

# OPHSA



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### HISTORICAL MUSINGS OF TWO HILLS

We will be present in Boston on the anniversary of two battles that were fought 178 years apart. The battle of Bunker Hill (The press got that one wrong way back then). The location of the battle was Breeds Hill near Bunker Hill in Charleston just north of Boston.

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1775 the British Army in Boston moved against the Colonists' fledgling Army that had already lost engagements with the British at Lexington and Concord.

The Americans, numbering only 1,500 men under Colonel William Prescott, were attacked by 2,500 Red Coats under General William Howe. It is uncertain who among the Americans used the phrase, "Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes!" The effect on the Red Coats was impressive. The British attacked the hill three times with very heavy losses. The third assault finally threw the Americans off the hill but the British lost almost half of their soldiers in the attempt. The battle and the British burning of Charleston after the battle stiffened the American resolve to be free. It took 8 years but a new, free country, The United States of America, prevailed. The brave men who gave their

lives in that defensive battle to hold a hill, bring to mind another hill 10,000 miles away and 178 years later.

On that nameless hill Americans had built an outpost in front of their Main Line of Resistance named Harry. Instead of just beginning, this war was coming to an end. The Americans holding that hill were ordered to "Hold at all Cost". The enemy forces far outnumbered the Americans and their allies the Greeks. The Reds wanted that hill to influence the shape of the already agreed upon Demilitarized Zone and for the psychological impact a late Communist Victory would have on the truce negotiations.

The Red Chinese Army made many attempts to take OP Harry from early in 1953 until the truce was signed July 27, 1953. The defending Americans and Greeks (who were no strangers to the cause of Freedom) threw the Reds back time and again, inflicting huge losses on the enemy. When the Reds finally stopped attacking they had sacrificed a whole division of their soldiers for a hill they were never able to capture. The courageous men who gave their lives for freedom defending that hill in Korea 52 years ago are eternally in our hearts and prayers.

The people of South Korea are forever grateful to the Allies, under the flag of the United Nations, who gave them the opportunity to form a free government and build a modern country from the ruins and ashes of destruction.

One only needs to look north of the DMZ to see what might have been in the South.

And so the story of two hills; separated by 178 years but with the common principle of freedom guiding Americans in both. Courage and Faith backed by the Tenacity that springs from the love of freedom.

"Wait 'til you see the whites of their eyes" and "We Held"! Stirring words that characterize us all!

**Bunker Hill** 230<sup>th</sup> anniversary June 17, 2005

**OP Harry** 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary June, 2005

# OUTPOST HARRY SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REUNION

JUNE 16—JUNE 19, 2005

**Holiday Inn Brookline**  
1200 Beacon Street

**Check-in time** 2:00PM **Check-out time:** 12:00 Noon

**Reunion Registration fee:** Includes **Banquet Dinner**  
and **Farewell Breakfast** \$50.00 per person.

**Boston bus tour** \$20.00 per person

Send your Registration fees to our Treasurer, Sam Buck, prior to arriving at the reunion. (Registration form on Page 7)

The complimentary Hospitality Suite will be located in the Board Room and will be open Thursday at 3:30PM 'til 11:00 PM. Open Friday and Saturday 8:00AM to 11:pm.

## REUNION SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

### Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

Arrive at the Holiday Inn Brookline. After Check-in at the hotel please visit the Outpost Harry registration desk to pick up your program package and Goodies.

**7:00 PM. Welcome Reception** for all in the Whitney A Room. A Cash bar will be available (Pay on your own) Complimentary hot Hors D'oeuvres will be served after the briefing. Your generous donations to the Association pay for the food.

### Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

**Boston City Tour.** At 8:30 those who have made reservations for the tour will meet in the hotel lobby area to start boarding buses at 8:45. The buses will depart at 9:00AM, and return at 12:30PM.

The tour of Historic Boston is fully narrated and will cover Boston Common, State House, Beacon Hill, Park Street Church, King's Chapel, Old South Meeting House, Old State House Faneuil Hall, Quincy Market, Paul Revere House, Old North Church, Old Ironsides, Bunker Hill Monument, Boston public garden and Copley Square.

