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Park Plaza Hotel

The latest word from New Haven is that preparations are rapidly approaching completion for the 1969 reunion of the 69th Infantry Division Association. Stan Olszewski and Al Carbonari of the New Haven Committee have been working hard to make our first reunion in New England a bang-up success---they want to see the 69th come their way again in the future because they know that the New England area, which has been much neglected in the past, has much to offer the 69th.

The center of activities is going to be the Park Plaza Hotel in

the heart of New Haven, a location which is convenient to all local facilities, shopping areas, and points of interest, and yet is readily accessible to all means of transportation. For those who will be driving in, it will be especially pleasant---the hotel and its identifying sign are easily visible from the Connecticut Turnpike, making it very difficult to miss. There is ample drive-in underground parking under the hotel, and to guests of the hotel it's free of charge. Connections by rail or air are equally good.

RESERVATIONS

The Park Plaza Hotel is a new modern hotel---this should be obvious from the photo---and offers the latest in facilities and accommodations, including an outdoor swimming pool. The Park Plaza management has been particularly anxious to play host to the 69th and to attract as many 69ers as possible, they have offered us the following special room rates:

Single Occupancy (per day) \$10.50
Double Occupancy (per day) \$15.00

Any family having three or more children with them will be allowed an additional room at no charge. How about that! If you've been

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NEW HAVEN NOT SO NEW!

New Haven, the site of this year's reunion, is not really "New". Actually, it was founded as a colony in 1638 by a company of English Puritans led by John Davenport and Theophilus Eaton. They called the first settlement by the Indian name, Quinnipac, but the name "New Haven" was adopted in 1640, after Newhaven on the south coast of England. In 1662 the colony became a part of Connecticut. In 1718 Yale University, which had been located at Saybrook, moved to this city. New Haven was incorporated as a city in 1784, with Roger Sherman, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, as its first mayor.

Rapid growth began in 1820 and this was continued up to the present time. In its early days, New Haven was an agricultural and shipping point, Connecticut boats carrying on an extensive trade with the West Indies, Europe, and Orient. The whaling industry was for a time very profitable. The building of the New Haven and Hartford Railroad in 1838, and later its extension to New York, aided the development of manufacturing. It owes its present position largely to the tremendous diversity of industry, and to educational advantages. Its wealth is further aided by a fairly rich farming section especially adapted to fruit and vegetable growing, and dairying.

The New Haven of today is the second largest city of Connecticut, located in the southwestern part of the state, on Long Island Sound, 72 miles from New York City. It is on federal highway No. 1, served by the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, bus lines, coastal steamers, and Eastern, Allegheny, and Pilgrim Airlines via Tweed-New Haven Airport.

The city of New Haven lies at the head of a broad, deep bay, into which empty the Quinnipiac, the Mill, and the West Rivers. New Haven's site is a level, sandy plain, behind which rises a line of hills, terminating in two spurs, East Rock and West Rock, respectively $\frac{2}{4}$ and 2 miles from the green. On the central green of 16 acres, reserved for the public when the town was laid out, are three churches built in 1814. Facing the green are some of the buildings of Yale University, the principal public buildings, and various points of historical interest. New Haven's park system is one of the most extensive and adequate of any city of its size and includes a number of interesting recreational areas such as Nathan Hale park which contains old Fort Hale (used in 1812), with its moat and defenses well preserved.

Of course, it's always good to bear in mind that if you make the reunion a part of your regular vacation, New Haven can be your starting point for explorations into other nearby areas. For instance, there's the nearby town of Mystic, a thoroughly restored typical small whaling village, complete with ships, etc. Then too, there's that other small town, New York, only a relatively short drive to the West---there's a little action down that way once in a while, too.

---But whether it's for your whole vacation, the reunion week end, or perhaps just one evening of the reunion, the important thing is to come to New Haven. Be a part of the 1969 Reunion!

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using the kids as an excuse for not coming, you'll have to think up a new one this year! As a matter of fact, there will be a few 69ers wishing they had more children than they have, so they could take advantage of the offer. At any rate, whatever the accommodations you need, send in your reservation to the hotel as soon as possible, and don't forget to tell them when you expect to arrive and leave. If you expect to arrive late in the day, we would advise sending a deposit sufficient to cover one night's stay, to guarantee your reservation, since normal hotel policy is to hold rooms only until 6:00 P.M. To make your reservation, send in the self addressed reservation card enclosed in the last bulletin or write to the Park Plaza Hotel, Chapel Square, New Haven, Conn. 06510.

