



Friends of the 416th Bomb Group Reunion Bethesda, MD

Welcome Packet

September 12-15, 2024

HOTEL:

Embassy Suites
6711 Democracy Blvd
Bethesda, MD 20817

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Dear 416th Family,

Welcome! We are a small but mighty crew! Thank you for making the effort to gather once again to honor and celebrate the veterans of the 416th - and of course to spend time with one another - rekindling friendships and always finding time to laugh. We knew this day would come when our veterans would no longer be with us physically (but always in our hearts) but we remain determined to keep their stories alive.

The hospitality room (The Patriot Room) will be our meeting point. There will be snacks and non-alcoholic beverages and lots of space to spread out and chat.

Breakfast at the hotel is complimentary and is served from 6:30am to 10:00am every morning. There will also be a Happy Hour in the lobby, also complimentary, from 5:00pm to 6:30pm every evening.

This packet contains a schedule for our weekend, as well as some restaurant recommendations. Our list of attendees for this year is in this packet, along with their contact information.

Here's to a fun and safe weekend! We are so excited to have you all here.

Maggie

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12:

- 3:00 PM** Hospitality Room (Patriot Room) opens for our weekend
- 4:00 PM** Check-in to the hotel
- 5:00-6:30 PM** Happy Hour at the hotel
- 4:00-6:00 PM** Meet and Greet in the Hotel Hospitality Room (The Patriot Room)
- There will be pizza provided in the Hospitality Room at 6 PM

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13:

- 6:30-10:00 AM** Complimentary Breakfast in the hotel
- 10:00-1:00 PM** Leave Hotel for Arlington Cemetery in carpools
- Address:
Welcome Center, 1 Memorial Ave, Fort Myer, VA 22211
 - Parking is \$3/hr
 - There is a free shuttle to visit grave sites around the cemetery. We will visit Bob Kehres' grave first and can bring fresh flowers. We can then walk to The Tomb of The Unknown Soldier and explore other areas of the cemetery.
 - There are trolleys available for getting around the cemetery that are \$20/person (\$10/veteran) → can discuss further
- 1:00-2:30 PM** Lunch → Location TBD: likely in Courthouse or Rosslyn, VA
- 2:30 PM** Exploring the Monuments (OPTIONAL)
- We will carpool over to the monuments for those who are interested and take some time to drive/walk around.
 - If not, feel free to head back to the hotel.
- 5:00-6:30 PM** Happy Hour at the hotel
- 6:00 PM** Dinner on your own (there are some suggestions in this packet)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14:

6:30-10:00 AM Complimentary Breakfast in the hotel

8:45-12:00 PM Business Meeting in Hospitality Room

- **8:45-9:00 AM** Gather in Hospitality Room
- **9:00-9:15 AM** Welcome by Reunion Host Margaret McEvoy
- **9:15-9:35 AM** 416th Archive Report - Wayne and Doris Sayles
- **9:35-10:00 AM** 416th.com Website Report - Rick Prucha
- **10:00-11:30 AM** Wethersfield Museum Update and East Anglia Report & Movie - Dr. Vernon Williams
- **11:30-12:00 PM** Discussion of 2025 Reunion possibilities

12:00-1:30 PM Lunch - Sandwiches in Hospitality Room

1:30-5:00 PM Rest time

5:00-6:30 PM Happy Hour at the hotel

6:00 PM Dinner - BBQ at Hotel → In the room next to the Hospitality Room.
- Doris will provide the Missing Man tribute before dinner.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15:

6:30-10:00 AM Complimentary Breakfast in the hotel and farewells

12:00 PM Check-out time of the hotel

RECOMMENDATIONS

Restaurants:

- Around the hotel
 - **Fish Taco** (Maggie's favorite!)
10305 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda, MD 20814
<https://fishtacoonline.com/>
 - **Chopt**
10307 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda, MD 20814
<https://www.choptsalad.com/>
 - **Chipotle**
10400 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda, MD 20814
 - **Montgomery Mall**
10451 Westlake Dr, Bethesda, MD 20817
Big shopping Mall close to the hotel (food court, shops, etc.)
- Around Courthouse, VA
 - **Tupelo Honey Southern Kitchen and Bar**
1616 N Troy St, Arlington, VA 22201
<https://tupelohoneycafe.com/arlington/menu/>
 - **Ireland Four Courts**
2051 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201
<https://www.irelandsfourcourts.com/menu/>
 - **Bayou Bakery, Coffee Bar & Eatery**
1515 N Courthouse Rd, Arlington, VA 22201
<https://www.bayoubakeryva.com/eat>

Websites to know:

- Arlington Cemetery: <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/#/>
- Activities around Maryland: <https://visitmontgomery.com/>