Upon return to the hotel you have **FREE TIME** to explore on your own until Saturday at 8:30 AM.

### Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

**8:30AM to 10:00AM.** All meet in the Board Room for the **Outpost Harry Survivors Memorial Service** followed by **Reminiscences of OP Harry.**

(New Members may speak first)

**10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon:** Members **Business Meeting** in the State Room.

**10:00 AM to 12 Noon:** Ladies **Meeting** in the Esplanade/Hospitality Room.

**Noon to 5:30 PM FREE TIME.**

**5:30 PM to 6:00PM** All assemble in the dining room foyer for the **Reception Line:** (Whitney (B) Room) for Banquet Events.

**6:00 PM to 11:00 PM Banquet Dinner and Events.**

*Featured Speaker: MG John Singlaub USA (Ret)*

**11:00 PM to Sunday 8:00 AM FREE TIME.**

**Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM to 10:00 AM** All meet in the Esplanade Room for the **Farewell Breakfast.**

Thanks to all for coming and we wish you a safe trip home. We hope to see everyone next year in **Pensacola, Florida.**

*Jerry Cunningham*  
Reunion Chairman

## MENUS FOR ALL EVENTS

### Thursday Reception, Hot Hors D'oeuvres

Swedish or Italian Meatballs  
Beef Franks in Puff Pastry  
Chicken finger food with Sweet and Sour Sauce  
Regular and Decaf Coffee

### Saturday Morning, Business Meeting and Spouses Event

Coffee and Assorted Teas.

### Saturday Evening, Banquet Buffet

Mixed Garden Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad  
Seasonable Vegetables, Rice Specialty/Potato du jour  
Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast  
Seared Salmon with Three Pepper Relish  
Fresh Rolls and Butter  
Assorted Desserts and Coffee Service

### Sunday Morning, Farewell Breakfast Hot Breakfast Buffet

Sliced Fresh Fruits  
Country Style scrambled Eggs  
French Toast or Belgian Waffles with Warm Maple  
Syrup/Fruit Compote  
Ham, Bacon, Sausage or Corned Beef Hash  
Home fried Potatoes, Muffins and Fruit Danish with  
Butter and Preserves, Chilled Juices, Coffee and Teas.

## HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Members are responsible for booking their own room reservations with the hotel. In addition please send your Reunion Registration fees to Sam Buck. The Registration Form can be found on page 7. (Ed.)

### Boston-Brookline Holiday Inn

1200 Beacon Street  
Brookline, MA 02446  
(617) 277-1200

[www.bos-brookline.holiday-inn.com](http://www.bos-brookline.holiday-inn.com)

Hotel Room Rate is \$110.00 single or double per night.

Suites, Triple rooms and Quad accommodations are not available. Rate is subject to 9.7%

Massachusetts Room Tax. Individual overnight parking is \$15.00 per night.

For those wishing to make reservations by phone be sure to mention the **OP Harry Survivors Association** to receive the negotiated group rate.

For those booking their rooms online at the above web site, when asked for the Group Booking Code use the code **OHS**.

40 rooms have been reserved for the Association and will be held until **May 17, 2005**. Rooms booked after that date will be on a 'Room Availability' basis only.

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## MESSAGE FROM REUNION CHAIRMAN

### ATTENTION MEMBERS

This is a very important announcement. If any of you would like to add something special to the June 2005 Reunion program, i.e. award, remarks, raffle item, songs or an announcement, in good taste, for the reunion, please contact me before June 1, 2005. Once the reunion program events are scheduled there will not be any deviation from the schedule, except in extreme emergency. In the past there have been too many members with last minute changes after the reunion program card is complete. Thanks. WE HELD!

*Jerry Cunningham/Reunion Chairman.*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I want to thank you all for the confidence that you had in electing me to lead you this past year. I hope I have lived up to your expectations.

Get your reservations in for the Boston Reunion. I'll be there to greet all our old members ('old' in membership only) and I hope a lot of new members too.

Our Association has grown from 11 members in 1992 to over 220 Members and Associates in 2005. The O/P Messenger (4 Pgs.) grew into the Newsletter of 8 or 10 pages and an excellent Web Site ([www.ophsa.org](http://www.ophsa.org)).

