

Hello Berlin Brats,

It's Reunion time! **The Memories are all yours** but we bring them to life at our "All Classes, All Years" Reunion. While you rekindle those old memories you will be making some new ones. Reconnect, relax and rejoice with your former classmates over four glorious days.

July 5th-8th, 2012

The Fairview Park Marriott Hotel
3111 Fairview Park Drive
Falls Church, VA 22042
National # 800-228-9290
Local # 703-849-9400



Washington, DC ... "Our Nation's Capital" ...the power city... is home to our Reunion this summer. No other city offers as many fun, free and cultural attractions to fill your days as this city! If you've never seen your Nation's fireworks come early, and celebrate "The Capital Fourth!" on The Mall.

Flying? There are 3 airports serving the DC area.

DCA - Reagan National (12 miles from hotel)
IAD - Washington Dulles International (20 miles from hotel)
BWI - Baltimore/Washington International (50 miles from hotel)

The Hotel, situated inside the Capital Beltway, can be reached via Metro (subway) from Reagan National should you wish to avoid a rental car. Two miles from the hotel is the "Dunn Loring" metro stop. Please coordinate your arrival in advance with the Hotel for shuttle pick up and for your return trip.

Driving? Parking on site is complimentary.

Our group rate is \$95 per night. When booking by phone, inform the front desk you are with the "Berlin Brats Alumni Association 2012 Reunion." Or visit our website at: www.BerlinBrats.org and click on the Hotel Reservation Link designed specifically for us by Marriott.

Check-in time is 4pm. Check-out time is 12 noon.

Our group rate is effective three (3) days before and three (3) days after the Reunion dates for those wishing to add on vacation time.

Our "room block" will be released to the general public on June 14, 2012 so bookings must be made prior to this date.

Your nightly rate of \$95 includes: 24 hr fitness center, complimentary parking on site, free shuttle to/from Dunn Loring Metro for arrival/departure and 2 complimentary round trip shuttle trips within a 3 mile radius of hotel for shopping or dining off site, coordinated with the Hotel's front desk. A must do!

WEEKEND ITINERARY

July 4th ~ Wednesday

(day before the official start date)

6:00PM: No official “Dutch Treat” Dinner is planned this year due to the assumption that everyone will want to head to the city for the “Nations Fireworks!” You’ll need to head to the Mall early to secure a spot!!!

July 5th ~ Thursday

12:00PM: Registration, Membership, Raffle/Auction and the PX tables open. Pick up your Welcome Package, view our Raffle & Auction items and browse our PX for Berlin Brat souvenirs and memorabilia.

12:00PM: After checking in visit your respective Hospitality Suite. There will be three: one for the ‘50/’60’s, one for the ‘70’s and one for the ‘80/’90’s. Bring your yearbooks and pictures. This is a place to sit around and talk while snacking on finger food, soft drinks, beer & wine. Each suite will be hosted by alumni from that decade.

5:00 to 7:00PM: Ice Breaker-Welcome Reception. Hot and cold hors d’oeuvres. Background Music. Cash Bar. Dress is casual.

6:45PM: Optional side trip to “Monuments” meet in the Hotel Lobby for bus departure.

7:00PM: Hospitality Suites re-open. Suites will be open all evening to come and go as you like.

July 6th ~ Friday

8:00AM: Optional Golf Outing to Army Post - Ft. Belvoir. Meet Golf Chair, Billy Jordan ’76, in the hotel lobby for car pooling to Ft. Belvoir.

8:45AM: Optional side trip to “Mount Vernon,” meet in the Hotel Lobby for bus departure.

10:00AM: Registration, Membership, Raffle/Auction and the PX tables open.

10:00AM: Decade Hospitality Suites open.

1:00PM: Movie Time – 3 short features:

Main feature: “*The Ed Sullivan Show*” filmed in Berlin. After the Berlin Wall went up, Ed Sullivan showcased to America what it was like for the American soldier and his family living in Berlin. The Oct 8th & 15th, 1961 TV shows showcase The Outpost Theatre, TAR (which was both the elementary and high school at the time) and our teen dances at the AYA. See if you recognize any Berlin Brat Reunion attendees in attendance at the school or dancing at the AYA. Performers Connie Frances, Syd Caesar, puppeteer Shari Lewis and Berlin teen heartthrob at the time Peter Kraus also appear. 30 minutes.

Bonus feature: Ollie North's "War Stories" segment on the "Standoff at Checkpoint Charlie."
Learn what actually transpired in Oct '61 just weeks after the Wall went up. Prepared specifically for the Berlin Brats, view this frightening moment in history which involved a Stuttgart grad's young father. 10 minutes.

Special feature: "Berlin Brats purchase a Section of the Berlin Wall"... then truck it across America." 20 minutes.

6:15PM: Optional side trip to "Marine Tattoo," meet in the Hotel Lobby for bus departure.

8:00PM: Karaoke/DJ. In the banquet room. All Classes, All Years. Class competitions will surely develop! Plus the gals vs the guys! You're in for a treat. Dress: Casual. Grab dinner and be back at the Hotel by 8pm. Be prepared to be entertained!!!

July 7th ~ Saturday ~ SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY!

Wear Maroon & White! Reunion Polo shirts will be sold all weekend long at the PX table. Polos from previous Reunions are good to wear too!!!

9:30AM: Volksmarch. Meet on the Hotel's back patio for our "People's Walk" through the Hotel's forest property. 1-2 mile non-competitive walk. Enjoy German treats on the patio after.

11:00AM: Registration, Membership, Raffle/Auction and PX tables open.

