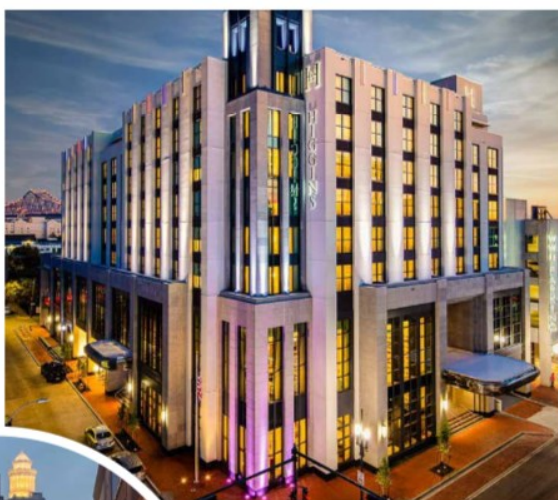




50th Annual 8th Air Force Historical Society Reunion

NEW ORLEANS

September 25-29, 2024
Higgins Hotel, the official hotel of
The National WWII Museum



Join us September 25-29, 2024
in New Orleans, a city rich in history and
home to the many iconic places that
make this city a popular destination.

The highlight of
the 50th Annual
8th AFHS Reunion will
undoubtedly be the
National WWII Museum!
—located directly across
the street from The
Higgins, our reunion hotel.

The Museum tells the powerful
story of the American experience in
the War that changed the world—why it
was fought, how it was won, and what
it means today—so that all generations
will understand the price of freedom
and be inspired by what they learn.

Reserve your hotel rooms NOW!

Online reservation link:
<https://group.curiocollection.com/zg61jf>
or call The Higgins: (833) 357-1172.
Reference group code: **928**.
See you all in the “Big Easy!”

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THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM*

Please note: Selecting this 'tour option' on the registration form is an individual membership in the National WWII Museum! This entitles you to unlimited admission to the Museum not only during the reunion, but through 12/31/2025! If you are already a member of the WWII Museum, you **MUST show your card for admission.*



Offering a compelling blend of sweeping narrative and poignant personal detail, The National WWII Museum features immersive exhibits, multimedia experiences, and an expansive collection of artifacts and first-person oral histories, taking visitors inside the story of *the war that changed the world*. Beyond the galleries, the Museum's online collections, virtual field trips, webinars, educational travel programs, and renowned International Conference on World War II offer patrons new

ways to connect to history and honor the generation that sacrificed so much to secure our freedom.

LOUISIANA MEMORIAL PAVILION

the Louisiana Memorial Pavilion, *The Arsenal of Democracy: The Herman and George R. Brown Salute to the Home Front* tells the story of the road to war and the Home Front, drawing on personal narratives and evocative artifacts to highlight facets of WWII-era American life through an experiential narrative.

Start your visit in the Museum's original pavilion, which features the Museum's original D-Day exhibit, the story of the war experienced on the Home Front, macro-artifacts, special temporary exhibits, and the *L.W. "Pete" Kent Train Car Experience*—the perfect place to begin your journey into the WWII story.

THE ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY

Opened June 2017 in

CAMPAIGNS OF COURAGE: EUROPEAN AND PACIFIC THEATERS

Follow in the footsteps of the citizen soldier in 360-degree displays that take visitors through key settings in World War II. The galleries serve as an immersive timeline and provide a service-member's view of the war.

ROAD TO TOKYO

Road to Tokyo: Pacific Theater Galleries retraces the grueling



trail that led from Pearl Harbor to Tokyo Bay by way of New Guinea and Southeast Asia, the Himalayas, Burma, the islands of the Pacific, China, India, and Alaska.

ROAD TO BERLIN

Road to Berlin brings to life the drama, sacrifices, personal stories, and strategies of America’s campaign to defeat the Axis powers and preserve freedom.

US FREEDOM PAVILION: THE BOEING CENTER

Stand beside ground-level tanks and trucks to view WWII airplanes—or brave sky-high catwalks for an up-close look. Exhibits describe the history and production of war machines and honor service in every branch of the military.

Thursday, September 26, 2024
Busses Board at 10:30am
Board “Natchez” at 11:00am
Sailing: 11:30am – 1:30pm
Arrive back at The Higgins at 2:15pm

New Orleans Steamboat Natchez Jazz Cruise & Lunch

includes an incredible southern-inspired buffet lunch, filled with New Orleans’ favorites!

Friday, September 27, 2024
Busses Board at 9:45am
Arrive back at The Higgins at 2:15pm



Travel like the residents of New Orleans did decades ago when you step aboard the historic riverboat on this Mississippi River cruise. After you depart from the harbor, listen to entertaining commentary on the sights that pass by as you stroll the expansive deck, enjoy live jazz music in the main dining area, and check out the churning paddle wheel in action. Along with an exciting cruise on the “*Mighty Mississip*” your experience

Guided New Orleans Sightseeing Tour

This four (4) hour city sightseeing tour covers 25 square miles of iconic neighborhoods through three (3) centuries with ample opportunities to experience the beauty and history of New Orleans. Includes stops at St. Louis Cemetery #3, City Park, and lunch (on your own) in the incomparable Garden District on Magazine Street.





