

This year's 75th Reunion of our Association is being hosted by Commanders Own Chapter on September 30-October 1, 2022 at Camp Ripley, MN.

The Camp Ripley Training Center (CRTC) is a 53,000-acre training base operated by the Minnesota National Guard (MnNG) and is located 10 miles North of Little Falls, MN on Highway 371 in the heart of Minnesota's vacation area.

CRTC is home to MnNG Logistics, CFMO, RTI, USP&FO, and units of the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, along with the Minnesota Military Museum.

#### THE ARRANGEMENTS

**Lodging:** Lodging is available on both Friday and Saturday evening at Camp Ripley or at any civilian Motel in Little Falls, MN.

Camp Ripley offers BOQ Rooms with Full size beds at \$34 per night. The Camp Ripley billeting number is 320-616-3140. Please mention the 34IDA Reunion and BOQ's House Rooms in Area 8, when calling.

The Little Falls community has a number of lodging options available, go to the Little Falls Convention and Visitors website:

<https://www.littlefallsmn.com/stay/>.

**Transportation:**

Attendees are responsible to self-transport to/from CRTC. From the Minneapolis Airport there is a shuttle operated by Groome Transportation, link: [https://groometransportation.com/minneapolis-st-paul-airport/brainerd/?&sd\\_client\\_id=6b877a95-1deb-45ac-ba62-049b8c162b3b](https://groometransportation.com/minneapolis-st-paul-airport/brainerd/?&sd_client_id=6b877a95-1deb-45ac-ba62-049b8c162b3b)

There are two requirements to attend the reunion at CRTC:

1. Send in your Reunion Registration form, located in this newsletter. NLT September 15, 2022
  2. Make a hotel reservation – NLT: Sep 15, 2022
- Final details and any updated information will be posted to our 34<sup>th</sup> Association website, link: <http://www.34ida.org>

#### THE PROGRAM

**Registration:**

The registration fee for the reunion covers the Friday evening dinner, Saturday lunch & banquet meal, and soft drinks/snacks. The Registration Fee, for the entire event is \$70, to be paid with the pre-registration. Payment can be made by check or the Commanders Own Chapter PayPal account. Single day registration is \$22 for Friday only & \$48 for Saturday only.

**Friday- September 30<sup>th</sup>**

After checking into your pre-arranged lodging, move to Valhalla at 4 PM to kick off the reunion with a "Gathering of the Red Bulls" at Valhalla Hall. You can get directions from the Gate or Billeting office.

The social runs from 4-8 PM with a pulled pork sandwich, sides, chips, and dessert dinner served at 6 PM. There will be non-alcoholic beverages available as part of your registration fee and a no host bar. The Viking Club will be open following the event to continue socializing.

**Saturday- October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Activities start at 9 AM in the Hanger Conf Center with a CRTC brief by BG Kruse, Senior Commander, and followed by a bus tour of cantonment.

Return to the Hanger at 11 AM to prepare for a 11:30 AM Subway sandwich box lunch and the 12 PM business meeting, followed by presentations by LTC Helgestad on the 194AR response to the Kabul Airport and COL(R) Morris on GEN Vessey.

The evening continues at 4:30 PM with a social (no host bar), a memorial service at 6 PM and the banquet (roast beef & chicken dinner, cheesy potatoes, green beans, salad, roll, and dessert) at 6:30 PM. The guest speaker is BG Kemper, 34ID Commanding General, to address the Division and transition to a penetration division.

This concludes the reunion events, but there are a number of events happening on Sunday.

#### Reunion Pocket Program

**Friday- September 30**

10:00-5:00 PM MN Military Museum Open  
4:00-8:00 PM Reception/Registration at Valhalla.  
Dinner and non-alcoholic beverages covered by registration fee and a no host bar.

**Saturday- October 1**

7:00 AM Officer/Trustee Meeting CDF, Bldg 6-76  
9:00 AM CRTC Overview by BG Kruse, Hanger  
10:00 AM CRTC Bus Tour by JVB  
11:30 AM Lunch (included in fee)  
12:00 PM Business Meeting, Hanger  
1:00 PM Briefing: Kabul Airport, LTC Helgestad  
1:30 PM Briefing: GEN Vessey, COL(R) Morris  
2:00 PM Self-Guided Tour of Museum  
3:30 PM Personal Time  
4:30 PM Social Hour with a no host bar, Hanger  
5:45 PM Posting of the Colors, Hanger  
6:00 PM Memorial Service, Hanger  
6:30 PM Reunion Banquet (included in fee), Guest Speaker BG Kemper, 34ID CG

**Sunday- October 2-** No Association Activities

# 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association

## 2022 Registration Form- Celebrating 75 Years

Friday, September 30, through Saturday October 1, 2022

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

List any special needs during the reunion: \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION FEES:

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ATTENDANCE.** Fee covers the association meeting venues/costs, Friday evening reception with dinner, Saturday lunch and banquet, and non-alcoholic beverages and snacks (cash bar available for socials). Number of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ X \$70 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIDAY ONLY ATTENDANCE.** Fee covers the venue, Friday evening reception with dinner, and non-alcoholic beverages (cash bar available). Number of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ X \$22 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY ONLY ATTENDANCE.** Fee covers the association meeting venues/costs, Saturday lunch and banquet meal, and non-alcoholic beverages and snacks (cash bar available).  
Number of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ X \$48 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Please return registration form and payment for total amount to:

By mail. Make check out to: 34ID Commanders Own Association

Send to: 34ID Commanders Association  
Attn: Mark Gile  
4918 164<sup>th</sup> LN NW  
Andover, MN 55304

PayPal option. Send funds to **@34idcommandersown** put "34IDA Reunion" in the remarks.

If using PayPal, you may eFax or scan your registration form to: [34commandersown@gmail.com](mailto:34commandersown@gmail.com)

### Lodging arrangements must be made by September 15, 2022.

Camp Ripley Billeting, (320) 616-3140. Reference the 34IDA Reunion. Housing reserved in Area 8, across from the Hanger Conf Center. Individual rooms with double beds with private bath.

For local Little Falls, MN lodging options, go to: <https://www.littlefallsmn.com/stay/>

For questions on the reunion, contact COL(R) Sackett, [chad.mitchel.sackett@gmail.com](mailto:chad.mitchel.sackett@gmail.com)

For questions on reunion payment, contact LTC Gile, [mkgile@gmail.com](mailto:mkgile@gmail.com)

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Materials and updates are posted on the 34IDA website: <http://www.34ida.org/>