

THE RAPID CITY REUNION

September 3-4-5-6, 2014

Facts

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HEADQUARTERS HOTEL -

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*NOTE: The hotel recommends that you call their direct number **605-342-8853** to insure that you will be booked into our reserved block of rooms.

The Grand Gateway Hotel, located just off I-90 at Exit 59, is in the center of everything the Black Hills has to offer. It has been family owned and operated for 3 generations. For complete information about the Grand Gateway Hotel, visit their website at: www.grandgatewayhotel.com

The hotel offers free parking and shuttle service from Rapid City Regional Airport is available upon request. **To arrange airport shuttle service please call the hotel before you arrive.** The hotel is approx. 18 miles from the airport.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS -

No mail-in reservations are required. Telephone the hotel at the above number. Ask for the *398th Bomb Group* rate of \$82.00 (+ tax). There is a 72 hour cancellation notice policy.



REGISTRATION -

Use the Official Registration Form on page 5. Fill in completely itemizing the cost of each tour selected, banquet meals selected, registration fee of \$10 or \$20, and the yearly dues (if applicable). Send the form, with your covering check to Kenneth Howard. He will return a copy of your form, with accompanying receipt of your funds.

BANQUETS -

The Welcome and Farewell banquets will be held in the hotel ballroom on Thursday, September 4, and Saturday September 6, respectively. Make your table reservations when picking up your Registration Packet. All Banquet Tickets must show a Table Number.

Tours

WEDNESDAY, September 3, 2014 -

An Evening at Mount Rushmore

5:30 PM - 9:45 PM

We begin our reunion with a visit to the "Shrine of Democracy", Mount Rushmore, where the sixty-foot faces of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt are carved in granite. After an included dinner at the memorial, we observe the dramatic Evening Lighting Ceremony in the park amphitheater and take part in the lowering of the American flag.

THURSDAY, September 4, 2014 -

Rapid City Tour

9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Because of its unique place in the Black Hills, Rapid City is known as "The City of Presidents". First on the agenda this morning is a drive through downtown, where we view a series of life-size bronze statues of our Nation's past presidents along the streets and sidewalks. A scenic drive over Dinosaur Hill brings us back on the Road to Rushmore, where we'll head to lunch on our own with the Presidents and daytime photo opportunities. Returning to Rapid City this afternoon, we visit the Berlin Wall Exhibit which features two 12-foot segments of the original wall and also some WWII tank traps.

FRIDAY, September 5, 2014 -

Town of Deadwood and Ellsworth AF Base Tour

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

We make our way to the Wild West town of Deadwood this morning, where Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, and other desperados made their home during the gold rush days of 1876. Gambling was a favorite pastime of the miners, and there will be time to try your hand at the games of chance legal there today. The afternoon is devoted to the men in the 398th BG who trained at Rapid City Army Air Base (now called Ellsworth Air Force Base) in the early 1940's prior to their service in WWII. While at the base, we will visit the South Dakota Air & Space Museum, take a guided tour, and have an included lunch at the Dakota Club.

SATURDAY, September 6, 2014 -

Custer State Park and Crazy Horse Memorial Tour

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Our travels take us to Custer State Park this morning, where we'll take a drive on the Wildlife Loop Road and look for the buffalo, antelope, big horn sheep, and other animals that roam free there. This afternoon the trail leads to Crazy Horse Memorial, the enormous mountain-carving-in-progress dedicated to all Native Americans. See the history of the carving in film, view exhibits in the sculptor's home and take a ride to the base of Crazy Horse Mountain.

