

NEW YORK LIFE RETIRED MEMBERS CLUB

RMC Newsletter
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**2026 RMC Reunion –
Hyatt Centric - New Orleans, LA
September 27 - 30, 2026**

Register for the Reunion Today



Greetings from the NYL Retired Members Club (RMC)!

We are looking forward to our next Reunion on September 27 - 30th! We hope you are too!

We are so excited to see our friends and colleagues, and to fellowship together during our time in the heart of the French Quarter in New Orleans. The hotel is the center of it all, so we are where all the fun things are to do!

For starters, once again we invite all retired Home Office and Field retirees to renew your membership or to become a new RMC member, for 2026. To renew your annual membership, or if you want to become a new member, please go to the RMC website's [Members page](#). There you will find an application form with instructions on how to join or renew. You may also request a membership application by e-mailing our Director of Operations, Reed Williams (reedwilliams@charter.net) with your mailing address and he will send you a copy.

We urge you to review all of our [website](#) for detailed information on the RMC, particularly if you are learning about it for the first time. There you will find convenient tabs about the Club's Mission, Membership, Reunions (Present & Past), Creative Works, NYLIC Memorabilia, Outreach Projects, etc. We have added a new Facebook group to give the opportunity for members to share events going on in their life, photos from the reunions and other messages you want to share. The group name is RMC – NYL. **Check it out and ask to join.**

We are looking forward to another great reunion. As we have always had in the past, we will have great speakers and interesting topics - as well as plenty of time to enjoy your NYLIC friends. For more information on our reunion venue, the **Hyatt Centric Hotel**, the registration process, meeting details - including the optional tours we are offering this year, the Meeting Agenda, a list of those who have already registered, and other things to See & Do in the Alexandria area, go to our website's [Our Next Reunion](#) page. As we get closer to the reunion, these tabs will be filled in with more and more details. Please come back often to get the latest information!

Please don't hesitate to contact me (sims.rm2017@gmail.com or (914) 482-8714) if you have any questions. On behalf of your Board of Directors, we are looking forward to another outstanding reunion and the opportunity to see each and every-one of you. We hope to see you there.

Warmest regards,

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Registration is Now Open for Our 2026 Reunion

As in the past, **there is a two-step registration process**. You'll need to (1) register for the reunion with the RMC and also (2) reserve your hotel room directly by contacting the **Hyatt Centric Hotel** either online or by phone.

Step 1 -

Complete the RMC Reunion Registration Form. The form may be found by [clicking here...](#) It is preferred that you fill it in online before printing and mailing with your payment to our Secretary/Treasurer, Bruce Schobel, at the address on the form. When completing it online, the form will calculate your costs based upon your selections and show your total cost. If you fill out the form manually, please print, as this is much easier to read.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Spouses and significant others are welcome and urged to come and share in the RMC Annual Meeting.

Step 2 -

Reserve your hotel room. To reserve your stay at the **Hyatt Centric Hotel**, you may make your hotel reservation online by [clicking here...](#) Please review the check-in & check-out dates carefully. The online reservation page defaults to a Check-In date of Friday, September 25th and a Check-Out date of Wednesday, September 30th. Unless you are arriving on Friday, you will need to adjust the Check-In date. You may also call the **Hyatt Centric Hotel** directly at **888-591-1234**, for arrival on Sunday, 09/27/26, with checkout on Wednesday,

09/30/26. (RMC Board members arrive on Saturday, 09/26/26, for pre-meeting and set-up and will need to make their room reservations accordingly.) We have a group rate of \$229.00 single/double (plus tax & fees) per room, per night**. **When calling, be sure to identify yourself to the hotel as part of the "New York Life Retired Members Club – Group Code G:NEWY" to get the group rate.**

The Group Rate is available for the 3 days before and after the reunion, subject to availability. If you want to book online for any extra days (earlier than 09/25/26 or later than 09/30/26), first make your reservation for the meeting days. Then email our hotel contact, **Kierra Pittman**, kierra.pittman@hyatt.com, with your **confirmation number** and the **additional dates** you would like to add to your reservation. Kierra will personally check the availability and, if available, make the adjustments to their reservation at the group rate. The deadline to make your reservation is September 4th by 5:00 PM Eastern time to ensure getting a room. Any reservations received after this date will be confirmed at the Hotel's prevailing rate, based on room availability. Cancellations made at least 72 hours ahead will receive their deposit back.