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STOP!

◇ **RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM *FIRST!***

The reunion hotel has a liberal cancellation policy—in the event you are unable to attend the reunion, you will be able to cancel your reservation without penalty within 72 hours of your scheduled check-in time. However, if you wait until the last minute to book your room reservation, you may not receive the reunion rate or rooms may no longer be available at the reunion hotel.

Canceling your hotel reservation does NOT cancel your reunion activities.

◇ **COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM**

Please fill out the registration form completely.

- ⇒ Fill out your name as you wish it to be on your name tag—and for up to 3 guests registering with you. ONE address per registration form, PLEASE! The principle attendee MUST be a current member of the Society to register for the reunion. You may JOIN and/or RENEW directly on the registration form. If you are a veteran, and/or affiliated with a bomb or fighter group, please indicate which group.
- ⇒ ALL meals are priced separately. *Please note: Breakfast is on your own!* Be sure and indicate if you need special meals such as vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, etc.
- ⇒ There are two [2] tour options available during the reunion. Please read the information on each tour and then make your selection on the form. **Tours have limited seating and are filled on a first come first available basis.**
- ⇒ **The National Museum of WWII** is located directly across the street from **The Higgins** hotel. **Admission/unlimited access to the museum is via a special membership purchased on the reunion registration form**—unless you ALREADY HAVE a CURRENT MEMBERSHIP to the WWII MUSEUM. If you are a **current member of the WWII Museum**, you **MUST PRESENT** your **MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP CARD** for admission.

◇ **MAIL IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM**

Once you have completed your registration form, please total up the amount owed and include a check, money order, or credit card information on the form, payable to the **8th AFHS** and mail to:

8th AFHS
68 Kimberlys Way
Jasper, GA 30143-4769

Or you may **SCAN** your registration form if paying by credit card
[a 3% convenience fee will be added]
and then

—> **EMAIL** to:

ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org

ALL registration forms **MUST** be **received** by **August 23, 2024** in order to guarantee your place. If you have any questions or problems in completing your registration, please contact:

Debra Kujawa
Managing Director
8th AFHS
912-748-8884

ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org

ALL reunion information and forms are available on our website: www.8thAFHS.org



HOTEL INFORMATION

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THE HIGGINS RESERVATIONS (833) 357-1172

(Reference '928' for group rate)

Direct link to reservations:

<https://group.curiocollection.com/zg61jf>

Or on our website:
www.8thafhs.org

NEW—>OVERFLOW HOTEL<— HILTON GARDEN INN RESERVATION INFORMATION (800) 774-1500

(Reference '91A' for group rate)

Direct link to reservations:

[Hilton Garden Inn reservations](#)

Or on our website: www.8thafhs.org

Location

As the official hotel of the National WWII Museum, The Higgins Hotel & Conference Center's name reflects the contributions of the extraordinary entrepreneur, Andrew Higgins, who designed and built over 20,000 boats in New Orleans that were used in every major amphibious assault of World War II.

Conveniently located directly across the street from The National WWII Museum, **1000 Magazine St., New Orleans, LA 70130**, the hotel offers 230 era-inspired guest rooms and specialty suites, premium amenities, full-service restaurant, lounge, and a rooftop bar, as well as a second-floor conference center with more than 18,000 square feet of meeting and event space.

****The Hilton Garden Inn is located 3 blocks from the Museum: 1001 South Peters St., New Orleans.***

Transportation to/from Airport & Parking

For those of you flying into New Orleans, you will need to either rent a car, use a cab or car service, or a ride-share such as Uber or Lyft. Self-parking is available at the Higgins. The rate is \$32 per day + 12.45% tax (per car/per day) when charged to a guest room account. Clearance is 7 ft. **Valet parking available at the Hilton Garden Inn @\$45 per day. Additional parking options available. Call for more information.**

RESERVATION INFORMATION

BOTH HOTELS!!!

Group Name: *8th Air Force Historical Society*

Reunion Dates: September 25-29, 2024

Rate: \$189.00 + 16.20% + \$1.00 = \$220.62 per night.
Rates are offered 3 days prior and 3 days post reunion based on availability.

Cut off Date: August 21, 2024

Cancellation Policy: All reservations have a **72 hour** cancellation policy, or attendee will be charged one night room rate plus tax.

WHEELCHAIR RENTALS

ScotAround: (888) 441-7575 or ScotAround.com
Reserve chair rentals early!

HOSPITALITY SUITES (HIGGINS ONLY)

HOSPITALITY SUITES are very limited and will be offered to groups on a first come, first reserved basis.

We ask that you reserve your suite as soon as possible and consider sharing with another group! Suites are located throughout the hotel, but we will post location information at the registration desk as to where each group is located!

PLEASE contact ME ASAP to reserve your suite!

