

Discussion of 2008 Reunion in Dayton, Ohio — Wayne Delawter

Common to all of our reunions have been

- Welcome Receptions
- War Rooms
- Picture Sessions
- Banquets

Two types of reunions: 1. Self directed activities; 2. Planned activities

2007 San Antonio – Self directed activities for attractions and dining

- Provides ample time for fellowship/commingling
- Choice of attractions based on individual interest
- Easier to plan and execute because fewer contracts, transportation, fee collection/accounting/coordination

Other type –

Reunions with planned or recommended activities/attractions were

- Pigeon Forge
- Charleston
- Tucson
- Baltimore
- Odessa
- Hill

The above reunions had many activities scheduled

Advantages for attendees are:

- Don't need to make a decision on which tours to take or attractions to see
- Don't need to arrange how to get to attractions
- Organized groups get reduced rates & tax savings

Disadvantage of this type of reunion — far more effort for the planner with:

- Contract negotiations
- Transportation
- Fee collection, accounting, and coordination

Next year's reunion will be held from 29 Sep – 3 Oct 2008. Tom McHugh, 537th 69, a Dayton resident is our on-site reunion planner. Nearly everything will be planned with each day of activities but with ample time in the schedule to spend extra time at the NMUSAF or commingle in the War Room.

- Everyone will be scheduled for all attractions
- Everyone will pay the same registration fee that will cover nearly everything