

## The 2023 Reunion of the 79<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division of WWII

The 314 & 315 Infantry Associations are pleased to sponsor this year's annual reunion. There are some details you should know before completing the attached form.

- The reunion will be held at the Buffalo NY Downtown Hilton Garden Inn, Oct. 19-22, 2023.  
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/bufmsgi-hilton-garden-inn-buffalo-downtown/>
- You may reserve your room directly with the Hilton or through the 314<sup>th</sup> association.
- If you reserve your room via the 314<sup>th</sup>, you will pay us for it and save \$53+ in taxes with a 3-night stay.
- If you reserve your room via the Hilton, our group code is **IWW2**. 716-848-1000 or 888-764-8841
- If you need a handicap accessible room, reserve one quickly and directly with Hilton – they're limited.
- \$129 room rate expires Sept. 19; You may cancel room reservations 48 hours prior to arrival.
- Our registration fee covers the following events:
  - Admission to the Buffalo Naval Park and lunch at the park <https://buffalonaivalpark.org/>
  - Friday evening's Banquet, which will be a sit-down dinner, not a buffet
  - Saturday's tour of Niagara Falls (lunch on your own) and NYS Hydro-Electric Power Plant Vista
  - Saturday evening dinner, another sit-down dinner
  - Sunday morning breakfast
- Friday we will have a Q & A with local 314 veteran Jim Maier and (via video conference) Bob Vondale.
- We will take a free trolley to the Naval Park; you may stay longer as the trolley runs all day.
- There are additional museums within walking distance of the Naval Park and trolley.
- There is much to see and do in Niagara Falls, you may stay with the group or explore on your own.
- We will have a raffle and a 50/50 Saturday evening; please consider donating items for the raffle.
- Registrations/payments are due Aug. 19 when reserving your room via the 314<sup>th</sup>; Sept. 19 otherwise.
- These deadlines are firm, we encourage early registrations/reservations (any refunds - after reunion).
- The 314<sup>th</sup> is hosting this year's reunion. You may subscribe to our free newsletter for timely updates.
- To subscribe, visit <https://314usa.org/contact> You may unsubscribe at any time.

NY State is an expensive state. We have negotiated a very reasonable room rate for NYS yet there are some other costs. The airport shuttle has not yet resumed since COVID and may not by October. Likewise, there is both paid parking and free on-street parking. The Hilton/city lot is \$15/day if you request a ticket at check-in from the Hilton. They would add \$15/day to your bill for the days you request. We recommend paid parking for Thursday night. At check-in, you will be asked for a credit card for incidentals, even if you reserve your room via the 314<sup>th</sup>.

The 314<sup>th</sup> association will have a registration table Thursday evening in the lobby, and we ask that you check-in with us when you check-in at the Hilton. If you are not arriving Thursday evening, we ask that you indicate on the registration form under Special Notes what time you think you'll be arriving. On Friday and Saturday, the front desk can direct you to our hospitality room – to check-in with us.

A hot breakfast in the Hilton's restaurant with tax and tip is \$20. There is also a Dunkin Donuts within walking distance of the Hilton. The wait time there can be long and there are very few tables. If you desire a hot breakfast, we encourage you to join our group in our dedicated room for a hot breakfast.

We look forward to hosting this reunion and having you join us!

## 2023 Reunion of the 79<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division of WWII - Registration

Payment/Due Date: August 19, 2023. Payment/Due date with no room reservation: September 19, 2023

First and Last Name\* \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Ms. or Rank \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please use quotations around your name to be highlighted on your name badge. Example: "John" Doe

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Email \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone \_\_\_\_\_

May we list your email and city/state in our directory of attendees to be distributed to attendees only? \_\_ Yes \_\_ No

PO Box or Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Your Association \_\_ 314 \_\_ 315 \_\_ Friend/Interested American or active US Army Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ Decease Date \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ Company or unit if known \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Person\* \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Ms. or Rank \_\_\_\_\_

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Hotel Check-in/Checkout Dates: October \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 (\$129 room rate available Oct. 19-22).