A lot of Survivors are doing a lot of good, hard work for the Association. THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR THAT HARD WORK!

Maya Angelou once wrote, "Courage is the most important of all virtues, because without courage you can't practice any other virtues consistently. You can practice any virtue erratically but nothing consistently without courage."

Thanks for your courage in being patient with me this last year.

WE HELD!

*Floyd Deiwert, President*

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## OP HARRY MEMORIAL MEDALS



Orders for medals may be placed with Treasurer Sam Buck. The cost is \$10.00 each, including mailing.

Send your orders to:

**Sam Buck**  
1514 West Court Ave  
Winterset, IA 50273-1789

Please make checks payable to **Outpost Harry Survivors Association**

## INFORMATION FOR TRAVELERS

Logan International Airport is on a peninsula east of downtown Boston and can be reached by subway. A free airport shuttle takes you from the baggage claim areas to the Airport "T" station on the subway blue line. It's about a 20-minute ride on the subway to downtown's Government Center station. Change trains here to the green line whose destination is **Cleveland Circle**. (**Beware here!** The green lines go to other destinations so be certain you board the green line train whose destination is **Cleveland Circle**). Leave the train at the St Paul Street stop. The Holiday Inn is on the corner of St Paul St and Beacon Street adjacent to the station. Rail fares are \$1.00 to \$2.00.

Taxi fares from the Airport to the hotel are about \$20.00 to \$30.00 depending on traffic. A limousine service is available by calling the hotel with the basic fare being \$45.00.

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

For those who will be driving, our best advice is to get a good map or two and study, study, study! The Downtown Boston area has very heavy traffic during the rush hours and there are many one-way streets!

The Holiday Inn is located just minutes from downtown Boston and is easily accessible to New England's major highways and just 8 miles from Logan International Airport

### From Logan International Airport:

Take Route 93 North through the Sumner Tunnel, follow signs for 93 North into Boston. Merge right onto Storrow Drive. Follow Storrow Drive to the Kenmore Square exit, the exit will be on the left. Off of the exit, turn right at the first light onto Beacon Street. The hotel is 1 mile up on the right at 1200 Beacon Street.

### From the Mass Pike/Route 90:

*(New York, Connecticut & Western Massachusetts)*

Take the Mass Pike East to exit 18, Allston/Cambridge, the exit will be on the left. Bear right, following signs towards Cambridge. Turn right at the first light onto Storrow Drive. Follow Storrow Drive to the Boston University exit. Off the exit, follow Carlton Street approximately 1 block to Commonwealth Avenue. Turn right on to Commonwealth Avenue. Follow Commonwealth Avenue and turn left at the second traffic light onto Saint Paul Street. The hotel is 6

blocks down on the left, on the corner of Beacon Street and Saint Paul Street.

### From 95 North:

*(New York & Rhode Island)*

Follow Route 95 North to exit 20A, Brookline/Boston. Follow Route 9 East approximately 4 miles to Chestnut Hill Avenue. Turn left on Chestnut Hill Avenue. Continue approximately 5 blocks and turn right onto Beacon Street. The hotel will be 2 miles down on the left at 1200 Beacon Street.

### From 95 South:

*(Maine & Portsmouth, New Hampshire)*

Follow Route 95 South to Route 1 South. Follow Route 1 South over the Tobin Bridge, take the Storrow Drive exit. Follow Storrow Drive to the Kenmore Square exit, the exit will be on the left. Off of the exit turn right at the first light on to Beacon Street. The hotel is 1 mile up on the right at 1200 Beacon Street.

### From 93 South:

*(Manchester, New Hampshire & points north of Boston)*

Take exit 26A, Route 28 North/Leverette Circle, at the set of lights at the end of the ramp turn left. Go straight through the next light onto Storrow Drive West. Follow Storrow Drive 1.5 miles to the Kenmore Square exit, the exit will be on the left. At the first light, turn right onto Beacon Street. Follow Beacon Street approximately 1 mile, the hotel is on the right at 1200 Beacon Street.

