



# Call Me Spearhead...!

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## *MREs, museums and more...camaraderie!*

### Get your Spearhead spirit ready for Austin 2017



Maybe you've missed the good 'ol days of MREs and how misery likes Company A, B or C. Well, miss no more — because the esprit de corps of 3D Armored Division days are here again when her veterans gather in Austin November 10-13 for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual A3ADV Reunion.

Your A3ADV Reunion Committee has planned every detail of this year's event with an eye on bringing attendees closer to their Army memories and to their fellow Spearheads. Final details are in place (see the itinerary and registration in this edition) and you won't want to miss out.

Friday night kicks off with a catered Welcome Reception featuring some fun ways to share the joys of MREs and Army gear as well as a special program from Lou Baczewski, author of "Louch: A Simple Man's True Story of War, Survival, Life, and Legacy." Also available will be a model replica of the 3D Armored Division Monument and photos/videos of the October 14 groundbreaking at Fort Benning. Monument Committee leader Larry Klauser will provide information and be on hand to answer questions about the project.

Military vehicles will be the transport of choice for Saturday's Veterans Day Parade, one of the nation's largest events. The Austin parade is designated as an official regional site by the US Department of Veterans Affairs. A3ADV members will be riding in private military vehicles provided by the Lone Star Military Vehicle Preservation Association and A3ADV will be among those laying a wreath to honor our fallen at the Memorial Ceremony on the steps of the Texas Capitol.

Lunch at Uncle Billy's Brewery and Smokehouse after the parade puts us smack in the swing of South Austin's Barton Springs Road with a Texas BBQ joint that also offers its own small-batch brews. Saturday night, the Grand Banquet features an address from LTG (Retired) Paul E. Funk, commander of the Spearhead Division during Desert Storm and the last commander to take 3D AD into battle. This year's live auction is gearing up to be a top notch event, so be sure to check out the auction preview on page 5.



On Sunday, members will gather to worship and pay respects to our own fallen members before enjoying a light lunch and private docent tour of the **LBJ Presidential Library**. Sunday night's light supper features a talk with CSM (Retired) Joe Hill, who orchestrated a full day of activities for the group on **Monday at Fort Hood**.

There's still time to register for the reunion and get the discounted hotel rate at the Wyndham Garden Woodward Conference Center. Click on the easy-to-spot Reunion Registration link at 3ad.org or mail the registration form in this edition along with your payment.

LTG (Retired) Paul E. Funk  
on the registration form, get your gear in order and we'll see you with boots on the ground soon.

**Make your hotel reservation on or before October 20** to be guaranteed the discounted rate. Get all the details

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## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

### Hello Spearheaders!



Between now and the end of the year, there are two significant events that will occur. The first is the monument groundbreaking ceremony at Fort Benning in October and the second is our annual reunion, which will take place in Austin, Texas in November. Given the significance of these events, this newsletter as well as my message will be focused on these two activities.

With regard to groundbreaking, the ceremony will be held on October 14, a date specifically chosen to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the deactivation of our proud Division. All Spearheaders are welcome to attend and there are more details in this newsletter concerning the ceremony. Hopefully, many of you will be able to attend but if you are unable to do so, we intend to video the ceremony and post it on our website and other social media.

However, I intend to address the majority of this message to our reunion in Austin over the Veterans Day weekend. The mission of this reunion is to pay special tribute to our Gulf War veterans and to honor their service during that conflict. Their exploits and achievements certainly contributed to the glorious history of the Division and we hope that many of them will be able to join us this year.

You will find this newsletter chock full of details regarding the reunion and the tireless efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers to bring you a reunion which concentrates on promoting camaraderie, collegiality, patriotic experiences, and just plain old fun.

For all of this to happen, there is one absolutely important ingredient that must be in place: YOU!

It is difficult to have a reunion without you so I ask you — if at all possible — to plan on joining us this year in Austin to see old and new comrades, to honor the service of our Gulf War veterans, and to help perpetuate the glorious memory of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division.



#### SPEARHEAD!

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### *Gone but not Forgotten*

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Ronald Samuels-3AD-2/33 Armor 62-65

Charles R. Roemer-3AD- WWII, Co F, 33rd Regiment





## 2017 Austin, Texas Reunion Registration November 10, 11, 12, 13

Our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion and Membership Meeting will convene at our host hotel, Wyndham Garden Woodward Conference Center, 3401 South IH-35, Austin, TX 78741 with arrival Friday, November 10 and checkout Tuesday, November 14.

