

TIGER TRACKS

The Newsletter of the Steel Tigers 77th Armor Association

December 2019

Reunion: 2020 Salem, Massachusetts

Hawthorne Hotel



History

In the 1920s, the business community of Salem, Massachusetts embarked on a journey to build “Salem’s own hotel ... to meet the particular needs of Salem, its guests, and visitors.” Sylvania founder and North Shore native Frank Poor served as the President of the Salem Hotel Company and, together with the Salem Chamber of Commerce and the Salem Rotary, raised over \$500,000 for the construction of the hotel through a public stock subscription.

The location chosen for the new hotel was Washington Square West, adjacent to the beautiful Salem Common at the head of the newly widened Hawthorne Boulevard. The site was near three buildings with connections to Nathaniel Hawthorne – the Mall Street home where he wrote the *Scarlet Letter*; the Herbert Street home where he grew up and began writing; and his birthplace on Union Street, which was later moved to the House of the Seven Gables complex. Also taken into consideration was the close proximity to the Peabody Museum, Essex Institute, House of the Seven Gables, and the downtown retail center. In June 1925, during this final fundraising push, the hotel group raised an extra \$10,000 needed by the Hawthorne Monument Association to obtain and move the statue of Nathaniel Hawthorne to Hawthorne Boulevard from its prior location at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. At this time, the name Hawthorne Hotel was suggested.

The hotel opened in July 1925. It had six floors and 150 rooms. The main lobby was two floors high with a mezzanine and balcony. In the 1950s, to meet the demand of the growing number of automobiles, the Hawthorne changed its name to the Hawthorne Motor Hotel. Over the years, in an effort to appear more modern, it covered the beautiful Palladian windows in the Grand Ballroom, replaced the second floor balcony with meeting space and enlarged many of the guestrooms. The hotel again changed its name, this time to the Hawthorne Inn, and didn't return to the Hawthorne Hotel until 1989.

Hawthorne Hotel, a member of Historic Hotels of America since 1991.

For Reservations please contact the front desk at the Hotel at 978-744-4080 and mention the Steel Tigers.

Unfortunately, group rate reservations cannot be made online!

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello all;

Cynthia and I would like to thank everyone who made the trip to Frankenmuth, MI. Bob and Connie Basner put together a great event, and it's always great to see old friends and make new ones. With the health scare of both my Mother and Mother in Law, along with the loss of members of our band of Brothers and Sisters this past year, Cynthia and I ask that we all reach out to family, friends, and Comrades in Arms and tell them we are thinking of them and their families. Wish them a Happy Holiday and have a meaningful conversation, it might be the last holiday you will be able to have that significant exchange. Membership is still my biggest concern; we don't appear to be making leaps and bounds from year to year. For the association to have longevity we must be a multi-battalion, multi-generation organization. We are making small gains, but I believe we can do better. Take this coming year and reach out to others you have served with and try to get them on board. Don't forget your membership dues for 2020 are due in January. Cynthia and I look forward to seeing everyone at Salem, MA 8-12 July 2020, hosted this year by Richard and Nancy Cavanaugh.

Roger Yuraska

77th Armor Association President

“Steel Tigers”

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CSM Roger Yuraska

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT

Nichole Dubois, Connie Basner, Jean Offut

CHAPLIN'S CORNER

Steel and Velvet:

Poet Carl Sandburg wrote of former President Abraham Lincoln, "Not often in the story of mankind does a man arrive on earth who is both steel and velvet... who holds in his heart and mind the paradox of a terrible storm and peace unspeakable and perfect." "Steel and velvet" described how Lincoln balanced the power of his office with concern for individuals longing for freedom.

Only one person in all history perfectly balanced strength and gentleness, power and compassion. That man is Jesus Christ. In John 8, when confronted by the religious leaders to condemn a guilty woman, Jesus displayed both steel and velvet. He showed steel by withstanding the demands of a bloodthirsty mob, instead turning their critical eyes upon themselves. He said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her". Then Jesus modeled the velvet of compassion by telling the woman, "Neither do I condemn you...Go now and leave your life of sin.

