gardens</b> 1:30-5:30	_____ X \$67 pp = _____
Thursday, September 12, 2019 <b>Jamestown and Yorktown Battlefield Tour</b> 8:30 - 3:00	_____ X \$66 pp = _____
Friday, September 13, 2019 <b>Norfolk Tour with Luncheon Cruise</b> 9:00 - 2:30	_____ X \$97 pp = _____

All costs based on a minimum of 35 participants per activity. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Submit all Activity Registrations via mail, or E-mail to:  
  
 70th Annual Reunion Activities  
 PO Box 7  
 Flourtown PA 19031-0007  
 TropicLtn@aol.com  
 website





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**Flourtown, Pennsylvania 19031-0007**



# ***70th Annual Reunion***

***September 8-14, 2019  
Virginia Beach, Virginia***