### From Route 3 North/93 North:

*(Cape Cod/Braintree)*

Take Route 3 North to Route 93 North. Take exit 18, Massachusetts Avenue/Roxbury. Off the exit follow signs for Back Bay/Massachusetts Avenue. Turn left onto Mass Ave Connector. At the first set of lights, turn right onto Massachusetts Avenue. Follow Massachusetts Avenue approximately 1.5 miles to Beacon Street. Turn left onto Beacon Street, the hotel is 2 miles up on the right at 1200 Beacon Street.

### From Route 2 East:

*(Lexington & Concord area)*

Follow Route 2 East, 2 East will turn into Memorial Drive. At the Boston University Bridge, turn right. At the first set of lights, turn right onto Commonwealth Avenue. Follow Commonwealth Avenue approximately .5 mile to Saint Paul Street. Turn left onto Saint Paul Street, the hotel will be 6 blocks down on the left hand side at 1200 Beacon Street.

**Average temperatures in June in Boston are highs of 76° and lows of 59°.**

## NOTES FROM THE CHAPLAIN



The winter is now behind us and in June we will be having another memorable reunion.

I just hung up after talking to **Jim Abel**. A while back Jim lost his wife, Jane of almost 50 years, and his son. Our sympathy goes out to Jim.

He was 19 years old when he went on OP Harry with the 5<sup>th</sup> RCT, 'B' Company. He is retired Army, served in Vietnam and has some medical problems. Currently he is settling into his new home in Florida. He is considering coming to the reunion. The new roster, to be distributed at the reunion, will have Jim's and all new and moved members' addresses. Until then his new telephone number is 863-701-0492. Give him a call. It was nice talking to you, Jim.

I enjoyed the company of **Cora and Walden Storie** in Florida along with **Bob Grillo and Jane**. They are all great fun to be with. Walden is doing an excellent job of recovering from lung surgery.

Good luck to **Jim and Anne Evans** in their new home in Virginia.

At this writing I have not seen the final Reunion information but am looking forward to seeing the itinerary. There is so much to be seen in Boston.

Once again, please remember our troops in your prayers. See you in June!

*Ed Hanrahan, Chaplain*

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome three new members to the Association this quarter.

**Orlando (Andy) Mafucci** had not been recognized in this column after joining OPHSA, and did what was the right thing to do! He called and chewed the editor out for missing him! Andy lives in Pueblo, Colorado and was with the 39<sup>th</sup> FA in Korea. *We'll meet you in the parking lot in Boston, Andy. (Ed.)*

**Billie L. Scott** lives in Lexington, SC with wife **Annie**. Billie was with the 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Medical Company and served under **Dr. Harry Lee** at the Aid Station on OP Harry.

**Mack Trent** found us on our Internet Web Site. Mack is living in Pine Bluff, SC. He served on OP Harry with the 5thRCT, A Company.

**OPHSA does not levy membership dues!**

We depend upon donations to fund our operating expenses. Please send what you are able, to:

**Sam Buck**  
**1514 West Court Avenue**  
**Winterset, IA 50273-1789**

Make checks payable to **OP Harry Survivors Association**

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## REUNION NAME BADGES

OPHSA Name Badges were first made and issued at the reunion in 1997. Those who have lost their badges and those who do not have badges but intend to attend the reunion are asked to send the following information to:

**Dick Martinet, 10045 Gardenside Drive,**

**Waite Hill, OH 44095-6952**

**Tele: (440) 942-9258**

**Email: [martinetopharry@msn.com](mailto:martinetopharry@msn.com)**

**Full name, with the name or nickname you like to be called.**

**The State in which you live.**

**Unit in which you served.**

**Same information, less Unit for spouses badges.**



These are permanent plastic badges with safety clasp. They are 2"x4", white on Infantry Blue. Please send your order to Dick before June 8, 2005. New badges will be in the Reunion Registration package.

