

Join our National Treasure



As we celebrate his
birthday
June 26, 2009

Please join us at the celebration of Ed Bearss' 86th birthday!

Date: Friday, June 26, 2009 (Ed's actual birthday!)

Time: 5:00 p.m. (for cocktails/social hour) to approximately 9:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Place: Arlington Hilton, 950 N. Stafford Street, Arlington, VA (Directions attached)

RSVP: By completing the attached form and returning it to the Bearss Brigade, % Wendy Swanson, 6200 Wilson Blvd., #906, Falls Church, VA 22044.

RSVP Drop Dead Dinner Deadline: Saturday, June 20 (received by mail).

Dress is Work Attire

This Year's Gift

Once again Ed has chosen a battlefield site as the recipient of his birthday gift. This year we are returning to the West, specifically, to Davis Bridge in Tennessee. This was a small yet fierce battle on October 5, 1862, part of the Corinth Campaign. A successful Confederate stand at this location assured that the war would continue in this theater. For those who have not visited this gem of a historic location, we can expect that Ed will provide a colorful interpretation of the action as part of his birthday celebration. The fact that the discussion will include the actions of Earl Van Dorn (some say he "pulled off the impossible") should add to Ed's enjoyment in relating the happenings at this site- and may result in other stories. The Civil War Preservation Trust is leading the charge to preserve this site. Please make checks payable to the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) with notation line showing "Davis Bridge."

Questions?

Contact Wendy Swanson at 703/536-5464 (h) or 703/605-7123 (w)

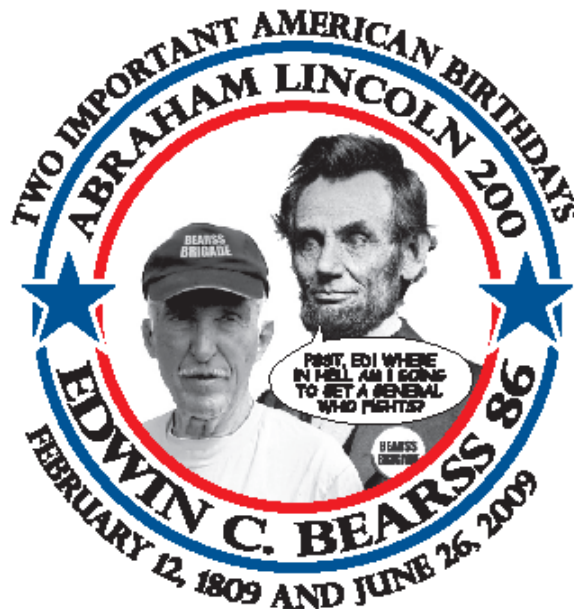
Please feel free to share this invitation with other Bearss Brigade members who may not be on our mailing list.

Our Bearss Brigade Banner will once again appear at the event. Think of some new Ed-ism additions to our banner. If you are unable to attend, please send a birthday greeting which will serve as T-mails from the front. Photos of favorite tour moments are also appreciated.

The Birthday T-shirt

Once again party attendees have the option of purchasing a party t-shirt. Our friend Kieran McAuliffe has designed the graphic shown below which will be reprinted in color on the shirts.

Purchase information is included on the RSVP page. Yes, Abe is wearing a Bearss Brigade button.



**Party RSVP Form - Please feel free to share this invitation
With other Friends of Ed (FOES)
RSVPs must be received by Saturday, June 20, 2009**

Your Name(s):

Name(s) of Guests:

Your Telephone Number(s)

Your E-Mail Address:

This year's party offers three menu choices:

**Apricot Chili-Glazed Chicken Tenderloin
Peppercorn Flank Steak
Vegetarian Cheese Ravioli with Marinara Sauce**

Party Price: \$50

Party price includes dinner including house salad, zucchini vegetable medley; and mashed potatoes with the beef and chicken; coffee and iced tea, birthday cake, annual birthday button; and, as always, a surprise or two. There will be a cash bar for those who traditionally partake of birthday spirits.

T-Shirts Too!

We also offer guests the option of ordering a white beefy t-shirt featuring the full -color birthday graphic (Ed offering Abraham Lincoln military advice - see separate flyer). Cost for shirts: \$13.75 (sizes: Small - XL). Costs for larger sized t-shirts XXL (\$15.75); XXXL (\$17.75); XXXXL (\$19.75)

Note: Deadline for Ordering T-Shirts is June 6 (by mail). If you fear the postal service may be detailed by storm or dead of night, please leave a message at 703/536-5464 signifying shirt size/number of shirts by Sunday, June 7.

