



## “Honoring the Past; Still in the Fight” theme builds activities for the 18th 3D AD Reunion

As we gather at Fort Benning 15-17 November, you’ll find activities that call to mind both the glorious past of the 3D Armored Division as well as provide insight into the present-day fighting Army. Our time at Fort Benning will be a reminder that our soldiers are still in harm’s way and they deserve the kind of support that only soldiers of the past can provide. If you plan to attend, please register now so the reunion committee can ensure proper sizes for the fleece vests and correct quantities of commemorative items. A registration form is in this newsletter. You can expedite your registration (using a credit card) with online registration at [3ad.org](http://3ad.org).

Registration kicks off at noon 15 November at the main host hotel, Hilton Garden Inn Columbus. NOTE: An alternate hotel is now available at the discount rate if Hilton rooms are fully booked: Best Western Plus Columbus. Call 706.507.1111 and reference Association of 3d Armored Division Veterans by 25 October for the group rate of \$99 plus taxes and fees.

Thursday evening activities include a buffet dinner and program featuring the official debut of the entire documentary, “Path of the Past” by author and high school teacher Louis A. Baczewski. In June 2015, Lou biked an exhausting 1,500 kilometers from Omaha Beach in the Bocage country of France to Frankfurt in central Germany to retrace his grandfather’s harrowing journey through five major historic battlegrounds, including the Battle of the Bulge. “POTP” explores war, not as a matter of numbers of dead or wounded, or by arrows moving across a map, but as a personal story. Also on hand will be Leslie Tom, Denver-based country singer and descendant of a 3D AD veteran, who will sing the National Anthem and the Division theme song, “Didn’t Think Twice.”

Friday’s activities include a full day at Fort Benning where leaders are “rolling out the red carpet” for our Division veterans. During Friday night’s dinner at the National Infantry Museum, we’ll hear from Armor School officials and others involved in current Army engagements.

On Saturday morning, we will conduct a special Memorial and Missing Man Table Service and hold the A3ADV Annual Members Meeting. Events move to the 3D AD Monument Dedication with seating beginning at 2:45 p.m. Army colors, pomp and circumstance will be in full array for this main event. If you are coming in only for the dedication, be sure to arrive early to allow time for parking and visiting with your fellow Spearheaders. Parking will be available at the National Infantry Museum. We will celebrate the day’s events and our Division at the Grand Banquet at 6 p.m. Saturday at Hilton Garden Inn. If you plan to attend the Grand Banquet, you must register for dinner either on the form provided here or by registering at [3ad.org](http://3ad.org).

We hope you will join us for this most special reunion. Much thought and planning has taken place to be sure this will be a treasured memory and a very moving experience.



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## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

### Hello Spearheaders!

I'm excited! 15 November is a few short weeks away and I'm looking forward to arriving at Fort Benning: reuniting with old friends, meeting new friends and having an opportunity to visit the Maneuver Center of Excellence to learn how our current Army force is meeting the challenges of today. Of course it goes without saying that the highlight for me will be the dedication of our monument on 17 November. It will be a fitting tribute to the history of our proud Division and a testimonial to all those who served with the Division.

The theme of this year's reunion is "HONORING THE PAST BUT STILL IN THE FIGHT!" We chose that theme because it is our intention to provide multiple experiences throughout the reunion which will kindle, reinforce, and honor our experiences -- from WWII to the Cold War to Desert Storm. At the same time, we want to remind ourselves that we are a nation still at war, and we believe that our day at Fort Benning will reinforce that part of the theme, which is STILL IN THE FIGHT.

My wish is that every Spearheader will be joining us, but if you are unable to attend, please know that we will do our very best to honor your service and your memories as a member of the Division. This newsletter has information about the reunion and what needs to be done if you have yet to register. Please read it carefully. I look forward to seeing you there.

**SPEARHEAD** Don Duckworth, *President* | [president@3ad.org](mailto:president@3ad.org) | 404.630.1843

### Needed for reunion: auction items

Your Association leadership works to be sure that each reunion "pays its own way." In order to help keep registration costs down and provide a cushion for the next reunion, we conduct a live auction and a silent auction during the Grand Banquet event.

Live auction items are "luxury" in nature: tickets to sporting events, autographed music or sport star items, vacation home stays, original art, etc. Silent auction items might include gift, jewelry or memorabilia items.

If you have a timeshare or vacation home or season tickets or other luxury item that you can donate for the live auction, please contact Lani Tucker at [lt7887@yahoo.com](mailto:lt7887@yahoo.com). You may also contact Lani to give her a heads up about an item that you want to bring for the silent auction.

Thank you for your reunion attendance and support!

### ROBERT B. MAGRUDER Col US Army (Ret.)



Longtime A3ADV member and supporter Bob Magruder passed away September 17, 2018. He was described as the quintessential soldier's soldier, West Point class of 1964, career soldier, artillery, and three time All-American swimmer. Bob was the son of the late Peyton Magruder and Julia Motley-Magruder. He was a loving husband to Angie for 50 years; father to Cynthia Magruder, and Scott Magruder (Venus); Brother of Marshall Magruder (Lucy) and the late Douglas Magruder, KIA Vietnam. Services were conducted Thursday, September 27, 2018 with burial at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors at a later date.



