



**“THE GUARDIAN”**  
**709<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion Association**  
**Reunion Information Newsletter**  
**2018**



**GREETINGS 709<sup>th</sup> VETERANS,**

Detroit, Michigan was chosen as the site for the 2018 reunion. Why you might ask? First of all, Association Vice-President Tony Latarski lives in the Detroit area so we have “boots on the ground.” He has done the hard work of checking out hotels and gathering the information we need to host a great reunion without board members having to spend a planning weekend there at their own expense.

Secondly, the City of Detroit has revitalized their downtown and has become a tourist destination. Did you know that? Detroit is often referred to as “Motor City” as it is the Historic Heart of the American Automotive Industry. Tony did the research on a number of sites you may want to visit while in Detroit. You will surely want to take a look at the various websites listed below to help you decide which places to visit. The association found at last year’s reunion that members enjoyed being able to choose on their own what to do during the day but then gather together in the evening in the hospitality suite.

One historic point of interest that Tony re-conned for us is The Henry Ford (yes, that is the correct term) and there are a few options for that visit. Tony is working on getting group transportation on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> as well as a discount if we have enough people interested. The site is open daily from 9:00AM to 5:30 PM. There are 3 different choices at that site, but according to Tony you can’t do all 3 in one day. There is a museum, a village and the Rouge Tour (where F-150’s are built). If it is a nice day and you feel like walking, Tony suggests doing the village. If it is cold and/or raining, he suggests the museum. The Rouge Tour takes approx. 2 hours. There is a box on the registration form to check if you are interested in The Henry Ford on Friday, but it is pay as you go that day. Be sure to check the website at <http://www.thehenryford.org>.

Here is the cost break-down for the individual attractions:

Rouge Tour only	\$18.00	Rouge tour + museum	\$32.00
Museum only	\$23.00	Rouge tour + village	\$37.00
Village only	\$28.00	Village + museum	\$39.50

Want to see the city? Detroit has a People Mover that actually stops at the Courtyard Marriott and goes throughout downtown for only \$0.75. You could also take a walk for FREE on the Detroit Riverfront and view the skyline of Canada. Just remember if you cross the Ambassador Bridge you’ll need a passport to get back. For riverfront information try <http://detroitriverfront.org/things-do/river-days>.

If you are a fan of 50’s and 60’s music you are certainly going to want to make a stop at the Motown Museum. The Supremes, Smokey Robinson, The Four Tops and Marvin Gaye, just to name a few, have recorded here. You might even get a chance to stand in Studio A where the recordings were made. If you think you might be interested

in going as a group on Saturday, please check the box on your registration form. Again, it will be pay as you go, but pre-registered groups may get discounted rates.

Don't wait to go until Sunday though because they will be closed. <http://www.motownmuseum.org>

Perhaps you might prefer Gordon Lightfoot -- "In a rustic old hall in Detroit they prayed,  
In the Maritime Sailor's Cathedral  
The Church bell chimed till it rang twenty-nine times  
For each man on the Edmund Fitzgerald."

That historic 175-year-old church he refers to is directly across from the hotel and might be worth a peek. It is open on Sunday of course.

<http://www.marinerschurchofdetroit.org>

Within steps of the hotel there is an auction house with very interesting items. <http://www.dumoart.com>

For our "fine arts" members there is the Detroit Institute of Arts Museum. <http://www.dia.org>.

And if you are a history buff and want to go to a cool place with lots of Michigan history try the Detroit Historical Museum.

<http://detroithistorical.org/detroit-historicalmuseum/plan-your-visit/general-information>

Gamblers need not worry as Detroit also has 4 casinos.

There are many things to see either as a group or on your own with built-in fellowship each day. We hope to see you in "Motor City"!

**The Association has reserved a block of discounted rooms at The Courtyard by Marriott, Detroit Downtown. To get the discount you must use the phone number for the hotel provided on the registration form and mention that you are with the 709<sup>th</sup> MP BN Assn. Hotel reservations must be made by August 30, 2018.**

## 2018 REUNION INFORMATION

**Dates:** October 4 – 7, 2018

**Location:** Courtyard by Marriott, Detroit Downtown  
333 East Jefferson Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48226

**RESERVATIONS:** Hotel @ 313-222-7700 - the only number to use to get the discount  
Make your reservation by August 30, 2018 and be sure to let them know you are with the  
709<sup>th</sup> MP BN.  
There will be NO rooms available under the 709<sup>th</sup> block after September 8, 2018.

**DETAILS:** The room rates are \$126.00 per night for single/double occupancy if booked directly through the hotel. In addition, there is a \$18 per night self-parking fee. This is a reduced rate so please remember that this is a downtown location, and like other major cities parking is at a premium. Parking fees are normally \$20 for self-parking. Valet parking is \$28.

Please note that there is NO shuttle service from the Detroit airport.

### Thursday, October 4, 2018

- Registration
- Meet and Greet in Hospitality Suite starting at 5:00PM

### Friday, October 5, 2018

- Registration
- Optional trip to The Henry Ford
- Choice of activities on your own
- Hospitality Room opens at 5:30PM serving appetizers and refreshments

### Saturday, October 6, 2018

- Open Business Meeting for Officers and Membership in Hospitality Room 9:00-10:30AM
- Choice of activities on your own
- Social Hour with cash bar at banquet room 4:30PM
- Banquet dinner and program 6:00PM

### Sunday, October 7, 2018

- Farewell

**NOTES:** There is a \$100 deposit required at check-in for incidentals for each room. If paid in cash it will be redeemable at check-out. Deposits made with a credit or debit card may be held by your bank for approx. 7-10 days. For questions or more details contact the hotel at 313-222-7700.