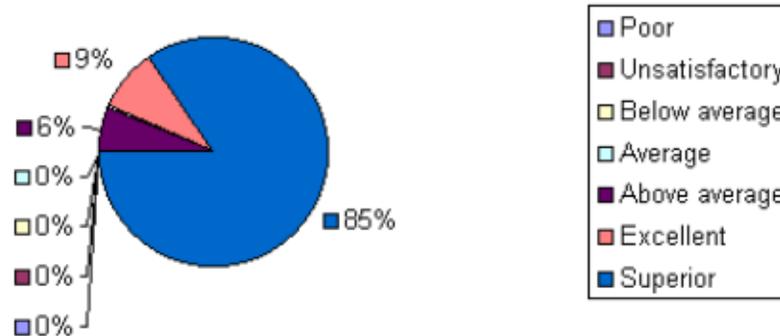


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1. How do you feel about the Columbus reunion?

Overall Satisfaction with 2003 Reunion



- a. Excellent, well-organized, very patriotic, exciting.
- b. Weather could have cooperated.
- c. Very well done.
- d. Job well done, the bus and time were fair. Glad to connect with new troops.
- e. A day or two longer, maybe another tour or two available for members plus personal interaction time built into schedule for members to share photos, documents and talk about unit besides after scheduled hours.
- f. Best reunion yet.
- g. All of the activities were valuable, especially for the Vets, and the reunion was well-organized overall: however, some admin matters dissatisfied, like the busses left earlier than advertized and the food and weather sucked.
- h. Best yet!! Great job done!
- i. It was an absolutely wonderful gathering of beautiful people – men who so enjoyed coming together to reminisce after 36 years.
- j. This has been an incredible experience for me. I have learned more than I could imagine. My hope is that more people will feel the need to enjoy this type of comraderie in future reunions.
- k. Excellent location with our unit now located at Fort Benning they have so much to offer us as alumni of the 1/50th. It may be on the east side of the States, but travel and what we gain by coming to this location far outweighs going someplace that is a tourism-oriented facility.
- l. Not having high expectations for my first reunion, I was absolutely blown away by the warmth and friendship and opportunities to clear up so many outstanding questions from the “bad old days” in a supportive environment. It was pure, high-octane fun! It wasn’t until we left that I realized how many more issues I’d like to deal with with other guys who were actually there and understand! Bring on 2005!

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2. Feelings about relationship with today's 1st Bn, 50th Infantry.

**Q2. Feelings about relationship with today's 1st
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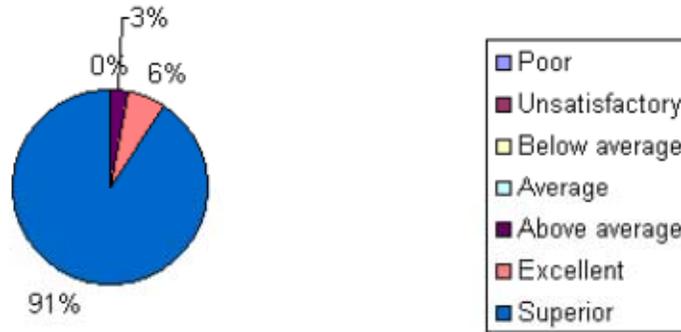
- a. The bond made was wonderful. I feel that both units are now close and will remain ever more so. Today's 1/50th seemed impressed with the Association and vice versa.
- b. Very important. Good start to developing a long-term relationship.
- c. Outstanding.
- d. Improving with each reunion.
- e. Good bonding of present BCT unit and the alumni.
- f. I think this is crucial. We have our nose under the tent. This is a good deal for them and for us.
- g. Great.
- h. Money couldn't buy the good will and support that exists for us at Fort Benning. As the Brigade Commander said more than once, there's a reason why the U.S. Army kept the 1/50th alive, and WE are it!!!
- i. The fact that the unit still exists and (we) have met with them is awesome!!
- j. This is a relationship that I feel is very important to maintain. It's not only beneficial to the members of the Association but to the current members of the 1st Bn, 50th Infantry and the future members of the Association.
- k. Excellent we have an open house opportunity to keep us focused on all the values and what our reunion is all about. They offer so much to both the women and men of the unit and make all personnel feel comfortable. They offer all assistance and welcome us or anyone of the unit at any time.



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3. Overall rating of value for money.

