

LONG THANH NORTH REUNION, 2016



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Hello from Kansas City!! Which side to hold the reunion is not yet settled, and the organizational work to make it happen mainly depends upon how many will attend and what facility would best match the expected numbers.

Barbara and I are excited to host the **2016 Long Thanh North Reunion** scheduled for:

29-30 September and 1 October 2016.

We have lots of great things to see and do, plus we have the greatest BBQ on the planet! Please help us by making your intentions known.

HERE IS WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:

In order to negotiate the lowest hotel rates, we require a preliminary estimate on total nights needed—if you plan to attend the reunion and how many nights you plan to stay. This is not binding, and when we have enough information to finalize arrangements we will ask you to contact the hotel directly to make your individual reservations. Everyone in our group is eligible for the military/group rate. We know that some of you have family in town or may have already made housing arrangements.

Michael did preliminary work on a potential tour of the *Fort Leavenworth Command and General Staff College*. This was a topic of discussion in Tucson and many said they were interested. Due to security policies, the College requested that we consolidate vehicles. They will not allow access to the installation in multiple cars. Therefore, we plan to contract for a suitable mode of transportation (bus, van, etc.). Additionally, military veterans included in this tour require a background check. We don't want anyone to provide "name, rank and serial numbers" via the internet so we will find out exactly what information is required prior to the tour and then ask you to send that through the U.S. mail. We were informed there is a

maximum number allowed within the group, so we first open this up to veterans and will also include spouses if room permits. Expect additional information as it becomes available.

Kansas City International Airport is approximately 35 miles from the city and a taxi costs approximately \$50 each way. The most logical and reasonable could transportation to and from the airport would be a POV or a rental car. All the details need to be worked out, but we believe that each family could pay a nominal amount to offset the cost of whatever meets our needs. Any excess money collected would be made available for the next year's reunion. We have received \$217 from the 2015 Tucson reunion.

Located next to one of the hotels under consideration on the Kansas side: (as an exasmples):

- [Cabelas Sporting Goods](#)
- [Nebraska Furniture Mart](#)
- [Legends Outlet Mall \(www.legendsshopping.com\)](http://www.legendsshopping.com)
- [Hollywood Casino \(1/2 mile away\)](#)
- [Golf Courses—several nearby](#)
- [Ft. Leavenworth \(15 minutes away\); free](#)
- [Harry S. Truman Library \(30 minutes away\); \\$5.75 group rate booked 4 weeks in advance of tour \(www.truman.library@nara.gov\)](http://www.truman.library@nara.gov)
- [World War I Museum and Memorial \(15 minutes away\); \\$10 per person \(www.theworldwar.org\)](http://www.theworldwar.org)
- [Steamboat Arabia Museum and Tour \(15 minutes away\); \\$13.50 per person \(www.1856.com\)](http://www.1856.com)
- [Negro League Baseball Museum \(15 minutes away\); \\$9.00 per person \(www.nlbm.com\)](http://www.nlbm.com)
- [American Jazz Museum \(15 minutes away\); \\$13.00 per person](#)
- [Hallmark Cards Visitor Center \(15 minutes away\); free](#)
- [Kansas City Chiefs Football \(2016 schedule not available\)](#)
- [Kansas City Royals Baseball \(playoff games, if applicable\)](#)

As example of possibilities for those arriving on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, I have contacted *The New Dinner Theatre* (9229 Foster St, Overland Park, KS 66212) and have tentatively reserved 20 seats. The 2016 shows schedule comes out in early spring so we have time to ask if anyone is interested. The dinner and show is approximately \$50 per person. This past year's shows included:

- “Out of Order” starring Gary Sandy from WKRP In Cincinnati;
- “Over the Moon” starring Marion Ross and Hal Linden;
- “Beau Jest” starring Cindy Williams and Eddie Mekka; and
- “Chicago,” featuring the Broadway cast.

The dinner is great and the shows are entertaining. I just wish we could bring Ron and Sadie's melodrama group here because it was one of the most entertaining nights I've ever experienced. Again, we will wait and see what is playing and then I'll get commitments from you. We can also just get together for dinner at a popular restaurant.

We appreciate any suggestions or comments and look forward to another great reunion. We had over 50 people attend in 2015 and are expecting more next year (we had several first-timers and we want to get the information out to as many as possible.) Please feel free to forward this information to other members of your unit. If you have any items to donate for an auction to be held during Saturday's dinner, please let us know.

Please provide the following information so that we can begin to plan:

1. Do you plan to attend?
2. Number in your party?
3. How many nights will you stay?
4. Will you drive to the reunion? If so what is the potential capacity of your vehicle?
5. Will you arrive by airline?
6. Will you rent a car or are you interested in the van rental?
7. Would you attend the Fort Leavenworth tour?
8. Do you have any special dietary needs?
9. Will you require any assistance; i.e. wheelchair, etc?

Please respond as soon as possible to above questions, but we'll need tentative attendance information no later than December 31, 2015, so we can start negotiating for the hotel and catering. Our goal is to keep all events affordable and will attempt to secure "group" rates whenever possible.

Best regards,

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