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Special Reunion Issue Minnesota 2007 All Set

Best Reunion Yet Is Looming

This special issue of the *Ball of Fire* has all you will need to register for the 2007 93rd BG reunion to be held in Bloomington, Minnesota from Sept 27th to 30th. As you will see, you will have more choices to make than usual in both the food and activities areas. You will decide three different entrees for each person in your party and there is an optional tour on Friday. You will find your food choices and more info on the Friday tour in this issue.

Looks like our best reunion yet. If you are on the fence about coming or have never attended a reunion, this should be a reunion not to be missed. The additional time that John Marx and the reunion committee has had to prepare is showing in great plans for a great time. Double check Jim Guddal's column in the last issue for more travel info. This fall will be the 65th anniversary of the arrival of the 93rd BG to fight in England. Joe and Phyllis Duran are preparing to commemorate the arrival with some special events.

Meet me in Minnesota for a great reunion!

Paul Steichen

Kuroki Film Premiere Set for August 1st

Lincoln, Nebraska is the site for the premiere of the film, *Most Honorable Son*, and the date of August 1st was chosen to honor all Ploesti Vets. Although time is short, if you would like to attend, e-mail Scott Stewart at scott@npcenter.com.

VE Day at Hardwick



93rd Bomb Group Minnesota Reunion

Sep 27th – 30th, 2007

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, Sep 27

- 1:00 PM – Executive Lunch (No host) & Meeting
- 2:00 PM – Hospitality Room open
- 5:45 PM – Cocktails in Dining Room
- 6:30 PM – Dinner at Hotel
- 7:30 PM – Welcome Program
 - Master of Ceremonies – Paul Levine
 - Schedule Review – Jim Guddal & John Marx

Friday, Sep 28

- 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM - Hospitality Room open
- 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM Optional Tour with Lunch - Great houses of the 19th Century, newly dedicated WWII Memorial, B-24 memorial, the USS Ward gun that fired the first shot at Pearl Harbor, Mill City Museum (19 min History of Minneapolis Film)
- 11:30 AM –? Lunch on your own (For those not on tour)
- 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM – Hospitality Room open
- 5:45 PM – Cocktails in Dining Room
- 6:30 PM – Dinner Buffet at Hotel
- 7:30 PM – Special Guest Speaker – Bryan Moon, the MIA Hunter
- 8:30 PM - Hospitality Room Open

Saturday, Sep 29

- 10:00 AM – 93rd Business Meeting & Educational Program at Sheraton
- 11:30 AM –? Lunch on your own
- 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Continuous shuttle service to Fort Snelling (period dress and re-enactments) the Fort Snelling Chapel, the Air Guard Museum and Tank Museum 5:45 PM – Cocktails in Dining Room
- 6:30 PM – Dinner
- 7:30 PM – Moon Ball Hanger Dance featuring the Roseville Big Band with our guests the Minnesota 8th AF Historical Society

Sunday, Sep 30

- 10:00AM – Buses depart for train
- 12:00 PM – Minnesota Zephyr departs station
- 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM – Zephyr Tour and Dinner
- 3:30 PM – Group 1 - Depart Stillwater for Hotel
- 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Optional Walking Tour of Stillwater, MN
- 4:30 PM – Group 2 – Depart Stillwater for Hotel
- 6:00 PM – Cocktails in Dining Room
- 6:30 PM – Soup & Salad Buffet - Hotel
- 7:45 PM – Memorial Service and Farewell Program

Monday, Oct 1

Travel Day

93rd Bomb Group Reunion 2007
September 27-30th
Bloomington, MN

Step #1 - Complete Registration Form and submit not later than September 7th

Step #2 - Make check payable to **93rd Bombardment Group**.

Step #3 - Mail completed registration form and check to:

Joe and Phyllis Duran
 309 E. Santa Paula St
 Santa Paula, CA 93060
 Phone: (805) 525-4681
 Email: dogpatchraider@msn.com

Step #4 - Make hotel reservations not later than September 5th to obtain the group rate.

Convenient on-line registration is available at:

www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/93rdbomber

Or you may call: **Toll free: 800-325-3535**

The hotel's address and phone number are:

Sheraton Bloomington Hotel
 Minneapolis South
 7800 Normandale Blvd
 Bloomington, MN 55439
 Hotel: (952) 835-7800

Please give the following group name/group code to the reservation agent when making reservation: "93rd Bomb Group Military Reunion." We have negotiated three different styles rooms for your selection:

Room Style	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
Traditional/ Handicap	\$89	\$89	\$99	\$109
Deluxe	\$104	\$104	\$114	\$124
Suite	\$149	\$149	\$159	\$169

State and local taxes of 13.5% (at this time) are additional. Total cost including taxes is shown below:

Room Style	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
Traditional/ Handicap	\$101.02	\$101.02	\$112.37	\$123.72
Deluxe	\$118.04	\$118.04	\$129.39	\$140.74
Suite	\$169.12	\$169.12	\$180.47	\$191.82

Rates are available for 3 days prior and 3 days after the meeting dates beginning on September 24th and ending on October 3rd.

An early departure fee of \$50 will be charged if a guest leaves the hotel prior to their scheduled departure unless the hotel is notified of the change in plans prior or at check-in.

Step #5 - Make travel arrangements to arrive in time for dinner at 6:30 PM on Thursday September 27th.

Step #6 - Prepare to have a great time with old and new friends!