Call or email ASAP:

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REUNION SCHEDULE

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Wednesday, September 25

8:00am — 5:00pm Reunion Registration open
9:00am — 5:00pm *The National WWII Museum**
6:00pm — 7:00pm Welcome Reception, followed by dinner on your own
7:00pm — 9:00pm 8th AFHS Board Meeting
7:00pm — until Hospitality Suites remain open throughout reunion

Thursday, September 26

7:00am — 8:30am Breakfast on your own**
8:00am — 5:00pm Reunion Registration open **TBD*****
9:00am — 5:00pm *The National WWII Museum**
10:30am — 2:30pm *Lunch Cruise on Steamboat Natchez ~Live Jazz*
6:00pm — 9:00pm Cash Bar Open
7:00pm — 9:00pm Dinner and program: *Stephen J. Watson, President & CEO, The National WWII Museum*

Friday, September 27

7:00am — 8:30am Breakfast on your own**
8:00am — 5:00pm Reunion Registration **TBD*****
7:45am — 8:45am Group Meetings
9:00am — 5:00pm *The National WWII Museum**
10:00am — 2:00pm *City Tour of New Orleans (lunch on your own in the Garden District)*
6:00pm — 9:00pm Cash Bar Open
7:00pm — 9:00pm Rendezvous Dinners

Saturday, September 28

7:00am — 8:30am Breakfast on your own**
8:00am — 5:00pm Reunion Registration **TBD*****
8:45am — 10:15am General Membership Meeting
9:00am — 5:00pm *The National WWII Museum**
12:00pm — 4:00pm 8th AFHS Board Meeting
6:00pm — 10:00pm Cash Bar Open
7:00pm — 10:00pm Gala Dinner and Program
Speaker~ *Major General Jason R. Armagost, Commander, Eighth Air Force, Barksdale AFB, LA*
Music and Entertainment ~ *The Victory Belles*

Sunday, September 29

7:00am — 8:30am Breakfast on your own**

**The National WWII Museum is self-guided...your "ticket" is a one year membership for unlimited access!*

***Breakfast is NOT included in our reunion package...please check times with hotel.*

****TBD Registration may be closed during the time scheduled for certain tours and/or group meetings.*



REGISTRATION

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REGISTRATION CUT-OFF DATE IS August 23, 2024 (NO refunds on cancellations past this date)	Price p/p	# of People	TOTAL
DUES: The principal attendee <i>MUST</i> be a CURRENT member of the 8th AFHS to register for this reunion. If you are NOT CURRENT , or a member, please pay your yearly dues here:	\$ 60	#	\$
REGISTRATION FEE (non-refundable): EVERY attendee MUST pay registration fee	\$ 45	#	\$
DINNERS			
Thursday, Sept 26: Dinner—Chef’s delightful favorites welcoming you to the Big Easy!	\$ 82	#	\$
Friday, Sept 27: Rendezvous Dinners—Roasted Marinated Chicken & all the trimmings!	\$ 70	#	\$
Saturday, Sept 28: GALA Banquet—Surf & Turf buffet... <i>the best of both worlds!</i>	\$ 78	#	\$
Vegetarian [Vg], vegan [V], gluten free [GF], etc— Please indicate # of meal types each day: Thurs _____ (\$82) Fri _____ (\$70) Sat _____ (\$78)	---	---	\$
TOUR OPTIONS: <u>LUNCH INCLUDED</u> on Thursday			
NEW!!! UNLIMITED ADMISSION to National WWII Museum. This is a MEMBERSHIP* details in tour descriptions. If you are already a current member of the WWII Museum, you <u>MUST SHOW YOUR CARD to ENTER!</u> After each name on registration, please enter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if touring Museum.	\$ 50	#	\$
Thursday, Sept 26: 10:45am-2:00pm ~ Fabulous River Cruise Includes Lunch & Live Jazz	\$ 92	#	\$
Friday, Sept 27: 10:00am-2:00pm ~ New Orleans & Garden District ~ <u>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN!</u>	\$ 48	#	\$
Total amount payable to: 8th AFHS			\$

Please PRINT. If registering a veteran, please list their name first.
MAXIMUM of FOUR [4] persons per ADDRESS per registration form!

MEMBER NAME: _____ BG/FG (for name tag & seating) _____

VETERAN? If yes—> WWII: _____ Post WWII: _____ (conflict or era): _____ (Branch of Service): _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DAYTIME PH #: _____ EMAIL: _____

Name #2: _____ WWII Museum: _____ Military service: _____

Name #3: _____ WWII Museum: _____ Military service: _____

Name #4: _____ WWII Museum: _____ Military service: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PH #: _____

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WILL BE USING A WHEELCHAIR ON TOURS: _____ NEED HYDRAULIC LIFT?: _____

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD —M/C; VISA; or AmEx (*a 3% convenience fee will be added*):

CARD #: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Your contact information will only be shared with attendees.

MAIL completed form with check or credit card info to: 8th AFHS ~ 68 Kimberlys Way ~ Jasper, GA 30143-4769
IF paying by credit card, you may SCAN and email form to: ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org
Questions? PLEASE CALL: (912) 748-8884