



1. Situation:

a. Enemy Forces:

- i. Weather: Mid-September Fort Benning, GA: Average highs in mid-80's, lows in the mid 60's. Our outdoor Andersonville event will occur rain or shine.
- ii. Terrain: Fort Benning consists of 182,000 acres which straddles the Georgia/Alabama border (Coordinates: 32°21'58" N and 84°58'09" W). Columbus is one of Georgia's three Fall Line Cities, along with Augusta and Macon. The Fall Line is where the hilly lands of the Piedmont plateau meet the flat terrain of the coastal plain. This makes for a varied landscape of rolling hills on the north side and flat plains on the south.
- iii. Composition of Enemy Forces: Foreign or home-grown terrorists provide an on-going threat to US metropolitan and tourist areas as well as United States Military installations. Unknown enemy forces have been reported raising the price of Mogas and Diesel in and around the greater Columbus area.

b. Friendly Forces:

- i. Mission of Next Higher: *Establish Alumni Operations for 2d, 3d & 4th Battalions of the 37th Armor Regiment*
- ii. Planning Team 22:
 - Edward Vredenburg: HHC 1/37 '90-92
 - Kirk Hill: HHC 1/37 '89-92
 - Thomas Obregon: HHC 1/37 '89-91
 - Mark Hinkle: HHC1/37 '90-92
 - Richard Ruckman: HHC 1/37 '90-92
 - George Desario: A Company and HHC 1-37 Armor 1993-1995
 - Kevin Seidl: B Company & HHC '87-94
- iii. Assigned Forces: All 37th Armor Alumni are invited to the reunion. 37th Armor Veterans that are not Alumni Members should reach out to Kevin Seidl, kevinseidl@momentumfleetservices.com to get added to the Alumni before registering.
- iv. Attachments: Dependents are welcome. If participating in any mandatory or paid options, reunion tickets must be paid in advance. All tickets are nonrefundable.

2. Mission: TF 37 (Alumni) conducts PATTON'S VANGUARD ASSEMBLY 15-18 September 2022 vicinity of Fort Benning, GA, to connect with Alumni and conduct Regimental Operation

3. Execution:

- a. Honorary Regimental Commander's Intent: Have a safe, fun, memorable event with the brothers and sisters

of 37th Armor; Gain a deep understanding and appreciation of the U.S. Army Armor School (Fort Benning). Encourage R&R in middle Georgia through fun (optional) excursions to the U.S. Army Infantry Museum (Fort Benning) or the Civil War POW camp located at Andersonville National Historic Site (NHS).

b. **Concept of the Operation:** This operation will consist of four phases:

- i. **Pre-Deployment:** Alumni conduct individual planning and make reservations for deployment to link up near Fort Benning in Columbus, GA NLT 1700 15 September 2022.
- ii. **Deployment:**
 - D-1, 14 SEP: ADVON arrives
 - Deployment Day, 15 SEP. Arrive Columbus. Proceed on own to:
 - Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Columbus
5351 Sidney Simmons Blvd,
Columbus, GA 31904
(706)327-6868.
Hotel has free parking and free breakfast with room rental. Registration and Regimental no host social in hotel Ballroom followed by dinner on own. Houlihan's Restaurant and Pub is located within the hotel.
- iii. **Operations:**
 - Day 2, 16 SEP:
 - a. Free breakfast in hotel (Houlihan's).
 - b. Morning: Bus to Fort Benning for Armor School activities.
 - c. Mid-day: Lunch in DFAC (covered in registration).
 - d. Evening: Awards ceremony with buffet dinner served in ballroom along with pay as you go bar.
 - e. \$150 Non-Refundable payment for Alumni and \$150 for dependent due no later than (NLT) 15 August 2022. Payment covers mandatory events such as Armor School activities and lunch, 37th Armor Alumni Awards and buffet dinner, swag and T-Shirt.
 - Day 3, 17 SEP:
 - a. Free breakfast in hotel (Houlihan's).
 - b. Wiseman planning meeting 0800-1000 (Ballroom)
 - c. **Option 1:** Bus to Fort Benning **Infantry Museum** and return. (\$70 additional per person)
 - d. **Option 2:** Bus to **Andersonville NHS** and return. (\$70 additional per person).
 - e. Evening: No host gathering in Houlihan's. Dinner on own.
- iv. **Re-Deployment:** Day 4, 18 SEP – No formal activities planned, redeploy to home station on own.

