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The long, dark wait is over. The AMM reunion will soon be here. In this special reunion issue, we have included all the reunion details that you need to make a decision to attend the Augusta reunion this year. Please view Walt Nail's plans on page 3 and read this issue cover to cover.

Augusta is a historic city, and the state of Georgia has a long tradition of bands in both the military and community sectors. If you have not attended a reunion in the last few years, now is the time to renew old acquaintances, bring your horn, and enjoy some time playing and remembering your time in military bands.





For the real “old timers,” Paul Creighton, one of the original members who served as Secretary/Treasurer for many years, passed away in May. During the reunion, those who wish to attend, are invited to his graveside service at 2 pm on Friday, the 17th of September. Directions and any changes will be provided in the reunion welcome packet upon your arrival at the hotel.



President's Message



Karen Mayfield
President

Welcome to the last newsletter before our next reunion. I would like to thank Vernon for all the work that he has put into making our newsletter a great source of information.

See page 3 of this newsletter for Walt's details about the reunion and the schedule that he has developed for us this year. Costs and registration forms can be found and printed out by going to the Reunions page of our website. www.milmusicians.com

We have some information that everyone needs to know or think about for the reunion this year.

- We need a volunteer to Host our 2022 reunion
- Please bring your own music stand and clips
- Membership Dues for 2022 must be paid
- Treasurer position is open so we need someone to volunteer

** Remember: Get your money for the reunion to Walt Nail and make your hotel reservation.

- Mail your registration form and reunion Payment directly to Walt right away.
- Call the hotel to make your hotel reservations. Be sure and ask for the AMM special rate.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2021 Reunion!!

Karen Mayfield
President



Our Augusta Reunion Hotel for 2021

Newsletter Editor



Vernon Williams
Editor

Welcome to this special reunion issue of *Sound Off*, your AMM newsletter.

It has been quite a run since we last assembled at Little Rock almost two years ago. The pandemic has impacted all of us in many ways. The world is a different place now, and each of our families have followed a journey unlike anything that we have experienced before. Here in Texas much of our routine has begun to get back to normal. The vaccine is readily available and most of us have had our two shots. We still remain vigilant, but the long dark days of the pandemic seem to be receding for many of us. The reunion is coming at just the right time.

I hope each of you will consider coming to Augusta and making this anniversary reunion the best one yet! Send in your registration form and your payment to Walt Nail as soon as possible. Walt needs your registration to complete his reunion preparations. Call the hotel, ask for the AMM rate, and make your room reservation. Do both of these steps this weekend, and we'll see you in Augusta.

- **When:** Thursday, September 16, through Sunday, September 19, 2021
- **Hotel:** Hilton Garden Inn, 1065 Stevens Creek Rd., Augusta, GA 30907

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Reunion Information and Final Updates



Walt Nail
2021 Augusta
Reunion Host

Hi folks,

We're almost there. This will be the last newsletter and reminder before the reunion, so you need to decide and then get your registration money to me and make you hotel reservations by calling **706-739-9990**. I am encouraging everyone that is coming to get vaccinated because we will be in close quarters in the Hospitality room and for the rehearsal and ceremony. Costs and registration forms can be found and printed out by going to the Reunions page of our website. www.milmusicians.com

Cutoff date for t-shirts is 15 August and cut off for registration is 1 September. The following people paid their registration fee (and T shirts if applicable) last year; Herons, Payne's, and Bogan's.

Schedule for the weekend is simple:

- Thursday:** Hospitality Room open from 12 noon until ???. Hotel check-in starts at 3 pm. Register, mingle and renew old friendships and make new friends.
- Friday:** 10 am Rehearsal and 6 pm Opening Ceremony for the Arts City Fest. Hospitality Room open at 9 am and will stay open all day & evening except for Rehearsal & Ceremony.
2 pm *Grave side Service for Paul Creighton (see note on page 1).*
- Saturday:** Hospitality Room open 9am to ??? except for the Business meeting and Dinner, 10 am General Membership Meeting – Afternoon free for sight-seeing.
5:15 pm Cocktails in Hotel bar.
6 pm move into Dining Room for Dinner. Jam session after dinner.
NO drinks can be brought from the Hospitality Room to the membership meeting OR to the Dinner/Dance on Saturday.
- Sunday:** Breakfast and farewells until 2022.

Directions: I-20 from Columbia, SC, take exit #199, turn right and right again at the next light (Stevens Creek Rd). Hotel is ahead on the left.
I-20 from Atlanta, take exit #199, turn left and then right (second light) on Stevens Creek Rd. Hotel is ahead on the left.
Flying into Augusta. Let me know in advance of arrival time and I will try and get someone to pick you up. No courtesy vans available. Taxi ride is approx \$25.

If ordering T shirts, please make sure of your size, there will not be any extra shirts for exchange. There is some confusion on the price. (S,M,L,XL = \$12) (XXL=\$13) (XXXL=\$14). The newsletter said one price and the registration form another. Please go by what the registration form says,!

If you have folding stands and wind clips please bring them!! What we have is limited.

Walt Nail
2021 AMM Reunion Host

P.S. **Please, please get your registration money to me now, get your hotel reservations made, and get your chops in shape.** We have a newly renovated Hotel and great restaurants near by.

Also, if you are interested in hosting next year, please let me or the President know !!

Georgia has a long tradition of military music across the years. Our 2021 Reunion will be set near many locations in Georgia with a rich history of military bands, dating from the Civil War to the present.

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AMM's Mission

The Association of Military Musicians is a fraternal organization that strives to preserve the proud tradition of military music. Military musical ensembles don't just play marches and ceremonial music—today's audience demands much more than that, and with panache to boot!

Membership is open to any and all who have served in a military musical organization, whether a band, orchestra, fife & drum corps, or a vocal group.



**Early 1900s at Camp Hancock in Augusta, Georgia.
Our 2021 reunion city has a rich military history.**


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