



OFFICERS OF THE FIRST DIVISION



One Hundredth Annual Dinner

Please join us on Saturday, April 27, 2019 for the One Hundredth Annual Dinner of the Officers of the First Division at the Courtyard by Marriott, Junction City, KS. The Dinner commemorates the 100th Anniversary of Officers of the First Division Annual Dinner. The Guest Speaker is to be determined. To mark this unique event, officers attending the dinner will receive a specially-struck commemorative coin.

The Dinner is an annual event for Commissioned and Warrant Officers assigned or attached to the First Infantry Division during combat operations, including KFOR and SFOR, and those officers currently serving with the Big Red One. Founded in 1919 after World War I, the Dinner is held on the last Saturday in April every year with a program that remains largely unchanged – cocktails at 1800; mess call at 1900; regimental colors on display; former commanders on the dais; the band playing regimental marches; an update from the current CG; and a toast to our fallen comrades followed by taps and Auld Lang Syne. Why attend? One previous participant remarked, “The dinner was an amazing event, just being in the room with all of these professionals was awesome and humbling.”

As we approach the Dinner’s 100th anniversary in 2019, the Committee continues to work on increasing attendance. The Chairman has set a goal of 500 attendees for the 100th Dinner in 2019, and we can achieve that goal with your continued participation and support, especially your outreach to other veteran officers of the Division.

ATTENDANCE AND GUEST POLICY

Each member attending the annual Dinner can bring one guest: a spouse, child, or someone with a close relationship to the Division, such as former Division commanders or the First Division museum curator. Surviving spouses of member officers, as well as spouses of deployed officers, are also invited. All attendees to the Dinner are welcome to attend the chili luncheon on Saturday and the cocktail reception prior to the dinner and to join the veteran officers in the unit CPs throughout the weekend.

UNIT CPs AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Danger Forward will be located in Cottonwood A and Regimental CPs will be located in suites throughout the hotel. We are asking Division support for a tour of Fort Riley facilities. We will finalize based on interest and Division support. Please check in upon arrival for specific CP locations.

Unit CPs/Hospitality Suites	1700 hours Friday through 1000 hours Sunday
Dinner Committee Meeting	1000 hours Saturday (location TBP in the lobby and on hotel TV)
Chili Luncheon	1200 hours Saturday in Danger Forward
Cocktail Reception	1800 hours Saturday
Officers Dinner	1900 hours Saturday

Please note that expenses for CP facilities, alcohol, snacks, etc. are paid only through member donations so look for the donation plate in the bar area of your CP and please contribute generously!

HOTEL ROOMS

The 2019 Dinner will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Junction City. Room rates are \$90 for a regular room and \$115 for the suites, plus tax (15.75%). The hotel will accept reservations now. Our POC at the hotel is Jenn Reitz, Director of Sales and Marketing. She can be contacted at 785.210.2714, Jennifer.reitz@atriumhospitality.com. The link to make on line reservations: [Book your group rate for Officers of The 1st Division 100th Annual Dinner](#) You can reserve your room now. If you would like to call in to make your reservations or have questions about an existing reservation, please call the Courtyard by Marriott Front Desk at 785-210-1500.



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THE DINNER TICKET

Tickets for the Officers' dinner are \$65.00 per person. This barely covers the cost of the dinner, chili lunch and other hotel amenities so we continue to rely on your generous support for the costs of printing, mailing, postage, band expenses, etc. Please mail your checks, payable to Officers of the First Division, to 1637 Hiddenbrook Drive, Herndon, VA 20170-2915. You can also register, pay, and donate at www.dangerforward.org/registeranddonate.php. Unit representatives will verify dinner attendees at the dinner. No actual individual tickets will be issued. **Donations are tax deductible.**

WHAT TO WEAR

Active duty: dress mess or blues. Veteran officers and guests: tuxedo, dinner jacket, cocktail dress, blazer, or dark business suit.

MAILING LIST

We will send the dinner invitation via email to known internet users to reduce mailing and printing costs, If you received a hard copy of the invitation via the U.S. Mail and have an email address, please provide your address by registering at www.dangerforward.org/signup.php. If you do not have an e-mail address, please return the envelope with a note telling us to continue sending your invitation via U.S. Mail.

If you are aware of officers not receiving the announcements, please send us their name, address and/or e-mail address. For officers on active duty, we recommend you provide a permanent mailing address along with your email address. Please mail updates to the address on the return, e-mail updates to rickorth@verizon.net, or register on line at www.dangerforward.org/signup.php.

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