

79th ANNUAL REUNION INFORMATION

This year's Reunion of our Association is being hosted by Commanders Own Chapter on October 2-3, 2026 at Camp Ripley, MN.

The Camp Ripley Training Center (CRTC) is a 53,000-acre training base operated by the Minnesota National Guard (MNNG) and is located 7 miles North of Little Falls, MN on Highway 371 in the heart of Minnesota's vacation area.

CRTC is home to MNNG Logistics, CFMO, RTI, USP&FO, and units of the 34th Infantry Division.

THE ARRANGEMENTS

Lodging: Lodging is available on both Friday and Saturday evening at Camp Ripley or at any civilian Motel in Little Falls, MN.

Camp Ripley offers BOQ Rooms with Full size beds at \$49 per night. The Camp Ripley billeting number is 320-616-3140. Please mention the 34IDA Reunion when calling.

The Little Falls community has a number of lodging options available, go to the Little Falls Convention and Visitors website:

<https://www.littlefallsmn.com/stay/>.

Transportation:

Attendees are responsible to self-transport to/from CRTC. From the Minneapolis Airport there is a shuttle operated by Groome Transportation, link: https://groometransportation.com/minneapolis-st-paul-airport/brainerd/?&sd_client_id=6b877a95-1deb-45ac-ba62-049b8c162b3b

Requirements to attend the reunion at CRTC:

1. Send in your Reunion Registration form, located in this newsletter. **NLT September 15, 2026.**

2. Make a hotel reservation – NLT Sep 15, 2026
Final details and any updated information will be posted to our 34th Association website, link: <http://www.34ida.org>

THE PROGRAM

Registration:

The registration fee for the reunion covers the Friday evening dinner, Saturday lunch & banquet meal, and soft drinks/snacks. The Registration Fee, for the entire event is \$55, to be paid with the pre-registration. Payment can be made by check or the Commanders Own Chapter PayPal account. Single day registration is \$20 for Friday only & \$35 for Saturday only. We also offer only lunch or banquet options on Saturday.

Friday- October 2nd

After checking into your pre-arranged lodging, move to the Hangar Conference Center (Bldg 8-195) at 4 PM to kick off the reunion with a "Gathering of the Red Bulls". You can get directions from the Gate or Billeting office.

The social runs from 4-8 PM with a pulled pork sandwich, sides, and dessert dinner served at 6 PM. There will be non-alcoholic beverages available as part of your registration fee and a no host bar available at the Viking Club adjoining the Hangar, and will remain open following the event.

Saturday- October 3rd

Activities start at 9:30 AM in the Hanger Conf Center with a CRTC brief by LTC Hall, Garrison Commander, followed by the business meeting.

The business meeting is followed by a Subway sandwich box lunch and a briefing by COL Hobot, 1/34ABCT Commander. We then move to the new Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum for a tour, followed by personal time.

The evening continues at 4:30 PM with a social (no host bar), a memorial service at 6 PM and the banquet (roast beef & stuffed chicken dinner, cheesy potatoes, green beans, salad, roll, and dessert) at 6:30 PM. The guest speaker is BG Joseph Sharkey, 34ID Commander, to speak on the Division.

This concludes the reunion events for the weekend.

Reunion Pocket Program

Friday- October 2

4:00-8:00 PM Reception/Registration at the Hangar. Dinner and non-alcoholic beverages covered by registration fee and a no host bar.

Saturday- October 3

7:00 AM Officer/Trustee Meeting CDF, Bldg 6-76

9:30 AM CRTC Overview by LTC Hall, Hangar

10:00 AM Business Meeting, Hangar

11:30 AM Lunch (included in fee)

12:00 PM 1/34ABCT brief by COL Hobot

1:00 PM Minnesota Military & Veterans Museum

3:30 PM Personal Time

4:30 PM Social Hour with a no host bar, Hangar

5:45 PM Posting of the Colors, Hangar

6:00 PM Memorial Service, Hangar

6:30 PM Reunion Banquet (included in fee), Guest Speaker BG Sharkey, 34ID Commander

Sunday- October 4- No Association Activities

The MNNG Court of Honor is being held on CRTC

34th Infantry Division Association

2026 Registration Form- Celebrating 79 Years

Friday, October 2, through Saturday October 3, 2026

NAME: _____

GUEST: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ Chapter of Membership: _____

EMAIL: _____

List any special needs during the reunion: _____

REGISTRATION FEES:

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ATTENDANCE. Fee covers the association meeting venues/costs, Friday evening reception with dinner, Saturday lunch and banquet, and non-alcoholic beverages and snacks (cash bar available for socials). Number of Persons _____ X \$55 = Total \$ _____

FRIDAY ONLY ATTENDANCE. Fee covers the venue, Friday evening reception with dinner, and non-alcoholic beverages (cash bar available). Number of Persons _____ X \$20 = Total \$ _____

SATURDAY ONLY ATTENDANCE. Fee covers the association meeting venues/costs, Saturday lunch and banquet meal, and non-alcoholic beverages and snacks (cash bar available).
Number of Persons _____ X \$35 = Total \$ _____

Saturday Business Meeting Lunch only. Number of Persons _____ X \$10 = Total \$ _____

Saturday Banquet only. Number of Persons _____ X \$25 = Total \$ _____

Please return registration form and payment for total amount to:

By mail. Make check out to: 34ID Commanders Own Association

Send to: 34ID Commanders Association

Attn: Chad Sackett

20414 213th St

Little Falls, MN 56345

PayPal option. Send funds to @34idcommandersown put "34IDA Reunion" in the remarks.

If using PayPal, you may eFax or scan your registration form to: chad.mitchel.sackett@gmail.com

Lodging arrangements must be made by September 15, 2026.

Camp Ripley Billeting, (320) 616-3140. Reference the 34IDA Reunion. Individual rooms with full size beds and private bath.

For local Little Falls, MN lodging options, go to: <https://www.littlefallsmn.com/stay/>

For questions on the reunion, contact COL(R) Sackett, chad.mitchel.sackett@gmail.com

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