

**50th Company OC 24-69 Reunion**  
**Huntsville, Alabama**  
**October 5 - 7, 2025**  
**(with an option for an extra day)**

**Reunion Schedule**



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**Hilton Garden Inn Huntsville**  
**(South Redstone Arsenal)**  
301 Boulevard South SW, Huntsville, Alabama 25802  
**Telephone:** (256-881-4170)

**Reunion Points of Contact:** Brian Flora (919-741-8330), Scott Davis (714-264-0176), Bob Hines (270-312-8456), Lou Lallo (916-792-6669), Brian Walrath (440-773-7185), Peter Nowlan (802-279-7088), and Mike Eberhardt (205-475-3815).

**Sunday, October 5, 2025: Arrival and Check-In**

The Hotel is four miles south of downtown Huntsville, just off Memorial Highway (U.S. Hwy 231) at Boulevard South. There is plenty of free parking. Bring your luggage in with you when you check in. (The Hotel has baggage carts available in the lobby.) The guaranteed room availability time is 6:00 PM, but if your room is available earlier you will have access.

If you have to wait for your room, there is plenty of space for your luggage in the **Park Place Ballroom** where you will find the 50<sup>th</sup> Company welcome table. We have the Ballroom reserved for our exclusive use during our stay. This includes for our warm buffet breakfasts each morning, cocktail hours and programs on Monday and Tuesday, a Buffet Sampler dinner on Monday, our Gala Dinner on Tuesday, and for just hanging out.

**4:00 PM to 8:00 PM:** The 50<sup>th</sup> Co **Welcome Table** will be staffed by members of the reunion planning committee. Stop by after registering for your room. We will answer questions and hand out ID badges, schedules with a list of attendees, street maps, and a Huntsville Visitor's guide.

**4:00 – 7:00 PM:** Feel free to mix and mingle with classmates in the Ball Room and greet new arrivals. Snacks and soft drinks will be provided. Those who would like to imbibe something stronger are welcome to purchase beverages from the hotel's Garden Grill & Bar.

Please make your own arrangements for dinner, either in the hotel or other restaurants in the area, which would require a car to get to. Don't be shy

about linking up with your classmates. If you would like some dinner companions, just ask around.

**Please Note:** Except for the Reunion Banquet on Tuesday, there are no “required” reunion events. Everything is optional. Below, we have provided suggestions of things to do, including three optional group visits to sites the planning group has recommended. There is much more information about Huntsville online and on the Company website. Many of our classmates will have cars, so if you are without “wheels” and need a ride, check around.

## **MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025:**

### **Visit to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center**

The five-star rated Space Museum is Huntsville’s primary tourist attraction. Your reunion fees will cover the \$29.00 per person admission price and the show at the Center’s Planetarium. There is plenty to see and do for the whole day, but you may leave (and return) at any time during the day.

**Address:** One Tranquility Base, Huntsville, AL 35805. Tel: 256-837-2400 or 1-800-637-7223. Website: <https://www.rocketcenter.com/>

### **7:00 – 8:30 AM: Buffet Breakfast** in the Park Place Ball Room

The warm buffet breakfast each morning includes a taste of Alabama (grits with cheese) and is offered Monday through Thursday morning. There is no additional cost to you for the breakfasts.

**8:50 AM Meet in Ballroom:** Form up in carpools for a **9:00 AM** Departure for the Space and Rocket Center.

**9:00 AM:** Go east on Boulevard South and turn left (north) on Memorial Parkway (US Rte 231). Get on I-565 heading west and take the second exit (Exit 15). Follow the signs to the Space and Rocket Center. Turn left onto Old Madison Pike and cross over I-565, get into the right lane. You'll see a green and white highway sign on the right side of the road pointing straight ahead to 'Space Center.' Head off to the right and you'll be on 'Tranquility Base' road, the access road to the Space and Rocket Center.

When you can clearly see the Space Shuttle on your left, the large parking lot (also on your left) is the Museum lot. Park and walk through the large blue 'Entrance Arch' into the Museum’s main entrance.