Reflecting His "steel and velvet" in our own responses to others can reveal the Father's work of conforming us to be like Jesus. We can show His heart to a world hungry for both the velvet of mercy and the steel of Justice. ((Our Daily Bread)

Another man who came before President Lincoln was the First President, George Washington. Washington's Prayer for the United States of America appears on a plaque in St. Paul's Chapel in New York City as well as at Pohick Anglican Church, Fairfax County, Virginia, where Washington was a vestryman from 1762 to 1784: The Pohick Episcopal Church is only 4.5 miles from my home in Springfield, VA.

The plaque states, "Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou will keep the United States in Thy Holy protection; and Thou wilt incline the hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow Citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the field."

"And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the Characteristics of the Diving Author of our blessed Religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation."

"Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." (America's God and Country-William J. Federer)

After the American Army defeated the British Army at Yorktown, Virginia in 1781, George Washington commanded the American Army until 1783 when he resigned his commission as the Commander and returned to Mount Vernon which in effect placed the military under the command of the Continental Congress which is now embedded in our Constitution. When King George III heard of this event, he remarked to Benjamin West the following: *"that act closing and finishing what had gone before and viewed in connection with it, placed him in a light the most distinguished of any man living, and that he thought him the greatest character of the age."* *These words are most often paraphrased to the following words: "If he does that, he will be the greatest man in the world!"*

Men and women of the 77th Armor, be men and women of Steel and Velvet: let us Stand Firm-“Insiste Firmiter” in our convictions, be brave in standing for the truth, and give mercy toward those who disagree with us.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (NLT2)

²¹ It is God who enables us, along with you, to **stand firm** (Insiste Firmiter) for Christ. He has commissioned us,

²² and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us.

Hope to See You all in BOSTON July 8-12. Dick and Nancy are coordinating a great Reunion.

In His Service

Fr. Jeremiah Brown

Chaplain, 77th Armor Association

MEETINGS MINUTES

77th Armor Association Executive Board Meeting -- 0900 hours on July 13, 2019

President Yuraska called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present: HCOR, COL (Ret) Rick Benson; President and HSGMOR, Roger Yuraska; Vice President, Carl Johnson; Treasurer/Membership Chairman, Bob Basner; Chaplain, Jerry Brown; Quartermaster, Lance Wheeler; Sergeant at Arms, Kevin Dunne; Communications Director, Jim McPhie; and other Executive Board Members, Gerry DuBois and Walt Evans.

Board Members Absent: Tom Rosser.

Additional members present: Secretary, Everett "Bird" Nagel and Memorialization Chairman, Dick Cavanaugh.

Secretary Nagel read the minutes of the 2018 meeting and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer/Membership Chairman Basner gave the financial report. The bank balance as of June 30, 2019 was \$14,615.72. Outstanding deposits = \$970.00, outstanding checks = \$2,287.73, leaving a checkbook balance of \$13,297.99. The IRS Form 990-N for Year 2018 has been electronically filed. PayPal deposits were \$2,250.00 with PayPal fees of \$72.46 for a total of \$2,177.54 to the association. The treasurer's report was approved by acclamation.

Bob also reported that paid membership for 2018 was at 103 and currently for 2019 was at 114. A discussion followed of ways we could increase membership. Members are urged to sign up wives as associate members and contact former unit members both those that have been members of the association and have let their membership lapse as well as former unit members who have never joined. President Yuraska stated that we should also reach out to former members of the other battalions of the regiment.

Quartermaster Wheeler reported that we currently have \$3,198 in merchandise - valued at cost with a sales value of \$4,166. The quartermaster's report was approved by acclamation.

A discussion followed regarding the prohibitive shipping costs for items sold on the association website with a proposal to shut down internet sales. After further discussion, it was agreed that we would continue to post sales items on the website but purchasers would be required to place their orders by either emailing or calling Lance and a minimum shipping fee of \$10 would be charged for each order.

Old business -

President Yuraska stated that the battalion is currently returning from a deployment to Korea and, therefore, no one was available to attend this year's reunion.

He also stated that due to more pressing personal issues he has been unable to address the scholarship fund he had proposed at our last reunion but that he would research the subject and report on it at next year's reunion.

Roger also directed Jim McPhie to provide he and Rick Cavanaugh all the website passwords before leaving the reunion. Jim stated that he would comply.

New business –

President Yuraska stated that the election of the officers would occur at the membership meeting later that morning.

