

**10 MAR 2024**

**1. Situation:**

**a. Enemy Forces:**

**1. Weather:** June is generally a very warm month. However, there are remarkable differences between night and day. The average temperature is 84 °F, with a minimum of 70.5 °F and a maximum of 97.2 °F. The average humidity is 25%. Hence, the air is normally dry. El Paso residents enjoy sun about 300 days of the year.

**2. Terrain:** Located in the westernmost corner of Texas, El Paso resides in the Chihuahuan Desert at the confluence of Texas, New Mexico, and Mexico, nestled between the Franklin Mountains and the Rio Grande.

**3. Elevation:** El Paso is 3,762 feet Above Sea Level. Use caution when exercising or conducting strenuous activities.

**4. Enemy Activity:** The United States remains at a heightened threat condition. Foreign and domestic terrorist groups as well as criminal and state sponsored cyber activities continue to pose a persistent threat to the Homeland. Unidentified global forces continue to keep fuel, food, transportation and leisure activity costs at higher-than-normal prices. El Paso has a relatively low crime rate compared to many other cities in the United States.

**b. Friendly Forces:**

**i. Planning Team 24:** Larry Andrews: 1-37 AR '08-11, Sam Amar: 1-37 AR '82-84, Steve Andrews: 1-37 AR '87-91, Scott Bicksler: 1-37 AR '81-84, Ron Bowers: 1-37 AR '84-86, Ricky Brittle: 1-37 AR '87-90, Eric Brown: 1-37 AR '78-81, Forrest Burke: 1-37 AR '87-91, Kevin Carman: 1-37 AR '84-87, Steve Higgins: 1-37 AR '78-81, Matt Kelley 1-37 AR: '98-01, John Long 1-37 AR: 3-37 AR '89-92, Jeff Madden 1-37 AR: '93-93, Ken Neff 4-37 AR: '83-91, Tom Obregon 1-37 AR: '89-91, Kevin Seidl 1-37AR: '87-95, Mario Hernandez 2-37 AR: '85-90 & 1-37 AR: '09-95.

**ii. Assigned Forces:\*\*1891** All 37th Armor Alumni are invited to the reunion. 37th Armor Veterans that are not Alumni Members should reach out to Kevin Seidl, to get added to the Alumni before registering.

**iii. 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:** 37th Armored Regiment Alumni deploy and conduct OPERATION Homecoming II, from 27-30 June, 2024, vicinity El Paso, Texas in order to foster camaraderie, honor alumni members and advance the heritage of the regiment.

**3. Execution:**

**a. Honorary Regimental Commander's Intent:** Success for this reunion is connecting with, spending time and honoring the alumni of the 37th Armored

Regiment–The Army’s Best Armored Regiment. Special events include presenting National Regimental plaques to both active battalions and sponsoring both lunch and a Regimental Sports competition between the two battalions. At end-state, we will have executed a safe and fun reunion event that strengthens alumni connection with each other and the 37th Armored Regiment.

**b. Concept of the Operation:** This operation is conducted in three phases:

**i. Phase 1:** Pre-Deployment Activities: Alumni are encouraged to register and make travel and lodging arrangements for the reunion in El Paso, Texas ASAP. Registration for the reunion closes NLT May 30, 2024. See coordinating instructions for specific reunion and hotel registration sites.

**ii. Phase 2:** Deployment and Execution:

-26 JUN (D-1): ADVON Arrives and establishes AA Abrams (Wyndham El Paso Airport Hotel)

-27 JUN (D-Day):

0001-1800: Alumni individually deploy to AA Abrams (Wyndham El Paso Airport Hotel)

1300-1800: Reunion Check-In vicinity Woodlands Ballroom

1700-2100: Rally Point Social bar: Woodlands Ballroom, hors d'oeuvres will served and a cash bar will be available. If a full dinner is desired it will be on your own at the hotel or a local restaurant

\*1800: Uncase Reunion Colors/Official Opening of Reunion

1300-2100: Silent Auction Item Viewing vicinity Woodlands Ballroom

28 June (D+1):

Breakfast in Hotel

0830: Depart Hotel for FT Bliss

0900-1030: 2-37 AR for National Regimental Plaque presentation and a series of Soldier and equipment demonstrations.

1030-1200: 1-37 AR for National Regimental Plaque presentation and a series of Soldier and equipment demonstrations.

1200-1600: Move to a location TBD for lunch with Soldiers and Regimental Sports competition.

1600-1645: Regimental Awards presentations. Guest Speaker and Battalion Commanders address the regiment. \*Guest Speaker: TBD

1645: Return to the hotel.