NOTE: You may see a **Destination Fee paragraph on your confirmation. Please note this is their standard verbiage, but it DOES NOT apply to reservations made under our "Group Code".

Other Meeting Information

Weather – temperatures in New Orleans in late September average in the mid 80s daytime and mid 70s at night.

Transportation Options:

Airports

- Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MYS) serves the New Orleans area.

Public Transportation

- In addition to taxis and rideshare services, New Orleans offers diverse transportation options, primarily managed by the New Orleans Rapid Transit Authority (RTA), including iconic streetcars, buses, and ferries. For information about the RTA, visit www.norta.com

Auto Travel – If you are driving or renting a car, The hotel's address is 800 Iberville Street, New Orleans, LA 70112. Parking at the hotel is \$45.00/day. There is also nearby parking garages with similar rates of \$40-\$45/ day.

Business Program – Arrival, registration and a Welcome Reception/Dinner will take place on Sunday, September 27th. We have a great lineup of presenters this year. As we get closer to the reunion date, the latest meeting agenda [may be seen here...](#)

Departure will be on Wednesday, September 30th.

Attire – "Business casual" (shorts/slacks & collared shirts) is recommended for the business sessions; shorts/slacks & collared shirts or cocktail dress is optional for the planned dinners.

Special Optional Activities - This year we have 4 *Optional Tours* - 2 to choose from on Monday afternoon and another 2 to choose from on Tuesday afternoon. The details and prices for each of the tours are shown below. On your Registration Form, you'll select the tours you want to take.

Monday - September 28th



1. **Mississippi River Cruise** - Sail down the Mississippi River on a classic Paddle-wheeler for a New Orleans river cruise. Enjoy illuminating narration from the onboard historian and stop part-way through the trip to learn about the Battle of New Orleans at the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. Here you can tour the Chalmette Battlefield, including the Malus-Beauregard House and the Chalmette Monument. The meeting location to board is an .8 mile walk from the hotel. Walk or take a rideshare to 1 Poydras Street to board the boat. The tour cost is \$42.00 per person.



2. **Walking Tour of the French Quarter** - The French Quarter is not merely a place; it is a living, breathing testament to the past. This tour is your gateway to unlock its mysteries. Immerse yourself in the rich history, culture, and captivating charm of this historic district as you are guided through its winding alleys and hidden courtyards. You'll feel like you have taken a giant leap back in time, surrounded by architectural treasures that have stood for over two centuries. The Tour Guide will meet the group at the hotel to begin the tour. The tour cost is \$42.00 per person.

Tuesday - September 29th



1. **Carriage Ride in French Quarter** - Take a carriage ride through the historic neighborhoods of the French Quarter and the Marigny neighborhood. Sit back and relax while your carriage driver unfolds 300+ years of history. Sometimes scandalous - always remarkable-historic stories on your mule-drawn carriage ride. We cover the storied history of New Orleans, discussing everything from our resilient culture to the beautiful architecture. The meeting point to board is .6 miles from the hotel. Walk or rideshare to 700 Decatur Street to board your carriage. The tour cost is \$60.00 per person.



2. **Bus tour to Mardi Gras World and the surrounding area** - The tour begins with a pickup at the hotel with a private Tour Guide who will give us insights of the French Quarter, Garden District, and Lake Pontchartrain. There will be 3 stops; one in a cemetery for a guided tour, another stop at the Cafe Du Monde Located in City Park for coffee and beignets and finally taking us to the Mardi Gras World for a tour of everything that makes New Orleans the place to be to experience Mardi Gras. Learn about the history of Mardi Gras. The tour cost is \$46.00 per person.

We are looking forward to seeing you in New Orleans!