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ARRA's 20th Anniversary Convention
Is Heading To New Orleans!



Registration Is Now Open

Take one cup of Louisiana coffee, and add a plate of beignets in the French Quarter. Fold in a stroll through Jackson Square and a drive through the Garden District. Mix well with three heaps of remembrance at the National World War II Museum. Flavor with jazz music, a splash of Mardi Gras, and a pinch of spooky story. What have you got? New Orleans!

Now top off all that colorful culture with great new friends from across the U. S. and a chance to meet scads of Rosies, Rosebuds, Rivets, and others. Simmer for three wonderful days in a charming historic hotel, and—well, you just can't beat this recipe, that's all! That's why we've chosen New Orleans as the site of the 20th Anniversary Convention of the American Rosie the Riveter Association, and you won't want to miss it! **Send in your registration form today (see page 3), or register online at www.rosietheriveter.net. Make your hotel reservation separately (see page 2) and do it right away!**

Tentative Convention Schedule

Hampton Inn Convention Center

Friday, June 1, 2018

- 2:00 p.m. Registration opens at hotel
- 4:00 p.m.- Board of Directors meeting at hotel
- 5:00 p.m. (officers, State Directors, interested members)
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner at hotel with entertainment and meeting our Rosies

Saturday, June 2, 2018

- 8:30 a.m. Business meeting at the hotel
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Depart for World War II Museum
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner at hotel with entertainment

Sunday, June 3, 2018

- 8:30 a.m. Memorial Service; Business wrap-up
- 10:30 a.m. Convention adjourned
- 11:00 a.m.- Executive Committee meeting at hotel
- 12:30 p.m.

Special guests and speakers are currently being confirmed.

Our hotel has excellent lobby space for gathering, so look for lots of opportunities to meet fellow Rosies and make new friends!

Bring a framed tabletop picture of yourself or your Rosie for our display, if you can. A photo from the 1940's would be great. Don't forget to put a label on it, telling name and place of Rosie work.

Before or after the Convention, spend some time visiting the many wonderful attractions of New Orleans!

National Rosie the Riveter Day

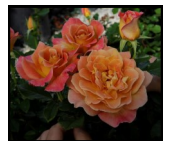


If you haven't contacted your Senators and Representative, asking them to make March 21 a *permanent* National Rosie the Riveter Day, there's no time like the present! We were thrilled when Congress designated March 21, 2017 in this meaningful way, and many people are planning celebrations for this year again on March 21. But if Rosies are to have an official National Rosie the Riveter Day for all posterity, a permanent resolution is needed.

Contact information for all who serve in the U. S. Congress can be found online at <https://www.congress.gov/members> under "How To Contact Your Member."

Roses, Roses Everywhere!

Our beautiful Rosie the Riveter Rose is now available for planting, as soon as the weather is right in *your* neighborhood! Look around for a place that is just right for a Rosie the Riveter Memorial Garden, and talk to all who can help you plant some rose bushes there. Schedule a ceremony that will open the garden and honor Rosies—maybe on March 21? Then send the information and a photo if possible to the *Mail Call* editor, Nell Branum, nellbran@yahoo.com, or 745 Country Club Trail, Gardendale, AL 35071. For more information, check out the Spirit of '45 website at www.spiritof45.org.



Willow Run Honors Vets



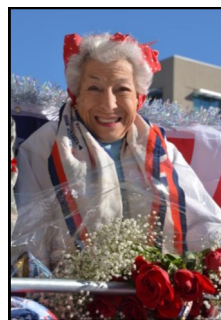
The theme of ARRA's Willow Run (MI) Chapter's November meeting on Veterans Day 2017 was "Gratitude and Service." They especially honored Rosies who are also service veterans. A special guest was a WW II Air Force pilot who participated in the Berlin Airlift.

Pictured above are (l to r): **Flo McCarty**, US Navy WAVE; **Carol Meyer**, US Army WAC; **Richard Pilon, Sr.**, USAAF; and **Virginia Basler**, US Coast Guard SPAR. Richard is also pictured at left with Rosebud **Aimee Taylor-Uram** (Chapter Secretary) and Aimee's son, Rivet **Alex Uram**. Alex is wearing a WW II uniform, while Richard is modeling Alex's grandfather's



WW II long coat. Way to go, Willow Run, what a great day for everyone! And many thanks to all our veterans.