c. **Coordinating Instructions:**

- i. Registration and Payment can be made through the alumni website only.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pattons-vanguard-assembly-2022-reunion-registration-301910611767>
- ii. Hotel Coordination is to be completed by the Alumni Member directly with the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Columbus Inn. See para 4.
- iii. Operational Timeline follows:

- 15 MAR WARNO Published w/ Hotel Info
- 01 APR OPORD Published, Registration Opens
- 15 AUG Registration Closes
- 15 AUG Host Hotel booking Closes
- 15 SEP PATTON'S VANGUARD ASSEMBLY
- 17 SEP Wise Men Planning Meeting, three-year Reunion Plan for 2023, 2024, 2025
- 15 OCT AAR
- 1 NOV Lessons Learned Document Published
- Updates will be provided to this OPORD as necessary

4. Service Support:

- a. Event Lodging: Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Columbus, 5351 Sidney Simmons Blvd, Columbus, GA 31904 (706)327-6868.
- b. Lodging Instructions:
 - i. Sep 15-18, 2022.
 - ii. Last day to book: 15 AUG 22.
 - iii. Hotel Early Bird rate of \$108.00 USD per night plus taxes.
 - iv. Reservation link: www.my-event.hilton.com/csgdtdt-oup-1af33ff6-159e-4b99-a80a-c03e72a2ab49/
 - v. Guests may also call the Reservations Center at 1-706-327-6868 and mention 37th Armor Regiment Reunion Room Block to reserve a room at our group rate.
 - vi. Terms: A credit card is required at the time of reservation in order to hold the room. The hotel does not charge a deposit. The cancellation policy is 72 hours prior to arrival. Cancellations within 72 hours of arrival will forfeit one-night Room & Tax. The Inn will also honor the group rate if guests would like to book additional nights, but they will need to call reservations to confirm availability.
 - vii. Nearest pet friendly hotel: 1.9 miles from Event Hotel. Home2 Suites by Hilton Columbus, 1664 Whittlesey Rd, Columbus, GA 31904 (706)257-6931
 - viii. Local Campground on Fort Benning: Uchee Creek Campground (706)545-4053
 - <https://benning.armywr.com/uchecreekcampground>
- c. Deployment Transportation: Alumni Responsibility. TF Members should arrive in Columbus by 15 SEP 2022 in order to participate in the evening registration & Regimental no-host social.
- d. Event Transportation: 37th Armor Alumni will provide ground transportation for mandatory weekend events.
- e. Services:
 - i. Hotels, meals (except inclusive breakfasts, Friday lunch & awards buffet), and alcoholic beverages will be paid individually
 - ii. Attire: Street Casual, Regimental & Patriotic gear welcome. Warm and temperate clothing recommended, including wet weather gear for rain or shine Armor School activities.

5. Command and Signal

- a. Reunion POCs:
 - i. Edward Vredenburg. goatdriver6@gmail.com or (706)587-6574.

- ii. Kirk Hill. b40bound@gmail.com or (210)818-8883
- iii. Thomas Obregon. obregonthomas67@gmail.com or (262)271-5266
- iv. Mark Hinkle. mrkhnl@yahoo.com or (423)956-1944
- v. Richard Ruckman. Helpingfeedchildren@gmail.com or (916)514-2611
- vi. Kevin Seidl. kevinseidl@momentumfleetservices.com or (860)318-1974

b. Signal:

- i. Frequencies and Call Signs: Smart Phone/Cell Phone will be the primary means of communications and any known Call Signs are authorized and encouraged. Alternate means of communication are text message, email & alumni Facebook page postings.
- ii. Challenge and Password: N/A for this operation.
- iii. Code Words: Note code words required to make hotel reservations, identify yourself as 1-37 Armor Reunion Alumni and qualify for the group rate.

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