Enter and linger in the gift shop area and check out the merchandise. Note: When you leave, you will exit into the parking lot through the gift shop, so we suggest you don't buy anything until the afternoon when you are ready to leave and return to the Hotel.

Wait for Brian Flora and Scott Davis who have gone ahead to purchase our day passes (in the form of wristbands) the Space Center and Planetarium. Keep an eye out for our NASA sponsor, Mike Stallcup, who worked for NASA as an aeronautical engineer for 33 years and is now, in his retirement, a senior docent at the Space and Rocket Center.

When we have gathered up and are properly wrist-banded, Mike will give us a short overview of the Museum, the Davidson Center, and the Planetarium program and then turn us loose to explore the exhibits at our own pace.

Note: Your day pass will cover a Planetarium show (something that Mike Stallcup strongly recommends). We have asked for the Webb Telescope Show, but we won't know which of the three offerings will be shown for us until we arrive. Regardless of which show we are assigned to, don't miss it. They are all outstanding.

**Lunch:** Please make your own arrangements. The "Galaxy Grill," in the main Museum building looks good. There are other luncheon spots in the area, but this would require you to leave and go by car. (Your wristband ticket entitles you to return to the Center.)

**4:30 PM** is the suggested departure time if you are still at the Center, which officially closes at 5:00 PM. Return to the Hilton Garden Inn.

## **Afternoon Cocktails, Dinner and Program at the Hotel**

**5:00 – 7:00 PM: Cocktails and Conversation** in the Ball Room.

**6:30 PM:** "Words of Welcome and Wisdom" from Lou Lallo, including a toast to honor Reunion Committee member Bill Thoroughgood as he goes in for back surgery.

**6:40 PM:** "Sweet Home Alabama" Remarks by Mike Eberhardt.

**6:50 PM:** "Our Visit to Burritt on the Mountain," Robin Eberhardt.

**7:00 Please be seated for dinner.** Seating is Open.

**7:00 – 9:00 PM: Sampler Buffet Dinner**

The Buffet Dinner offers three different entrees, sides and salads, deserts and beverages (including a bottle of red and white wine at each table). The cost of the meal is covered by the reunion fees. Enjoy!

**9:00 PM:** “A Random Look at Fiftieth Company,” video by Ken Scott Burns

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025:**

**Suggested morning group visit to “Burritt on the Mountain” and a self-guided afternoon visit to Downtown Huntsville and/or the Huntsville Art Museum.**

Burritt on the Mountain is an open-air museum on Round Top Mountain, overlooking the city of Huntsville. In 1934, after the death of his wife, Physician William Burritt designed an eccentric mansion surrounded by 167 acres where he could farm and raise goats in his retirement. He donated his house and property to the city to establish a museum which began purchasing rural log houses and barns that were in danger of demolition. Twelve historic structures from the 1800s have been fully restored and relocated to the grounds.

We will split into two groups. Half of us will tour the mansion with one docent, while another leads the rest of us on a tour of buildings outside, and then vice versa. The discounted group rate is \$10 per person (including tax). Brian Flora will pay the group rate for everyone and then collect at the reunion from those who attend.

**7:00 – 8:30 AM: Buffet Breakfast** in the Park Place Ball Room.

**9:00 AM: Carpool to Burritt on the Mountain.** Meet at 8:50 AM in the Ball Room to sort out carpools. Departure at 9:00 AM for Burritt on the Mountain; 3101 Burritt Dr., SE; Huntsville, AL. Tel: 256-536-2882 Website: [www.burrittonthemountain.com](http://www.burrittonthemountain.com)

## **9:30 AM to Noon: Guided Tours of Burritt Mansion and the Outdoor Museum of Log Buildings.**

**Lunch:** Please make your own arrangements based on where you will spend your afternoon. For example, if you intend to make the suggested visit to the Art Museum in downtown Huntsville (see below), there is a nice Italian eatery (*Pane & Vino*) on the premises.

