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It's All Happening in Nashville!

ARRA's 2024 Convention

June 13-16, 2024

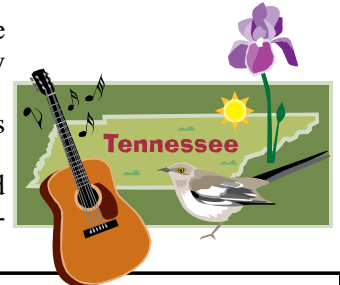


Come join new friends and old friends as Rosies, Rosebuds, Rivets, Friends, and Guests meet in Music City, USA for ARRA's 2024 Convention. That's right, we're talking about wonderful, one-of-a-kind Nashville, Tennessee!

Send in your **Convention Registration** form today (see page 3), or register online at www.rosietheriveter.net. Make your **Hotel Reservation** separately (see page 2), and take advantage of special convention prices.

And Rosies, we especially want you to come to Nashville and join in the fun! ARRA is providing all meals for Rosies, and there is more special news for you on page 2.

There's nothing like this extraordinary experience—a great weekend with Rosies and Rosie enthusiasts! So *y'all come!* And as you make plans, consider extending your stay in Nashville—the hotel rate is good for several nights, and there is so much to see and do! See you there!



Tentative Convention Schedule

The Inn at Opryland, Nashville, Tennessee

Pre-Convention Day—Thursday, June 13, 2024

- 3:00 pm Registration opens at hotel
4:00-6:00 pm Rosies Meet and Greet
(for all interested members and guests)

Friday, June 14, 2024

- Breakfast on your own
9:00 am Registration, Rosie Shoppe, Silent Auction
10:00-11:45 am Chapter Involvement Ideas
(for all interested members and guests)
12:30-2:30 pm Executive Board meeting (for Executive Committee and State Directors, open to Chapter Presidents, interested members, guests)
3:15- 4:30 pm Media event for Rosies, members, guests
4:45-5:00 pm Gather to depart for dinner show as a group
5:30-8:30 pm Nashville Nightlife Dinner Show
8:30 pm Return to hotel

Saturday, June 15, 2024

- 8:30-9:30 am Breakfast for Rosies and their +1
All others have breakfast on your own
9:30 am - 12:00 pm ARRA Business Meeting, Executive Officer reports, Chapter reports, State reports

Saturday, June 15, 2024 (continued)

- 12:00-5:00 pm Lunch on your own, free time, visit, possibly entertainment at hotel
5:20 pm Official Rosie Photo
6:00 pm Red Carpet Banquet at hotel
7:00 pm Live band with music from the '40's
9:30 pm Silent Auction closes

Sunday, June 16, 2024

- Breakfast on your own
9:00 am Non-Denominational Worship Service
(for all interested members and guests)
10:30 am Pay for and pick up Silent Auction items
11:00 am Load bus/transportation for a photo opp at Nashville Parthenon, on way to the
12:30 pm White Rose Memorial Ceremony at the Tennessee WWII Memorial
1:00 pm Lunch and program at the Tennessee State Museum
2:30 pm Board transportation for hotel
Convention adjourns
4:00 pm Executive Committee meeting



From Our President

Dear Rosies, Rosebuds, Rivets, and Friends!
This is going to be an exciting year! Plans are underway for ARRA's National Convention in Nashville, TN. It has been a long time since I have been to the "Music City" and I am thrilled to see it again. More importantly, I am eager to see all my ARRA friends and make new ones. Be sure to look at all the details in this issue about how to register for the convention and hotel accommodations.

There is another exciting event that you may have heard about: the Congressional Gold Medal Award Ceremony that is taking place April 10 in our US Capitol. Congratulations to all WWII Rosies for this well-deserved recognition by Congress!

Both of these events give great honor to the Rosies and the legacy of these remarkable women who played a vital roll on the home front during WWII. It is my honor to serve during this time as your President.

All my best, **Laura Wright** (Rosebud 2, OK)
ARRA National President

Calling All Rosies!

Rosies, we want you to come to Nashville for the 2024 Convention! If you are a World War II Rosie, please don't let finances stand in the way of your coming to Nashville—there is help available! For more information, contact Convention Chair **Laurie Ranta** at (615) 945-1879, TnRantaRosebud@gmail.com.

Also, anyone who would like to sponsor a Rosie to attend Convention may do so! Mail donations to Treasurer **Stephanie Davis** at 8336 Valley Oaks Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76182, **OR** you may contribute online through the Rosie Shoppe at www.rosietheriveter.net. Many thanks!



Student Grant Deadline

The deadline for students in grades 6-12 to submit an application for one of ARRA's \$100 student grants is **March 1, 2024**. For more information, contact Student Grants Chairman, Rosebud **Carol Cain**, 112 Sunny Point Circle, LaGrange, GA 30240, carolcain007@gmail.com.

