



## 483RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) ASSOCIATION

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### ST. CHARLES - Last Chance Next Year May Bring Joint Bomb Group Meetings



Aerial View, Downtown St. Louis

#### Tours and Activities

#### ARE YOU ST. LOUIS BOUND?



Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> Tour:  
Daniel Boone Farm



Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> Tour:  
The Anheuser-Busch Brewery



Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> Tour:  
Grant's Farm (President Ulysses Grant Home)



Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> Tour: The St. Louis  
Gateway Arch and Museum of Western  
Expansion

The 483rd Bomb Group is going that way to a place nearby called St. Charles September 8-14. We have set our sights on 200 attending the 30th reunion. To hit that attendance figure we are going to need registrations from some of you who haven't sent in the forms. Our Association is relying heavily on our tried and true regular members and the roster of "Friends of the Association". Without the participation of both groups we are facing the prospect of low attendance. Numbers do count and add an upbeat atmosphere to the whole affair.

We have an excellent reunion program, highlighting local history and great local attractions. The Early Bird Tour begins with a visit to Daniel Boone's historic farm. Then, the tour of the Anheuser-Busch Brewery, the Clydesdale horses and Grant's Farm, with exotic animals - where else can you feed a camel? On the Mississippi riverfront, the 670-foot arch and National Western Museum - you can look all the way to the Rockies or Buckeye Stadium! Or take a stroll and have lunch at Forest Park; one of the finest in the U. S. On Friday, a tour of historic St. Charles and Lewis and Clark's famous keel boat, capped with a sit-down dinner on the Tom Sawyer riverboat plying the old Mississippi - plus great in-hotel entertainment with dinners, a comedy dinner theater, the Eagles Elite Drill Team on Memories Night, and "A Salute to Veterans at the Saturday evening banquet.

The PX is overstocked and there will be many *Bargains, bargains, bargains!*

The Day Room is accommodating and spacious - a great place to meet and enjoy refreshments.

The March and June Newsletters had all of the needed registration materials, but in case you don't have any, call me at (541) 758-0009 or email me at [gstovall@peak.org](mailto:gstovall@peak.org).

Here is a free direct number to the Holiday Inn Select's front desk: 1-800-767-3837 for easy registering.

If you register by mail and not by phone, use this address: Holiday Inn Select, Box 310, St. Peters, MO 63376.

Our cutoff date for receiving registration should be mailed to arrive by August 30 - we are leaving the 31st.

**George Stovall - 2008 Reunion Chairman**

## Veterans Now Salute Flag

Contributed by Mike Riskey

Most people are not aware that Veterans of World War II and other conflicts are now permitted to render the hand salute when honoring our flag and national anthem at events, parades or ceremonies.

In 1942 Congress passed a previous law (US Code Title 4, Chapter 1), which stated that veterans and military not in uniform should join the general public by placing their hand over their heart. Only military in uniform should render the hand salute.

In 2007 U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla) introduced a bill (S.1877) to amend the 1942 legislation to allow both veterans and military personnel to salute the flag when in uniform or not, whether indoors or outside. It was passed by unanimous consent.

Senator Inhofe said: "The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service. Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform. I look forward to seeing those who have served saluting proudly at baseball games, parades and formal events. I believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to other citizens. *Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, (editors italics)* and their recognition will be an inspiration to others".



The provision to amend language in the 1942 US Code was included in final passage of the Defense Authorization Act of 2008, signed by President Bush last January.

This new legislation explicitly authorizes 483rd Veterans to render the hand salute when colors are presented at our Reunion ceremonies.



## President's Message

Hello

The St. Charles Reunion is only a few days away—a happy time being together again, enjoying our longtime Friendship and conducting 483rd business.

Regarding memories night, there will be two microphones set up to hear your stories. Please register on the sheet placed on the Bulletin Board upon arrival. We are anxious to hear from you.

The 483rd, as well as, several other 5th Wing Bomb Groups have expressed interest in joint meetings. The plan is to preserve the integrity of the individual groups with separate business and board meetings with all other activities joint.

