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# The 1992 Reunion

The next reunion of the 461st & 484th Bomb Groups Association will be held at Marriott's Dearborn Inn from September 24 to September 27, 1992. This reunion runs through the usual Thursday through Sunday arrangement, as in last year's Kansas City conclave. Disregard previous bulletins that showed slightly different dates. A separate reunion bulletin will be mailed out as in previous years. It will include the reunion registration and Marriott reservation forms.

The 461st & 484th bomb Groups Association welcome you to the Dearborn Inn, a Marriott Hotel. It is tucked away on 23 tranquil acres of gardens and countryside across from the historic Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, this hotel brings you a stately, Early American setting with "bed-and-breakfast" charm. Located in a residential area, the tranquility of the parkland setting invites total relaxation.

Located 16 minutes from the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, the elegance and hospitality of a bygone era are beautifully preserved by the use of colonial furnishings reproduced with attention to authenticity. The full range of modern comforts and conveniences make this an ideal vacation spot not to be missed.

Flanking the main buildings are a village of five historic American homes that are authentic replicas of the birthplace or residence of a famous figure in American history.

Dining and entertainment options include the Early American Room which offers fine cuisine and gracious service amid richly appointed Early American decor. The Ten Eyck Tavern serves homestyle favorites for breakfast, lunch, and dinner in a relaxed setting reminiscent of an authentic Colonial tavern. For a relaxing drink at sunset or after-dinner dancing and entertainment, try the Golden Eagle Lounge.

During 1988 and the first part of 1989 the Inn has undergone extensive renovation, restoration and expansion. It reopened in late April 1989. Once part of the Edison Institute, the foundation of the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, the Inn was built by Henry Ford in 1931 as one of the world's first airport hotels. Mr. Ford saw the need for some accommodation facilities close



by his Ford Airfield and so designed the Inn to be the finest in Northern hospitality. Its Georgian architecture and stately style set it apart from any other hospitality facility and over the years the Inn gained a fine reputation as the place to stay while in the Dearborn area.

In 1934, Mr. Ford added a dormitory building to house the employees and in 1936 and 1937 he began to build his colonial village in the rear grounds. He built replicas of famous American homes as another form of hotel room and originally planned to build

18 houses. However, the Second World War broke out and the concept was never completed. As part of the restoration program five houses; the Barbara Fritchie house, the Walt Whitman house, the Edgar Allan Poe house, the Patrick Henry house and the Governor Oliver Wilcott house were totally renovated with each house having a different color scheme. The interiors of the houses have also been altered in some cases to provide more spacious rooms and parlors. These homes now provide us with an exciting alternative to the more standard hotel room.

In 1959 and 1960 another style of accommodation was also introduced to the Dearborn Inn grounds. With 32 rooms in one and 21 rooms in another, the "Motor Houses" were built primarily for the traveling family who enjoy the easy access to their car.

## THE DEARBORN INN, A MARRIOTT HOTEL

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