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*The Dodge Company Proudly Presents  
The 2024 Gettysburg Excursion*

*(Optional Independent Side Tour In Preparation of the  
2024 Dodge Wreaths across America Project)*

*December 11, 2024*

*Gettysburg, PA, Frederick, MD, Washington, DC*



**WREATHS**  
— *across* —  
**AMERICA**

*Remember the fallen;  
Honor those who serve; and  
Teach the children the price of freedom.*

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

**We're Almost Ready To Roll For The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Wreaths across America Project  
And As Something A Little Special This Year,  
The Gettysburg Excursion  
(Optional Independent Side Tour)**

If you are among Dodge's Wreaths across America Project veterans and have participated in an operational overview of the Charles Carson Center at Dover Air Force Base on one or more occasions, you may be familiar with our options for such guests. However, because several folks have expressed an interest in visiting the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitors Center, as well as the Gettysburg Battlefield, we have added an optional Gettysburg excursion which will be held, Wednesday, December 11, 2024, and is priced separately. As an added bonus, a visit has been planned to the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, Maryland, and Joseph Gawler's Sons Funeral Home, Washington, D.C.



Admittedly, the day starts early, but we have a lot of ground to cover as we make our way from Arlington, Virginia, to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. These days, many consider Gettysburg and Frederick to be bedroom communities of Metropolitan Washington, D.C. On the way, our guests will share the ride with Duane Hills, well-known author and past president of Joseph Gawler's Sons Funeral Home. Duane, a former resident of the area, is a real Civil War buff and loves to share the history of the area with his colleagues from away. We're in luck!



The first stop in Gettysburg will be the National Military Park Museum and Visitors Center. Aside from the Gettysburg Battlefield, the museum and visitors center are the best places to learn about the sacrifices made during the Battle of Gettysburg, the causes and consequences of the American Civil War. Then, we're off to the 7,000-acre battlefield for a guided tour. Participants will have an opportunity to walk the fields where soldiers fought and died to find their own place in history. Just remember, it can be a perfectly beautiful day or it can be a windy, inclement day. We've experienced it all. But through it all, everyone has appreciated the opportunity. After touring the battlefield, our guests will enjoy a delightful lunch at Gettysburg's oldest home, a true colonial tavern, the historic Dobbin House Tavern. Previous reports from those who have visited Gettysburg in the past refer to it as a not to be missed experience.



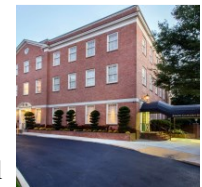
Continuing on our way back to Arlington, our guests will experience a captivating visit at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine; a trip back in time which follows in the footsteps of the soldiers and surgeons during the Civil War. Participants will discover the harsh conditions, personal sacrifices, and brilliant innovations of Civil War Medicine, some that are still in practice today. While it is a small museum, it is a treasure trove of interesting relics.



Our final stop of the day will take us to the Joseph Gawler's Sons Funeral Home, often referred to as "the funeral home of presidents."



Here, Duane Hills will give us a historical overview of some of the high-profile funerals Gawler's has been involved with over the years, including that of President John F. Kennedy. Yes, it will be a full day, but one that is certain to pique your interest.



By now you have figured out that our excursion will be a full day. So as not to be stuck in a monumental traffic jam trying to navigate our way back to Arlington, dinner will be included in our itinerary. We will walk across the street to Maggiano's Little Italy for a family-style dinner, with something that is sure to please the taste buds of all.

For the helpful hints that we share, please refer to the brochure for the 2024 Dodge Wreaths across America Project brochure. The information is all the same. In the event of any questions, just reach out to Sally Belanger at 207-841-6330 or [sbelanger@dodgeco.com](mailto:sbelanger@dodgeco.com).