These two changes will be discussed at the General Business Meeting. See you in ST. Charles.

Best Regards,  
Ellis and Georgia Maxey

## Roster News

"Dear members:

I recently received 13 newsletters which were returned due to lack of a proper address. A couple of them were from Life Members. I tried to contact them and their phone numbers were no longer valid. So, we lost a couple of members who were in the active roles and were entered in the "Lost Soul" database. Please keep me informed if you move, change your phone number or anything else which will keep you in touch with the Association. Better yet, send me a name of a close friend or relative who will know of your whereabouts in the event we lose contact with you. Your friend or relative would be able to update me on your location or status. Remember, my records are only as good as the membership can provide.

On another note, we still have 55 SI-07's which have not sent in their 2008 dues. Dues, of course are still 25.00 for yearly renewal or 100.00 for Life Membership which also entitles you to a free CD, "Heroes of the 483rd".

Take care, Guy



Guy Venier



# 483<sup>RD</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP REUNION SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 8 - 14, 2008

## HOLIDAY INN SELECT ST. PETERS/ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI

**Monday, September 8**  
12:00pm - 5:00pm Early Bird Registration  
(check bulletin board)

For an evening of camaraderie for early arrivals, you are invited to attend a beverage and snack get-together, hosted by George and Marion in their suite. Let us know how many chairs we will need.

**Tuesday, September 9**  
6:00 am - 6:00pm Hospitality Room and PX open, as posted  
10:30am Load buses  
11:00am Start tour - 1-½ hours Early Bird  
Tour to Daniel Boone's historic farm; after tour, head for Montelle Winery and Klondike Café, all overlooking the Missouri River for a relaxing afternoon. Lunch and beverage on your own with \$10 credit voucher, which can be used for lunch, at the winery, or in the gift shop.

### Welcoming Reception

The Tuesday evening reception is an informal affair beginning with a "happy hour", any important announcements, messages, or whatever, followed by a meal of delicious hors d'oeuvres (probably all you can eat; if not, the hotel restaurant is close by).

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Cash bar  
7:00 pm - hors d'oeuvres followed by announcements

### Wednesday, September 10 - in hotel meetings

8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
(1) Clipped Wings group  
(2) MIA/POW Evadees group  
(3) Friends of the 483<sup>rd</sup> meeting

Anheuser Busch Brewery Tour - followed by trip to Grant's Farm or Forest Park:

(1) 1<sup>st</sup> bus of 55 loads at 10:30 am  
(2) 2<sup>nd</sup> bus of 55 loads at 11:15 am  
(3) 3<sup>rd</sup> bus of 55 loads at 12:00 pm (if necessary, but no Grant's Farm Tour - See Thursday's schedule)

### Memories Night

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Cash bar  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Dinner  
8:00 pm - on - Open Mike

**Thursday, September 11**  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm - Board of Directors Meeting

Tour - St. Louis Arch and Museum of Western Expansion.  
10:30 am - load Bus No. 1 - 40 passengers  
10:45 am - load Bus No. 2 - 40 passengers  
11:00 am - load Bus No. 3 - 40 passengers  
11:15 am - load Bus No. 4 - 40 passengers (if necessary)

Arrival at the St. Louis Arch:

Each group of 40 will be separated by 10 minute intervals. After the Arch, you can visit the Museum of Western Expansion before your bus leaves for Grant's Farm or Forest Park.

### Thursday Evening:

5:30 pm to 10:30 pm - Comedy/Mystery Dinner Theater  
5:30 - on - 840<sup>th</sup> hosted All Squadron Party

### Friday, September 12

9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Ladies' Brunch  
9:00 am - 11:00 pm - Squadron Meetings and Pictures  
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12:30 pm - load buses for St. Charles Historic District  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - tour St. Charles Historic District  
5:30 pm - load buses for Riverboat Cruise  
7:00 pm - get on the boat  
7:30 pm - 9:30pm - Riverboat Cruise with sit-down dinner and music