Rick Cavanaugh reported on the status of next year's reunion to be hosted by he and his wife, Nancy. He stated that he is considering Boston, Salem, Gloucester or Beverly with Boston probably out due to the prohibitive costs of hotel rooms. The site and the dates will be announced later this summer.

A discussion then ensued regarding the need that all references to the 1st Battalion be deleted from the Association's constitution. Secretary Nagel agreed to update the constitution to reflect these changes.

Communications Director, Jim McPhie reported that he has acquired the rights to the Steel Tigers.com. In reviewing the process, he stated that when we agreed to buy the **.org** domain name and web site from Chuck Winslow, Chuck agreed to also give us the other domains. Chuck indicated that he had unsuccessfully attempted to get the **.com** and **.us** domains and suggested that it would be good for the association to have control of those domains so that anyone searching for "Steel Tigers" would only find our site(s) and no others. Jim agreed with that strategy but he let the **.online** and **.club** registration lapse because Chuck had registered them with a separate account and for whatever reason couldn't get the deal done.

Jim acquired the **.com** domain from an organization named WAWSP (World at War – Steel Panthers) who had decided not to move forward with plans to create a new game using the name Steel Tigers and was willing to sell the domain name. They initially listed \$2500 as their asking price, but due to our association being the legitimate Steel Tigers organization, and knowing our history, they were willing to sell it to us for \$500. If we didn't want it, they were going to put it on the market for their original asking price. Jim stated that he believed \$500 was a good price and bought it with his own funds with the intent of later billing the association completing the transfer this past March.

Jim is no longer pursuing the acquisition of the **.us** domain since it is not available for unknown reasons.

Jim stated that other than acquiring the rights to the Steel Tigers.com domain little has been accomplished regarding upgrading our website. He stated that he will attempt to make more progress in the next year but due to the complexity of the project, he could not establish any goals.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 0945 hours.

By Secretary Everett "Bird" Nagel

>> UPDATE: Since print publication we have acquired **.us** and reregistered **.net**. <<

77th Armor Association Board of Directors Meeting -- 1000 hours on July 13, 2019

President Roger Yuraska called the meeting to order announcing that, since most of the members were present at the Executive Board meeting, the meeting should be short.

Board Members Present: HCOR, COL (Ret) Rick Benson; President and HSGMOR, Roger Yuraska; Vice President, Carl Johnson; Secretary, Everett "Bird" Nagel; Treasurer/Membership-Bob Basner; Chaplain, Jerry Brown; Quartermaster, Lance Wheeler; Sergeant at Arms, Kevin Dunne; Communications Director, Jim McPhie; Memorialization Chairman, Dick Cavanaugh and Executive Board Members, Gerry DuBois and Walt Evans.

Board Members Absent: Historian, Don Cummings and Judge Advocate, Charles "Hap" Trainor.

The Secretary's minutes and the Treasurer/Membership & Quartermaster's reports, being unchanged from the Executive Board meeting, were approved by acclamation without being reread.

Old business -

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New business -

President Yuraska stated that the election of the officers would occur at the membership meeting later that morning. In the absence of any opposition, all members agreed to serve additional terms.

Different membership recruiting methods were discussed to include primarily utilizing the membership chairman's list to contact past members of the battalion and inactive members as "battle buddies" through various means of social media. President Yuraska again challenged all members to recruit at least one member in the upcoming year.

The board also discussed the need to recruit an Adjutant General since Hap Trainor continues to be inactive. Someone suggested that Bill McGehee may be a possibility since he is a lawyer but, like Hap Trainor, he has not attended a reunion since early on. The board members agreed to continue to keep Hap Trainor on the rolls as the AG but actively consider/recruit a replacement recognizing that it is likely that there is only a handful of qualified candidates within the membership.

The plan for the next three reunions is: 2020 - Boston MA (hosted by Dick Cavanaugh); 2021 - Gettysburg (hosted by Terry Fauver).; 2022/2023 – Oregon (hosted by Kevin Zach) / Ventura, CA (hosted by Jim McPhie).

Jerry Brown gave an update on Historian, Don Cummings' progress on the history of the regiment. Don has finished World War II and is now working on the Korean War. He is requesting input from 1st Battalion veterans regarding their experiences prior to and in Vietnam. Jerry stated that Don has done an unbelievable amount of research for this project.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 1030 hours.