If you miss our Aug. 19 payment date, reserve your room directly with Hilton by Sept. 19. If you need a handicap/accessible room, please reserve your room quickly and directly with hotel. Those rooms are limited – don't delay. Skip #1 if you are reserving your room directly with Hilton. Room cancellations by Oct. 17 with refund.

1. Room Reservation (no tax if paid by Aug. 19) Number of king bed room nights \_\_\_\_\_ x \$129 =  
Individuals may be given a king bedroom. Number of 2 queen beds room nights \_\_\_\_\_ x \$129 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. General Registration. \$220/person, Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_ x \$220 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. \$10 dues to \_\_ 314 \_\_ 315. Optional donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum total **\$10**; your total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4. Optional Hot Breakfast Friday - Saturday \$20/ticket. Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. Total payment to 314<sup>th</sup> Infantry Association of WWII. Add lines 1 - 4 Grand total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. Indicate **Number** of Dinner Choices Friday # of \_\_ Chicken Cordon Bleu \_\_ Salmon \_\_ Pasta Primavera  
- see attached menus Saturday # of \_\_ Salisbury Steak \_\_ Chicken Coq au Vin \_\_ Vegetable Lasagna

Please make your check payable to: 314<sup>th</sup> Infantry Association. Your cancelled check will be your confirmation.

Mail to: 314<sup>th</sup> Infantry Association, 9 Kellogg Rd, Cortland, NY 13045. (**No registration** refunds after Oct. 5.)

Special Notes, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **2023 Reunion of the 79<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division of WWII**

**Sponsored by the 314 & 315 Infantry Associations**

**Hosted by the 314<sup>th</sup> Infantry Association**

### **Preliminary Program\***

**October 19-22, 2023**

#### **Thursday**

8 pm Welcoming Remarks by Presidents, Weekend Overview, Informal Meet & Greet

#### **Friday**

9 am Q & A with WWII Veterans  
James Maier (in person)  
Robert Vondale (via video conference)

11 am Depart for Buffalo's Naval and Military Park, lunch at park

4 pm Board meetings

5 pm Cocktail hour

6 pm Banquet – Speaker Major General Dianne M. Del Rosso (USAR)

#### **Saturday**

9 am Bus departs for Niagara Falls tours, returns mid to late afternoon

5 pm Membership meetings

6 pm Dinner and Raffle

#### **Sunday**

9 am Memorial Service

~10 am Farewell - immediately following Memorial Service

\*These events will occur, yet the timing of events may change.

## **Friday Banquet Menu**

### **Appetizer**

Vegetarian Stuffed Mushrooms  
with Spring Vegetables & Asiago Cheese

### **First Course**

House Salad  
Mixed Field Greens with Tomato, Cucumber, Onions and Croutons  
served with a Red Wine Vinaigrette

## **Entree Choices**

### **Chicken Cordon Bleu**

Breaded Chicken Breast Stuffed with Virginia Smoked Ham and Swiss Cheese Topped with an  
Herbal Cream Sauce Served with Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes and Grilled Vegetables

### **Herb Crusted Salmon**

Atlantic Roasted Salmon  
with A light Herb Crust Topped with A Lemon Butter Sauce Served with  
Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes and Grilled Vegetables

### **Pasta Primavera**

Cavatappi Pasta Sautéed with Fresh Garlic, Spring Vegetables  
and Tossed in Our Rich Creamy Pesto Alfredo Sauce

### **Dessert**

Cheesecake

Served with Assorted Coca-Cola products, Coffee and Tea

## **Saturday Dinner Menu**

### **Appetizer**

Individual Ramekin of Spinach and Artichoke Dip served with Tortilla Chips

### **First Course**

House Salad

Mixed Field Greens with Tomato, Cucumber, Onions and Croutons  
served with a Red Wine Vinaigrette

### **Entree Choices**

#### **Salisbury Steak with Mushroom Gravy**

Perfectly Seasoned seared beef mixture topped with Mushroom Gravy

#### **Chicken Coq au Vin**

French dish of Chicken braised in a Red Wine sauce.

#### **Vegetable Lasagna**

### **Dessert**

Chocolate Mousse

Served with Assorted Coca-Cola products, Coffee and Tea