

**20<sup>th</sup> REUNION  
of  
the  
USMC  
3<sup>rd</sup> 8in Howitzer Battery (SP)  
FMF Pac**

(Any FMF Pac Artillery personnel are invited to come and join in)

**September 11 through 14, 2025**

**Location**

Hilton Garden Inn Gettysburg  
1061 York Road  
Gettysburg, PA 17325  
717-334-2040

[www.hiltongardeninngettysburg](http://www.hiltongardeninngettysburg)

*The daily room rate is \$179.00 +taxes. **This price includes a buffet breakfast served from 7:00a.m. to 9a.m. in our hospitality room each morning during the reunion and complimentary parking.***

*\*The room rate of \$179.00 is extended to the three days before and three days after reunion dates. Hotel room reservations must be made by each attendee and should be done ASAP to get the room rate. When making or confirming reservations, please call 1-717-334-2040 and ask for 3<sup>rd</sup> 8inch Howitzer Battery Reunion rate when calling. You may also make your reservations online using this link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/3rd8inchhowitzerbatteryreunion/>*

*\*There is a cutoff date for guaranteeing a room is **Monday, August 11, 2025**. Thereafter, reservations will be booked on a space available basis only. **If you have any problems with your reservation, please call Sabrina Luyo at 717-334-2040 ext.2.***

**Free cancellation until 24 hours prior to scheduled arrival.**

**Free Parking.**

Any Questions?  
Contact Dennis or Cheryl O'Brien  
805-340-6286 or 805-701-1528  
[cobrien@rpdssquared.com](mailto:cobrien@rpdssquared.com)

# 3<sup>rd</sup> 8inch REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

(September 11 – 14, 2025)

## Planning to Attend the Reunion

Name of 3<sup>rd</sup> 8in Member \_\_\_\_\_

Wife Name or Other Relationship Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

To cover the cost of the Hospitality Room, refreshments, and other small incidental expenses, a **\$30.00 “Registration Fee”** is needed from each 3<sup>rd</sup> 8inch member attending the reunion. (No fee is needed for wives.)

**Note:** We need the number in your party and your registration fee by August 11, 2025.

Upon completion of the above information, please send the **2025 3<sup>rd</sup> 8inch Reunion Registration Form** with the **\$30.00 Registration fee** to:

Dennis O’Brien  
165 Stanley Farm Rd.  
Kernersville, NC 27284

Your Registration Fee check should be made out to Dennis O’Brien.

Any Questions or comments?  
Please call Dennis 805-340-6286 or Cheryl 805-701-1528  
E-mails may be sent to: [cobrien@rpds-mailsquared.com](mailto:cobrien@rpds-mailsquared.com)

**Note the email address should only be used for the reunion.**

# Reunion Banquet

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Our dinner on Saturday evening will be held in our Hospitality Room at the Hilton Garden Inn Gettysburg. The cost of the **Buffet Dinner is \$30.00 per person**, inclusive of gratuities and sales tax.

## Buffet Dinner Menu

The Pasta Bar Will include:

Fusilli and Penne pasta, chicken, meatballs, alfredo and marinara sauces, tossed green salad, assorted dressings, garlic bread, NY style cheesecake, unsweet iced tea, water station.

**Please detach and return the portion below with your registration.**

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### Attending the Banquet

*Note you do not have to include payment for the dinner now. We do, however, need to know if you are planning to attend.*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number Attending Banquet:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional Information

We will have a Hospitality Room for our use throughout the Reunion and will be allowed to stock it with our own food and beverages.

All guest rooms and inside areas are smoke free. Smoking is allowed outside in dedicated areas.

The check-in time is 3:00 PM. If you arrive earlier, you may be able to check in, but this is not a guarantee. Ask at the desk about storing your luggage until your room is ready.

Check out time is 12:00 PM.

## Transportation

- If you are flying in for the reunion, there are a few options:
  - Harrisburg International Airport – 45 minutes away
  - Washington Dulles International Airport – 75 minutes away
  - Baltimore/Washington International Airport – 75 minutes away
- The hotel does NOT provide shuttle service to and from airports.

## Activities

The agenda consists of:

- **Wednesday (9/10)** – Dennis & Cheryl will set up and open the Hospitality Room in the afternoon.
- **Thursday (9/11)** – Check into the hotel and visit the Hospitality Room.
- **Friday (9/12)** – Group tour to the Gettysburg National Park Museum & Visitor Center and Battlefield Tour. **Please be in front of hotel at 9:20a.m.**
- **Saturday (9/13)** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 8inch Member Meeting at 3:00 p.m. Banquet at 6:00p.m.
- **Sunday (9/14)** – Check out day if you are leaving

Time Outside the Agenda

Feel free to join a group or go alone to sightsee and explore Gettysburg.