## **Afternoon: Non-Group Visits to the Huntsville Museum of Art**

Website: [hsvmuseum.org](http://hsvmuseum.org) Address: 300 Church St. SW; Huntsville, AL 35801 Tel: 256-535-4350 Entry Fee: \$10.00 for seniors.

The permanent collection has a strong focus on 19th and 20th-century American art, particularly from Alabama and the Southeast. It also celebrates American women artists with works by women active from 1850 to 1940. It includes over 400 works by influential 20th-century artists, as well as a distinctive selection of contemporary works in wood, fiber, metal, clay, and glass. Complementing these are unique collections of South American, Asian, African, and European art, sterling silver animals, Japanese and European prints, and other treasures that invite visitors to explore connections across cultures and time periods.

Bonus points if you can find the stunning Dale Chihuly glass sculpture!

## **Or Downtown Huntsville/Big Spring International Park**

If you are not interested in the Art Museum, consider taking some time to explore downtown Huntsville. Park in the Museum of Art Parking lot. There is a serene park (Big Spring International Park) featuring a limestone spring, cherry trees, and colorful koi fish. The Visitors Center says it is perfect for a “peaceful stroll through paths with statues and water features or capturing Instagram-worthy moments in front of the iconic red Friendship Bridge.”

**4:00 PM:** Return to the Hotel to get ready for the Reunion Banquet.

## **Tuesday Evening, October 7, Reunion Banquet and Program in the Park Place Ball Room.**

(Dress Code for the event is casual, as you choose to define it.)

**5:00 – 7:00 PM: Cocktails and Conversation** in the Ball Room.

**6:30 PM: Company Photos.** Gather for Company group photos. The first group photo will be of classmates only. The second will be a group photo of classmates plus spouses and guests.

**7:00 PM: Please be seated in the Ball Room dining area.** The 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 remember and honor classmates who are no longer with us.

--**“A Tribute,”** a Poem by 50<sup>th</sup> Co Poet Laureate, Brian Walrath.

--**Invocation/Blessing** by our 50<sup>th</sup> Company Padre, Mike Eberhardt.

--**A 50<sup>th</sup> Company Toast** offered by Bob Arnold.

**7:30-8:30 PM: Plated Banquet Dinner. Bon appétit!**

### **8:30 – 10:00 PM: The Evening Program**

--**Keynote Remarks: “Exploring NASA’s Artemis Program – Back to the Moon”** by Michael Stallcup, retired NASA aeronautical engineer and Senior Docent at the Space and Rocket Center.

--**50<sup>th</sup> Company Retrospective Video:** Scott Davis.

--**The Coveted 50<sup>th</sup> Company FUBAR is Awarded** by Scott.

--**Closing Remarks and a Round of Thank-Yous”** by Lou Lallo.

## **Wednesday, October 8, 2025**

**7:30 – 9:00 AM: Group Breakfast.** Gather and bid informal farewells to those who are departing. Thanks for coming and safe journeys.

## **Wednesday Program Suggestions for those (30 or so) who have stayed the extra day.**

There is plenty left to do in Huntsville. Please consult the visitor's guide in your welcome packet or go online and Google things to do in Huntsville. Consider the fantastic Huntsville Botanical Garden, which is rated sixth best in the country. Mike and Robin Eberhardt recommended it but said the summer blooms will have to wait until next year. They also noted that the Bridge Street Town Center has a variety of shops and restaurants.

### **Wednesday Morning: Suggested Group Visit to the US Veterans Memorial Museum**

2060A Airport Road, Huntsville, AL Website: [memorialmuseum.org](http://memorialmuseum.org)  
Tel: 256-883-3737

This relatively small museum consistently gets five-star reviews from visitors. The exhibits of memorabilia, artifacts, and military equipment range from the American Revolutionary War to present day. Included in the collection are many rare and important artifacts including the oldest surviving military jeep: the "Ford Pygmy." The outdoor display has more than 30 historical military vehicles from World War I to the present. Our host, "Randy," graduated from Infantry OCS at Fort Benning six years after we did and is looking forward to meeting us.