Grand Marshal Rosie in Tulsa



Rosie **Marina Metevelis** (OK) was recently honored by the city of Tulsa, when they named her Grand Marshal of the Tulsa Christmas Parade, December 9, 2017. Marina was a riveter on B-17's in Wichita, KS during the war, and she often gives talks on Rosie the Riveter. She teaches WW II history at Tulsa Community College, and has directed The Heritage Center at the college since 1992.

Rosebud **Laura Wright** read in the local newspaper that Marina would be the Grand Marshal, and set about to find and interview her. They had a lovely visit, and Laura told Marina about ARRA. So now we welcome Marina as a new Rosie member! Laura was on hand for the parade, of course, and snapped these pictures, including the volunteers (below) who dressed as Rosie and walked along with the parade float. They loved meeting Marina! Congratulations, Marina, and thanks, Laura, for making these wonderful connections in the Rosie community!



Convention How-To Information

Registration: Mail the form on page 3 with your check, or register online. Meal reservations received after May 11, 2018 and "walk-ins" who have not pre-registered will be accepted on a space-available basis. If you must cancel your registration after sending it in, requests for reimbursement must reach Treasurer Jody Valet at the address on page 3 by **May 25, 2018**.

Hotel information: Special room rates are available at **Hampton Inn Convention Center**, 1201 Convention Center Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70130. This is a beautifully renovated 1903 warehouse in the historic Warehouse District. The rate for 1-4 persons per room is \$100.00 per night plus taxes and fees, which includes an extensive breakfast with hot items.

To make your hotel reservation, **call the hotel directly at (504)566-9990**. Be sure to say you are with the American Rosie the Riveter Association. **If you want to arrive early or stay late, the same rate is available May 30-June 4 for a limited number of rooms, but you must ask for Randall when you call the hotel and make your reservation with him.** Don't delay if you want to stay extra nights, as these are on a space-available basis and are filling up quickly.

A credit card will be required to make the reservation and to check in when you arrive at the hotel. To be assured of this special price, **you must call by May 1, 2018**. After May 1, regular hotel rates will prevail on a space-available basis. **Hotel cancellations must be made at least 72 hours in advance to avoid charges.**

If you are arriving early or staying late, please note that there is not a restaurant located in the hotel, but several restaurants are within a 2-4 block radius, and the Convention Center, which houses food courts, is across the street. The hotel does have a Snack Shop with frozen microwavable items for sale, and all rooms contain microwave ovens and refrigerators.

Transportation: If driving, please use this address in your GPS to find the hotel: 320 Gaiennie Street, New Orleans, LA 70130. Valet parking for guests who drive is \$39 per night, with in-and-out privileges. There is no self-parking at the hotel. A limited number of public parking lots and decks within a few blocks of the hotel may be available for parking at your own risk. Rates are \$20.00 and up per 24-hour period.

If flying, the New Orleans Louis Armstrong International Airport is approximately 16 miles from the hotel. The New Orleans Super Shuttle transport service is available for \$24.00 per person each way, but reservations must be booked at least **6 hours in advance**. The Transportation Center pick-up location is across from Baggage Claim. To make a reservation, you may call **(877)546-8788**, but discounts are available if you download their mobile app or book online at www.supershuttle.com. AAA and AARP discounts are also available. A taxi from the airport is approximately \$36.00 for 1-2 people, or \$15.00 per person for 3-6 people. Taxi stands are at the airport, or several taxi companies take reservations. Uber is also available.

If arriving by train, Union Station is approximately 2 miles from the hotel. Taxis and Uber are readily available.

Questions: For convention questions, contact President Jean Ousley, (770) 972-8339.

Convention Registration Form

2018 ARRA National Convention/Reunion
 June 1-3, 2018 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
 Hampton Inn Convention Center in New Orleans, Louisiana

There are TWO ways to register!

1. **Register online** at our Web site (www.rosietheriveter.net) **OR**

2. **Mail this Registration/Food Package form with check to:**
Jody Valet, ARRA Treasurer, 38005 E. 177th Street, Pleasant Hill, MO 64080.

