



FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
and the
96TH Fleet Reserve Association and 91ST Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association
National Conventions



Newsletter #2 – 26 March 2024

At the 94th FRA National Convention delegates approved the Centennial Committee to host (along with the National Headquarters) the 2024 Convention to coincide with the Centennial Celebration.

The Centennial Committee requested NHQ to solicit proposals in the DMV area and selected the DoubleTree by Hilton, Annapolis as the location. A resolution was sent to the NBoD and approved as NBR 10-23 on 23 January 2023.

The Centennial Committee requested the NBoD to approve the FRA Emblem use in the Centennial logo. Although the Centennial falls under NHQ jurisdiction, the Committee felt it was better to have permission in writing. A resolution was sent to the NBoD and approved as NBR 11-24 on 15 February 2024.

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CENTENNIAL and 2024 CONVENTION DATES

PRE-CONVENTION DATE:

November 10, 2024 – Board Meetings of the FRA and the Auxiliary of the FRA.

CENTENNIAL DATE

November 11, 2024 - Arlington Cemetery.

CONVENTION DATES:

November 12-15, 2024 – Detailed daily information to come later.

POST-CONVENTION DATE:

November 16, 2024 – Post-Board Meetings of the FRA and the Auxiliary of the FRA.

Yes, Incumbent Board members will need to be in Annapolis for a board meeting to be held on SUNDAY, November 10th. Yes, Incoming Board members will need to stay in Annapolis for the post-board to be held on SATURDAY, November 16th.

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Centennial Event:

Arlington Cemetery – 11 NOVEMBER 2024

If you are thinking you might want to go to Arlington Cemetery on Veteran’s Day, you need to be in Annapolis no later than 10 November 2024. The trip to Arlington Cemetery for Veterans Day is a full day event. Details are still being worked out.

What we do know is we would have buses leaving the hotel at 8:00 AM. There will be a fee of \$10.00 to hold your seat on the bus.

Don’t think you could go on your own to this event. You won’t get through Security in time.

Sign-up for this event can be found on the “Tours” page once it is added.

Annapolis Veterans’ Day Parade

If you do not want to go to Arlington Cemetery, Branch 024 is the host for the Annapolis Veterans Day event. There is a collation after the event at Branch 24’s home. More information to follow.

United States Naval Academy Tours

Tours are available on Veterans Day! And they are all reasonably priced!!

Go to <https://navalacademytourism.com/tours> to see what is available.

Double Tree by Hilton Annapolis
210 Holiday Court, Annapolis MD 21401
1-410-224-3150

The Double Tree offers a free shuttle within five miles, including to Westfield Annapolis Mall, restaurants around Annapolis Town Centre, Branch 024, and the US Naval Academy. Enjoy free parking and dining at our on-site restaurant, Ports of Call. You will be welcomed with a fresh DoubleTree Chocolate Chip Cookie.

- There are NO microwaves in the individual rooms.
- Microwaves are in the passageways near the ice machines.
- There is a restaurant on the property serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- If you want a fridge, you need to reserve a room with the fridge included. See directions below.
- If you want a room other than the standard king/double queen room, you need to call directly to reserve.

****NOTE – THERE IS NO HOTEL SHUTTLE SERVICE TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT****

Guest Room Booking

The Hilton attendee website is now live and you can reserve a room by using the following unique attendee website below. *The reservation cut-off date is October 1, 2024.*

IF YOU REQUIRE AN ADA ROOM, PLEASE CONTACT Kim Afolabi at FRA National Headquarters either by email or phone kima@fra.org, 1-800-372-1924, ext 127 (or 703-683-1400, ext 127). PLEASE REMEMBER – if Kim does not answer, you need to LEAVE A MESSAGE!

Let's get started - copy/paste this link to the URL:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/anpdttdt-90d-bcdab4c5-7f18-47ce-9b69-435dc9ec0f80/>

When you open the website, this is the page you will see. You need to select "Book a Room."

FRA National Convention

Hello there!


We're glad you can join us for FRA National Convention.

We have a room block reserved at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Annapolis for November 8, 2024 through November 18, 2024. Booking your room is simple, just select "Book a Room" to receive your group's preferred rate.

We're looking forward to seeing you in November! We hope you enjoy your stay and your group's event!

Book Your Room

Event dates: November 8, 2024 - November 18, 2024
Book by: October 1, 2024

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Annapolis 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD 21401 USA 1-410-224-3150 	<h4>Rooms & Rates</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Queen Bed with Fridge Room Non-smk - \$115.00 1 King Bed with Fridge-non Smoking - \$115.00 1 King Bed-nonsmoking - \$115.00
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Book a Room

There are four steps you need to do on this page. **As you see, the dates of 8 Nov to 18 Nov are already selected.**

1. You need edit the dates you are staying. **Select “Edit Stay.”**
2. Click in the area of the dates. A calendar will pop up and you select the dates you want to reserve a room. Select how many rooms you are reserving and how many people in the room(s).
3. BE SURE TO CLICK THE **“UPDATE”** BUTTON.
4. Go down to the bottom of page and select the room – “Quick Book.” Again, if you want a room with a fridge, be sure to select the room with a fridge.