By Secretary Everett "Bird" Nagel

77th Armor Association General Membership Meeting -- 1100 hours on July 13, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: President Roger Yuraska called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Yuraska led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: Chaplain Brown said the invocation.

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President Yuraska stated that that we would continue to post sales items on the website but purchasers would be required to place their orders by either emailing or calling Lance and a minimum shipping fee of \$10 would be charged for each order. This change was approved by the executive board due to the prohibitive shipping costs for items sold on the association website under our previous system for internet sales.

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Memorialization Chairman Cavanaugh reported very little sales of pavers to surround the regimental monument. President Yuraska suggested that a form to purchase these pavers be placed on our website.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following board members were reelected by acclamation:

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President Yuraska again discussed recruiting and urged all members to reach out to all battalions in the regiment.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 1130 hours.

By Secretary Everett "Bird" Nagel



***LET US NEVER FORGET THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE 1/77 ARMORED
DIVISION WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US BUT WILL REMAIN FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS***

Allen, John	Gardner, Gordon Dwight	Meyer, Richard
Ashby, Carl	Garr, Ed	Miller, Thomas Jr
Bachman, Charles W "Chip" Jr	Geary, Michael	O'Ham, Rocky Pearson
Bailey, Kenneth Norman	Greer, Terry	Offutt, Joe D
Baird, Michael Harry	Goodman, Lawrence Ray Jr	Ogren, Jerry Lewis
Beck, David K	Greene, Ray	Pickarts, John (Max)
Bessent, Samuel Alonzo	Goldsmith, Bruce	Polasek, Joseph James Jr
Brannan James Curtis	Heskett, Bruce William	Raddigan, Richard.
Brown, Leonard	Hodge, Michael L	Renoux, Leonard
Bunner, Lester Earl	Huggins, Eugene	Roberts, William
Carr, Duane (Redd)	Isorio, Bradley	Shaller, William Howard
Carter, Wallace Sperguson	Kelly, Glenn Errol	Sheaffer, Russell
Chavez, Carlos Jr	Lacey, David Michael	Snider, Hughie Franklin
Christianson, William	Langston, John	Soto, Joshua
Clark, Gene	Lebrun, Robert Norman	Sperry, Donald
Clouse, Alvin	LeCates, Robert Burton	Stafford, James
Cordova, Chris B	Leis, John Eugene	Starr, James
Cox, Michael Lou	Leone, Michael	Stump, Harold Oliver
Cryder, Robert D	Levelle, Guy	Sybert, Roscoe
Czarnota, Christopher Zeno	Logan, Charllie Matthew	Tanner, Ray Eugene
Dallape, Terry Lee	Makela, Richard	Tenorio, Rafael Gabriel
Davis, Jim	Marcantel. Elbert	Texiera, Merton
Degen, Robert	Marinelli, Anthony John	Thurston, Robert
Delcour, James	Martinez, William Joseph	Tripp, Dennis Robert
Desmarais, Donald Roger	McClelland, Chester Ray	Trombley, Thomas
Dolvin, James Richard	McCullough Gary	Trujillo, Felix Marcial
Falks, Pappy	McKinley Bill	Walker, Winston Charles
Felstow, Verne C	Meines, Larry	Wilburn, William Levy
		Winslow, Charles
		Young, Mike

77th Armor Association Members

Benson, Sheila
Miller, Erika
Mizwa, Linda

WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

We are enclosing a list of members we are looking for.

After much research we have found so many, but still have 113 we would like to locate. This process is very time consuming and although we are continuing the effort, we are graciously requesting that you go through the list to see if you know the whereabouts of any of them. We would also appreciate it if you could go a step further and try to contact them. Perhaps they are with the Lord now, but we would like to know that also.

Everyone on this list was a member at one time.