Rooms are available for \$109 per night (plus tax). The room rate includes breakfast for two; free hotel parking; and free airport shuttle to/from Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS).

To book your room by phone, call the hotel at (512) 448-2444 and tell them that you are with the Association of 3d Armored Division Veterans Reunion. You can also call Wyndham Reservations at (877) 999-3223; be sure to mention the reunion at the time of your booking. You can book online at [www.wyndhamaustin.com](http://www.wyndhamaustin.com); use the following group code 11086702AS.

**Make your hotel reservation on or before October 20, 2017 to be guaranteed the discounted room rate.**

**Reunion Registration Fees: Full registration \$340** includes all fees for all events; transportation; welcome reception and hospitality suite; two lunches (Sat/Sun); three dinners (Sat/Sun/Mon); and one reunion t-shirt. (*Fort Hood Mess Hall lunch \$2-\$4 is on your own.*)

**Registration Only \$150** includes welcome reception and hospitality suite; Saturday evening Grand Banquet; and one reunion t-shirt. In order to register for the reunion "a la carte," all attendees must pay at least the Registration Only \$150 fee. If all events are registered "a la carte," the total is \$360. (*Save \$20 with full registration.*)

**To register by mail, send the form below and your payment to:**  
A3ADV, 6261 Montgomery Road, Midlothian, TX 76065

*Early registration will help us keep reunion costs down!  
Please register at your earliest convenience!*

### 17th Annual Reunion Registration Form Austin, Texas – November 10, 11, 12, 13, 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Family/Guest Names \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees		Price/Person	Extended Amount
	Full Registration: All fees for all events, transportation, welcome reception and hospitality suite, Sat/Sun lunch; Sat/Sun/Mon dinner; one reunion t-shirt	\$340.00	
	Minimum Registration: Welcome reception and hospitality suite, Saturday Grand Banquet; one reunion t-shirt	\$150.00	
	Additional Reunion T-shirts	\$20.00	
	Saturday parade and transport; downtown lunch.	\$65.00	
	Sunday worship; light lunch; LBJ Presidential Library tour and transport	\$55.00	
	Sunday hotel dinner	\$40.00	
	Monday Fort Hood tour; transport; Officers Club dinner (Mess Hall lunch \$2-\$4 on your own)	\$50.00	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			

**Note: Saturday Evening Grand Banquet may only be purchased with a Minimum Registration.**

Please indicate the T-shirt size and quantity of T-shirts you have ordered (one for each registration);

S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2XL \_\_\_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_\_\_

Pay by Check (payable to A3ADV) or Credit Card: (we accept Visa, MC, Discover, we do NOT accept American Express)

Credit Card Type \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## 2017 Austin, Texas Reunion Itinerary