And while you're making arrangements for your hotel reservation, send in your reservation for the Reunion Functions you plan to attend---the Reunion Committee needs all the advance information they can get in order to properly plan all events of the week end. Just fill out the form in this bulletin and send to Stan Olszewski at the address indicated. Fees for 1969 Reunion Functions are as follows:

Friday Night Beer Party	\$ 3.00
Saturday Night Banquet	\$ 10.00
Friday - Saturday Combination	\$ 12.50

But don't get the idea that these are the only affairs we'll be holding in the course of the week end. There will be plenty of other things doing, starting with...

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RESERVATION FOR REUNION FUNCTIONS - AUGUST 14, 15, 16, 17, 1969

Send to Stanley Olszewski, 212 McClintock St., New Britain, Conn.
Make checks payable to 69th Infantry Division Association

I will arrive August 14 () 15 () 16 () before August 14 ()

In my party will be () adults () pre-teens () teens

No. of persons attending Friday Night Beer Party (\$3.00 ea.) _____

No. of persons attending Saturday Night Banquet (\$10.00 ea.) _____

No. of persons attending Friday and Saturday (\$12.50 ea.) _____

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____

I WILL PAY ON ARRIVAL AT REUNION _____

NAME _____ UNIT _____

ADDRESS _____

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THE EARLY BIRDS

More 69ers are arriving early each year, making the reunion a part of their regular vacation. It gives them more time to look around the city or visit nearby areas of interest. Generally, the Early Birds get together for an Early Bird Dinner, and this year Stan Olszewski is planning one which will be a little different. This year's affair should provide an especially relaxing evening, in good company, and an opportunity to renew old friendships, make new ones, and in general, prepare for the busy week end ahead. Arrive on Thursday---be an Early Bird!

BUSY FRIDAY

Most 69ers will probably arrive on Friday, and we expect that the Registration Desk will be hopping all day, from the minute it opens. During the day, (exact time to be announced at the reunion) there will be a group tour of New Haven, to enlighten 69ers on the cultural strong-points of the area. There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association at 4:30 P.M. (Directors take note).

Friday evening will bring the customary Beer Party and bull session which always proves to be one of the highlights of the week-end. For those who prefer other beverages, there will be a cash bar on hand.---But the sole purpose of the evening is not merely the consumption of considerable amounts of beer and other liquids---Friday night is a strictly fun night, perhaps some professional entertainment, perhaps some not so professional

but the main thing is that everyone has a good time---and that's for sure! At recent reunions, Friday nights have been as big in attendance as Saturday night!

SATURDAY --- THE CLIMAX

Saturday A.M., as usual, will be devoted to conducting and planning the serious business of the association. The General Business Meeting will be held, at which time all activities of the association will be reviewed, new officers elected and plans made for the future. The Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held concurrently.

In the early afternoon, a memorial service for our fallen comrades will take place, including placing of a wreath. If you have attended our reunions before, then you know that this is always a solemn soul-stirring ceremony.

Saturday evening, of course, is reserved for the Banquet, preceded by a cocktail hour (cash bar) to set the proper atmosphere for the evening's festivities. Actually, some of our members start their cocktail hour about two o'clock in the afternoon, which makes for a real long hour. Naturally, the Banquet will be followed by dancing, etc. ---and while all this is going on, the teen-agers will be having their own shindig where the old people can't get under foot. We expect the action to continue on into the wee hours, so don't figure on getting much sleep on this particular night.

But with all this talk of the various
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reunion events and functions, let's not lose sight of the fact that most come to the reunion, not just for the functions, but to meet with their old buddies and friends and for the fellowship that still prevails, more than ever, even after so many years.

Why else do 69ers travel half way across the country, or perhaps all the way across the country, to come to a reunion? For a roast beef dinner? They can probably get one just as good, possibly better, in their own home town. For a few glasses of beer? That they can get down at the corner gin-mill, or sitting in their favorite easy chair in front of the TV.---And why do they keep doing it year after year, as a matter of fact, in greater numbers each year, ---what's the big deal?---Well, if you haven't been to a reunion before, it's pretty difficult to explain, so why don't you make it a point to come to this one and find out? Grab a pen right now, sit down and fill out the reservation form and send it to Stan Olszewski. Write to the Park Plaza for a room reservation---don't delay, there is not much time left!

DUES

The 69th Infantry Division Association is a non-profit organization, run by and for its membership, with not a single penny paid in salaries to any officer or director. However, we do have expenses, and some of them are quite considerable, such as printing and mailing of this bulletin. Please do your part to help cover these costs by sending our Treasurer, George Phillips, your dues (only \$3.00). If you can afford more, we have a new Contributing Membership (10.00) for those who would like to do more than the minimum toward keeping the association financially solvent.--- And while you're at it, add another \$2.00 (or more if you like) as a donation to our scholarship fund. Make checks payable to the 69th Infantry Division Association and send to the appropriate address listed among others on this page.

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