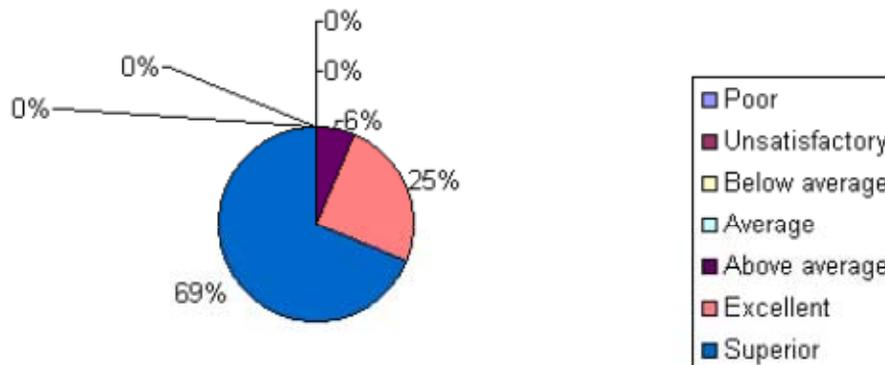
**Q3. Overall value for money of the 2003 Reunion
 at Fort Benning.**



- a. We got more than our money's worth.
- b. Outstanding.
- c. Great! No added expenses.
- d. Only dissatisfying comments would be additional charges.
- e. Super.
- f. Very, very good.
- g. Where else can you get all this activity and friendship for \$150?
- h. The value for the money was great but we would be willing to pay more to fully cover expenses.
- i. You couldn't get a better deal for your dollar. When you think about all the meals and bus services provided it was an excellent value. This was very much underpriced.
- j. Wow! Wow! Wow!
- k. Maybe we could have some "scholarships" to help those who can't afford to attend in 2005?

4. Overall rating of activities attended at the reunion.

**Q4. Overall rating of the activities attended during
 the 2003 Reunion.**

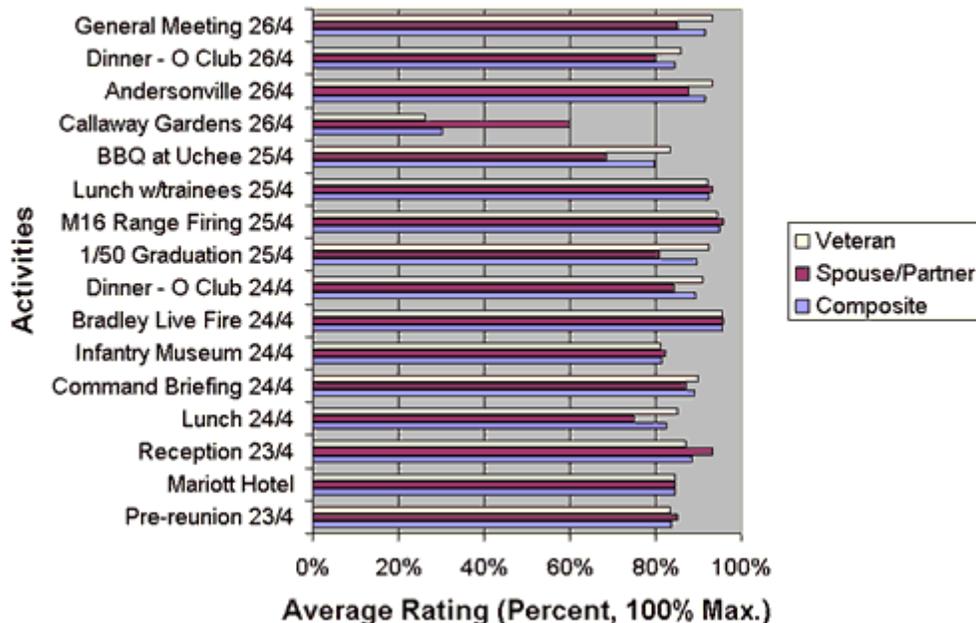


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- a. Made me even more proud of our men in the military – past and present. Every activity was very appropriate and made the reunion even more meaningful.
- b. Weather somewhat dampened the activities.
- c. Fantastic.
- d. Need work. Need things wife might like to do (example, shopping while we are at the firing range, etc.)
- e. Too much chicken!
- f. Andersonville tour was excellent as was the briefing by the CO of Fort Benning.
- g. And there is much more to see and do at Benning. Airborne, drive & ride in Bradleys.
- h. Please, no more rain.
- i. Couldn't be better.
- j. For the vets this is a tremendous personal experience which they all need!
- k. They were all very worthwhile experiences.
- l. There was something for everyone. Never heard any bad comments of the activities offered. I'm sure as the closeness of the Association to the 1/50th, they will be able to offer many additional activities and maybe interaction with new recruits.
- m. There were too many opportunities to miss the bus! ☺ And we flubbed our share! What was on offer was great – but we can do better next time!
- n. The hotel was very good; the Andersonville trip and lunch at Ryans were real highlights.

5. Rate each activity (attached, with activities scored from 30% (Callaway Gardens tour) to 96% (the Bradley demonstration) and the overall average score a very credible 87%).

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Specific comments written in included:

- a. Very impressive for our first reunion. Hope to attend many more. It was great for (spouse).
- b. I am in awe of everything achieved! Never have so many given so much!

