

# RESERVATION REQUEST

**THE FRANKLIN HOTEL  
AND MOTOR INN**  
DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA 57732  
~~PHONE (605) 578-2241~~

NAME .....

Address .....

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Telephone(s).....

Number of People ..... Adults..... Children.....

For the Dates of..... No. of Nights.....

Prefer Hotel..... Motor Inn.....

Single..... Double..... Twin..... Combination..... DBL-DBL..... Suite.....

Reservation taken by..... Confirmed.....

REMARKS: .....

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**Be sure to get all information**

Time Punch.....

**591st ENGR. BOAT REPT.  
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BOX 71  
SUBLETTE, KS. 67877**

# 591st Engineer Boat Regiment Reunion Association

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Dear Comrades:

How do you do? How are you? Hope 1979 was good to all of you, and that 1980 will be even better.

To you who were unable to make it to St. Louis for the Reunion, you missed a "Big One", cause Otto and Arlene Buckheit really had it all together.

Good quarters, food, beverages, a tour, banquet, dance, and of course the main ingredient for a good Reunion is comrades and their ladies, and we had the most of those ever to attend a Reunion. It all was great, and thanks a million "Buck" and Arlene. We all love you and your wonderful family. Thanks also are due the "Kids" for the "Favors", salads, etc.

It has exceeded my expectations the way our Reunions get larger each year, while our potential is getting less.

But then, when you have good stock to work with there is no limit I suppose, and when you start considering the source, the 591st had the Best all the way from "A" to "Z".

Let's look back for a moment, beginning with our entering the Army, Basic Training, Transferring to and from various Units, Foreign Service, Discharge, Civilian Life, Reunions, and what have we got in common? For beginners I would say Comradeship, Experiences, Comradeship, Hard Knocks, Comradeship, Good Life, Comradeship, Reunions, Comradeship, A Good History of the 591st, Comradeship, and for the future, more Comradeship.

For the immediate future, come July 9th thru the 12th, we're all going to head to 'ards South Dakota, "Deadwood". Now just a cotton pickin' minute, before you go jumpin' off the deep end. If you don't know about Deadwood, South Dakota and the surroundings, it would be wise to do some research of your own. Oh, by the way, Milton and Esley Holwell will be our Hosts. Milton and Esley, to we who know them, are two of the most sincere and dedicated people you'll find, and when they invited the 591st EBRRA to their part of the country they believed it would really and truly be the ideal location for a 591st Reunion, and I will agree 100%.

Deadwood is not the best location, when considering how to get there if coming by air. So advise you to check with your travel agent before starting, to avoid delays. Rapid City, S. Dak. would be the nearest commercial air port (possibly) but there could be local Air Transportation, or buses to and from Deadwood. There is no problem if coming by car or bus.

The transportation situation may be a little difficult, but I can guarantee that all will be compensated for, as you will agree once you have arrived.

The Holwells have sent me a brochure (several in fact) of the Franklin Hotel and New Motor Inn on Historic Main Street, Deadwood, South Dakota, Zip 57732, Phone 1-605-578-2241, where we will be staying, and it's beautiful, I promise.

Let me just quote you a few lines from the Brochure, "Explore Historic areas any time, located in the heart of pine clad mountains, four golf courses, skiing any time, enjoy cool mountain air, Western Atmosphere." (Esley says bring a coat) for when the "Sun goes down we all come out to play!" No, "it gets cold."

Marena and I have been to Deadwood, Mt. Rushmore, etc., and it's truly the beautiful Old West.

So start making plans now to accept Milt and Esley's sincere invitation. You'll enjoy every minute of it.

Is there anybody that didn't get a copy of the History of the 591st Engineer Boat Regiment? or want more? You may obtain them by writing to Colonel Thomas L. Allen, 853 East Magnolia, San Antonio, Texas, 78212. It's a great book believe me, you. I have read some wonderful testimonies from those who have them. They have been given to relatives and friends, placed in Public Libraries, Schools, and ladies, you know what? buy one, and you'll never regret it, for it will be a prized possession in years to come. It will be in demand by your kids, grandkids and their kids. Some time in everybody's life they enjoy reading a little History and especially when they are related to the person involved - i.e., 591st EBR.

I don't know what Col. Allen's plans are, as to how many books he has left (if any) or whether he intends to publish more. I do know it's a great piece of work and suggest that if you think you might ever want a copy or an extra copy, order now. Tomorrow may be too late.

"Deadwood in 1980". Think back to 1880 - it still looks the town of "Preacher Smith", "Seth Bullock", "Calamity Jane" and "Wild Bill Hickock", who was gunned in the back in "Saloon Number 10", the chair he sat in is still suspended over the swinging doors.

"Deadwood in 1980". Think back 35 to 40 years ago when we were some younger and first entered the service, and the time you spent as a soldier in Uncle Sam's "Best" Engineer outfit. Now think a little harder (frown just a little if you will) and try to recall the names of some of your closest Buddies. If you've done this, by now you're wondering where they are, and how in the Hell are they "gettin' along"? Probably by now you're really getting concerned, and are saying to yourself, "Boy, I'd like to see 'Old So and So'." Well Podner, the best way to start finding out is to start making plans N.O.W. Think positive, start saving them coupons, write or call your former Buddies. If you don't have their addresses, write to me. I might have it. Then long about the first of the second weekend in July start packing them Barricks Bags for a - what the Hell did them Generals of the Army call it? - "A Rendezvous" with your comrades. The General Order will be to enjoy a good two or three or four days reminiscence. (look that un' up in your Funk & Wagnalls).

Milton and Esley have a great maneuver planned for us, so use all the strategy you can and make that Roll Call in Deadwood, come July nine thru twelve.

Along with this letter is a Reservation Card for reserving your quarters (rooms). Please send them in at your earliest convenience (30 days). However, start your planning to attend now.

For you who have never attended a Reunion of the 591st EBRRA, you ARE welcome, regardless of Company, or Unit you may have ended your service in, and if you have wives, families or friends interested, bring 'em along.

How many of you fellows still have your uniform, or a part of it? Guess what? Bring it along to wear at the Banquet on Saturday evening. If you don't have your uniform, maybe you would like to dress according to the years 1940-46 and ladies, perhaps you would like to do likewise, and I know some of you gals were WACS, Nurses, USO, and suggest you dress as such if you have the uniform. However, we want you regardless of how you dress. This is only a suggestion.

See you all in "Deadwood". Thanks for the time and "eyeballs".

kindest Regards,

  
Everett Mills