



PANTHER TRACKS



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SPRING 2006 SPECIAL REUNION INFORMATION EDITION

DON'T MISS OUR FIRST REUNION VISIT WITH AN ACTIVE 69TH ARMOR UNIT

3rd. Battalion, 69th ARMOR WILL HOST

We are all extremely excited that the third battalion of the Regiment, **3/69 Armor** will be hosting the 8th reunion of the Association in Savannah and at Fort Stewart, GA.

Reorganized as a unit of action under the new Brigade Combat Team format, the Battalion deployed to Iraq for the second time in December/January, 2005 and returned in January, 2006. No longer a mere 500 men, the new unit is over 1000 strong and in a structure many will recognize as similar to that of the Combat Commands of WWII. Each UA has 2 tank Companies, 2 Mechanized Infantry Companies, a Combat Engineer Company and a General Support/Headquarters Company....a tasking format which has proved very successful in Iraq.

3/69 Armor will also gain a new Commander and staff in June and new vehicles are being issued the unit from now through the summer. Our Friday on Post should be an exciting event for us all, especially for those of you who have been away from the 'green machine' for some time.

And we haven't even mentioned the grand 'First City of Georgia'...Savannah! We want this reunion to be a vacation...more time for you to see and experience all the city has to offer.....genteel southern charm, fine dining in great variety, grand short and long tours.....time to visit with old friends and comrades at your leisure.

Mount up! Reunion VIII is.....

**THE
SPEED AND POWER EVENT
YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS !!**

MAKE PLANS NOW.....10-13 AUGUST, 2006

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REUNION VIII

SAVANNAH



**FORMAT
CHANGES
YOU'LL LOVE**



**GREAT FUN
GREAT FOOD
GREAT FOLKS**



**JOIN US AT THE
HILTON
SAVANNAH
DESOTO HOTEL**

WE GUARANTEE
YA'LL A FINE TIME



Ben Het Battle Story To Air 15 May

We provided you all with an initial warning order in our last issue for an upcoming *Military Channel* special on the **Battlefield Diaries; Tank Battle, Vietnam**. The date for the initial airing of this program starring the B Company, 1/69 AR and a supporting cast of Special Forces, Artillery, Air Force and CIDG yards, will be **10:00 pm on 15 May, 2006**.but of course, the date and time may change. You can check your local listings or go to the Military Channel website at.....<http://military.discovery.com>.

The program has been billed as a comprehensive overview of the NVA siege of a key CIDG Border Camp, Ben Het, west of Dak To in March, 1969. We are aware that a number of the participants from all involved

in that fight have been interviewed in the development of what we hope will be a comprehensive summary of that event, including the one and only, tank-to-tank engagement between NVA and U.S. forces.

The Military Channel management confirmation of this date came on 3/23 and should it change, we'll get the word out via the internet to those who have it available....and you can check the aforementioned website. If you do not have internet access watch your local TV listings.

15 May at 2200 hours....The Military Channel.....Be there!! Out

Tentative Schedule of Reunion VIII Activities

Thursday, 8/10

Registration and Sign-In 0900-1700
Hospitality Room Open Adjoining Lobby
PX Open
Reunion VIII Welcome Reception 1830-2100
Harbor View Room

Hospitality Room Open 2130—

Friday, 8/11

Buses Depart for Ft. Stewart 0830
Fort Stewart Visit and Tour 0900-1500
3/69 Armor Hosts Briefing, Bn. Area
Tour, Time with 3/69 Soldiers
Spouses Walking/Trolley Tour 1000-1430
(Depending on Sign-up #s)
Lunch at Ft. Stewart 1200-1300
Special Presentation and Dedication
Ft. Stewart Post Tour...PAO 1300-1430
Return to Savannah Hilton DeSoto 1500
Regimental Reception, Dinner and Presentations
SALUTE TO OUR SOLDIERS 1900-2200
Hospitality Room/PX Open 2315—

Saturday, 8/12

No Formal Activities Planned.....to date
Time for individual/group tours and fun in old Savannah.
Hospitality Room/PX Open 1500-2300

Sunday, 8/13

Association Breakfast Buffet in the Atrium
0800-1000

69th Armor Association Meeting
Reunion IX Site Selection

Hospitality Room/PX Open 1130—

Additional Savannah Tour and Site information will be provided in our May/June Issue.

We're Coming to Savannah !!
Reunion VIII Registration Form

REUNION FEES ARE \$155.00 PER PERSON

(Fees cover Regimental dinner/reception, Association Breakfast, Lunch at Ft. Stewart, Bus transportation, all gratuities and taxes, hospitality room, event rooms. Hotel rooms are NOT covered)

PLEASE INCLUDE ME AND _____ GUESTS IN THE 69TH ARMOR ASSOCIATION REUNION ACTIVITIES IN SAVANNAH, 10-13 AUGUST, 2006.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

69th Armor Unit of Service _____ Dates _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

Name of Spouse _____

Other Guests _____

IN PARTY _____ Total \$ Remitted (@ \$155 each)

\$

CLIP & MAIL
← **THIS FORM**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO...69TH ARMOR ASSOCIATION
MAIL BEFORE 5 July, 2006 TO;
3313 STONEHENGE SQ. ROANOKE VA 24018-5035

Regimental Dinner Entre Preference: Please indicate # for each selection.

A. Duo of Petite Filet Mignon and Grilled Chicken Breast with wild mushroom sauce

OR

B. Savannah Crab Cakes, Pan Seared with Cajun Remoulade

SPOUSE WOULD PREFER A FRIDAY SAVANNAH TROLLEY AND WALKING TOUR TO FT. STEWART VISIT. YES _____

Hotel Room Reservations ...\$99 per night Call 912/232-9000
Mention that you are with the 69th Armor Association Group