



Sound Off!

Association of Military Musicians

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- Karen Mayfield—President
- Judy Kessler—Vice President
- Walter Nail—Treasurer
- Tom Zale—Secretary

Serving AMM:

- Allen Lawless—Jackson, TN Reunion Host for 2022
- Rickey Lumpkin—Chaplain
- Dave and Kay Smith—Librarians
- Walter Nail —Historian
- Toni Furan — AMM *Sound Off!* Editor

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SPECIAL REUNION EDITION

Reunion Update:

The Jackson Reunion is pretty much all set. There isn't much new to report that wasn't already covered in the June issue of *Sound Off!* This is your final reminder of the upcoming AMM Reunion in Jackson, Tennessee, the first time the AMM Reunion has been held there.

But we have only 20 registrations at this writing, and we'd really like to see a lot more!

Dates: 15-18 September 2022

Please don't procrastinate! Register NOW and contact the hotel to make your room reservation. Prices are remarkably cheaper than they've been in several years, this despite the horrific inflation we're all seeing. Registration cost PER PERSON is only \$50 – considerably less than we originally believed it would be. Please complete the registration form (Toni will add a link to it in the cover email). The registration form is also posted on the AMM web site (see the newsletter for the web address). Instructions are on the form itself.

The reunion will be held at the Best Western Plus Executive Residency, located on 2443 Christmasville Cove, Jackson, TN 38305. The Hotel's direct phone is 731.300.3370. We have reserved a block of 10 rooms but we hope to expand that number to accommodate everyone. The hotel room rate is \$109 (king or two queens) plus 14.75% state and local taxes - \$125.08 per night.

You can book your room using the hotel's link: https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.43192.html?groupId=F89GI3T5 . Or simply call the hotel directly at 731.300.3370. If you call, make sure to mention the AMM room rate.

The Hospitality Room will be set up in a 450 sq. ft. meeting space within the hotel. We will have the customary snacks and drinks available.

Reminders:

- No banquet in the hotel. We'll have our customary dinner at the Park-

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stone Grille, a restaurant within walking distance of the hotel, on Saturday night. You're responsible for your own check. Solo piano.

- A potential playing opportunity at the Tennessee State Veteran's Home in Humboldt on Friday afternoon. We'll see who have brought their horns and what kind of group we can cobble together. AMM Librarians Dave and Kay Smith should bring a sampling of tunes to cover an hour.
- We will use the Hospitality Room for any rehearsals we might have (possibly on Friday morning for a pickup group to play at the Tennessee State Veteran's Home – see above) and if desired, also on Saturday which is customary.
- Business meeting will also be held within the Hospitality Room at the appointed time, probably 2 PM on Saturday afternoon.

Election Update:

AMM Bylaws state that elections for officers will be held every two years. Even-numbered years will involve election of the AMM President and Secretary. Current incumbents are Karen Mayfield and Tom Zale, respectively. Both of these members have served faithfully in these offices since 2018.

Odd-numbered years will involve election of the AMM Vice President and Treasurer. Obviously, there would not normally be a scheduled election for these offices.

However, AMM Treasurer Walt Nail has announced his resignation as AMM Treasurer and Historian, effective 18 September 2022. He cites health issues as the reason. Therefore, the AMM Secretary should plan for elections for President, Secretary, and Treasurer at the Saturday Business Meeting. The role of Historian will also be open, but this is an appointed position or that of a volunteer who is willing to maintain the collection of photos and memorabilia that have been assembled over the years.

Please consider this information when evaluating your own service to AMM and how you can offer this organization a bit more of your time. We not only

need your continued membership, we need your commitment to this group!

Bylaws Review:

AMM Bylaws stipulate review of our current Bylaws every three years. This review is due in 2022. Customarily, the AMM President appoints an *ad hoc* committee to review these Bylaws and make recommendations for changes, to be approved by the membership at the next Reunion. Please consider serving on this committee. It's a great way to learn more about how AMM functions!

AMM Reunion 2023:

If you enjoy attending AMM Reunions, please give some thought to putting together a proposal for 2023 or beyond! Whether it's in your town or not, it's really not as hard as you might think. The current Bylaws (see the AMM web site) provides guidelines to Reunion Hosts in organizing and hosting a Reunion. Proposals should be prepared in writing (single page) with an estimate as to registration cost, room cost, location, and a summary of attractions in the area. This single sheet should be passed out during the Business Meeting for a vote by the attending membership. Go ahead and dive in!

Allen Lawless

2022 Reunion Host



Treasurer's Report

Well, here it is only a few weeks till our 36th annual reunion of AMM in Jackson, Tennessee. So far 9 people have sent in their dues and won't have to wait in line at the reunion. There is still time for you to pay your 2023 dues ahead of time. Just send me a check for \$15 made out to AMM and send it to me at:

4635 Brittany Dr.
Evans, GA 30809

We need people to step up and take on some positions in AMM so we can keep going another 36 years. In accordance with our By Laws, we have to hold elections for President and Secretary at this year's reunion. Since I have to resign due to serious health issues, we will also need to elect a new Treasurer and a new Historian. Please let us know if you would be willing to accept one of these positions.

We also need someone to host next year's reunion. It is not that hard to do and is also a lot of fun !

See you in Jackson !!!

Walt Nail
Treasurer

P.S. Allen has put a tremendous amount of effort in hosting this year's reunion, so please don't procrastinate any longer and get your registration monies to him and make your hotel reservations right away. The earlier he knows the number of people attending, he can plan a more pleasant experience.

Walter Nail
AMM Treasurer & Historian



Photos from the 2021 AMM Reunion in Augusta, GA. A great time was had by all. Register NOW to attend this year's reunion in Jackson, Tennessee and catch up with old friends and make new!





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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.

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