2024 Convention How-To Information

CONVENTION REGISTRATION: You may either mail the form on page 3 with your check, **OR** register online at www.rosietheriveter.net. Registrations received after **May 24, 2024** and "walk-ins" who have not pre-registered can only be accepted on a space-available basis. If you must cancel your registration, requests for reimbursement must reach Stephanie Davis at the address on page 3 by **May 30, 2024**.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Special room rates are available at the hotel, **The Inn at Opryland**, 2401 Music Valley Drive, Nashville, TN 37214. Reservations can be made *now* by calling 1-800-901-4211, or at this reservation link: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1705955904350&key=GRP&app=resvlink>. You must say you are with the American Rosie the Riveter Association Reunion. A credit card is required to hold the reservation.

The deadline to claim the special hotel room rate is May 14, 2024. The rate for an exterior room is \$164 plus tax per night. The rate for an interior room is \$184 plus tax per night. The special rate applies to all nights from Tuesday, June 11 through Tuesday, June 18, based on availability, so plan to come early and stay late to explore Nashville! If you need an accessible room, make your reservation early, and be sure to state that you need one.

Cancelling your hotel room requires 72 hours notice prior to arrival. Cancellations with less than 72 hours notice will mean forfeiting payment for one night's room and tax.

Make your hotel reservation as soon as possible, to avoid our "special rate block" selling out. However, if you do receive a "sold out" message, contact Convention Chair **Laurie Ranta** at TnRantaRosebud@gmail.com or (615) 945-1879.

TRANSPORTATION: The hotel **does not** operate a shuttle from the airport. However, taxis, Lyft and Uber ride-share services are available. If you are driving, there is free self-parking at the hotel. The hotel does offer complimentary shuttle service on a continuous loop between our hotel, the Gaylord Opryland Resort, and the Opry Mills Mall.

QUESTIONS? Contact **Laurie Ranta** at TnRantaRosebud@gmail.com or (615) 945-1879.

Check Out These Things To Do While You're In Nashville!

Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum offers intimate insights into the people who have shaped country music's story. See priceless artifacts—instruments, stage wear, one-of-a-kind recordings, films, and more! www.countrymusichalloffame.org

Grand Ole Opry has been home to country music's growth and evolution for over 98 years, and features today's stars, super stars, and rising stars, all on one stage, every week. www.opry.com

Gaylord Opryland Hotel Resort is not your typical hotel! It boasts nine acres of indoor gardens complete with multiple waterfalls, restaurants, an indoor boat ride, dancing fountains, seasonal activities available to the public, and lots more to explore, even for non-resident guests. Our ARRA hotel offers a free shuttle to this extraordinary experience. See more at nashvillefunforfamilies.com/opryland-hotel/

Belle Meade Historic Site and Winery is a beautiful 19th-century house, museum, restaurant, winery, and venue, offering tours that are dedicated to the preservation of Tennessee's history, architecture, hospitality, and equestrian legacy. www.visitbellemeade.com

Andrew Jackson's Hermitage is the historic home of America's seventh President. Explore the Federal-style house that dates to 1819, the gardens, and Jackson's Tomb. www.thehermitage.com

Ryman Auditorium is a world-renowned concert hall, Rock & Roll landmark, and famous former home of the Grand Ole Opry. Visit this beloved venue, music's "most iconic stage." www.ryman.com

The Johnny Cash Museum honors the life and music of the country superstar often referred to as the "Man in Black." It houses the world's largest collection of Johnny Cash artifacts and memorabilia. www.johnnycashmuseum.com

Centennial Park near Vanderbilt University is a premier urban park featuring the iconic Parthenon, a one-mile walking trail, Lake Watauga, the Centennial Art Center, historical monuments, sunken garden, and more. www.nashville.gov/departments/parks/parks/centennial-park

Radnor Lake State Park is 1,368 acres of protected natural area in the middle of urban Nashville, ideal for hiking and photography. www.tnstateparks.com/parks/radnor-lake

Convention Registration Form

*2024 ARRA National Convention/Reunion
June 13-16, 2024 — The Inn at Opryland in Nashville, Tennessee*

There are TWO ways to register!

- 1. Register online** at our Web site (www.rosietheriveter.net) **OR**
- 2. Mail this Registration/Meals form with check** to the address in the box below.

Please note the **registration deadline is May 24, 2024**. Registrations after May 24 only accepted if space is available.