By each name, indicate membership category: (Ro) for Rosie, (Rb) for Rosebud, (Ri) for Rivet, (R21) for 21st Century Rosie, (RbF) for Rosebud Friend, (RiF) for Rivet Friend, or (G) for Guest.

Name, member category, and name preference for nametag (if different) of person making reservation: _____

Address _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Telephone(s) _____ E-Mail _____

Name, city/state, member category, and name preference (for nametag) of others on this registration: _____

	<u>Postmarked May 11 or before</u>	<u>Postmarked after May 11</u>		<u>Total amount</u>
Registration fee, <i>ARRA members</i> : (includes transportation and entrance fee to National World War II Museum)	\$25.00	\$30.00	X number registering = _____	
Registration fee, <i>non-ARRA members</i> : (includes transportation and entrance fee to National World War II Museum)	\$35.00	\$40.00	X number registering = _____	
Food package (Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner)	\$100.00	\$109.00	X number purchased = _____	
OR Individual Meals may be reserved:				
Friday Dinner	\$40.00	\$43.00	X number purchased = _____	
Saturday Lunch	\$20.00	\$23.00	X number purchased = _____	
Saturday Dinner	\$40.00	\$43.00	X number purchased = _____	

Total payment enclosed (make checks payable to ARRA) _____

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Please see additional "Convention How -To Information" on page 2.



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New Orleans Convention Registration Information Inside!

Membership Update

If you have moved, or know any member who is deceased, or if you would prefer to receive your newsletter by email, please let us know. Please print carefully in CAPITAL letters. Send all update information to: **Stephanie Davis, 8336 Valley Oaks Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76182, or send email to: alanandstephanie@gmail.com.**

Name of member _____

New address _____

Old address _____

Current E-mail _____

Prefer to receive newsletter by email? _____

Current telephone _____

OR

Deceased member's name _____

State of last residence _____ Date of death _____

Birmingham Chapter Parade



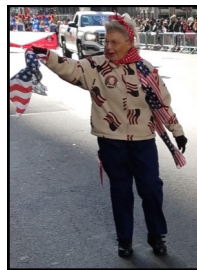
Members of the Birmingham (AL) Chapter of ARRA have participated in the Birmingham Veterans Day Parade for many years, but in 2017 they rode with new friends from a military sorority whose members are all on active military duty. When the sorority's **Tiffany Clinton** called to say their mascot is Rosie the Riveter, a partnership was formed that will no doubt lead to more joint projects! It's great to see all these generations celebrating Rosie—at left is sixth-grade Rosebud **Janay** with her mother, Rosebud **Kay Deering**, ready for the parade.

New Novel Based on GA Rosie



A new historical fiction novel, entitled *Becoming Jestina* by **Merrill Davies**, has just been released by Nurturing Faith Publishers, and it is based on Rosie **Jane Tucker** (GA) and her experiences as a Rosie. Jane is President of ARRA's Rome, GA Chapter. As in Jane's story, 16-year-old Jessie reluctantly moves to Savannah, GA with her mother and sister in the summer of 1943 to work as a welder on Liberty Ships. But in Jessie's story, tragedy strikes—can Jessie learn to survive? The book is available on Amazon. Congratulations!

PA Rosie Charms New York



Not only did Rosie **Mae Krier** of PA walk in New York City's 2017 Veterans Day Parade—and we do mean *walk!*—she was also invited to the dedication of the newly renovated U. S. Armed Forces Recruiting Station in Times Square the day before. But invitations to awesome events are not unusual for Mae. In 2017, Mae was invited to four events in Washington, D. C. as well as festivities in Valley Forge and on

the *John Brown* Liberty Ship in Baltimore. She was honored along with a Pearl Harbor survivor on the battleship *New Jersey*. She was on a local radio show, enlisted other Rosies to join her for a newspaper interview, went to New York to tape a segment for the Harry Connick show (watch for it about March 16!), was in several other parades, and spoke about Rosie numerous times. Her 2018 calendar looks much the same, with invitations to events in Philadelphia, Florida, New York, Ohio, and D.C., and I'm sure we've left something out! You go, Mae!

