

SCHEDULE AND DETAILS FOR 2012 REUNION

Dated: April 23rd

WEDNESDAY, May 30th:

First arrivals should be checking into hotel in preparation for the Niagara Falls Trip that will be taking place early the next morning.

Kathie Walter has obtained \$5.00 discounts for dinner at Joe Root's Grill on this Wednesday. It is a very short walk from the hotel and has a casual bar there that the folks may want to mosey into after eating. We're planning a 6PM dinner. If you can let us know if this dinner would interest you, we will make

reservations to assure that we will be able to sit near each other. The reasonably priced menu features fresh seafood but offers many additional entrees for those inclined to prefer something different. [Click here to see the menu and prices.](#) Once there, click on the link that says View Full Menu.



Incidentally, to the left is a picture of Joe Root's himself. Joe was an early American Naturalist from Erie. I don't want to give up all the details, but this man was an iconic character around Erie while he was alive. [Click on this to read his fascinating story.](#)

THURSDAY, May 31st:

7:00 AM SHARP!

Bus leaves to transport the folks going to Niagara Falls. The ride should last approximately two and a half hours. The Bel-Aire Motel has a breakfast buffet available starting at 6:00 am (\$4.00 charge). We will have assorted muffins & water on the bus. About 45 mins. after leaving Erie, we will stop at Angola Rest Area on the NY Thruway for apx. 15 mins. to stretch and/or get coffee.

On the trip up to the falls, Kathie Walter will be passing out brochures disclosing many of the tourist attractions in the immediate Niagara Falls area. She will also explain the transportation system in the Niagara Falls area, which will be essential to properly get to some of the more amazing offerings in the area.

We will be dropped off at the Transportation Hub adjacent to the Horseshoe Falls. The Fallsview Casino is easily within walking distance of the Falls. In case you are wondering if American money is acceptable in the Niagara Falls area, the answer as Sarah Palin might put it, "You betcha". Everyone takes

greenbacks! The casino will exchange U.S. dollars for Canadian bills at the going rate. Can't use U.S. money in the slot machines.

9:00 AM

The people who are golfing will meet in the lobby at this time. A practice round will be played this day.

8:30 PM SHARP!

Bus will be leaving Niagara Falls, hopefully, with everyone on board that left the Bel Aire Hotel at 7 AM. We will be picked up at the exact location where we were dropped off in the morning. We should be arriving back at the Bel- Aire Hotel by 11 PM. For those not participating in our "99 Bottles of Beer" singing marathon, napping will be allowed on the bus.

FRIDAY, June 1st :

4:30 AM:

No, this is not a typo. The anglers will be meeting at this time in the hotel lobby. They will be going to breakfast at a local restaurant. This will be followed a trip to a bait shop to pick up bait and get the proper licenses for those that didn't pick it up earlier. From their they will arrive at the marina where the boat will be waiting for them. They have chartered the boat from 6 AM until 2 PM.

6:00 AM - 8 AM:

A breakfast buffet is available at the hotel for a nominal charge. If you prefer to take a very short walk you can have breakfast in one of the many fine Erie restaurants in the immediate area.

9:00 AM:

Golfers will be meeting in the lobby for transportation to the golf course where the 2012 edition of the Greater Ivy Open will take place.

11:30 AM

The group going to tour the Maritime Museum and the Flagship Niagara will be meeting in the lobby to transport to the facility. The \$7.00 fee/person will cover everything, including our own personal tour of the museum and ship by one of the museum historians. The tour will begin at noon and end somewhere

around 2PM. Many may opt to stay in the area, as this period is free. It's going to get busy pretty quickly starting at:

5:00 PM:

OK. You can put your wallet away for the rest of the weekend, at least for meals. The association's reunion officially begins at this hour. Dinner will be served at this time. The menu for this meal is pasted to the right.

Food & Beverage
PASTA STATION
PENNE PASTA
FETTUCINI
ALFREDO SAUCE
MARINERA SAUCE
GRILLED CHICKEN
MEATBALLS
FRESH PARMESAN
MIXED VEGETABLES
TOSSED SALAD WITH RANCH AND BALSAMIC VINIGRETTE
COFFEE, HOT & ICED TEA, MILK

7:30 PM- 9 PM:

The attendees will meet in the banquet hall for the opening of the Alpha Association 2012 Reunion. I have a couple of surprises for that evening that will remain secret for now. It will be over by 9 PM and the assembly will be released to spend the evening socializing.

