

## THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION, INC.

*Invites You to Join Your Friends for the*

### “EVENTS OF REMEMBRANCE AND COMMEMORATION” OF THE 67<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE December 14, 15 and 16, 2011 Metropolitan Washington, DC

The Belgium Ambassador and Mrs. Matthysen have invited us again to their residence, on Thursday, 15 December 2011, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, for their wonderful reception. As a result we will hold our annual Commemoration Banquet, on Friday evening, 16 December 2011, between 6:00 and 10:00 PM. Our speaker for the Banquet will be Major General Wendel, the new commander of First US Army Division East, headquartered at Ft Meade MD. We are also planning a bus trip on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, to Ft Meade MD to the NSA Cryptologic Museum, our Battle of the Bulge Conference Room and lunch at Club Meade. We will also lay a wreath at the MD/DC Memorial by the Museum at Ft Meade. The DoubleTree Hotel Crystal City by Hilton, 300 Army-Navy Drive, in Arlington VA22202 has been selected again, with its panoramic view of our Nation's Capital. This hotel, just off Route 1 in Crystal City is a 7 minute drive from Reagan National Airport and a 2 City block walk to the Pentagon City Metro Station and the Pentagon Mall. It provides easy access to Washington DC and underwent a major renovation in 2006 for great accommodations. We have managed to retain the reduced rate of \$99.00, single or double occupancy plus taxes, as well as food prices. We have blocked 20 rooms so it is imperative to make hotel reservations immediately. Parking is Complimentary. This rate is available for any night(s) between December 12 and December 18. For room reservations, please call the DoubleTree Reservations (1-800-Hiltons) or 703-416-4100 by **December 1, 2011**. Mention the BATTLE OF THE BULGE for this special rate.

#### **•WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011**

- 2:00 PM – 9:00 PM Registration & Hospitality Room open - Harrison Room - Receive name badges, Parking Passes, Banquet/bus tickets. (If you are only attending the Banquet, (on the 16<sup>th</sup> this year) you may pick up your tickets at the DoubleTree by 6:00 PM Dec 16<sup>th</sup>.)
- 3:00 PM – 10:00 PM Hospitality Room/Exhibits, Books, scrapbooks, memorabilia open everyday. John Bowen, BOB Vice-Pres will be the host. Marty Feldman will again be in charge of refreshments. Supper will be on your own.
- 6:00 PM We will be having our traditional Tree Trimming Ceremony “Salute to Bulge Veterans” in the Harrison Hospitality Room
- 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM By special request we will offer a bus tour of “Washington under the Lites,” provided we have thirty people who would like to do it. Washington is beautiful at nite and especially with the various Holiday lites. We will make a night stop at the WWII Memorial Bus. The bus will leave promptly at 7:00 PM off of the North Tower-Lower Lobby and return by 9:00 PM.

#### **•THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2011**

- 8:45 AM - 9:00 AM Load buses and depart promptly at 9:00 AM for Fort Meade MD from North Tower Lower Lobby.
- 10:00 AM We will first visit the outstanding Cryptologic Museum, outside the gates of the National Security Agency at Ft Meade MD, where we will have a guided tour of the facility. This is the first and only public museum in the Intelligence Community, and because of the intelligence failure during the Bulge it will have particular interest to Bulge veterans. We will take a peek into the secret world of codemaking and codebreaking and view the German Enigma machines that the Allies were able to crack during WWII.
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Buffet lunch at Club Meade, former Ft Meade Officer's Club.
- 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM Wreath laying at the MD/DC VBOB Memorial outside the Ft Meade Museum
- 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Break into groups of 25 and alternate between the Battle of the Bulge Conference Room and the Ft Meade Museum. The BOB Conference Room has the beautiful handcrafted conference table & chairs from the oak of the Ardennes Forest. The patches for the 12<sup>th</sup> Army Group, First & Third Armies, Corps, Infantry, Airborne and Armored Divisions that fought in the Bulge are inlaid in the top of the table.
- 2:30 PM Return to DoubleTree Hotel to rest and prepare for our visit to the Belgium Ambassador's Residence
- 5:45 PM – 8:30 PM Bus departs at 5:45 PM for Reception at beautiful Belgium Ambassador's Residence from 6:30 – 8:30 PM