**Badges for new members are FREE.**

**NOTE:**

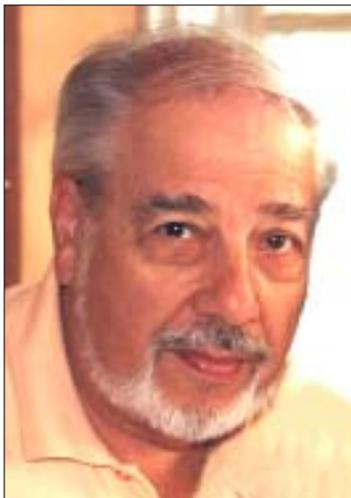
Lost badges are replaced on request for \$15.00.

# MY PIPELINE TRIP

By Leonard Godmaire

*Len gives us his inside view from the Pipeline, The transportation system (?) that moved us to Korea and back home. Len presents a view of his round trip. (Ed.)*

I flew commercial from New York with two other guys that I went to high school and basic training with. The trip was made in a blinding snowstorm in a twin engine plane to Tacoma, Washington. Talk about a raw ride! We had a lot of sick people.



On arrival we had a short bus ride to Ft. Lewis. There was a great view of Mt. Rainier from Ft. Lewis. We processed, and were bused to our troop ship, the USNS Marine Lynx.

When we arrived at the dock there were seventeen hundred Canadian troops boarding our ship. We were about twenty four hundred American troops. We had a full boat of soldiers. There was no room to sit. We had to stand to eat, and no room in your bunk to roll over. Some way we sailed out of Puget Sound and into the Big Pond.

Life on that ship was the same every day, sleep, eat, visit with the Canadian soldiers, trade cigarettes, play cards and get sick a lot from the vomit smell. We had two short arm inspections given by the Canadians in a stair well. One held the flashlight and the other did the inspecting. Talk about a rotten smell on that stairwell!

After 14 days we arrived in Yokohama, Japan. Glad to see land again. We were put on a train, and all we saw was wall to wall rice patties. All the people wore masks around their mouths. We arrived at Camp Drake for a few days stay. It was a great break from the ship. We could roll over in our bunks again. We went back to Yokohama and from there set sail for Pusan, Korea.

We spent less than a day in Pusan where we got on a train for the ride north. While waiting to board the train I spotted a face I knew from home. This guy, Albert Casey, I grew up with in Pennsylvania. It turned out he was the engineer on the train. He assured me I would arrive up north in one piece. After a short ride on that train I was not convinced we would arrive in one piece. We did arrive, but late for lunch! It was hard

to eat those C rations on the train with all the swaying and bouncing around.

Later we boarded a truck to go to the 5<sup>th</sup> RCT. Those two guys that I left New York with were still with me. It was here that we parted company. I went to C Company, Dick went to I Company and Norman went to guard POWs. C Company was off line when I arrived. My platoon sergeant was SFC Hedstrom. Bo Hedstrom was one of the first officers of OPHSA. He was a great leader in Korea but has since passed on. Bo and I shared a bunker with my BAR on OP Harry the night of June 13, 1953.

Going the other way in the Pipeline was a little different for me.

I left the 5<sup>th</sup> RCT and went to Pusan, sailed to Yokohama and boarded a passenger ship with 400 soldiers and 400 women and children of Military Families. It felt so good to talk in English with people and children again. We had tables and chairs to eat great food. There was lots of room to sleep in the bunks.

After a few days at sea we ran into a typhoon! It was too far to return to Japan so we tried to make it to Hawaii but it was too far. We rode the typhoon out and what a ride it was for three days.

When we passed under the Golden Gate Bridge: What a thrill! We docked in Pittsburgh, CA with the sound of a great band. Lots of people met the ship because of the 400 women and children. They got off the ship first to be greeted by family and friends. What a sight to see.

We were put on a commercial plane to Ft. George R. Meade in Maryland, processed and given our orders.

Five guys and myself took a cab loaded with our duffel bags in the trunk and tied to the roof. We headed to Pittsburgh, PA, all for \$25.00 per person. Then I got a cab from Pittsburgh to Erie, PA (120 miles) for \$40.00. Poor cab drivers back then only made \$50.00 a week.

That was my trip, half way around the World and Back.