After you select the room, the page will automatically go to a payment page.

The screenshot shows a hotel booking interface. At the top, there are search filters: "Your Stay" (circled in red), "DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Annapolis", "Fri, Nov 8 – Mon, Nov 18, 2024", "1 room for 1 adult", and "Edit Stay" (circled in red). Below these are "Edit Stay", "8 NOV FRI", "18 NOV MON", "1 Room 1 Guest", "Special Rates", and "Update" (circled in red) buttons. A banner for "Earn 75,000 Bonus Points + a \$100 statement credit." is visible. The "Your stay with DoubleTree by Hilton includes" section lists amenities like Free parking, Free WiFi, Non-smoking rooms, On-site restaurant, Outdoor pool, Fitness center, and Pet-friendly rooms. There are checkboxes for "Special Rates", "Connecting Rooms", and "Use Points & Money". A note says "We're showing Fra National Convent rates." Below that, it says "3 rooms found. We're showing the average price per night." and "Select Currency USD - US Dollar". Three room options are displayed, each with a "Quick Book" button (circled in red) and a price: "1 King Bed with Fridge-non Smoking" for \$115, "1 King Bed-nonsmoking" for \$115, and "2 Queen Bed with Fridge Room Non-sm" for \$145.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AIRPORT AND TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

THE CLOSEST AIRPORT IS BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL (BWI). All the major airlines fly in and out of BWI. For those of you who like to travel via train there is an **AMTRAK** Station at BWI!! **THERE IS NO AIRPORT SHUTTLE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE HOTEL.**

There are plenty of options for getting to and from the airport: car rentals, taxis, Uber, and Lyft. The taxi stands are located just outside of the baggage claim area on the Lower Level of the BWI Marshall Airport terminal near doors 5 and 13. Uber and Lyft pick up and drop off passengers at the terminal curbs on the Upper Level/Departures.

Renting a car? there is a free airport shuttle service to transport you between the airport terminal and the car rental facility. You can board the Rental Car shuttle from any of 3 locations: Inner Curb of our Arrivals/Lower Level at Doors 1, 11 and 16.

You can get more information about the airport at <https://bwiairport.com>.

MOBILITY EQUIPMENT: website: www.southernmd.mobilitycity.com

Wheelchair and scooter rentals are available from Southern MD Mobility City. Rentals will be delivered to the hotel. You can go directly to their website to order – there is an order form on the website, or you can call 240-222-3761. There is a block on the form titled “Tell Us About Your Need.” Please be sure to tell them you are renting for the FRA Convention. Cost should be around \$190.00.

HOSPITAL

Ann Arundel Medical Center has a 24-hour emergency room. It is located a mile and a half from the hotel at 2001 Medical Parkway, Annapolis MD.

LUGGAGE STORAGE

If you wish to store your luggage at the hotel before you check in, or after checking out before departure, please make arrangements with guest services.

GRATUITIES

You are responsible for all gratuities during your stay. Tipping is personal, as a guideline, we recommend gratuities of \$1 per day for your housekeeper and \$1 per bag for shuttle drivers and hotel bell staff.



**CONVENTION JOURNAL ADS SOLICITATION
for
CENTENNIAL/2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION
Annapolis Double Tree Hotel
210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD
November 11-15, 2024**

Name (Branch, Unit, or Advertiser): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ Inside Cover (Front or Back) \$200.00	_____ Back Cover \$250.00
_____ Full Page \$150.00	_____ Half Page \$80.00
_____ ¼ Page \$45.00	_____ Business Card \$20.00
_____ Center Spread (In Color) \$500.00 or \$250.00 each	

ALL ADS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 01 OCTOBER 2024

Acceptable formats are .doc, .pdf, .pub, .png, and .jpg.

Booster Rolls (\$1.00 per name donation preferred)

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Artwork, booster lists and order forms are to be emailed or mailed to BOTH listed below:

AFRA RPEC Loretta Jordan lwjorden@hotmail.com 2825 Whitehouse Road Riva MD 21140	AFRA PNP Cindy Rodham-Tuck lafrapnpcindy@gmail.com 38 Shannonmarie Way N. Easton MA 02356-2692
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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

FRA CENTENNIAL

And mail to:

**2024 National Convention Committee
c/o PNP Cindy Rodham-Tuck
38 Shannonmarie Way
N. Easton MA 02356-2692**

Thank you for your support of the Centennial/2024 Convention!



**VENDOR TABLES
for
CENTENNIAL/2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION
Annapolis Double Tree Hotel
210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD
November 11-15, 2024**

The FRA Centennial/2024 National Convention will provide vendor tables for a fee of \$25.00. For additional information, please contact Ms. Kim Afolabi at 703-683-1400, EXT 127 or kima@fra.org. **REMEMBER** – if you call, please leave a message – who you are, why you are calling, and a phone number to reach you at.

Please provide the following information before 01 October 2024:

Name
(Branch/Unit): _____
Business Name: _____
Number of Tables: _____
Contact Person: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

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MAIL CHECK AND FORM TO:

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