#### **•FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2011**

- 8:45 AM - 12:30PM Bus loads 8:45 AM leaves Hotel promptly at 9:00 AM for Wreath layings at World War II Memorial, large VBOB Memorial, and Tomb of the Unknowns and changing of the Guard.
- 12:30 PM Return to DoubleTree Hotel for annual VBOB Luncheon in Windows Over Washington.
- 1:00 PM Lunch of hot soup, Grilled Chicken or Smoked Turkey sandwich, beverage and cookies.  
Swearing-in of new National VBOB officers for 2012.
- 5:00 PM Hospitality Room Closed till after Banquet.
- 6:00 – 10:00 BANQUET AT THE DOUBLETREE CRYSTAL CITY HOTEL COMMONWEALTH ROOM.
- 6:00 PM Social Hour/Cash Bar. Seated for Dinner at 6:45 PM.
- 7:00 PM Color Guard & Honors.
- 7:15 PM Dinner served: *Apple Brandy Pork Tenderloin OR Chicken Florentine*  
Program: Greetings from Dignitaries, Person of Year Award, Speaker MG Wendel.  
Hospitality Room open

Notes: Free Airport shuttle provided by the DoubleTree Hotel every half hour, 3 miles from Reagan Washington National Airport.  
Free Shuttle from DoubleTree Hotel every hour on the half hour to METRO: Pentagon City (Blue/Yellow Line) and to Pentagon City Mall.  
Skydome Lounge, the area's only revolving rooftop lounge, for a spectacular view of Washington at night. 07/20/11

**RESERVATION FORM**  
**"REMEMBRANCE AND COMMEMORATION"**  
**OF THE 67th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE**  
**December 14, 15, and 16, 2011 Metropolitan Washington, DC**

Return form and check by December 7, 2011 to:  
**Battle of the Bulge Historical Foundation, Inc.**  
**PO Box 2516,**  
**Kensington MD 20895-0181**

Questions:  
 John D. Bowen, 301-384-6533  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse/Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Battle of Bulge Unit You Served With: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have a WWII Pictures to send us? \_\_\_\_\_

<b>RESERVATIONS:</b>	<b>Number Attending</b>	<b>Cost/Person</b>	<b>Total</b>
Registration Fee: Provides for Badges, Programs, Hospitality, etc.	_____ X	\$20.00	\$ _____

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011**

6:00 PM Tree Trimming Ceremony Harrison Room	_____ X	FREE	
7:00 - 9:00 PM Bus Tour "Washington Under the Lites"	_____ X	\$25.00	\$ _____

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2011:**

Chartered Bus: All Day & Evening Bus Transportation	_____ X	\$35.00	\$ _____
Only Evening Transportation to/from Amb Recept	_____ X	\$20.00	\$ _____
09:00 AM Bus Leaves for Ft Meade			
10:00 AM Cryptologic Museum	_____ X	FREE	
12:00 PM Buffet Lunch Club Meade	_____ X	\$15.00	\$ _____
1:00 PM Wreath Laying MD/DC Monument	_____ X	FREE	
1:30 PM BOB Conf Room/Ft Meade Museum	_____ X	FREE	
5:45 PM Lv for Belgium Ambassador Residence Reception Evening	_____ X	FREE	

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2011:**

Chartered Bus: Wreath Layings VBOB Memorials, Tomb of	_____ X	\$25.00	\$ _____
Depart 9:00 AM Unknowns & WWII Memorial			

09:00 - 12:00 AM Wreath Laying Ceremonies: Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

12:30 PM VBOB Luncheon at DoubleTree Hotel	Chicken _____ X	\$30.00	\$ _____
	Turkey _____ X	\$30.00	\$ _____

Commemorative Banquet, DoubleTree Hotel Crystal City \_\_\_\_\_ X \$65.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Please make your Main Course selection(s):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Apple Brandy Pork Tenderloin	_____ (Names) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Florentine	_____ (Names) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic Meal	_____ (Names) _____		

Sitting is assigned. Plan ahead with your friends to be seated at the same table. Tables are Rounds of 8. Please indicate friends with whom you would like to sit: \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND TOTAL (Enclose check made out to BoBHF 2011 Commemoration): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Checks will not be deposited until 1 Dec 2011 so you can register now.

Permission granted for Hotel to notify BoB Historical Foundation that room reservation has been made.

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

**NOTES & REMINDERS:** Banquet Dress: Business suit/black tie optional (miniature medals encouraged) or military dress uniform  
 Room reservations must be made with the DoubleTree Crystal City directly, by **December 1, 2011** Telephone (1-800-Hiltons) Block of 20.  
 Return completed Reservation Form for events to BOB Historical Foundation ASAP but no later than **7 December 2011**.

No cancellation refunds after December 7, 2011.

Hotel Reservations based on Availability. Please do not delay.

Please indicate in all places the number & names attending so that we can be advised of the proper number to plan. Thanks!

\*\*\*PLEASE BRING A PICTURE ID (Drivers License, Passport, Mil ID) for the Washington area\*\*\*

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