



HEADQUARTERS 116th INFANTRY REGIMENT
UNITED STATES ARMY REGIMENTAL SYSTEM (VAARNG)
"The Stonewall Brigade"
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Dear Members, Family and Friends of the 116th Infantry Regiment,

It is my pleasure to invite you and your guests to attend the 50th Annual Muster and Reunion of the 116th Infantry Regiment on 11 November 2017, starting with a reception at 1700 hours in the Stonewall Jackson Hotel and Conference Center. Brigadier General Christopher T. Donahue, Infantry School Commandant, will be our keynote speaker. This year we commemorate the Centennial of WWI and the Regiment's participation. The 116th BCT Commander, COL E. Scott Smith, will provide the State of the Brigade. You will see old friends and learn more about America's "Stonewall Brigade," past, present, and future. We will have Regimental affiliation forms available ... active, retired and past members may complete the appropriate affiliation form near the check-in table.

Through the continued support from a number of organizations and friends of the Regiment, the cost of this year's Muster will remain \$50.00 per attendee for the seated dinner, which will begin at 1800 hours. **Seating is limited**, so secure your place at the Muster by **returning the RSVP card and your check as soon as possible, but NLT 1 November (the meal count cutoff date)**. You may also register on our website, <http://116thfoundation.org>. There will be no charge for our WWII Veterans and their spouses. Simply mark "WWII Veteran" on your RSVP.

The Stonewall Jackson Hotel is again providing an excellent room rate of \$119.00 + tax per night for our group, single or double occupancy. There is a limited block of rooms available for Muster guests. ***Make your reservation prior to 9 October 2017 when the block of rooms will be lifted, however if rooms are still available the rate will apply.*** Please call the hotel direct at 1-866-880-0024 or 1-540-885-4848 to make your reservations and tell them you are registering for rooms reserved for the 116th.

This year the Annual 5K Race will be held at Gypsy Hill Park on Saturday morning starting at 9:00 AM with check-in 7:30–8:45. Registration information is included with this letter and at <http://116thfoundation.org>. Please note that the Staunton Veterans Day parade will take place at 1100 hours on Saturday, 11 November.

The 116th Infantry Regiment Foundation is sponsoring a **World War I Symposium on Friday night November 10 at 7:00 PM**, at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel. Scheduled participants are MG Timothy P. Williams, The Adjutant General of Virginia and author; CW4 Al Barnes (Ret), Virginia National Guard Command Historian and author; Mr. William Walker, WWI lecturer, author, historian and educator; Dr. Edmund D. Potter, WWI historian; and BG Theodore G. Shuey, Jr. (Ret), author, former ADC 29th ID(L), and former Commander 116th Infantry Brigade. While admission is free, your donation to support the 116th Infantry Regiment Foundation and the Museum will be greatly appreciated. The Museum will be open Friday - Sunday and features a new WWI Gallery; and a new DVD and mobile display about the 29th Division.

A GTMO 15 year reunion is scheduled at the Armory Saturday from 1200-1700. Contact COL Tom Wilkinson (Ret) for more details at Coloneltom54@gmail.com or 434-294-6631.

We look forward to seeing you again on Saturday evening, 11 November. **Please be sure to pick up your meal ticket at the check-in table ... EVER FORWARD!**

For additional information contact SSG Shannon Riddle (540) 851-4120.

Sincerely,

James M. Harris
Colonel, Retired
Honorary Colonel