## This Year's Group Tour

This year's tour will be at the Gettysburg National Park Museum & Visitor Center and the Battlefield.

Dennis and I had an opportunity to take these tours and had a great time. They are well worth the time and money spent.



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Reservations have been made for a bus and the tours for Friday, September 12, 2025

Planning to attend? Add your name and number below. **CHERYL MUST PROVIDE A HEAD COUNT, SO PLEASE SEND THIS FORM WITH THE OTHERS IF YOU INTEND TO GO.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending the Tour \_\_\_\_\_

## Group Tour Information

I have secured a bus for our transportation to the Gettysburg National Museum & Visitor Center and the Battlefield Tour on Friday, September 12, 2025.

Schedule:

**9:30AM** – The bus will pick us up in front of our hotel. **Please** be in front and ready to board by no later than 9:20AM.

**10:00AM** – Arrival and welcome at the Gettysburg Visitor Center to hand out tickets. We will be visiting the museum upon arrival.

**11:00AM** – Film and cyclorama. Please line up at the theater 5 minutes prior for seating. Once we have viewed the film, we will go up to the cyclorama. You can access it by elevator or escalator.

**12:00PM** – Lunch at the Refreshment Saloon. Indoor and patio seating available.

**12:50PM** – Please meet at the pillar in the center of the room that has a sign “Meet Guide Here”.

**1:00PM** – We will board the bus with our licensed guide, John Fitzpatrick (who is a Marine Corps veteran) for a 3-hour tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield. There will be stops and locations where we will be getting off and back on. If you prefer, you may stay on the bus.

**4:00PM** – Return to the visitor center where our guide will leave us. We will remain on the bus for our return to the hotel.

**4:30PM** – Arrive at hotel.

There will be a charge for the bus which includes the gratuity for the driver. To help with costs, we will be paying a portion of the fee with our reunion funds. The balance will be split between reunion members who participate in the tour. Cost per person is dependent upon the number of reunion members participating. We estimate the per person fee will be \$40.00 to \$45.00. Activities at the museum and visitor center will cost \$20.00 per person. Each attendee is responsible for paying for his/her lunch. We will have approximately 50 minutes for lunch. If you happen to finish early, take advantage of a visit to the gift shop and the bookstore. i

Note that we plan to collect money from each attendee to provide a tip for our guide as the tip is not included in the cost of the tour.

- The bus does NOT have a restroom, the visitor center **does**.
- In consideration of others and our guide, please be mindful of the schedule and be at designated places on time.
- Before leaving the bus at the hotel, please pick up all your trash and check for all your personal items.
- We will take a cooler with water and sodas.

Dennis and I went on this visit and tour last year and it is well worth the cost!

## General Information

The Hilton Garden Inn is a delightful and fun hotel with the following amenities:

- Pet Friendly
- Indoor Pool
- Business Center 24/7
- 24-Hour Fitness Center
- Free Wi-Fi
- Pavilion Pantry 24 Hours
- Laundry Facilities
- Accessible
- Free Parking

Restaurant – The Garden Grille and Bar is open daily for breakfast and dinner.

Daily Hours:

Breakfast Weekdays	6:00am – 10:00am
Weekend	7:30am – 11:00am
Dinner & Drinks	5:00pm – 10:00pm

Rooms: Microwave  
Refrigerator  
Keurig Coffeemaker  
Hairdryer, Iron/Ironing Board

\*\*Some of the rooms are on the ground floor. If you want one of those you may want to put your request in early. The rest of the rooms are on additional floors.

## Sightseeing

Sightseeing in Gettysburg, PA includes, but is not limited to the following:

### Nearby:

Gettysburg National Park Museum and Visitor Center  
Gettysburg Battlefield  
Gettysburg National Cemetery  
Eisenhower National Historic Site (Includes House)  
Gettysburg Museum of History  
Beyond the Battle Museum  
Lutheran Theological Seminary Museum at Gettysburg  
World War II American Experience  
Gettysburg Heritage Center Museum  
Hollabaugh Brothers, Inc. Fresh Fruit Farm & Market  
Thomasson's Olde Thyme Herb Farm & Gift Shop  
Daniel Lady Farm  
Shriver House Museum  
Historic Downtown (Shops and Restaurants)  
Walking Tours  
Ghost Tours

\*\*David Willis House is closed due to water line rupture

\*\*Rose Farm is closed due to renovations



## **Document Checklist**

Please be sure to enclose all the requested information when sending your Registration Fee. These documents include:

1. Registration Form
2. Registration Fee (Check \$30 made out to Dennis O'Brien)
3. Banquet RSVP with number attending
4. RSVP Gettysburg National Museum & Visitor Center and Battlefield Tour with number attending

Thank you and we are looking forward to seeing you soon!