



NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE SITE OF 1990 REUNION OCTOBER 12-15, 1990

Nashville Marriott Hotel

The Nashville, Tennessee Marriott Hotel will be the headquarters of the 1990 reunion. Room rates are \$65.00 per night, single to quad. The rates also apply three days prior and three days after the reunion October 9, to October 18, 1990. Because this is prime time in Nashville, members and guests are urged to make their hotel reservations before the deadline date of **September 20, 1990**. The reunion rate after that date cannot be guaranteed. Use either the tear slip part of this Flyer or if phone reservations are preferred, use the direct hotel number only: **(615) 889-9300**. The Marriott has an airport shuttle bus for use of guests.

The **Grand Old Opry** is the major tourist attraction of the city, and is the prime showcase for Country & Western music. The popularity of Country and Western music grew first from radio and later television broadcasts from the Grand Old Opry stage. It spread this music across the land where it has been received by many receptive ears. As its popularity grew, the demand for tickets to live performances has grown also, to the point that performances a year in advance are sold out. We were able to purchase a block of 150 tickets last year, right after the New Orleans reunion, for the 9:30 performance on Friday evening, October 12, 1990. The Saturday performances were already sold out at that time. We need to know how many of our guests will want to go to the Opry. You can help us by using the enclosed Grand Old Opry tear slip to send in your money. This will help us determine the planned attendance by allowing us to either obtain refunds on unused tickets or to try and arrange for additional ones. Remember the tickets will be assigned to the first 150 members and guests on tear slips that will be dated when received at the Association office. **Do send in your check and tear slip now.**

The schedule of past reunions is changed by moving the Squadron dinners to Saturday evening October 13 and the Banquet to Sunday evening October 14, 1990. The annual meeting is set for Saturday AM October 13, and the memorial service and brunch has been moved to Monday AM October 15, 1990.

Nashville History Nashville was once an outpost on the western frontier and its many historical attractions draw thousands of visitors. The first city limits encompassed nearly an acre within the confines of Fort Nashborough, a pioneer settlement established in 1779. These early citizens left the fringes of western North Carolina (now upper East Tennessee for fresh land in the valley of the Cumberland River. The fort is named for Revolutionary War hero General Francis Nash. In 1784 the settlement's name was changed to Nashville. Tennessee became a state in 1796, and Nashville was made its capital in 1843.

A replica of old Fort Nashborough stands in the middle of downtown and is open for tours. East of downtown is the Hermitage, the home of President Andrew Jackson and one of the nation's most visited historical sites. This fine old Southern plantation home with tall Doric columns was built in 1836, and has many furnishings from Jackson's era. Personal effects, rifles, swords, and copies of Jackson's letters are on display. Other historic sites in Nashville include romantic Belle Meade Mansion known as the queen of Tennessee plantations, Cheekwood, a magnificent Italian Renaissance mansion, and Belmont Mansion, a 19th century home. One of Nashville's unique landmarks is the Parthenon, an exact replica of the ancient Greek edifice (that stands in ruins above the city of Athens, Greece). A wooden version, originally built for the centennial celebration of Tennessee's statehood was replaced with stone to accommodate the new statue of the Greek Goddess Athena. The Tennessee State Museum offers an extensive collection of Civil War memorabilia, and the Cumberland Museum and Science Center allows children and adults to discover the world of science through hands on experiments. Opryland offers riverboat cruises on the General Jackson, and tours of the country music stars' homes are available.

Statewide sightseeing As for statewide sightseeing Tennessee abounds with attractions that will appeal to all tastes and appetites. They vary from the oldest town in Tennessee; Jonesborough, Davy Crockett's birthplace, Cumberland Gap National Historic Park, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Chattanooga Railroad Museum, Gatlinburg Aerial Tram, American Museum of Science and Energy in Oak Ridge, Museum of Appalachia, to Graceland (Elvis Presley's home) and Blues Alley in Memphis.

Do plan to be with us this fall, you won't regret it.

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