Payment(s) enclosed:

Dinner

_____ Check for party/dinner (\$50 per person) payable to *Wendy Swanson*

Dinner Choice: _____ Chicken _____ Flank Steak _____ Ravioli

Number of party-goers: _____ Total payment enclosed _____

T-Shirts

Remember the June 7 deadline (mail); June 8 deadline (phone)

_____ T-shirt order (\$13.75 per shirt - S-XL); \$15.75 per shirt - XXL);
\$17.75 per shirt - XXXL; \$19.75 per shirt - XXXL)

Number of shirts _____ Size(s) _____ (Check payable to *Wendy Swanson*,
may be combined with party reservation check) if you wish to order a t-
shirt/button but are not able to attend the dinner, please add an additional
\$5 for mailing costs/button.

Total enclosed for T-shirts: _____

Donation

_____ Contribution Check (payable to CWPT - show Davis Bridge on
notation line). Enclosed _____

Presentations?

_____ Please check here if you wish to make a special presentation or
present Ed with a gift as part of the program. Because of time constraints,
gift presentations will be limited to approximately 3 minutes.

How to RSVP?

Please mail your party reservation to: Bearss Brigade, C/O Wendy Swanson,
6200 Wilson Blvd. #906, Falls Church, VA 22044. See you on the 26th as we
celebrate with Ed on his actual birthday!

Directions to the Arlington Hilton
North Stafford Street, Arlington, VA 22203
The Birthday Bash is on the Mezzanine Level, June 26, 2009
Phone: 703/528-6000

Subway/Metro: Take the Orange line to Ballston/MU (Marymount University) stop. At the top of the escalator, walk straight into Ballston Metro Center complex (20 feet). (You'll see a bakery to the left) Walk straight back toward the escalator. Look for the elevator on the left. Take elevator one floor up to mezzanine.

Driving:

From the North/Maryland: Take I-95 South to I-495 (Beltway). Take I-495 toward Northern Va. Follow signs to Rt. 66 East (toward Washington, D.C.) *Note* the exit to 66 East is from the left lane of the Beltway. Proceed on I-66 East until Exit 71 (Fairfax Drive/N. Glebe Rd). Go straight to Fairfax Drive to N. Stafford St (the fifth traffic light). Turn right onto N. Stafford Street. The hotel is on the immediate right.

From the South/Richmond, Va: Take I-95 North to I-395 North. Proceed on I-395 North until Exit 71 (North Glebe Rd/Rt. 120). Proceed on N. Glebe Rd. for about 3.3 miles to Fairfax Drive and make a right. Proceed on Fairfax until third traffic light and turn right onto North Stafford. The hotel is on the immediate right.

From the West/Dulles Airport/Manassas: Take Rt. 66 East toward Washington. Proceed on I-66 East until Exit 71 (Fairfax Drive/N. Glebe Rd). Go straight to Fairfax Drive to N. Stafford St (the fifth traffic light). Turn right onto N. Stafford Street. The hotel is on the immediate right.

From the East/Washington, DC: Take Rt. 66 West and take Exit 71 (Fairfax Drive/N. Glebe Rd.) At the top of the ramp, turn left onto N. Glebe Rd. At the third traffic light, turn left onto Fairfax Drive. Proceed on Fairfax until third traffic light and turn right onto North Stafford. The hotel is on the immediate right.

From the Northwest/Frederick, MD: Take I-270 South to I-495 (Beltway). Take I-495 toward N. Virginia. Follow signs to Rt. 66 East (toward Washington, DC) *Note* the exit to 66 East is from the left lane of the Beltway. Proceed on I-66 East until Exit 71 (Fairfax Drive/N. Glebe Rd). Go straight to Fairfax Drive to N. Stafford St (the fifth traffic light). Turn right onto N. Stafford Street. The hotel is on the immediate right.

Parking: There is parking in the hotel (drop-off driveway may be under construction so you may wish to proceed directly to the garage.) There is less expensive parking (\$1 for the evening) at Ballston Commons Mall, 3 blocks from the hotel. Entrance is at Carlin Springs and N. Glebe (2 traffic lights south of intersection of N. Glebe and Fairfax). Take elevator/escalator to second level of mall and exit thru skywalk to National Science Foundation. Continue to hotel. Some on-street parking is available in the area as well as other parking garages.