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6. Things more time should be spent on.
- a. More demonstrations. The ones we saw were awesome.
 - b. More time at ranges, live fire exercises, etc.
 - c. Time visit to see jump school and Ranger School activities.



- d. Local activities like Columbus's Riverfest and Heritage Walk.
- e. More time between events.
- f. Maybe some moderated or open discussions for small groups who shared specific timeframes or events.
- g. No.
- h. Yes. Live fire time with troops.
- i. Touring.
- j. Need to have more free time, especially have 1 night for small groups to get together.
- k. Formal reception to have handout updated itinerary plus indicate designated times for sharing photos, documents, etc. amongst members (besides late night, after hours).
- l. Hospitality room with internet computers.
- m. Opportunity to mix with soldiers.
- n. Firing weapons.
- o. No.
- p. A free night to go out at a local restaurant in smaller groups would be nice.
- q. Free time.
- r. It would be great to have some more active activities, like bicycling (or motor cycling) around the base, walking tours, dancing, mixed softball at the BBQ, fun sports, and so on.

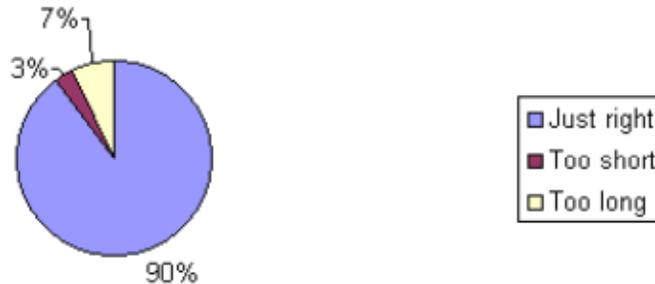


7. Things less time should be spent on.
- a. No.
 - b. Tours outside the post.
 - c. Sheltering from the storms.
 - d. No.
 - e. No.
 - f. Yes.
 - g. No.
 - h. Bus travel.
 - i. Hanging around. I find it easier to mix if there are organized activities.

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8. Duration

**Q8. Overall duration of the 2003 Reunion (Wed
p.m. to Sat night).**



a. Suggest a 3 day reunion, Thursday, Friday and leave Saturday.

9. Please write your suggestions for the next reunion.

- a. Although this was not specifically voted on in this ballot, 6 respondents nominated Fort Benning, 4 nominated Fort Hood and 2 wrote in Gettysburg.
- b. Change menu (more food variety).
- c. Try the NCO Club as well as the Officer's Club (not that I don't like green beans and the peach cobbler was really yummy).
- d. Allow more free time for smaller groups to do lunch or dinner at local places.
- e. I believe the connection that has been established here at Fort Benning should be maintained. It would be great to return here again in 2 years.
- f. Maybe we can do some kind of exhibit with our 1960s style of soldier and the 2000 style soldier like the live fire exhibition. We come out of an old style APC dressed in our battle gear and the new soldiers come out of the new Bradley with technical innovation
- g. Fort Benning GA every time, in close association with 1/50.
- h. More variety of food. I don't eat chicken.
- i. Near and/or at military base.
- j. Ft Benning to keep building on the relationship with 1st 50th.
- k. Have a computer and printer available to issue daily schedules of events and updates and announcements (maybe slip under the doors in the morning and post on notice board).
- l. Have a light-hearted "fun night" with entertainment, raffles, prizes and things like group skits (put on by Boat people, Phan Thiet people, companies, medics, company commanders, top sergeants, Vietnam Veterans' wives, etc.), trivia quizzes, and so on, followed by dancing.
- m. Permanent hospitality room with computer, printer and internet and enough room for small groups to meet that isn't too noisy.
- n. Stay somewhere with a restaurant and bar open when we want them open.
- o. Have more organized mixing activities, like morning exercises, some sports options (social golf, mini-golf, tennis, bicycling, canoing), or dancing.
- p. Have more information available on what's going on in Columbus (like visitors' bureau packages sent to registrants) and take part where appropriate.

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10. Other comments.

- a. Best Reunion yet. Thanks.
- b. Everything was a great experience! Thank you.
- c. It was better than 20 years of therapy!
- d. It was very nice.
- e. Great job, well done. Keep up the great work.
- f. We need more '69-70' members!!!
- g. Thanks, great job.
- h. Very satisfied& appreciate the efforts of all who contributed their time for the reunion.
- i. The reunion was inspiring, well-organized, and fun. Thank you for all you did.
- j. The reunion was really valuable to the guys, and that's who it's for! Possibly the distaff side could have a planning subcommittee, too, to work in with the overall reunion planning committee.



Well, all good things must come to an end!
The 2003 Reunion is now over. My wife Marti and I had a great time!
Thanks everyone for everything.

Now it's time to look ahead to the future! I hope that this feedback
will prove helpful in making future reunions even better!

May God bless us all!