SATURDAY, June 2ND :

7:00 AM – 9 AM

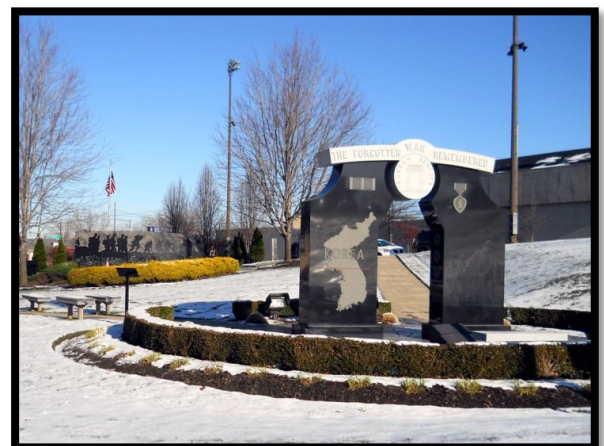
Breakfast will be served in the banquet hall during these hours. Be aware that we will be leaving the hotel for our trip to the War Memorial at.....

Food & Beverage
BREAKFAST BUFFET
SCRAMBLED EGGS
BACON
SAUSAGE LINKS
HASH BROWNS
ASSORTMENT OF CHEF BREAKFAST BREADS
BUTTER AND FRUIT PRESERVES
COFFEE, HOT TEA, & MILK

9:30 AM

Those traveling to the Erie World War II and Korean War Memorial will meet in the lobby at this time. A Vietnam Memorial at the site is under construction but won't be completed in time for our reunion.

Nonetheless, we will spend time here and pay tribute to the men who were lost in our company and share some sentiments from the era. A wreath will be placed at the memorial by our association honoring the men from our Honor Roll list.



NOON:

We are expected to be back at the hotel by this time and lunch will be served at noon. The buffet menu is shown to the right.

DELI BUFFET
SLICED HAM, TURKEY AND ROAST BEEF
SWISS AND AMERICAN CHEESES
POTATO SALAD, COLE SLAW,
COTTAGE CHEESE
SLICED TOMATOES, ONIONS, AND PICKLES
VARIETY OF BREADS
SEASONAL FRUIT BOWL
COFFEE, HOT/ICED TEA, MILK
CONDIMENTS (INCLUDING
MAYONNAISE, MUSTARD, AND KETCHUP)

1:00 PM:

The annual ceremony will begin at this time and last until approximately 4:00 PM. There will be an intermission during the observance to allow people to stretch their legs, etc. At the conclusion, the entire gathering will be asked to move outdoors for our annual photo shoot. Hopefully, Mother Nature will accommodate us with good weather.

6:00 PM:

Dinner will be served at this time. Menu is pasted to the right.

DINNER BUFFET
STEAMSHIP ROUND OF BEEF
(CARVED IN ROOM)
STUFFED CHICKEN
OVEN ROASTED POTATOES
GREEN BEAN ALMONDINE
TOSSED SALAD WITH RANCH AND BALSAMIC DRESSINGS
SEASONAL FRUIT BOWL
SOUP DU JOUR
CHEF'S ASSORTMENT OF MOUSSE AND PIES

7:30 PM:

Our time-honored Saturday Evening Social and Dance begins. We will be singing and dancing to the oldies until the wee hours of probably.... 10PM? We will once more reassemble our Alpha Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show on stage to sing songs from our youth.

In the back of the room, far from the screeching of our chorus of fine vocalists will be those that want to review photos and history with their brothers from the company. The hall is big enough to assure that they won't be annoyed by the screeching up front.

SUNDAY, June 3RD :

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM:

The final Breakfast Buffet will be served. The menu will be the same as the Saturday breakfast.

Following breakfast, the men and ladies of A/2/12 will begin leaving for their trip back home. I trust that they will be taking along with them many enchanting memories that they shared with their friends of Alpha Association.