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509th Parachute Infantry Association Reunion

June 5th – 8th, 2019

~ DoubleTree by Hilton - Fort Smith, Arkansas ~

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Names of Attendees with You: _____

Food Allergies? (if so, what type): _____

Reunion Registration Fees (select what you want):

Over 21 (includes banquet & full CP/alcohol access): _____ x \$120.00 = \$ _____

Under 21 (includes banquet, no alcohol, but access to CP): _____ x \$70.00 = \$ _____

Banquet Only (does not include CP amenities/alcohol) _____ x \$55.00 = \$ _____

Bean Bag Toss Tournament (fee is for a 2-person team): _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____

Membership Dues (if applicable):

Active Duty Member (one time, while on active duty): _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Regular Member (annually): _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Associate Member (annually): _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Legacy Member (annually): _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Make Checks or Money Orders Payable to: *Housman and Associates – 509 Reunion*

If E-mailing Registration with Check or Credit/Debit Card Payment (no checks): Complete and return pages 1 & 2 as an e-mail attachment to: june@housmanandassociates.com

If Mailing Registration with Check or Credit/Debit Card Payment, send pages 1 & 2 to:

Housman and Associates
1309 Pasa Tiempo
Leander, TX 78641

If Faxing Registration with Credit/Debit Card Payment, send pages 1 & 2 to:

FAX Number: **(512) 259-5571**

Full Name (as it appears on your credit card): _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Security Code (CVV/CVC, found on back): _____

Billing Address (where your credit card bill is mailed):

****Important! ALL information above is required to process your payment!**

Questions or concerns about billing?

Call: (512) 413-0953

E-mail: june@housmanandassociates.com

FAX: (512) 259-5571

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

DoubleTree by Hilton Fort Smith City Center

700 Rogers Avenue

Fort Smith, AR 72901

TEL: (479) 783-1000

FAX: (479) 783-0312

Website: https://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/arkansas/doubletree-by-hilton-fort-smith-city-center-FSMCCDT/index.html?SEO_id=GMB-DT-FSMCCDT

FOR RESERVATIONS:

To call the hotel and reserve your room, please call: **(479) 783-1000** and provide the rate code: **509 Paratrooper Reunion**.

DEADLINE for our hotel block reservations is: May 13th, 2019 !!

(AS LONG AS THE BLOCK IS NOT FILLED BY THAT TIME)

- Sleeping room rates are: \$109, nightly + 9.75% tax.
- This nightly rate includes two (2) full breakfasts, not a continental style, fully cooked.
- Check-in: 4:00 pm, Check-out: 11:00 am
- Complimentary WiFi
- Smoking: All Rooms are Non-Smoking
- Parking: Self parking: (38 available), complimentary
- Valet: Not Available
- Service animals and pets are allowed
 - with Deposit: \$50.00 (Non-Refundable), Maximum Weight: 50 lbs
- Fitness Center
- Indoor Pool
- 1817 Grille Restaurant (in hotel), open for breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Fountain Court Lounge (in hotel), offers small bites and your beverage of choice
- Nine-story atrium hotel with five-story cascading waterfall

TRANSPORTION

- The hotel operates a complimentary shuttle service to and from Fort Smith Regional Airport (FSM), which is approximately 5.1 miles away.

REUNION AGENDA

The “Command Post” (CP) provides a full-sized meeting room to relax, visit, and just hang out with friends. It also includes complimentary snacks, beverages (e.g., sodas, regular/decaf coffee, hot water f/tea, etc.), *and* alcohol (21 and older)! The costs of these things are included in your registration fee. Please tip your volunteer bartender!

Ensure that you register/pay for additional attendees that want to access the CP or join the banquet dinner on Saturday.

WEDNESDAY – June 5th **Location: BELLE STARR ROOM**

- ❖ CP room opens at 1:00 p.m. and closes at midnight.
- ❖ Normal amenities will be available, along with 509th merchandise and reunion check-in and registration support.

THURSDAY – June 6th **Location: BELLE STARR ROOM**

- ❖ This date marks the **75th Anniversary of D-Day!** The Association plans to observe this day and will update attendees on the details once the schedule is firmed up!
- ❖ CP room opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at midnight.
- ❖ A complimentary lunch has been arranged for all registered guests! It will be hosted by Mr. Dewey Orrick, who owns/operates: *Sooooielicious BBQ* (competition BBQer). It will include all pulled pork brisket, chicken thighs and sides! We’re not sure if we can have him host this on-site at/near the hotel yet. **More information to follow.** Dewey is a huge supporter of military and law enforcement and does these things at cost. Also, he produces his own selection of BBQ sauce at a nominal fee, so consider taking some home! Check him out on Facebook (great pictures of his BBQ): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1060866383934545/>
- ❖ CP room may be closed if we host lunch at a nearby off-site location.

