

50th Company OC 24-69 Reunion
Kansas City, Missouri
September 24 – 27, 2023

Reunion Schedule



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Hotel: InterContinental Hotel at the Plaza, 401 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri. **Telephone:** (1-816-756-1500)

Parking: The Hotel's main entrance, including the garage entrance, is reached via Wornall Road. The reunion self-parking rate, which includes 24-hour in-and-out privileges, is \$10.00 a day. If you need baggage assistance from a bellman, pull over at the front door for unloading. Otherwise, drive into the garage, take a ticket, and self-park. Proceed to the lobby with your parking ticket and check in at the registration desk. (There are access doors into the hotel on each level of the garage.) As you check in, let the agent know that you have self-parked, and your room key will be programmed for in-and-out privileges at the garage.

Points of Contact and Phone Numbers: Scott Davis (714-264-0176), Brian Flora (919-741-8330), Bob Hines (270-312-8456), Lou Lallo (916-792-6669), Brian Walrath (440-773-7185), and Peter Nowlan (802-279-7088)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023:

ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

You may check in at the hotel desk when you arrive on Sunday afternoon, but please note that the guaranteed room availability time is 4:00 PM. If available, you may have access to your room earlier. In any case, you will be able to hang out in Hospitality Suite #217 (second floor) where the Reunion Registration table is located. There is digital signage in the lobby and on the second floor directing you to the Suite.

2:00 PM to 8:00 PM: The 50th Company's registration table will be staffed in Hospitality Suite #217. Members of the Reunion Planning Team will answer questions and hand out welcome packets with ID badges, schedules, list of attendees, maps, and other useful information.

3:00 – 11:00 PM: The Hospitality Suite will be open for informal meetings among reunion attendees. Snacks and soft drinks will be provided. Those who would like something stronger are welcome to purchase beverages from the Oak Room Lounge in the hotel lobby area and bring them up to the hospitality suite. We encourage you to mix and mingle. Note: the Suite has also been set aside for our use on Monday and Tuesday.

There is no formal group dinner on Sunday. Please make your own arrangements, either in the hotel or in nearby restaurants. Don't be shy about linking up with your 50th Company classmates. If you would like some dinner companions, just ask around.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022: SUGGESTED MORNING TOUR OF THE HARRY S. TRUMAN LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

THE BANQUET DINNER/PROGRAM FOLLOWS IN THE EVENING.

7:00 – 9:00 AM: Breakfast Buffet in the Brookside Meeting Area.

The Brookside Meeting Space is located on the back side of the lobby-level American Slang Restaurant. The “Intercontinental Breakfast” on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning is offered as part of the reunion fee.

Note: Except for the Reunion Dinner, there is no formal reunion program. Classmates and spouses are free to arrange their own activities, individually or (preferably) in groups. Many, if not most of our classmates will have cars. If you are without “wheels,” check around and arrange for rides.

On Monday morning, for classmates and spouses who are interested, Brian Flora has coordinated a guided tour of the President Harry S. Truman Library and Museum in nearby Independence, Missouri. On Tuesday morning, Brian Walrath did the same for a visit to the National World War One Museum. Details on both events have been sent to all reunion attendees.

9:30 AM: Depart Hotel for Optional Tour of Truman Center in Independence, Missouri.

Travel to Independence will be by automobile; car-pooling is encouraged. Note: if you have any questions about getting to the Truman Center, check with Brian at breakfast.

Lunch: Please make your own arrangements. Those on the Truman tour are welcome to join the group at “The Little BBQ Joint” at 1101 W. US Highway 24, Independence, MO.

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Hospitality Room 217 is reserved for informal meetings and socializing. There will be soft drinks and snacks; alcoholic beverages may be purchased in the Oak Room Lounge (in the hotel lobby area) and brought up to the suite.

Monday Evening, September 25, Banquet and Program in the Rooftop Ballroom and Bar.

Dress Code for the dinner is casual, as you choose to define it.