*Leonard Godmaire*

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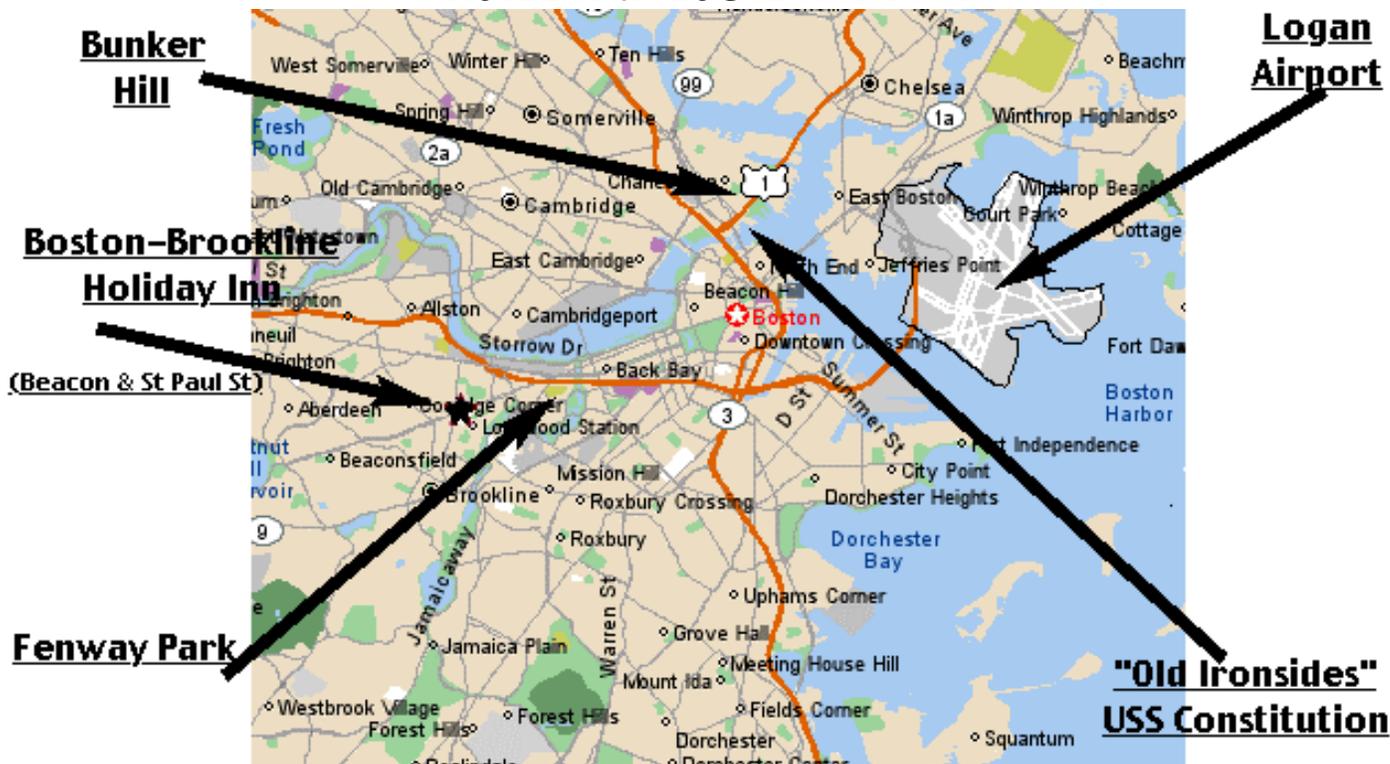
## OPHSA CAPS AVAILABLE

Dick Martinet, our historian, has a limited quantity of OPHSA caps. These caps will be for sale for \$10.00 each at the reunion in Boston in June.

Francis X. Riley, immediate past president of OPHSA, models our cap.



## HOTEL AND LOCAL AREA MAP




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### OPHSA Reunion Registration Form

**June 16 – June 19, 2005 Boston/Brookline, MA**

Name(s) Member and guests \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

	Cost	No.	Total
<b>Registration fee for each attendee (Includes Banquet and Farewell Breakfast)</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	X.....	= .....
<b>Boston City Tour</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	X.....	= .....
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$.....</b>

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*The Enemy Wanted This Hill-----*



**With Courage, Tenacity and Faith.....  
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