FRIDAY – June 7th **Location: BELLE STARR ROOM**

- ❖ CP room opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at midnight.
- ❖ Another complimentary lunch will be provided on this day for all registered guests! This will be a true Southern “Mudbug Boil” (Crawfish Boil), hosted and paid for by one of our own 509th DMoR: Mr. Eric “Skid” Luneau! It will include spicy boiled crawfish, sausage, corn, potatoes, etc. If you have a shellfish (or other) allergy, make sure to let us know in advance! He is prepared to boil a separate pot without the shellfish. Again, we’re not sure if we can have him host this on-site at/near the hotel. **More information to follow.**
- ❖ CP room may be closed if we host lunch at a nearby off-site location.
- ❖ We will also have a bean bag toss tournament around 4:30 p.m. at the hotel. Sign your team up and pay in advance with this registration form or on-site. It’s only \$20 a team, (2 person team).

SATURDAY – June 8th

Location: MEMPHIS/TULSA ROOM (large dining area)

- ❖ Be advised WE MOVE to the Memphis/Tulsa Room on this day!
- ❖ CP room opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at Noon/12:00 p.m., to allow for the board meeting.
- ❖ Membership board meeting begins at Noon/12:00 p.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. Normal CP amenities and bar **will be closed** during the board meeting.
- ❖ CP room will re-open following the board meeting and closes at 3:00 p.m., to prepare the room for the dinner banquet.
- ❖ Dinner banquet reception will begin at 5:45 pm, preferred dress: “business casual” attire. There will be a cash bar (hotel operated) until 8:30 p.m. (during dinner).
- ❖ At 6:45 the Posting of Colors will be conducted.
- ❖ Our CP bar will re-open at 8:30 p.m., and a DJ will be onsite for dancing after dinner.
- ❖ After dinner we will also conduct the 50/50 raffle and auction. We welcome auction items! If you have any auction items to donate, please contact: abn509thassoc@yahoo.com

ATTRACTIONS AND THINGS TO DO IN FORT SMITH AND ARKANSAS

Great local website to check out what's around: <https://www.fortsmith.org/play/historic-attractions/>

Fort Smith National Historic Site (about a ½ mile from the hotel)

- Fort Smith National Historic Site, operated by the National Park Service:
 - <https://www.nps.gov/fosm/index.htm>
- Judge Parker, "The Hanging Judge" (known from 'True Grit' movie) Courthouse and Gallows
- Bass Reeves, first black deputy U.S. marshal west of the Mississippi

Gen. William O. Darby, "Darby's Rangers", was born and raised in Fort Smith:

- The Darby House (museum)
- Bronze statue of Gen. Darby is located at: Cisterna Park, 1001 Garrison Av (very close to hotel)
- Buried at the Fort Smith National Cemetery (very close to the hotel)
- Fort Smith is the "Sister City" of Cisterna, Italy (where he was killed in action at the end of WWII)

Miss Laura's Visitor Center (historic bordello, about a ½ mile from the hotel)

Chaffee Crossing Historic District (10 miles, 20 minutes)

- Elvis Barbershop Museum (Elvis processed into the Army at Fort Chaffee)
- 1/509th INF (ABN), '87-'93, lived and worked here (stationed on LRAFB)

Choctaw Casino, Pocola, OK (8 miles, 15 minutes)

Parrot Island Water Park (8 miles, 15 minutes)

Arkansas & Missouri (A&M) Railroad Excursion

- ❖ Van Buren, AR (approx. 15 min.)
- ❖ Info: <https://www.fortsmith.org/a-m-railroad-excursions/>
- ❖ Website (tickets, etc.): <https://amtrainrides.com/>
- ❖ Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AMRailroad/>

Distance from Fort Smith to:

- Mount Magazine State Park Lodge, Paris, AR (60 miles, 1.5 hours – highest point in Arkansas)
 - <https://youtu.be/6sVbyuRflpM> (video clip)
- Little Rock, AR (160 miles, 2.5 hours)
 - <https://youtu.be/39i3cmOF6K0> (video clip)
- Hot Springs National Park, AR (127 miles, 2.5 hours)
 - <https://youtu.be/S00c-eHujBg> (video clip)
- Crater of Diamonds State Park, AR (140 miles, 3 hours)
 - <https://youtu.be/Ju8hZMWfIKw> (video clip)
- Fayetteville, AR (60 miles, 1 hour - home of the Arkansas Razorbacks)
- Arkansas Air and Military Museum, AR (55 miles, 1 hour)
- Walmart Museum, Bentonville, AR (85 miles, 1.5 hours)
- Pea Ridge, AR (90 miles, 1.5 hours - Civil War Battlefield)
- Eureka Springs, AR (110 miles, 2 hours)
 - <https://youtu.be/I4B7GC-OLQ8> (video clip)
- Branson, MO (150 miles, 3 hours)