By each name below, indicate ARRA membership category: (Ro) for WWII Rosie, (Rv) for WWII Rosie Volunteer, (Rb) for Rosebud, (Ri) for Rivet, (R21) for 21st Century Rosie, (FoR) for Friend of Rosies member, 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 _____

Additional people on this registration: *Name, city/state, member category, and name preference (for nametag):* _____

	<u>Postmarked or online May 24 or before</u>	<u>Postmarked or online after May 24</u>	<u>X Number Attending</u>	<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u>
<u>Registration fee for each person who will be attending</u> (include WWII Rosies, other ARRA members, and Guests)	\$60	\$70	X _____ =	\$ _____
<u>Friday Nashville NightLife Dinner Show</u> (Each WWII Rosie is free, but you must make a reservation here for <i>each person</i> attending.)	Free for WWII Rosies All others \$45	Free for WWII Rosies All others \$50	X _____ Rosies = X _____ others =	\$ <u> 0 </u> \$ _____
<u>Saturday Red Carpet Banquet at hotel</u> (Each WWII Rosie is free, but you must make a reservation here for <i>each person</i> attending.)	Free for WWII Rosies All others \$67	Free for WWII Rosies All others \$72	X _____ Rosies = X _____ others =	\$ <u> 0 </u> \$ _____
<u>Sunday Lunch, Tennessee State Museum (includes bus transportation)</u> (Each WWII Rosie is free, but you must make a reservation here for <i>each person</i> attending.)	Free for WWII Rosies All others \$20	Free for WWII Rosies All others \$25	X _____ Rosies = X _____ others =	\$ <u> 0 </u> \$ _____
<u>Sunday Lunch, Tennessee State Museum (without bus transportation)</u> (Each WWII Rosie is free, but you must make a reservation here for <i>each person</i> attending.)	Free for WWII Rosies All others \$10	Free for WWII Rosies All others \$15	X _____ Rosies = X _____ others =	\$ <u> 0 </u> \$ _____
<u>Convention T-shirt</u> —Circle size(s): Ladies: M L XL XXL Unisex: S M L XL XXL	Free for WWII Rosies All others \$20	Free for WWII Rosies All others \$20	X _____ Rosies = X _____ others =	\$ <u> 0 </u> \$ _____

TOTAL PAID (make checks payable to ARRA) ⇒ \$ _____

Indicate special food needs here: _____

**Send this form with check (payable to ARRA) to:
Stephanie Davis, 8336 Valley Oaks Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76182**



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Send Rosie-related items for the newsletter, including photographs, to Editor Nell Branum at nellbran@yahoo.com.

Note: In most cases, only one copy of the *Mail Call* is being sent to each household, so **we hope you'll let everyone read it before you file it away**. If you get more than one copy, let us know, then send one to a friend, especially a prospective member!

2024 Convention Registration Information is 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: **Jan Davis, Vice President for Membership**, P.O. Box 908, Waiialua, HI 96791, (808) 222-6142, email: membershparra@rosietheriveter.net.

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 _____

National Rosie Day is March 21



*How can you honor a Rosie and share her legacy?
Here are some ideas, but you may think of others!*

- ◆ Visit a Rosie or take her to lunch.
- ◆ Plan a potluck brunch or lunch with Rosies, veterans and family members as your special guests.
- ◆ Plan a restaurant outing with Rosies, Rosebuds, and others.
- ◆ Wear Rosie gear—people will ask you questions!
- ◆ Work with the Activities Director at a senior facility to plan a brief program, recognizing Rosies and veterans.

Whatever you do, let us know about it! Send a description and photos to Editor Nell Branum at nellbran@yahoo.com.



What An Amazing Honor for All Rosies!

In 2020, Congress voted to honor all of our wonderful WWII Rosies with the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest award given to civilians by Congress. On April 10, Congress will conduct a ceremony at the U. S. Capitol building to unveil the new medal and symbolically bestow this prestigious award on *all* WWII Rosies! After the presentation, the medal will be on display at the National Museum of American History.

What an amazing, wonderful, well-deserved honor for all our fabulous Rosies, both living and deceased. Congratulations!

USO Then and Now in Laurel

In August, our Laurel (MD) Chapter enjoyed a great turnout for a program they sponsored called "USO Then and Now." Rosebud and Chapter President **Ann Marie Miller** moderated the event. **Kevin Leonard** (right) of The Laurel History Boys told about the beginnings of the USO in Laurel. **Malory Noble** told how the USO continues to help service members and their families today.



Rosebud **Kathy Streicker** (right) gave an entertaining and touching presentation about Rosie **Lorraine Thompson Miller**, who worked as a USO volunteer and met her love, soldier **Eddie Miller**, one evening at a dance. Lorraine and Eddie married after the war.



Rosebud **Nancy Mullis** spoke about how the USO helped her family of six get settled in Germany when her dad was stationed there. Vintage photos and displays put the icing on the cake for this wonderful presentation. Way to go!