

**87th INFANTRY DIVISION LEGACY ASSOCIATION
EDUCATIONAL FORUM AND VETERANS 76th REUNION
OCTOBER 29-31, 2026**

Wilmington, NC – Hotel Ballast Hilton Legacy Collection

Reunion Registration Forms via Armed Forces Reunions will be available soon.

Thursday, October 29

Early Bird Arrivals

12 noon – 11 pm Hospitality room open for duration – Hospitality Suite 3rd Floor
(Snacks and beverages provided – donations accepted)
4:00pm – 7:30pm Reunion Registration Open – At Hospitality Room
4:00pm – until Afternoon free to explore Downtown Wilmington Riverfront

Friday, October 30

6:00am – 8:am Breakfast (in hotel or on your own)
7:00am – 9:00am Hospitality Room Open
8:00am – 9:30am Executive Board Meeting – Bellamy Room
9:00am – 10:00am Reunion Registration Open – Hospitality Room
10:00am – 11:30am Educational Forum (*The Bedford Boys*) Col. Gilleland
12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch (in hotel or on your own)
1:30pm - 2:30pm Educational Forum
Greetings from Camp Davis, NC: America's Foremost WWII Antiaircraft Training Center
Cliff Tyndall
Break
3:30pm – 4:30pm Educational Forum
Fort Fisher, NC during WWII
Cliff Tyndale and Becky Sawyer
6:00pm – 7:30pm Banquet meal (Cape Fear Room, Starboard Side)
7:30pm until Entertainment (*Music of 40's era and onward*) Musical Duo

Saturday, October 31

6:00am – 8:00am Breakfast (in hotel or on your own)
7:00am - until Hospitality Room Open
8:30am – 10:00am Business Meeting – All are welcome – Bellamy Room
10:00am – 11:30pm Educational Forum
(Making History, Working for Liberty: The NC Shipbuilding Company and its Ships in WWII)
John Moseley of NC Maritime Museum
12:00pm- 1:00pm Lunch (Hannah Block Historic USO Building)
1:15pm – 2:30pm **Educational Forum**
(History of the Hannah Block USO) **CAPT. Wilbur Jones**
2:30pm – until Free time to explore Wilmington and Surrounds
(USS North Carolina, Fort Fisher, etc.)

Sunday, November 1

**Farewells and Departures or continue to explore the Cape Fear Area
Have a Safe Journey Home!**

Hotel Reservation Information on the next page.

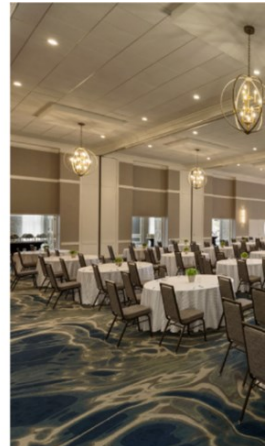


Guests can make reservations by using the Direct Booking link [Booking link:](#)

If Guest prefer to call-in to make a reservation (1-800-HILTONS), please mention group code: **ILR**.

Group Rates are available until room block is full or until your **Cutoff Date: Monday, 9/28/2026**, whichever comes first. After the cut-off date, please note that the group rate will no longer be valid.

More information on the hotel can be found at HotelBallast.com



Educational Presenter Highlight—Cliff Tyndall and Becky Sawyer will present on Camp Davis and Fort Fisher

Cliff is a recently retired History and Geography professor from Bladen Community College who now works as an author, historical consultant, WWII memorabilia collector, and historic prop procurer/locator for television, film, and stage productions. He is the author of five books focusing on Civil War and World War II history specific to southeastern North Carolina. Before his academic career, Tyndall served with the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources as an Educational Specialist, where he conducted research, led staff development, and supervised the state’s historic weapons program. Tyndall lives in Wilmington, NC, with his wife and a clowder of cats.

Becky serves as the Collections Manager and Programs Coordinator for Fort Fisher State Historic Site. She holds degrees in history from Southeast Missouri State University and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. With a deep commitment to historical preservation, Sawyer has conducted extensive research on World War II-era Fort Fisher at the National Archives in College Park, Maryland, significantly expanding the site’s WWII collection. Her work includes the acquisition of original uniforms, photographs, period publications, and other artifacts personally owned or created by soldiers. An accomplished writer, Sawyer has contributed articles to several historical periodicals, including a recent feature in Civil War Navy that highlights Fort Fisher’s naval history. She lives in Wilmington, North Carolina, with her husband Randolph, their three daughters, and a lively household of cats and a dog.