5:00 – 6:15 PM: Cocktail Hour (hosted bar) in the Ballroom.

6:15 PM: Company Photos. Gather in front of the Ball Room fireplace for group photos only (no Platoon photos). The first group photo will be of classmates only, followed by a group photo of classmates plus spouses and guests.

Note: after the Photo Shoot the bar will still be open (until 8:00 PM.)

Please select your seats in the adjacent Rooftop Ballroom by 7:00 PM. Seating is open.

7:00 PM: Pre-Dinner Program

A hearty welcome from Lou Lallo, Reunion Planning Group Chair, who will then introduce the “Missing Man Table.”

“Missing Man Table” video, provided by Scott Davis, will help us honor classmates who are no longer with us.

Invocation/Blessing by 50th Company Padre, Mike Eberhardt. **A 50th Company Toast** by Peter Nowlan.

7:30 PM: Dinner is Served.

9:00 – 10:00 PM: The Evening Program

“50th Company and the Vietnam War Era – Why Our Service Mattered” Brian Flora.

“Finding Anecdotal Humor In Vietnam” Video by Scott Davis.

“First Ever 50th Company Awards Ceremony” by Scott Davis.

Closing Remarks and a round of Thank-Yous by Lou Lallo.

“50th (Company) at 50” a Poem, by Brian Walrath.

Please Note: Attendees are encouraged to continue to socialize in the Ballroom or in the hotel lounge on the Lobby level.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

OPTIONAL TOUR OF THE NATIONAL WWI MUSEUM

7:00 – 9:00 AM: Breakfast Buffet in the Brookside Meeting Area. Cost of the buffet is included in the registration fee.

9:30 – 9:45 AM: Depart Hotel for Optional Tour of the National World War One Museum and Memorial. Brian Walrath notes that, since attendees will be purchasing their tickets individually, there is no need for all to leave together. Travel to the nearby Museum, which opens at 10:00 AM, is by automobile, and car-pooling is encouraged. **Those who are interested may gather for lunch around noon at the Museum’s cafeteria, “The Over There Café.”**

During the day, classmates and spouses are free to arrange their own activities and visit tourist sites that appeal to them. (Note: the Nelson -

Atkins Museum of Art is nearby and has a fine, eclectic collection.) Many, if not most of our classmates will have cars. Check around and arrange for rides. Please make your own arrangements for lunch.

And spend part of the day hanging out with classmates and spouses. We have Hospitality Suite 215 reserved for informal meetings and socializing. Soft drinks and snacks will be provided. Drop by at any time during the day or show up for an impromptu “Happy Hour” before going out to dinner. Dinner Arrangements are up to individual attendees.

Wednesday, September 27, 2023: Farewell and Departure

7:00 – 9:00 AM: Breakfast Buffet in the Brookside Room. Cost of the buffet is included in the registration fee.

Hugs and farewell. Safe travels to everyone.

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Reunion Attendees

Bill Adams (1st PLT)

Craig Biggs (5th PLT) and Jill

Don Cramer (3rd PLT)

Scott Davis (5th PLT) and Liz

Jim Durkin (2nd PLT)

Mike Eberhardt (2nd PLT) and Robin

Brian Flora (4th PLT) and Kay Kuhlman

Chuck Granner (3rd PLT) and Sherry

Bob Hines (2nd PLT) and MaryAnn

Terry Hummel (6th PLT) and Wanda

Louis Lallo (3rd PLT) and Suzie

Gary List (1st PLT) and Jill

Bob Myers (6th PLT)

Peter Nowlan (2nd PLT) and Kathy

Charles Oliver (Arty OC11-70) and Susan

Steve Porter (3rd PLT) and Phyllis

Bill Snodgrass (2nd PLT) and Debbie

Ken Sutton (6th PLT) and Debbie

Bill Thoroughgood (2nd PLT) and Joy

Brian Walrath (2nd PLT) and Dace

James Zack (2nd PLT) and Yvonne