**10:15 AM:** Depart for the Veterans Museum. Go out to the Memorial Parkway and turn left (north). Take a left on Airport Road. The Veterans Museum is in John Hunt Park on the right. There is plenty of parking. Admission to the museum is \$5.00 per person.

**10:30 AM:** Introduction to the Museum by our docent Randy, followed by a self-guided tour of the collection.

**Lunch:** Please make your own arrangements, based on where you will spend your afternoon. Ask Randy for suggestions.



## **Wednesday Afternoon: Think About the Lowe Mill ARTS Center**

There is a site that intrigued Kay and me (Brian Flora): the Lowe Mill ARTS and Entertainment Center, 2211 Seminole Dr. SW; Huntsville, AL  
Website: [lowemill.art](http://lowemill.art) Check out the site to see if it also interests you.

“With a focus on visual arts, this huge historic cotton factory has been redeveloped into 152 working studios for over 200 artists and creators, 7 galleries, a theatre, community garden, and performance venues. It claims to be country’s largest privately owned arts facility.”

It comes alive in the evenings and on the weekends but also claims to have some things going on during weekday afternoons. There are artist galleries and workshops to visit as the artists work on their creations and several places to get lunch. If you see a studio with an open door, please walk in, talk to the artists and watch them create. Note: a Wednesday afternoon visit might be a dud, but Kay and I are going to give it a look-see. If there’s nothing going on, we’ll head back to downtown Huntsville and hang out.

## **Wednesday Evening: Farewell Dinner**

Mike and Robin Eberhardt and several others from Huntsville have suggested *Rosies Cantina*, a casual Tex-Mex place that has told us they could handle a group of 30 or so in a semi-quiet area of the restaurant. The location is close to our Hilton Garden Inn, and social media ratings are very good. (Please Note: The price of the dinner is not covered by the reunion fee.)

**6:15 PM:** Carpool from the Garden Inn for a 6:30 Tex-Mex dinner at Rosies Cantina; 7540-A South Memorial Parkway, Huntsville, AL 35802 Tel: 256-382-3232.

## **Thursday, October, 9 Departure Day:**

**7:30 – 9:00 AM: FINAL GROUP BREAKFAST.**

Farewell to all. Safe Travels! Checkout time is 11:00 AM.

# **2025 Huntsville, Alabama - Reunion Attendees**

Bob Arnold (2<sup>nd</sup> PLT) and Judi Adel

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Don Cramer (3<sup>rd</sup> PLT)

Scott Davis (5<sup>th</sup> PLT) and Liz

Jim Durkin (2<sup>nd</sup> PLT)

Mike Eberhardt (2<sup>nd</sup> PLT) and Robin

Brian Flora (4<sup>th</sup> PLT) and Kay Kuhlman

Bob Fullmer (5<sup>th</sup> PLT) and Judy

Mike Gilpin (3<sup>rd</sup> PLT)

Chuck Granner (3<sup>rd</sup> PLT) and Sherry

Terry Hummel (6<sup>th</sup> PLT) and Wanda

Bill Knudsen (6<sup>th</sup> PLT)

Clarence Kugler (2<sup>nd</sup> PLT) and Ali

Louis Lallo (3<sup>rd</sup> PLT) and Suzie Plecas

Tom Lankford (3<sup>rd</sup> PLT) and Carolyn

\*Mike Myers (3<sup>rd</sup> PLT)

Peter Nowlan (2<sup>nd</sup> PLT) and Kathy

Steve Porter (3<sup>rd</sup> PLT)

Rodney Shortell (5<sup>th</sup> PLT) and Kim

Ken Sutton (6<sup>th</sup> PLT) and Debbie

Brian Walrath (2<sup>nd</sup> PLT) and Dace

James Zack (2<sup>nd</sup> PLT) and Yvonne

## **Guests of Terry and Wanda Hummel**

Son, Brad Hummel

Son-in-Law, Steve Thomas and Daughter Wendy Thomas

## **Guests of 50<sup>th</sup> Company OCS**

NASA Aeronautical Engineer (Ret'd) Michael Stallcup and Spouse Jill