1700: Dinner on your own.

1800-UTC: Alumni Socializing (Magnim's Restaurant and Lounge in the hotel)

29 June (D+2):

Breakfast on own in hotel

0900-1600: Excursion Option #1: White Sands National Park Cost \$99

Group transportation to and from White Sands National Park. Stop at the visitors center before heading off to the Yucca Picnic area for an included box lunch. Then move over to the Interdune Boardwalk for sightseeing activities and walking/hiking.

1030-1630: Excursion Option #2: El Paso Brewery tasting and tour Cost: \$49

Experience two of El Paso's very own Breweries. The DeadBeach Brewery is one of El Paso's most successful local breweries and a local favorite. The company has just moved into a beautiful new location and opened a restaurant to match. Three Missions Brewery is a micro-Brewery in the valley. Delicious beer in a historical building that has been rehabbed. Food trucks with local cuisine will be available. We will spend two hours at each. Depending on the number of people that sign up, we may expand to include Mountain Star Brewery. Just as good as the first two and could have easily been chosen as number two. Expect a great time as we sample the local beers and chat up old times. Group transportation to and from the breweries is included in the cost of this excursion. Purchasing both beer and food is up to the individual.

1700-2100: Mission Complete Social (Magnim's Restaurant and Lounge), Dinner on own

\*1800 Case Reunion Colors/Official Close of Reunion

**iii. Phase 3: Redeployment:**

30 June (D+3):

0001-2400: Alumni redeploy to Homestation.

**c. Coordinating Instructions:**

1. No Refunds: Refunds are not authorized for this event. This applies to registration fees and fees for optional events including optional excursions.
2. Uniform: Alumni should bring appropriate clothing for warmer/hot temperatures and inclement weather. Activities will occur rain or shine. Alumni will be provided with a Reunion shirt at Check-in and must be worn to Fort Bliss for a group photo. Order of Saint George or Saint Joan of Arc recipients are required to wear their medals.

3. Operational Timeline:

-15 MAR OPORD Published, Registration Opens

-30 May Registration Closes

-27-30 JUN Operation Homecoming II

-29 Jun Wisemen Planning Meeting, three-year reunion Plan for 2025, 2026, 2027

-15 JUL Reunion Survey to Alumni

-1 AUG AAR

-15 AUG Lessons Learned to Planning Team 2025

1. Updates: FRAGO's will provide updates and changes as required prior to deployment and during execution.

#### **4. Service Support:**

**a. Registration:** Alumni can register and pay for the event, including excursion election, at the alumni website at the following link: <https://courageconquers.com>

**b. Hotel Coordination:** Hotel reservations and payment is an individual responsibility. Hotel reservations to be completed by the Alumni Member using the hotel link at the registration website: <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham/el-paso-texas/wyndham-el-paso-airport-hotel-and-water-park/overview?checkInDate=06/27/2024&checkOutDate=06/30/2024&groupCode=062724ARM>

**c. Event Lodging:** Wyndham El Paso Airport Hotel and Water Park, 2027 Airway Blvd, El Paso, TX 79925, Phone: (915) 701-3202. The hotel has onsite Class 1 and 6. Complimentary breakfast is included.

d. Lodging Instructions:

Hotel Group Rate: \$119.00 USD per night plus taxes using our Alumni block code of: 062724ARM

-Last day to book at group rate: JUN 6, 2024.

-Alumni may also call the Reservations Center at 915-778-4241 and mention 37<sup>th</sup> Armor Reunion Room Block to reserve a room at our group rate.

- The hotel will also honor the group rate if guests would like to book additional nights before or after the reunion. Alumni should call the hotel directly 915-778-4241 to coordinate additional days at the group rate.

**e. Deployment Transportation:** Transportation by air, car, or sea is an individual alumni responsibility. Alumni should plan to arrive in El Paso by 1500, 27 JUN 2024 to complete check-in and participate in the Rally Point no-host social.

**f. Event Transportation:** 37<sup>th</sup> Armor Alumni will provide ground transportation for scheduled events during the reunion.

**g. Meals:** Meals, except inclusive breakfasts, Thursday hors d'oeuvres and Friday lunch, and alcoholic beverages will be paid for individually.

## **5. Command and Signal**

### **a. Reunion Planning Team POCs:**

**b. Signal:** Frequencies and Call Signs: Smartphone/Cell Phone will be the primary means of communications. Use of a Group Communication platform is likely and will be communicated in a FRAGO. Known Call Signs are authorized and encouraged. Alternate means of communication are text message, email & alumni Facebook page postings.

## **ACKNOWLEDGE**

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