



Sound Off!

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REUNION SPECIAL

The AMM Reunion in Little Rock is fast approaching. Here are the plans for our reunion together:

Thursday, September 5th, 12 Noon:

- Check in. The Hospitality Room opens with adult beverages, soft drinks, and snacks. No further activities are planned. Let's get together for meet and greet.
- We will have some local information, brochures, etc. in the Hospitality Room, but most of the information is already in the newsletter. Those who want to tour and visit the sites, use the Hospitality as your base of operations during the afternoon.
- Hospitality Room will close about midnight.

Friday, September 6th:

- The Hospitality Room opens at 8 am. Breakfast is on your own.
- No formal activity is planned. Those who want to tour and visit the sites, use the Hospitality as your base of operations during the day.
- Tentative jam session planned for 7 pm or so, just off the main hall. Bring your horns.
- Hospitality Room will close about midnight.

Saturday, September 7th:

- The Hospitality Room opens at 8 am. Breakfast is on your own.
- 10 am: Concert band rehearsal (informal) for about an hour.
- 2 pm: Business Meeting
- 6 pm: Cocktails at the regular bar—we will not employ a separate bartender. Drinks are on you.
- 7 pm: Dinner
- 8 pm: Dancing with a DJ until about 11 pm or so

Sunday, September 8th:

- Check out and farewells.



LITTLE ROCK



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As I write this brief Reunion Special Update and reminder, it is only a little over two weeks until we convene in Little Rock for our 2019 Reunion.

Those who want to bring your horns can enjoy rehearsing and playing together.

Get ready for some good fellowship and sharing of poignant memories of military music and where those times

took us. See you in Little Rock.

2019 Reunion ~ Mark Your Calendars

The 2019 AMM Reunion will be in at the Little Rock. Crowne Plaza hotel on South Shackleford.

- 5-8 September.
- Room cost per night is \$125.35, including taxes
- Breakfast buffet available for \$8
- Registration cost per person \$75 (updated lower price).

See page 1 for the schedule and Allen Lawless' plans for an exciting reunion for us this summer.

Allen announced some general attractions that Little Rock offers in the March and June issues of *Sound Off!* Here is a repeat of the information previously listed for your consideration as you plan some extracurricular trips around Little Rock.

- Golf – a nearby public golf course is located at:

First Tee of Central Arkansas - features a 9-hole regulation course (Chairman's Course) with three sets of tees. Course length ranges from 2198 yards to 3428 yards. The facility also boasts a 9-hole par-3 course (Honors Course), with holes ranging from 48 yards to 113 yards. If you're up for a full 18, greens fees are as little as \$16 for those 55 and over. Their web site is [HERE](#).

- Museums (just a sample – there are plenty to be found in Little Rock!)

Old State House Museum – located in the oldest original state house west of the Mississippi, this facility saw Arkansas join the Union, witnessed a fatal knife fight between two legislators, and saw Arkansas secede from the Union. After all that, they moved to the new Capitol building, but left plenty of history and artifacts in the museum. Their web site is [HERE](#).

Garvan Woodland Gardens in nearby Hot Springs is an arboretum that has to be seen to be believed. Large and expansive and cared for by attentive staff, you'll be amazed at the flora contained within. Admission is \$15, parking is free. Their web site is [HERE](#).

- Shopping:

Tons of shopping up along Chenal Parkway, about a 5-minute drive from the hotel.

For those who delve into political arenas, the Bill Clinton Presidential Library is located in Little Rock. You're on your own to find that one, though!

As you can see, there is no shortage of things to do. Plenty of breweries with pub grub (Flyway, Lost Forty, and Stone's Throw Brewing Stiff Station Taproom are relatively close in Little Rock and North Little Rock), and for those who like to rock out with the 70s band Kiss, they are performing at the Verizon Arena in North Little Rock on Thursday, September 5, in their "End of the Road" tour. Showtime starts at 7:30 PM. Web site is [HERE](#).

Access to Little Rock is easy. The airport is serviced by Delta, Southwest, and other airlines. Atlanta is a favorite hub, but there are many other flights in and out of this smaller, but modern airport. Access by highway is also easy. Located about 90 minutes east of Memphis along I-40 and about 5 hours northeast of Dallas along I-30, Little Rock is only the third time that a reunion has been planned west of the Mississippi.



Mail your registration to Allen Lawless, 123 Antler Way Drive, Sherwood, AR 72120. Enclose \$75 per person attending. Make checks out to: Allen Lawless.

Book your hotel room directly with Crowne Plaza Hotel at Little Rock. Call 1-877 666-3243. Ask for the AMM rate.