ALLMAN RYAN	HANCOCK ANTHONY	MURRAY MATTHEW
ANGEL THOMAS	HANSON CHRISTOPHER	NETTLETON RYAN
BACCUS GARRETT	HENSON JESSIE	OLMOS SAMUEL
BOLGER PHILIP	HERRERA JUAN	OLSEN RAYMOND
BUSH SCOTT	HIGGINS WILLIAM	ORTIZ-GARCIA ANTONIO
CHIPMAN STEVEN T	HODERMARSKY DAN	PANARO MICHAEL
COOLEY DAVID	IMAMURA CARY	PORTER ERIKA
CORBIN CHRISTOPHER	JACOBI KEVIN	PROVILUS MICHAEL
CRAWFORD NATHANIEL	JACOBS LUCAS	RAGO LOUIS
CROSS JOHN	JOHNSON GERALD	RAY CHRISTOPHER
DANIELS DERRICK	JOHNSON MICIOTTO	REEVES LARRY
DAVIS TIMOTHY	JOWERS KEVIN	ROGERS JAMES
DEROSA JOHN	KASTNER TRACY	ROSS PATRICK
EAGLE DAVID	KAUFMANN LORENZ	ROSTAR MARK
ECK CARL	KELLY JOSHUA	SCAMAN CHRISTOPHER
ENGELHARDT MATTHEW	LEE ROBERT	SELBY KENNETH
ERICKSON ERIC	LIVINGSTON MICHAEL	SHARPE CHRISTOPHER
FARRELL KEVIN	LOCKHART NORMAN	SIMMONS WILLIE
FLEURY ROBERT	LUNDQUIST WAYLAN	SMALLWOOD DYLAN
FLORES NIMROD	MAGALLANEZ ANTORNIO	SOLTWISCH BRANDEN
FOGERTY KYLE	MARTIN JONATHAN	STAFFORD CHERYL
FOURHMAN JOHN	MARTIN MICHAEL	STILES ANDREW
FRANK PETER	MEDINA VICTOR	SWEENEY RYAN
GAGNON ROBERT	MENA SALVADOR	TAKACS JOSHUA
GARACIA-CHAVEZ JOSE	MENDEZ JAMES	TAYLOR SHATESHIA
GARRISON SHANE	MLECKO DOUGLAS	TEMPLEMAN JEZRIEL
GIBSON JAMES	MOORE LANCE	THEADERMAN ED
GLILMORE JOSHUA	MOORE RICHARD	THORP THOMAS
GOMEZ CARLOS	MORRIS KENNETH	TORRES JOSE
GREENWOOD MATTHEW	MOSER MICHAEL	TWIST JAMIESON
HAMILTON BRENT	MULLIN JAMES	VERNON MARK
HAMMETT JOHN	MULLINAX OSCAR	WHITE JOMECA
		ZIRKLE EDWARD

STEEL TIGERS RENUNION

2019



Thank You

*Bob and Connie for a wonderful reunion in Frankenmuth, MI in 2019 from all that attended.
Once again, it was great to get together with Steel Tiger friends, both old and new.*

We are very appreciative of all the contributions that the members of the 77th Armor Association make to the Newsletter. You are encouraged to submit topics that would be of interest to all Steel Tiger members.

Please send any articles to: Nancy Cavanaugh, 201 Elliott Street, Unit 114, Beverly, MA 01915; or email Nancy at: nancycavanaugh@comcast.net



“Once a Steel Tiger – Always a Steel Tiger”

This is an Opportunity to Create a Permanent Acknowledgement of YOUR Service with the

77th Armored Regiment

It is with great humility and thanks to my fellow Brothers and Sisters who served with the 1st of the 77th during multiple conflicts and assignments that I am pleased to be in a position to bring the following opportunity to your attention. As you may or may not be aware, the new Steel Tigers Monument was inserted into the National Armor & Cavalry Museum’s Memorial Park and Walking Paths in 2017 at Fort Benning Georgia. The intent of these commemorative Parks and Walking Paths is to honor veterans, OUR history and, to memorialize OUR efforts to families, friends and fellow Brothers and Sisters with whom we served during these conflicts



As the Museum Foundation continues its efforts to

complete these Parks and Walkways of honor, we are in contact with the National Armor & Cavalry Heritage Foundation Representative to negotiate a current deal {price/donation} for Steel Tiger members to purchase a personalized paver to be placed in the area surrounding the Steel Tiger Monument. The amount has yet to be finalized but it will be forthcoming, soon. Please also be advised that your donation for your paver will also reduce the costs of the Walkway and gardening enhancements to the Steel Tiger Association in the areas around the monument.

