



2022 ANNUAL CONVENTION * GETTYSBURG, PA * SEPT 29 - OCT 2, 2022

Dear FMCA Members and Friends:

It's our pleasure to invite you to join us in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, beginning on Thursday, September 29th, for the 2022 Fire Mark Circle of the Americas Annual Convention.

We'll be gathering at the Wyndham Gettysburg, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA 17325, and we think you'll be very pleased with the accommodations there. Our rate for a single or double occupancy is \$149.00 plus tax. To make your room reservation, please call Bre Smith at **1-717-339-0020, ext 6011**, and state that you are with the FMCA and want our rate for the convention. Since the \$149.00 rate is also available for three days before and three days after the convention subject to availability, you may want to spend some extra time to see the sights in and around Gettysburg, plus it is only 140 miles to Philadelphia, 90 miles to Washington, DC, 60 miles to Harpers Ferry, WV and 50 miles to Sharpsburg, MD and the Antietam Battlefield.

Our convention itinerary will follow the usual schedule, with the Board Meeting on Thursday afternoon at 2 PM, dinner on your own that evening, followed by the Hospitality Suite with Silent Auction items being displayed in the Amblebrook Room.

Friday morning we will start our planned tours. Be ready to board the bus at 8:30 AM (as bus departure is only 15 minutes later). First, we will be going to the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center to see various exhibits beginning at 9:00 AM. Our itinerary also includes a 10:00 AM showing of the film A New Birth of Freedom to be followed by a viewing of the Gettysburg Cyclorama. At 11:00 AM we will reboard the bus for a 2-hour tour of the battlefield with a Licensed Battlefield Guide, after which our bus will stop by the Visitor Center to drop off the guide and proceed to Dunlap's Restaurant for our lunch. At 2:15 PM, the bus will take us back to the Visitor Center to catch a shuttle to the Eisenhower National Historic Site to visit the weekend retreat and retirement home of President Dwight D. and Mamie Eisenhower. At 4:00 PM, the shuttle will return us to the Visitor Center, where a bus will take us back to the Wyndham, and dinner will again be on your own Friday evening. In addition to the hotel dining room, there are many great restaurant choices within a short drive of our hotel or in the downtown area. A map and tour guide will be provided in your registration package in the lobby at time of check in.

Our Business Meeting will be Saturday morning, followed by lunch in the hotel dining room, with the Live Auction taking center stage in the afternoon. That evening, we'll enjoy our closing banquet: a buffet-style sit-down dinner in the hotel Amblebrook room (entrées will be beef and chicken), followed by one last opportunity to visit in the Hospitality Suite.

The registration fee for the 2022 convention is \$200.00 per person (\$100.00 for 1st-time attendees), which includes: admission to the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum (including viewing of the film and Cyclorama), guided bus tour of the battlefield, admission to the Eisenhower National Historic Site, all admission fees and transportation on Friday, and Saturday's lunch and banquet dinner.

We look forward to welcoming you and hope you'll make your plans to attend. **Our room block expires August 30, 2022, prior to the event, so don't delay in making your room reservation**, travel arrangements, and mailing in your registration form before **September 2, 2022**, to **Lisa Tosh** (on behalf of Hal Sandstrom) **6654 Jefferson Blvd, Frederick, MD 21703**. If you have any questions about any of the plans, feel free to contact Tom Hewitt at 1-210-410-9468 (cell) or tdhins@yahoo.com. We hope to see all of our FMCA family in September!

Sincerely,

Tom Hewitt and Hal Sandstrom, your conference co-hosts

Complete the Registration Form, and mail with check payable to **F. M. C. A.** Registration Fee is \$200.00 per person (\$100.00 for 1st-time attendees).

Registration Deadline is September 2nd.

1. Make your **room reservation by calling direct, at 1-717-339-0020, ext 6011**, and be sure to identify yourself as part of the Fire Mark Circle of the Americas (FMCA) to get the correct room rate of \$149.00 per night king single or double occupancy. **Room block expires August 30, 2022.**
2. Make your travel arrangements as soon as possible. For air travelers, the nearest airports are in Harrisburg (MDT, 36 miles), Baltimore (BWI, 55 miles), Washington DC (DCA or IAD, both 78 miles), Philadelphia (PHL, 118 miles), from which car rentals or shuttles/buses are available, e.g.,
 - <https://www.jayride.com/hotel-transfer/united-states/wyndham-gettysburg-17325-adams-county>;
 - <https://destinationgettysburg.com/meetings/getting-here/getting-here/>, which also discusses Amtrak options.

We also suggest calling the Wyndham Gettysburg hotel at the aforementioned number for suggestions regarding ground transportation.

3. Contact Tom with any questions: 1-210-410-9468 cell or by email at tdhins@yahoo.com