11:00AM: Hospitality Suites open. Reunite with old friends, reminisce, share photos, view scrapbooks and yearbooks. Suites will be decorated with Berlin Memorabilia. Please bring your items as well!

1:00PM: General Session: Join Donna Musil, the Writer-Director of the award winning BRATS documentary, for an interactive discussion of growing up in a military family and how it affects you long after you've grown up and built families of your own. The discussion will feature clips from the documentary, which won 2010 G.I. Film Festival's Founders Choice Award. Also being discussed: Brats Without Borders, the 501©(3) nonprofit she founded in 1999 to help military brats and "Third Culture Kids" of all ages, as well as the new projects BWB is supporting. Come celebrate your culture with film producer, Donna, and see what you can do to be a part of Brat Nation! 90 minutes.

5:30PM: Class Photos & Group Panoramic

6:00PM: Cocktail Hour ~ cash bar

7:00PM: Banquet & Dance with presentation of U.S. and BAHS school flag. Special performances by Berlin Brats; special surprise ceremony, Raffle and Silent Auction, Scholarship Presentations, Golf Awards. Dress: Casual-elegance (no jeans). For those of you who do not burn the midnight oil on the dance floor our hospitality suites will reopen at 9:30pm.

July 8th ~ Sunday

Departure day! ...unless you're staying on for a few more days to take in the local sites.

ADDITIONAL/OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Monuments by Moonlight:

Evening tour of the Monuments with a step-on "Professional"- Military Brat/Spouse Guide. Will visit certain Monuments with some daylight to allow walls & plaques to be read. Others under the cover of nightfall and fully illuminated providing great night photography. (Our Guide is a real treat!) Dress: Casual.

Thursday, July 5th

Meet in Hotel lobby at 6:45pm/bus departs 7pm sharp. Returning between 10-11pm.

Maximum: First 54 people

Golf Outing:

Golf Chair, Billy Jordan '76

Friday, July 6th

Meet in hotel lobby at 7:45am for 8am car pooling to Ft. Belvoir.

Mount Vernon Estate:

Tour the historic estate of George & Martha Washington, to include wreath laying at tomb, with special VIP Guide/Chief Research Historian & Berlin Brat Mary Thompson,'73 and John Marshall. Enjoy lunch at the Colonial Inn from 12:30-1:30pm. Choice of two entrees to include salad, non-alcoholic beverage and dessert. Finish your day at the museum, education center and/or gift shop. Dress: Casual.

Friday, July 6th

Meet in Hotel lobby at 8:45am/bus departs 9am sharp. Return approximately 3:30pm.

Maximum: First 54 people.

Marine Tattoo:

The evening tattoo performance under floodlights is a 90 minute show by the U.S. Marine Band known as the "President's Own," the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps the "Commandant's Own," and the U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon. Like the famous military tattoo in Scotland, this show is only offered from May to August on Friday nights only. Reservations are very limited. Don't miss this one. Dress: Casual-elegance.

Friday, July 6th

Meet in Hotel lobby at 6:15pm/bus departs 6:30pm sharp.

Return to Hotel between 11:00-11:30pm. Maximum: First 54 people.

REGISTRATION FORM
for the Berlin Brats 2012 Reunion
July 5-8th, 2012

Name: _____
 (first) (maiden) (last/married)

Class Year: _____ or Teacher of: _____

Years in Berlin: _____ (ie: 1970-1974)

FULL Name of spouse and/or guest(s) attending, please indicate which:

Address: (street, city, state, zip)

Email: _____ Telephone #: _____

I /We plan to arrive on (circle one):	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	# of people		Fee	Total
Alumni/Teacher	_____		@ \$135.00	_____
Spouse/Guest(s)	_____		@ \$135.00	_____

(add \$25.00 per person after June 4th, 2012)

I/We are interested in the following **additional/optional** activities:

	# of people	Fee	Total
Monuments by Moonlight:	_____	@ \$25.00	_____
Golf participation	_____	@ \$70.00	_____
Mt. Vernon Estate:	_____	@ \$66.00	_____
Marine Tattoo:	_____	@ \$20.00	_____

Total Due: \$ _____

Payment due by June 4th, 2012

Make Check Payable to: The Berlin Brats

Mail to: Berlin Brats
41910 N. Crooked Stick Road
Anthem, AZ 85086

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the Berlin Brats at:

623-764-1105

REGISTRATION FEE: Your registration fee for the Reunion includes the Welcome Reception, Saturday's banquet dinner, snacks and drinks in the hospitality suite all weekend long, the DJ for Friday's Karaoke and Saturday's dinner dance, the German treats after the Volksmarch, two memorabilia items with your registration package, decorations, name tag, printing, mailings and production costs.

Cost per person is \$135.00 if received by June 4, 2012.

Registration fee received after June 4th is \$160.00.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellation of your Reunion registration fee, with full refund of all fees, will be accepted until June 16th, 2012. After June 16th, the Berlin Brats will be required to finalize all payments to the various different vendors. Consequently, no refunds can be made for cancellations received after this date.

SUMMARY:

1. Call the Marriott (or use our LIVE Booking Page on our website) before June 14th to make your room reservation. Please note: over 75 rooms were booked before this form went to print. Follow the booking instructions listed here or on our website to obtain our discount rate.
2. Fill out the Reunion Registration Form and send it in with your payment by June 4th. **PayPal is an option on our website (to include the PayPal fees).....but please make sure your footnote ie: INCLUDES ALL the information required on this form!!!!**
3. Call a Berlin classmate and/or friend and make sure they are coming too!

We look forward to seeing you in DC! Don't miss this one, as the next one is 3 years off!!!