To get this Paver Program off dead center, {finally, and yes, we are about 2 years behind in this effort} we have been endeavoring to contact {and confirm} as many Steel Tigers as possible {past and present} to ensure we have the ability to reach out to every Steel Tiger possible for reasons beyond the Paver Program. When you read this, please contact Dick Cavanaugh, Memorialization Chairman {aka “The Brick Master”} at [978-979-3415](tel:978-979-3415) OR, send an e-mail.

dickocav@comcast.net. Please also note that any contact numbers and / or e-mail addresses provided will be only used in a secure manner.

We will be receiving some brochures that provide further details about what is being done with your donation. Once these are in my possession, I will email the brochures to everyone who has confirmed their email address with me. Please, some of us are getting - - - older and we need to think about re-bonding with the individuals with whom we served with during times that were GOOD; BAD; & UGLY. Once you read this.....should you have any questions about this information, please don’t hesitate to contact me. Hopefully, you and your families are all doing well.

Regards, Richard {Dick} Cavanaugh
1st 77th – A Co – 1st Plt – 11 & 14

STEEL TIGER REUNION AGENDA

July 8 – 12, 2020

HOTEL HAWTHORNE

SALLEM, MASSACUSETTS

Wednesday, July 8th

Registration

Hospitality Suite – 10:00PM
(Open 10:00am – 9:00pm daily)

Thursday, July 9th

Buffet Breakfast

Ballroom 9:00am – 11:00am

Free Time to explore Salem or travel to Boston via boat or train (both easily accessible)

Buffet Dinner

Ballroom 5:00pm – 10:00pm

Friday, July 10th

Buffet Breakfast

Ballroom 9:00am – 11:00am

*Executive, Director's and General Membership Meetings Library 9:00 – Noon

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Ballroom 5:00pm – 10:00pm

Presentation

Viet Nam Back in the Day

Saturday, July 11th

Buffet Breakfast

Ballroom 9:00am – 11:00am

**Military History Day, Patton Homestead (see below)

Banquet: Plated Dinner

Ballroom 5:00pm – 10:00pm

Sunday, July 12th

Buffet Breakfast

Ballroom 9:00am – 11:00am

Memorial Service

Library 11:00am

***Please note the change in day from the usual Saturday to Friday morning.**

**Military History Day at the Patton Homestead, Hamilton, MA . Bus to depart Hawthorne Hotel at Apx. 9:30am for the 40 to 45 minute trip to Hamilton, MA. There will be a \$20.00/ person admission fee into the museum and will be collected at registration.

Cost of the bus TBD and can be paid upon arrival at the reunion. **It is, however, necessary to know how many will be attending so that a bus reservation can be made for the group.**

Note: There are many fine restaurants in Salem including two located in the Hotel. Keep in mind that July is peak tourist season and they will all be crowded. Strongly consider attending the offered buffet.

Please make checks payable to “Steel Tigers” and send completed form to:

Richard Cavanaugh, 201 Elliott Street, Unit 114, Beverly, MA 01915

PLEASE: NO LATER THAN MAY 8, 2020

STEEL TIGERS REUNION REGISTRATION FORM
JULY 8 – 12, 2020
HAWTHORNE HOTEL SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

Reunion Registration \$20.00 x _____ = _____

Thursday, July 9th

Buffet Breakfast Ballroom 9:00am – 11:00am \$20.00 x _____ = _____

Buffet Dinner Ballroom 5:00pm – 10:00pm \$42.00 x _____ = _____

Friday, July 10th

Buffet Breakfast Ballroom 9:00am – 11:00am \$22.00 x _____ = _____

Buffet Dinner Ballroom 5:00pm – 10:00pm \$41.00 x _____ = _____

Saturday, July 11th

Buffet Breakfast Ballroom 9:00am – 11:00am \$20.00 x _____ = _____

Military History Day Excursion (Transportation cost TBD)

 Patton Homestead, Hamilton, MA Entrance Fee \$20.00 x _____ = _____

Banquet: Plated Dinner Ballroom 5:00pm - 10:00pm \$40.00 x _____ = _____

Sunday, July 12th

Buffet Breakfast Ballroom 9:00am – 11:00am \$22.00 x _____ = _____

Total = _____

Member Name _____ (Please print)

Guest Name(s) _____ (Please Print)