2007 93rd Bomb Group Reunion Registration Form

Names (List each person)	Thursday Dinner (Circle Choice)	Saturday Dinner (Circle Choice)	Sunday Zephyr Brunch (Circle Choice)
	Chicken Piccata or Blackened Roasted Pork Tenderloin	Grilled Chicken Paillard or Minnesota Walleye	Beef Tenderloin Prime Rib Salmon Game Hen
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(Menu details on following pages)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Optional Tour on Friday, September 28th includes the following:

- Great houses of the 19th Century**
- Newly dedicated WWII Memorial**
- B-24 memorial**
- USS Ward gun that fired the first shot at Pearl Harbor**
- Mill City Museum (19 min History of Minneapolis Film)**

The tour lasts from 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM and includes museum entrance fee and some light refreshment at the museum café including sandwich, fruit, chips & beverage. Total cost for tour, museum, lunch and transportation is \$20 per person.

Calculate your registration fee:

The registration fee includes: Breakfast, Dinner for four evenings, Minnesota Zephyr Sunday Brunch, Transportation, Hospitality room, Door prizes. The reservation fee does not include your hotel rooms.

Number in group: _____ times \$220 = _____

Optional Friday Tour: _____ times \$20 = _____

TOTAL _____

Please complete form and enclose check payable to the 93rd Bomb Group for the total amount.

Minnesota Reunion Fee Refund Policy: No refund will be made after Sep 15th.

REUNION FEE REFUND POLICY

Last minute cancellations can cause significant loss to the 93rd Bomb Group. This loss results because we must guarantee your attendance to the hotel relative to all meals and other related costs. When you don't show, we still get charged for meals and other charges related to those meals.

We recognize that there will always be unforeseen events beyond your control, and we truly regret your personal inconvenience. However, your executive committee has decided that we must stay with our policy of "pay as you go" for reunion costs.

We have reviewed the choices: we can either add an extra amount to everyone's fees to cover last minute cancellations, or we can set a deadline date for cancellations after which the fees paid cannot be refunded.

In order to keep our reunion fees as low as possible, your executive committee has chosen the deadline date choice. Therefore, a deadline date, based on hotel contract requirements for each reunion will be provided to you at the time you make your reservations, and included in our reunion announcements in the Ball of Fire.

Menus

Sheraton Breakfast:

A continental breakfast with hot eggs is served in our hospitality room, the Edina Room.

September 27th Dinner (Thursday)

A choice of Chicken Piccata, a Pan-Fried Breast of Chicken served with a Lemon Caper Sauce or Blackened Roasted Pork Tenderloin complimented with Rosemary au Jus served with a choice of the Soup du Jour , Fresh garden salad, Tossed Romaine Salad and Rolls and Butter, Seasonal Vegetables, Appropriate Potato, Rice or Pasta, Selected Desserts, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee or Tea.

September 28th Dinner Buffet (Friday)

A buffet consisting of Fresh Vegetable Soup, Spinach & Romaine Salad with Vine Ripe Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Radish Sprouts, Sliced Mushrooms & Garlic Croutons with Choice of Dressing, Fresh Fruit Salad, Tomato, Cucumber & Feta Cheese Salad, Pan Seared Chicken with Pineapple Rum Salsa, Grilled Mahi Mahi with Garlic and Herbs, Julienne of Vegetables and Papaya Cream Sauce, Bow tie Pasta Primavera with Fresh Basil, Garlic, Olive Oil and Garden Vegetables, Chefs Selection of Vegetables, Multi Grain, Pumpernickel and Rosemary Rolls, Assorted Fresh Fruit Tarts, Berries Romanoff, Flourless Chocolate Torte.

September 29th Dinner (Saturday)

A choice of Grilled Chicken Paillard, a fresh grilled Chicken Breast with Roasted Garlic au Jus or Minnesota Walleye, a fresh Sautéed Walleye Served with Lemon Butter Sauce served with a choice of the Soup du Jour , Fresh garden salad, Tossed Romaine Salad and Rolls and Butter, Seasonal Vegetables, Appropriate Potato, Rice or Pasta, Selected Desserts, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee or Tea.

September 30th Minnesota Zephyr (Sunday)

Shrimp Cocktail, Chicken & Wild Rice Soup, Fresh Green Salad with the Zephyr’s own Vinagrette dressing, and a choice of four entrees for the main course:

Chef’s Choice – Grilled, seared...whole-roasted tenderloin of beef covered with the Zephyr’s special Italian mushroom sauce. Served with buttered baby red potatoes, green vegetables and French bread rolls.

The Zephyr – Meaning “Breeze from the West” is our specialty. A selected choice cut of Prime Rib, the very finest, and featuring our sharp Zephyr sauce. Served with buttered baby red potatoes, green vegetables and French bread rolls.

The St. Croix – Fresh, Grilled North Atlantic Salmon nestled in a delicious bed of seasoned white rice, lemon butter and the Zephyr’s special sauce, served with green vegetables and French bread rolls.

The Stillwater – A tender, moist Rock Game Hen, roasted to perfection, and covered with a special orange glaze. Served with Minnesota Long Grain Wild Rice, Apple Sage dressing, green vegetables and French bread rolls.

Dessert: New York-style Cheesecake.

September 30th Farewell (Sunday Evening)

Citrus Salad – Field Greens Topped with Sliced Mandarin Oranges, Strawberries, Crumbled Bleu Cheese and Red Onions, Served with a Mange Dressing

Dinner Soup – Minestrone with Garlic Croutons and Breadsticks

Dessert: Fresh Baked Cookies

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