

OPERATION ORDER 25-01 OPERATION GATHERING AT GETTYSBURG (U)

References: FM 2020---REUNION PLANNING SOP REV D-9 OCT 2024

Time Zone Used Throughout the OPORD: Romeo

Task Organization: No change

1. **Situation:** All 37th Armored Regiment Alumni are alerted to begin planning and preparation for maximum participation in OPERATION GATHERING AT GETTYSBURG, the 29th annual Reunion of regimental alumni. Reconnaissance confirms the area around the Gettysburg National Military Park provides an exceptional location for reunion activities.
 - A. **Weather:** Historical weather trends in Gettysburg in mid-October find highs in the mid-to-upper 60s and lows in the mid-40s. You can expect clear or partly sunny skies with a very slight chance of rain over the course of the reunion, although significant rainfall is rare.
 - B. **Terrain:** The Gettysburg area is part of the Appalachian Plateau. The terrain is characterized by rolling hills, scattered woodlots, and fields, with strategic features like Cemetery Ridge, Seminary Ridge, Culp's Hill, and the Round Tops.
 - C. **Reunion Planning Team:** Your reunion planning team for 2025 includes
 - 1) VJ Tedesco, HHC 1-37 AR '05-07, Team Lead & Marketing Coordinator
 - 2) Cliff Wheeler, HHC 1-37 AR '01-03, Operations Coordinator
 - 3) Rick Brittle, HHC 1-37 AR '87-90, Purchasing Coordinator
 - 4) Jorgette Krsulic, A/B/HHC 1-37 AR. '80-83, CFO
 - 5) Eric Buesgen, B/HHC 1-37 AR '86-92, On-Site Liaison
 - 6) Peter Mangerian, HHC 1-37 AR '88-90, On-Site Liaison
 - 7) Eric Brown, A 1-37 AR '78-81, Technology and Communications
 - 8) Tom Obregon, HHC 1-37 AR '89-91, Silent Auction Coordinator
 - 9) Matt Kelley, A/HHC, 1-37 AR '98-00, Chief Technology Officer
 - D. **Assigned Forces:** All 37th Armored Regiment Alumni are invited to the reunion. 37th Armor Veterans who are not Alumni members can contact Kevin Seidl, kevinseidl@momentumfleetservices.com, to be added before registering.
2. **Mission:** 37th Armored Regiment Alumni conduct reunion activities, 16–19 October 2025 in Gettysburg, PA to foster camaraderie, honor alumni and glorify our Regiment.
3. **Execution:**
 - A. **Honorary Colonel's Intent.** The purpose of our annual reunion is to foster camaraderie, honor alumni, and glorify our Regiment. There are three key tasks. First, we must all safely travel to and from Gettysburg. Second, we must have an enjoyable and memorable time learning about the Battle of Gettysburg and fellowshiping with brothers and sisters in attendance. Finally, the Wisemen must meet to transact business required to sustain the Alumni organization. At end state, Alumni connections will be refreshed and reinvigorated as we prepare to reassemble in St Augustine, Florida in 2026.

B. **Concept of Operations:** Planning is ongoing, but this operation will be conducted in three phases.

- 1) **Phase 1: Pre-Deployment Activities:** Alumni will register for the reunion, make travel arrangements, and register for lodging. Registration via the 37th Armor Alumni Association homepage ([37th Armor Alumni Association](#)) will open on 20 April 2025, and close on 28 August 2025.
- 2) **Phase 2: Deployment and execution:** Reunion advanced party will deploy to Gettysburg ~ 13 October 2025 to establish AA Abrams. Planned events schedule:
 - a. **Thursday, 16 October 2025:**
 1. 0001-1800: Alumni individually deploy to AA Abrams (Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel & Conference Center)
 2. 1300-1800: Onsite reunion check-in
 3. 1700-2100: Presentation "An Old Soldier's Guide to the Tactical Realities of the Gettysburg Battlefield," uncased Regimental Colors, Rally Point Social, Silent Auction
 - b. **Friday, 17 October 2025:**
 1. Breakfast on your own
 2. 0830: Guided Gettysburg Battlefield Tour. Lunch will be provided.
 3. 1500-1700: Personal time at the Wyndham
 4. 1700-1800: Dinner Social
 5. 1800: Silent Auction closes
 6. 1800-2130: Regimental Dinner and awards banquet
 7. 2130-UTC: Alumni socialize
 - c. **Saturday, 18 October 2025:**
 1. Breakfast on your own
 2. 0830-0930: Wiseman Meeting
 3. Local Area Excursions (Optional) Details on website.
 - a) Give Me More Civil War!
 - b) Ike & WWII Combo
 - c) Libation & Exploration
 4. 1700-2100: Mission Complete Social, case colors, close reunion
 - d. **Sunday, 19 October 2025:** Redeploy

C. **Coordinating Instructions:**

- 1) OPORD published and Registration opens 20 April 2025, [37th Armor Alumni Association](#).
- 2) Registration closes on 28 August 2025
- 3) Uniform: Appropriate attire for cooler temperatures and inclement weather. Events will occur regardless of weather. Alumni will be provided a Reunion shirt during registration which must be worn for group photo (TBD). Uniform for the banquet is business casual. Order of Saint George or Saint Joan of Arc recipients are encouraged to wear their medals.
- 4) Refunds are not authorized for this event. This applies to registration fees, which includes mandatory and optional excursions.
- 5) Recommended Reading for participants: Gettysburg by Stephen Sears
- 6) Updates will be provided via FRAGOs as needed.

4. **Sustainment:**

A. **Assembly Area:**

Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel & Conference Center
95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA 17325
<https://www.gatewaygettysburg.com>

- 1) Group Room Rate \$169.00. Use the link below to register and receive this reduced rate. https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham/gettysburg-pennsylvania/wyndham-gettysburg/rooms-rates?brand_id=HR&checkInDate=10/16/2025&checkOutDate=10/19/2025&useWRPoints=false&children=0&groupCode=101625ARM&adults=1&rooms=1
 - 2) Parking is complimentary.
 - 3) Hotel reservations and payment are an individual responsibility at the hotel provided link.
 - 4) The last day to book the group rate is 16 September 2025.
 - B. **Registration:** Registration for the reunion, to include excursions and banquet, can be made and paid for at the reunion registration link:
<https://www.courageconquers.com/2025-reunion--gettysburg>
 - C. **Transportation:** Transportation to and from the reunion is a personal responsibility. A "Getting to Gettysburg" information sheet will be provided on the registration website. Transportation during the reunion for excursions will be provided.
 - D. Meals will be provided for excursions on 17 and 18 October as well as the banquet on 17 October 2025. Breakfasts are "on your own." A list of restaurants and food options near the Wyndham will be provided at check-in.
5. **Command and Signal:**
- A. Planning Team POCs:
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 - 9) Tom Obregon, obregonthomas67@gmail.com
 - B. Smartphone / cell phone will be the primary means of communication used throughout reunion activities. Use of a group communication platform is likely and will be communicated via FRAGO. Alternative means are text messaging, email, and posting to the Alumni Facebook page.

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