**FORT BENNING**  
**2018 REUNION**  
**NOVEMBER 15-17, 2018**



**FORT BENNING, GEORGIA**  
**REUNION REGISTRATION**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 16, 17, 2018**

Our 18th Annual Reunion and Membership Meeting will convene at our host hotel, Hilton Garden Inn Columbus at 1500 Bradley Lake Blvd, Columbus, GA 31904 with arrival on **Thursday, November 15, 2018** and checkout on **Sunday, November 18, 2018**.

Rooms are available for \$109 per night (plus tax). The room rate includes free hotel parking and free Wi-Fi. You can request the discount rate for three days pre- and post-reunion dates, subject to availability. To book your room by phone, call the hotel direct at 706.660.1000 and give them the Group Code A3ADV and the Group Name ASSOC OF 3<sup>RD</sup> ARMORED DIVISION.

Or use the following personalized online booking link for reservations:

[http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/C/CSGGHGI-A3ADV-20181115/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/C/CSGGHGI-A3ADV-20181115/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

Make your hotel reservation on or before October 26, 2018 to be guaranteed the discounted room rate.

**Reunion Registration Fees:** Full registration \$325 includes fees and transportation for all events; welcome reception and hospitality suite; two breakfasts (Fri/Sat); two lunches (Fri/Sat); three dinners (Thurs/Fri/Sat); and one high-level reunion bag with golf shirt and commemorative gifts.

**Saturday only registration:** \$100 includes social hour/Grand Banquet.

To register by mail, send the form below and your payment to:

A3ADV Reunion, c/o Don Davis,  
 201 Friendship Church Rd., Douglasville, GA 30134

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

**18th Annual Reunion Registration Form**  
**Fort Benning, Georgia – November 15, 16, 17, 2018**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Unit served and dates \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees		Price/Person	Extended Amount
	Full Registration: \$325 includes fees and transportation for all events; welcome reception and hospitality suite; two breakfasts (Fri/Sat); two lunches (Fri/Sat); three dinners (Thurs/Fri/Sat); and one high-level reunion bag with golf shirt and commemorative gifts.	\$325.00	
	Saturday only registration: \$100 includes social hour/Grand Banquet.	\$100.00	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		

Please indicate the golf shirt size and quantity of 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 or MasterCard only)

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



*NOTE: Paver orders received after October 15 will not be completed in time for the November 17 dedication... but paver orders will continue to be filled and placed at the monument until all spaces are filled.*

## 3D AD Monument Memorial Paver Program

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

VISA/MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Three-Digit Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### INSCRIPTION FOR PAVER

Maximum 18 characters per line including dots and spaces  
(3 lines max for 8 x 4 \$150; 5 lines max for 8 x 8 \$500)


Once you have completed this form, send it with your payment, check or money order, made out to the Association of the 3D Armored Division Veterans.

**SEND TO:**

Don Davis

201 Friendship Church Road

Douglasville, GA 30134

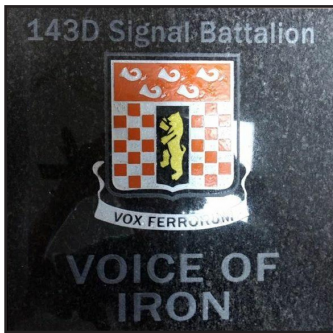
Please do not send cash. If you choose to order online and pay by means of Paypal or credit card, please place your order on the website at [www.3ad.org](http://www.3ad.org).

## 3D AD Monument is standing tall on its way to November dedication



Walking up the pathway to the soon-to-be unveiled 3D AD Monument, observers will spot some 30 brightly-colored engraved unit pavers that help celebrate the history of the Division. Those black granite pavers and some 320 individual pavers lining the pad of the main Spearhead monument make clear that the Division is not just a name or a number; it is the story of the many who served and fought to protect our nation.

Built of grey Georgia granite, the Spearhead patch is brought to life in 3D on a 6' x 6' base. The "tip of the spear" stands about 7' tall. Near the base and just below the Spearhead crest are vertical plaques denoting the theaters of war for the Division: World War II, Cold War and Desert Storm. Walking up to the monument, you'll first see a dedication plaque denoting the monument dedication date, November 17, 2018.



Around the pad are three granite benches: one honoring General Rose and those who served in WWII; a second honoring the original monument funding donors; and a third paying tribute to the 17 3AD soldiers killed in action during Desert Storm.

LTG Paul Funk (ret) and CSM Joe Hill (ret) are leading the charge to get the Desert Storm bench fundraising completed. If you can help out, please see their note below:



*"Material losses never meant much to General Funk and me, but the loss of our soldiers who gave their life in the desert sands of Iraq does. They were asked to serve our country, and that they did with the sacrifice of their life. Every time I enter the Catholic church, our soldiers enter my mind and I proceed to the prayer room to honor them with my thoughts. General Funk and I will never forget them and when we meet or talk they are always first in our minds."*

*The monument is so beautiful and the granite came from my hometown of Elberton/Hartwell, Georgia. However, there is a piece missing, and that is a bench that will honor of soldiers killed during Desert Storm.*

*I am asking all Spearheaders to join General Funk and me to add this bench at our monument. Our goal is \$10,000, which is the rate for all the other benches that will be displayed at our Spearhead monument. I know this a very large sum. However, if we all pitch in, as we always have, this can be accomplished. Once again join us in making this happen by sending your donation earmarked for the Desert Storm Bench to Don Davis; 201 Friendship Road; Douglasville, GA 30134."*

### **SPEARHEAD**

Very Respectfully,

LTG Butch Funk (ret) | CSM Joe T. Hill (ret)



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