November 10, 11, 12, 13

Start	End	Events (at hotel unless otherwise indicated)
<b>Friday 11/10/2017</b>		
Noon	7:00 PM	Registration, Store Open
Noon	Midnight	Hospitality Room Open
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	BOD Meeting
7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Welcome Reception: <i>Catered Tex-Mex</i> Army Games; Lou Baczewski feature
<b>Saturday 11/11/2017</b>		
6:30 AM	7:30 AM	Hotel breakfast open
7:30 AM	7:45 AM	Bus Load: to Parade Staging
8:15 AM	9:30 AM	Parade staging: Congress Street Bridge
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Parade to State Capitol: Rides via Lone Star Military Vehicle Preservation Association
10:30 AM	10:55 AM	Capitol Grounds Music
11:00 AM	Noon	Capitol Ceremony
12:15 PM	12:45 PM	Bus Load: to Lunch
1:00 PM	2:15 PM	Uncle Billy's Brewery & Smokehouse: <i>Two meats, two sides, fixin's and drink</i>
2:15 PM	2:30 PM	Bus Load: to Hotel
3:00 PM	6:00 PM	Hospitality Room/Store Open
3:00 PM	6:00 PM	Late Registration (if needed)
6:00 PM	6:45 PM	Membership Meeting
7:00 PM	7:30 PM	Social Hour: Cash Bar, <i>catered Cheese Boards</i>
7:30 PM	10:00 PM	Grand Banquet and Auction: Gen. Funk feature <i>One drink ticket per meal; Wedge Salad, Bacon-Wrapped Tenderloin and Beef Medallions, Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Buttered Broccolini, Chocolate Custard Dessert</i>
10:00 PM	Midnight	Hospitality Room Open
<b>Sunday 11/12/2017</b>		
6:30 AM	10:00 AM	Hotel breakfast open
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Worship Service: Ft Hood Chaplains Office
10:30 AM	11:00 AM	Memorial Service: Ft Hood Chaplains Office
11:00 AM	Noon	Light Lunch: <i>Chicken Caesar Wraps, Chips, Pickle Fruit Garnish, Cookies/Brownies</i>
12:15 PM	12:30 PM	Bus Load: LBJ Museum Tour Group 1
12:45 PM	1:00 PM	Bus Load: LBJ Museum Tour Group 2
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	LBJ Museum Tour Group 1
1:30 PM	3:30 PM	LBJ Museum Tour Group 2
3:00 PM	3:15 PM	Bus Load: to hotel Tour Group 1
3:30 PM	3:45 PM	Bus Load: to hotel Tour Group 2
4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Hospitality Room/Store Open
6:30 PM	7:00 PM	Social Hour: Cash bar
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Light Supper: CSM Joe Hill feature <i>Baked Potato, Soup and Salad Bar with Grilled Chicken Strips; Cobbler</i>
9:00 PM	Midnight	Hospitality Room Open
<b>Monday 11/13/2017</b>		
6:30 AM	7:00 AM	Hotel Breakfast open
7:00 AM	7:15 AM	Bus Load: to Fort Hood
9:00 AM	9:15 AM	Arrival/registration
9:15 AM	9:30 AM	Travel to Ill HQS
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Ft Hood 101 briefing
10:30 AM	10:45 AM	Travel to 3CR Museum
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Visit/Tour 3CR Museum
11:45 AM	Noon	Travel to DFAC
Noon	1:00 PM	Lunch at DFAC: on your own (\$6)
1:00 PM	1:15 PM	Travel to simulators
1:15 PM	2:15 PM	WST/ESC
2:15 PM	2:30 PM	Travel to 1st CAV Div Museum
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Tour/Visit 1st CD Museum
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Officers Club Buffet/Gen. Funk Welcome
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Depart Ft Hood, return to Hotel
8:00 PM	Midnight	Hospitality Room Open

\* Times subject to change

## Monument Groundbreaking set for October 14

- Groundbreaking date is Saturday, October 14, 2017.
- Disbanding of the 3D AD was October 17, 1992.
- Ceremony will begin at 1:00 pm EST (1300).
- Ceremony should last 45 to 60 minutes.
- Located near the future National Armor and Cavalry Museum just outside of Fort Benning.
- Event will be attended by past and present dignitaries.
- Photographer and/or videographer will document the event so that we can share the historic occasion with many who could not attend.
- A 3/4 scale of the monument (plywood construction) will be left behind with a few banners indicating this is future location of the 3D AD monument.
- Working to gain access to the Division Colors to be presented by color guard at the event.
- Groundbreaking will launch further efforts to fund monument construction.
- Expected completion and dedication of the monument is November 2018.



*Larry Klauser, Monument Committee Chair*

### Your assistance is kindly requested

Attending this year's Austin reunion? Get ready to bid on a North Georgia mountains vacation, original patriotic art, high-dollar jewelry and more. Speaking of "more," we are looking for donated auction items to help make this year's auction the best ever. Incoming board member Jon Tellier is at work on gathering items for both a live and silent auction. If you have a business or you know corporate sponsors who might donate big ticket or high-value retail items, please contact Jon Tellier at [jtellier@jetcosolutions.com](mailto:jtellier@jetcosolutions.com) as soon as possible.

**Note to all Spearheads:** We need volunteers to give a warm Texas welcome at registration and help with a number of small tasks to keep things running smoothly. If you can pitch in, please email [secretary@3ad.org](mailto:secretary@3ad.org) or call Everett Spencer at 469.383.2392 or find him on site at the reunion.



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