### Saturday, September 13

8:30 am - 12:00 pm - General Business Meeting  
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm - Memorial Service  
3:00 pm - Catholic Service

### Saturday Evening Banquet:

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - cash bar  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Dinner  
8:00 pm - on - Evening Program



## 483<sup>rd</sup> BOMB GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to 483<sup>rd</sup> BOMB GROUP (H) ASSN., and mail it to:

GEORGE STOVALL, 825 NE LAWNDALDE PL., CORVALLIS, OR 97330. E-mail: [gstovall@peak.org](mailto:gstovall@peak.org)

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NICKNAME \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON (OR FRIEND) \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF REUNIONS ATTENDED (not including this year) \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE & TIME \_\_\_\_\_ AIRLINE \_\_\_\_\_ FLIGHT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

|  | Price | No.   | Total |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| REGISTRATION (PER PERSON)  | \$25  | _____ | _____ |
| Tuesday: Daniel Boone Farm & Montelle Winery & Klondike Café<br>(includes \$10 Credit Voucher (per person) for Lunch,<br>Winery or Gift Shop | \$30  | _____ | _____ |
| Tuesday Evening Reception, featuring delicious hors d'oeuvres  | \$20  | _____ | _____ |
| Wednesday AM: Anheuser Busch Brewery & Grant's Farm or Forest Park   | \$30  | _____ | _____ |
| Wednesday PM - Memories Night  |       |       |       |
| Meal Choice: _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu _____ Medallions of Beef  | \$30  | _____ | _____ |
| Thursday AM: St. Louis Arch & Museum & Grant's Farm or Forest Park   | \$30  | _____ | _____ |
| Thursday PM: Dinner Theater  |       |       |       |
| Meal Choice: _____ Roast Beef _____ Chicken Marsalla<br>or _____ Fish Crusted with Parmesan  | \$30  | _____ | _____ |
| Thursday PM: Squadron Party hosted by 840 <sup>th</sup> Squadron   |       |       |       |
| Meal Choice: _____ Chicken Elizabeth (with crab stuffing)<br>or _____ Prime Rib  | \$30  | _____ | _____ |
| Friday: Ladies' Brunch   | \$10  | _____ | _____ |
| Friday PM: St. Charles Historic District Tour - includes<br>Lewis & Clark Boat House Museum Entry Fee  | \$20  | _____ | _____ |
| Friday PM: Mississippi Riverboat Dinner Cruise   |       |       |       |
| Meal Choice: _____ Prime Rib _____ Chicken Champagne<br>_____ Manicotti w/Ricotta Cheese or _____ Alaskan Pollack                            | \$50  | _____ | _____ |
| Saturday PM: Banquet   |       |       |       |
| Meal Choice: _____ Herb Crusted Salmon<br>_____ Breast of Chicken w/apple-walnut stuffing or<br>_____ Herb Crusted Beef Tenderloin           | \$40  | _____ | _____ |
| Memories Book for St. Charles  | \$20  | _____ | _____ |

*(Menu choices subject to change)*

**Refund Policy:** If you can't attend or change tours, your money will be refunded, except for the \$25 per person registration fees, or if you change tours before the buses and dinners are scheduled and have been paid for in advance.

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**HOLIDAY INN SELECT  
ST. PETERS/ST. CHARLES**  
4341 Veterans Memorial Parkway  
St. Peters, Missouri 63376  
1-800-465-4329 or 1-636-928-1500  
RESERVATION CODE: 483<sup>RD</sup>

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM DEP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF ROOMS NEEDED \_\_\_\_\_

HOW ARRIVING: FLYING \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF AIRLINE, FLIGHT NUMBER AND TIME

AND DATE OF ARRIVAL \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL REQUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Room Rates:** The room rate is \$79.00 per night, plus tax.

**Shuttle Service** from Lambert Field to hotel. The shuttle will pick you up at the airport when you arrive if you call the hotel (only the local number) at 1-636-928-1500 when you leave to get your flight to St. Louis. Otherwise, call the number from the house telephone when you are in the airport after you've landed and they will pick you up (this may take 30 minutes).



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