

**NEW YORK LIFE RETIRED MEMBERS CLUB**

**RMC Newsletter**  
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**2024 RMC Reunion –**  
**Hilton Alexandria Old Town**  
**October 6 - 9, 2024**

**Register for the Reunion Today**



Greetings from the NYL Retired Members Club (RMC)!

**We are looking forward to our next Reunion on October 6th-9th! 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 Alexandria. The hotel is on King Street, 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 2024-2025. You can 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](mailto:reedwilliams@charter.net)) with your mailing address and he will send you a copy. Next, to see all the registration information, [click on this link](#).

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. Many of you have found us on a Facebook page as the Retired Members Club of New York Life. 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. We have sent invitations to all members, a few have joined as of today. Just in case you missed the invitation, the group name is RMC – NYL. **Check it out and ask to join.**

We are looking forward to another great reunion. This year, we have another exciting list of speakers for the Business sessions. **Ted Mathas**, Retired Chair and CEO of New York Life will be our keynote speaker. Also, **George Nichols**, President of The American College will be with us. For more information on our reunion venue, the **Hilton Alexandria Old Town**, 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 ([georgiasuranofsky@hotmail.com](mailto:georgiasuranofsky@hotmail.com) or 610-703-0638) 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,

**Georgia**

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## Registration is now open for our 2024 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 **Hilton Hotel Alexandria Old Town** 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 **Hilton Hotel Alexandria Old Town**, you may make your hotel reservation online by [clicking here...](#) Please review the check-in & check-out dates carefully. The hotel requires a one night deposit when making your reservation. You may also call the **Hilton Hotel Alexandria Old Town** directly at 888-446-6677, for arrival on Sunday, 10/06/24, with checkout on Wednesday, 10/09/24. (RMC Board members arrive on Saturday, 10/05/24, for pre-meeting and set-up and will need to make their

room reservations accordingly.) We have a group rate of \$219.00 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 912 and Group Name Rmgc2024" to get the group rate.** The Group Rate is available for the 3 days before and after the reunion. You may book these extra days either via the online link or by phone. If you experience an issue making your reservation, please call Elijah Hammonds, Sales Manager @ 703-647-2001. The deadline to make your reservation is **September 27th 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. Please note, any individual reservation cancelled for a full refund are available through October 2nd.

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## Other Meeting Information

**Weather** – temperatures in Alexandria in October average in the low 70s daytime and mid 50s nighttime.

### Transportation Options:

#### Airports

- ***Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA)***: The closest airport to Old Town Alexandria. It is a short drive and located on the Metrorail system.
- ***Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)***: The largest international airport in the D.C. region. It is a 40-minute drive from Alexandria. It is also located on the Silver Line of the Metro.
- ***Baltimore/ Washington Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI)***: Another large airport that is 40 miles from the heart of Old Town and is 45 minutes by car when there is no traffic.

#### Public Transportation

- ***Metrorail***: Serves Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. Closest station in Old Town is the King St-Old Town station.
- ***Metrobus***: A local bus throughout Washington D.C.

- **Fairfax Connector:** Regional bus route with stops throughout northern Virginia to include Mount Vernon.
- **DASH:** A fare-free service throughout Alexandria. Services also include the King Street Trolley in Old Town.
- **Amtrak:** Stops at the King St-Old Town station. One of the best ways to travel to Alexandria from major cities on the East Coast and beyond.

**Auto Travel** – If you are driving or renting a car, The hotel's address is 1767 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314. \*\*\*\*\*NOTE: Self-Parking is attached to the hotel at a discounted rate of \$26 per day.

**Business Program** – Arrival, registration and a Welcome Reception/Dinner will take place on Sunday, October 6th. We have a great lineup of presenters this year. The latest meeting agenda [may be seen here...](#)

Departure will be on Wednesday, October 9th.

**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.

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## Special Optional Activities

We have put together a number of optional activities for your enjoyment.



**Custom Tour of Washington, DC- length 3 hours** - The luxury coach will pick us up at the hotel and we will be accompanied by a private driver and expert tour guide. We will explore the wonders of the nation's capital and see the -US Capitol Building - West Grounds; White House - North Grounds; Lincoln Memorial; Vietnam Veterans Memorial; World War II Memorial and the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. You will have time for photos at each stop. The tour is available on both Monday & Tuesday afternoons and the cost is \$70.00 per person.

***Important information:***

*No food or beverages may be consumed aboard the tour bus. Chilled water is provided. However, for your safety and others', we still kindly request that you enjoy this complimentary refreshment outside of the vehicle.*

***Wheelchair accommodation:***

*Currently, our vehicles are not equipped with lifts, ramps, or other ADA-compliant features. If you are bringing a foldable wheelchair, mobility scooter, or walker, your driver will prepare an area inside the bus where your mobility device will be stored. You will be required to board and disembark the bus on your own or with the assistance of a traveling companion.*





**Custom Walking of Alexandria – length 2 hours** - Join us on a professionally guided walking tour of historic Old Town Alexandria. Discover the fascinating and rich landscape of a colonial American port city. Alexandria was founded in 1749 along the banks of the Potomac River. On our signature Discover Alexandria walking tour, visitors will stroll along the original brick and cobblestone streets of George Washington’s hometown. Discover Alexandria’s connections to the French and Indian War at the Carlyle House. See where George Washington celebrated the end of the Revolutionary War at a historic tavern that was later turned into the first chartered bank in Virginia. Check out the tavern where Thomas Jefferson celebrated his inauguration in 1801! Walk through the historic Christ Church grounds where Washington attended services on the eve of the Revolutionary War. On this tour, you will see why Alexandria, Virginia has been called a “living museum.” Each block has an incredible story and many hidden gems. Your guide will help unlock the secrets of one of America’s most iconic and beautiful historic cities! This tour is available on both Monday & Tuesday afternoons and the cost is \$30.00 per person.



**Golfing** – For our golfers we have a special opportunity to play a round on Monday afternoon Oct 7th at the prestigious **Army Navy Country Club** ([www.ancc.org](http://www.ancc.org)) in Arlington. Scott and Barrett Anders are members and they have volunteered to be our sponsors. The club is just 6 miles from our hotel in Alexandria and we are planning for tee times around 1 pm to get everyone back to the hotel by 6 pm that evening.

The Army Navy Club was co-founded by Dwight D. Eisenhower when he was a junior officer assigned to the Pentagon back in 1924. The Arlington Club has 27 holes for golf, 29 tennis courts, and a comprehensive aquatic center. The Clubhouse is a first-class facility with dramatic views of the city and the Washington Monument.

The cost for this outing is \$160 per person. We must book a minimum of 6 players to join Scott and Barrett, and no more than 14 overall to play. As a result, we need you to please sign up early and encourage other golfers to sign up early as well. If we fill up, we will put you on a waiting list if there are any cancellations. We must confirm our contract with a non-refundable deposit by August 1st to lock in our tee times. **This is a unique opportunity and venue, and we will need your firm commitment and payment if you want to play.** We can only provide a refund, if the Club cancels play due to weather, or if the President chooses to play a round and gets in the way.

**For all of these optional tours/golfing, you will indicate your selections on the RMC registration form.**

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We are looking forward to seeing you in Alexandria!