

Here we are, down to the wire on the **2016 Reunion** and I hope everyone is looking forward to it. I for one always love connecting not only with all of you once a year, but also connecting to as much of the actual history and events that my father experienced in the Pacific during the war. This time, more than ever, I feel I will get that chance.

The Saturday event at the Automatic Weapons Range has taken on a life of its own with the volunteers being so enthusiastic and welcoming that, what originally was planned as an educational tour, has turned into a very hands on, all-encompassing day. **Pat Wheeler**, President of the Maryland Thompson Collectors Association and retired from the Pentagon (including being on the review board for personnel record correction) has worked tirelessly to ensure we are not all only safe but have a wonderful experience. He and President **Bryant Cramer** of the Associated Gun Clubs of Maryland (who was a Navy Doctor in Viet Nam, has a PhD in Electrical Engineering and was on Michael DeBakey's heart transplant team until being recruited by NASA) have taken it upon themselves to embrace our group, rounding up a team of extremely enthusiastic gun collectors who have graciously volunteered to bring their WWII weapons out to the range. There will be a large variety of US, UK and Australian weapons; they plan to show us each weapon, teach us how it was used and by whom, and then allow those who have signed up to live fire it on the range.

This is a professionally run range with some extremely well qualified range safety officers. One such officer, met by **Buck Buchanan** and **Michael La Veau** when setting up this event, is a Lt on the Baltimore Police SWAT unit - we will be in very competent hands.

As a special treat, they have located an Army .50 Caliber and also the version that was used in the air. Frankly I did not know there was a difference, but I am assured there are and those of you who were gunners will have the chance to show us the nuances. This is a chance for those of us whose fathers, grandfathers, and husbands were there to see what they used and experience the way it felt when they pulled the trigger. I feel this will give you a small glimpse into just one portion of the life our Veterans experienced.

Our day will be a full one, starting with a 9am departure from the hotel. We will jump right into a range briefing and weapons introduction while those of you who did not make it up in time for breakfast enjoy a cup of coffee and a doughnut. We will then begin our first round of shooting, starting with the Veterans of course. We will take a break midday for lunch and then shoot once again in the afternoon. There is plenty of room for everyone to sit down, with lots of indoor shelter so, while this day may sound long, I don't believe it will be tiring. Our re-enactors will also be there setting up authentic looking WWII areas, such as a Medic Tent, a Mess Tent and so on, so there will be activities beyond shooting for those of you who just want to come and hang out. This should really be a fun day all around, but *you must sign up and pay to attend any or all of these activities.*

Later that evening, we board the **USS Constellation** for a cocktail party in honor of the Group. The USS Constellation will be closed to the public during the reception and we will have free run of the ship, including places that the public is not generally allowed. After a day on the range, it should be nice to sit back, relax and enjoy an evening of snacks and drinks aboard a frigate from the time of the fighting sails while we view Baltimore Harbor and evening stars from the water.

We have quite a few special guests coming to this reunion and I know you will enjoy getting to know them. I am pleased to say **Bob Drury** will be joining us again and I'm happy to say his and **Tom Clavin's** book "Lucky 666" about the 43rd's two Medal of Honor winners will be out

this fall. He has graciously agreed to speak at our luncheon on Saturday at the range. Thank you Bob in advance.

In addition we have:

Michael Andrews, Congressman, former Asst. District Atty, Harris County, Texas

Greg Laughlin, Congressman, only Congressman to see active duty in the Gulf War

Michael Robinson, Former Press Secretary, SEC

And we also hope to see Lt Gen **Judy Fedder** once again.

You may wonder why we are spending time touring a submarine, you were mostly in the air after all. Well, the **USS Torsk** was assigned to the Pacific off the coast of Nagasaki in 1945 with the mission to rescue downed airmen. We will be getting a private tour and learning all about how they went about rescues and how many of you they actually took aboard. While this may not be something any of you experienced in real life, it was a part of the 43rd's history and an overlooked part at that. I believe this should be a very enlightening event. Fortunately, not many of you had to visit the USS Torsk during the war but now you will be able to see who and what was standing lifeguard duty for your trips to Japan.

See you all soon!

Sincerely,

Susan Clark Lanson

MISSION ORDER :

BALTIMORE, MD 2016
REUNION



Wednesday, August 24

Arrival, Sign in & Registration

8 AM - 10 PM Daily Hospitality Room

Dinner on your own

Wine & Cheese provided by Hotel

6 PM Board Meeting—Board members only

Thursday, August 25

Breakfast provided by Hotel

10:00 AM Registration in Hospitality Room

11:30 AM General Membership Meeting

Dinner on your own

7:00 PM Meet in Hospitality Room for Door Prizes and Open Mic

Wine & Cheese provided by Hotel

Friday, August 26

Breakfast provided by Hotel

10:00 AM Meet in Hospitality Room to Depart for Day Trip to WWII Submarine Torsk

6 - 7:00 PM Cocktail Hour

7 - 10:30 PM Banquet with Guest Speaker

Saturday, August 27

Breakfast provided by Hotel

9:00 AM Meet in Hospitality Room to Depart for Day trip to WWII Gun Range Event

MUST BE REGISTERED AND SIGNED UP TO ATTEND AS LIST OF NAMES MUST BE GIVEN FOR ENTRY TO RANGE

Lunch Included

Guest Speaker - Bob Drury, Author

6 - 7:00 PM Cocktail hour and Reception aboard USS Constellation as guest of the "Historical Ships of Baltimore" and the crew and families of the USS Constellation

Sunday, August 28

Breakfast provided by Hotel

Check out

DAY TRIP



43rd Bomb Group Reunion

WWII SUBMARINE

TORSK

We are currently working with the curators for the Harbor to lunch aboard the Submarine Torsk.

FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST

**The "Galloping
Ghost of the
Japanese Coast"**



**Sank the last Japanese
ship of the war in 1945 !**

DAY TRIP



WWII Weapons Tour

Come learn, touch and feel the M-1, Thompson Machine Guns & Side Arms used in the Pacific in WWII. Yes, and we hope everyone gets a chance to live fire for the unique experience of a life time!

THIS IS YOUR GUN



**THE CALIBER .50
BROWNING
MACHINE GUN M2
AIRCRAFT, BASIC**

With brief instructions on the caliber .30 machine gun and caliber .45 automatic pistol.

RESTRICTED

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43rd Bomb Group 2016 Reunion REGISTRATION

DATE	EVENT	COST per Person	QTY	TOTAL
	REGISTRATION FEE per person Non Refundable	75.00	_____	_____
Fri 8 - 26	Tour of WWII Submarine	48.00	_____	_____
Fri 8 - 26	Cocktail Hour & Banquet w/Speaker	75.00	_____	_____
Sat 8 - 27	Automatic Weapons Range	48.00	_____	_____
Sat 8 - 27	Hosted Visit to USS Constellation	Free of Charge		
TOTALS _____				

Please make check payable 43rd Bomb Group Association
Mail check and your completed form to:

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For more information call:
Susan Clark Lanson: (727) 641-1332

Name.....Spouse.....

Address

Phone.....Email.....

Squadron..... Ck Total..... Please list all guests separately:
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WE WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE WALK IN ENTRYS TO ANY EVENTS

HOTEL REGISTRATION !



43rd Bomb Group Reunion

*Wednesday, August 24th (Reunion Registration) –
Sunday, August 28th (Check-Out)*

Cut off date: July 26th, 2016

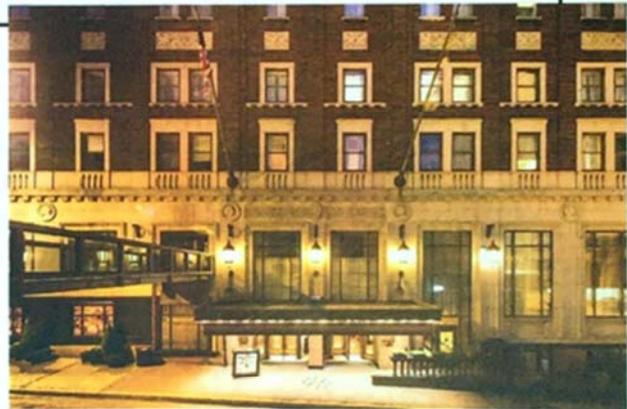
Group Room Rate:

Deluxe Double & Queen \$129.00



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Refer to the this code to get your preferred rate:

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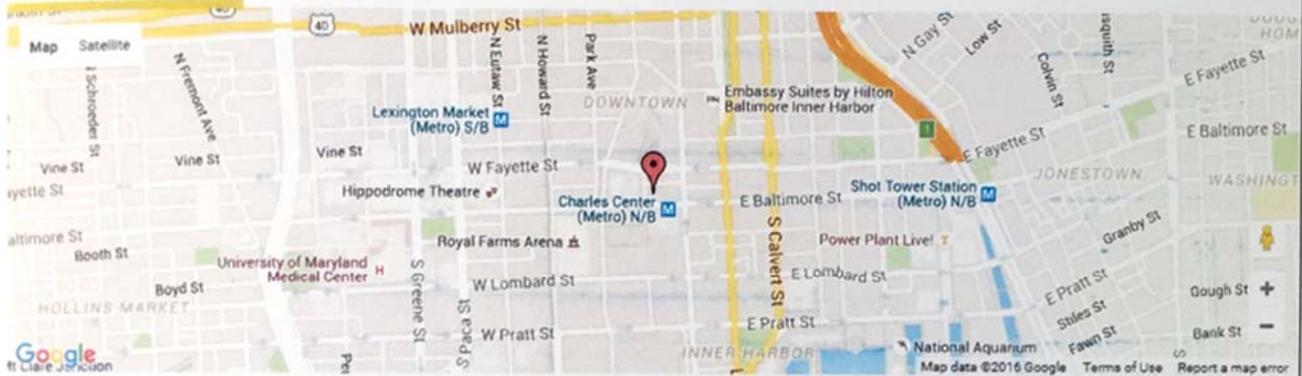
- Blocks from Harbor shops & Restaurants
- Complimentary daily Breakfast & Evening wine & cheese
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Free Shuttle to local sites

DIRECTIONS

Directions



Below you will find a basic map and some directions from the airport, please look at their web site for more specific directions.



Baltimore-Washington Intl' Airport (BWI) is about 12 miles from the Lord Baltimore Hotel. The hotel is located three blocks from the Inner Harbor, National Aquarium, Baltimore Arena and many other attractions. The estimated drive time is 30 minutes and 75 min from Washington DC (IAD).

Valet parking is available, mention you are with our group for our preferred rate.

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FROM BWI AIRPORT

TAKE A TAXI

Pickup: Outside baggage claim on Lower Level

Approximate travel time: +/-30 minutes

Cost: +/- \$35

Distance: 12 miles

Hotel address: 20 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201