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ROSIE'S MAIL CALL

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A BIG ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ALL ROSIES!



Rosies, YOU are named as recipients of The National World War II Museum's 2026 AMERICAN SPIRIT AWARD!

To commemorate this special award, ARRA is partnering with the Museum to hold our 2026 ARRA Convention at the Museum in New Orleans on June 4-6, 2026 (Thurs—Sat), and we hope you will be there. Congratulations to ALL Rosies!

We hope everyone—Rosies, Rosebuds, Rivets, 21st Century Rosies, Friends of Rosies, and guests—will join us for this one-of-a-kind ARRA Convention! Thanks to the generous contributions of the museum and the Gary Sinise Foundation, *all travel, hotel accommodations, and meals* are provided for each Rosie or Rosie Volunteer and her one (required) Guardian. So Rosies, if you are even *considering* attending, contact **Helen Sullinger** *right away* at helen.b.sullinger@gmail.com or (651) 387-6395.

We look forward to seeing all of you as we join with the museum to honor all Rosies with the American Spirit Award, as well as two other award recipients, composer/conductor John Williams and ALS survivor and advocate Steve Gleason.

Schedule Highlights and Convention Info

Thursday, June 4, 2026

- ◆ A cocktail-attire Honor Party at the WWII Museum, where Rosies and all registered Convention attendees will enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, meeting, and greeting.
- ◆ ARRA Board of Directors annual meeting

Friday, June 5, 2026

- ◆ Morning activities and touring the WWII Museum
- ◆ Lunch at the WWII Museum for Rosies and all registered Convention attendees
- ◆ ARRA's annual meeting for Rosies and all attendees, where we'll be inspired as we hear about Rosie honors and news from around the country

Friday, June 5, 2026 (cont'd)

- ◆ A fabulous dinner with entertainment awaits registered Convention attendees, as Rosies and 1 Guardian each attend a black-tie Gala for award recipients, sponsored by the Museum.

Saturday, June 6, 2026

- ◆ ARRA's White Rose Memorial Ceremony for Rosies and all attendees, honoring members we have lost
- ◆ "H-Hour" D-Day Remembrance Gathering for all
- ◆ ARRA's Red Carpet Luncheon, where all Convention attendees will come together to honor our Rosies one more time before the Convention adjourns at 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ ARRA's Executive Committee meets after adjournment

CONVENTION REGISTRATION: Everyone attending needs to register for the Convention and meals. See page 2.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: *Rosies and Guardians*, we will make your hotel reservations through the Gary Sinise Foundation, so please contact **Helen Sullinger** at helen.b.sullinger@gmail.com or (651) 387-6395 *right away* to reserve your place.

All who are not Rosies or Guardians, make your hotel reservation using special Convention rates available at the **Higgins Hotel, 1000 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130** (a Hilton hotel) adjacent to the museum. The rate for two queen beds is \$229 plus tax per night for 1-2 people. Add \$20 each for a 3rd or 4th person in the room. You can extend your stay to include nights of June 1-10.

The firm cutoff date to book rooms in the Convention block is **May 5, 2026**. If you are not a Rosie or Guardian, make your reservation online through this link, <https://book.passkey.com/event/51205056/owner/49887877/home>. Or you may call for a reservation at 833-357-1172 and give the block code **900 (numeral 9, numeral 0, capital letter O)** and the name "Rosie the Riveter Association." Check with the hotel about accessible rooms, parking, and the hotel's cancellation policy.

QUESTIONS? Contact **Laura Wright**, telephone (918) 697-9112 or email presidentarra@rosietheriveter.net.

