

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK MILITARY WOMAN (Formerly known as The Black WAAC/WAC/Women in the Service)

20th Biennial Reunion/Convention August 10-14, 2016

Greetings Sister Soldiers, Family and Friends:

The 2016 NABMW Biennial Reunion/Convention is just around the corner. This years' Planning Committee is excited to announce that the Reunion/Convention will be hosted by the New York City NABMW Chapter. The event will be held at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel, August 10-13, 2016. 1000 Spring Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, 07201. This will be the 20th year we have held biennial meeting throughout the United States. The Convention brings old friends and new friends together.

A major focus of the Convention is to get the word out about our past and present contributions of service to our country. We want to insure that the Black Military Women's history is not forgotten. We take time out to honor those who are no longer with us and those still serving.

We encourage all participants to register early and stay at the Hotel.

"THIS YEARS THEME IS: "BLACK MILITARY WOMEN ROCK"

We chose this theme because it truly expresses how we view ourselves. We are beautiful, interesting, dynamic, intelligent, adventurous, and courageous women. Women who have served and are currently serving our country, we all have proudly worn the uniform and continue to demonstrate that we are a force to be reckoned with. Never tell us we cannot, because we will show you we can. We are here to make sure that the history of the Black Military Women past, present and future accomplishments are never lost. It is up to all of us to

Tell "HerStory" and Tell It We Will".

The Beautiful Renaissance Newark Marriott Airport Hotel will be the location of the 2016 Reunion/Convention. It is located only 15-20 minutes from downtown New York City. The most famous and visited city in the world, with its' many historic landmarks: 42nd Street, Broadway Theatre District, Statue of Liberty, 911 Memorial, New York City Skyline, St Patrick Cathedral, CNN Center, Central Park, The Village, SoHo, Harlem, 125th Street and so much more. We know you will want to join us in August 2016 for all the fun and festivities. We will have seminars and workshops, covering important information about benefits, healthcare, claims and financial planning.

Transportation: There will be free transportation to and from the hotel. The hotel provides a free shuttle, just call (908 436-4700) when you get to the airport. The committee recommends that you fly into Newark Airport in New Jersey. The hotel is only 5 to 10 minutes away. New Jersey and New York City Transit buses and rail service, travels to and from the city on an hourly basis. The NABMW will have charter buses to take members on a city tour of the Big Apple and shopping.

Ladies, Flyers available on line as well as Registration and Journal Advertisement Forms. Think about joining us with your family, friends and check out the New York City sites. Informing others and bring a friend or sister soldier to share in this awesome experience. We encourage members and friends to post a Flyer on your church bulletin board, VA Medical Center, American Legion Post, Disable American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars
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and Military Installation bulletin boards. We would like as many military women who have an interest in our missions to attend our upcoming Reunion/Convention and bring family, friends and your support system.

The NABMW Souvenir Journal-This 20th Biennial Reunion/ Convention Souvenir Journal will be an important Historical Artifact and something you will want as a keepsake. For over 30 years the NABMW Journal has told the story of our growth, progress and development. This journal is a tradition that we want to always keep. It is up to each of us to tell "HerStory" one Black Military Woman Story at a time. **We encourage each of our NABMW members and friends to commit ourselves to purchasing a one page AD in this ultra-important historical document. Remember "You are a significant part of this nation's military history."**

Attention!!! - Included in the Registration package you will find information on the Registration Fee, Hotel Registration, and Souvenir Journal page instruction fees. Please make your hotel reservation early. You can now register for both the reunion and the hotel room on-line at our WEBSITE: WWW.NABMW.COM (just click on Reunion/Convention 2016 –Reunion registration or Hotel registration) OR you may fill out the attached Reunion/Convention Registration and Journal Forms and return it with your check, Money Order, Cashier's Check, Or Credit Card to the following address: **2016 NABMW Reunion/Convention C/O Blossom Ferguson, 118-27 235 Street, Cambria Heights, NY 11411.:**

Hotel Information: To make your Hotel Reservation call Toll Free 1(800) 228-9290 or Local 1(908) 436-4700 or click on the following link:

Book your group rate for National Association of Black military Women

The National Association of Black Military Woman group rate is \$149.00. Cutoff date for making reservation is July 8, 2016.

Contact Information: We need your Current Email addresses and Telephone Number. This would definitely help us contact you quicker and it would certainly help defray expensive mailing cost. Providing the NABMW with your current Email addresses would allow us to keep you current with updates and information concerning all the wonderful things that the NABMW are doing. We want to get our information out to as many members as possible. If you do not have an Email account, we recommend that you sign up for one. You can obtain one free from AOL, Yahoo, and Gmail, just to name a few.

Sincerely

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ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTRATION FORM**

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE: Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Membership Number: _____ (If known)

Name of Guest: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number _____ Required

E-Mail Address: _____

Do You Require Special Handicapped Arrangements? Yes () N ()

If Yes, Explain: _____

Registration Fee (EARLY BIRD SPECIAL MEMBERS \$250 Must be paid by February 15, 2016 Non Members \$275) Payment plan does not apply

Registration Fee **If paid after February 15, 2016** Members, \$300 - Non-Members \$325, (We have payment plan available -- Must be paid by April 30, 2016)

Late Registration Fee \$350 Members and Non Members, **if paid after April 30, 2016**

(Onsite Registration \$375 must be paid in cash or Credit card only.

Guest: \$75 – Banquet Only _____ Number of additional guest for banquet _____

Meal Selection: Chicken _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian _____

Order your Reunion/Convention T-Shirt Early. Cost:

\$12-- Small, Medium & Large

\$15 XL, XXL & XXXL__

Please indicate Size _____ Qty _____

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Payment Plan for Regular Registration and Late Registration

Regular Registration Payment plan

Feb 16 2016	\$100	
Mar 16 2016	\$100	
Apr 16 2016	\$100	
Total	\$300	

Late Registration Payment plan

Apr 17 2016	\$150	
May 17 2016	\$100	
Jun 17 2016	\$100	
Total	\$350	

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES: 1 Lunch, 1 Continental Breakfast, Reception, Banquet, Free Parking, Journal, New York City Tour, Shopping, Admin Cost, and hospitality Room privileges, Gift Bag, Seminars and Workshops.

Payment Plan available. If you would like to pay see Payment Plan Chart above. Must be paid by Registration cutoff date of April 30, 2016.

Note: No refunds after July 15, 2016. Additional fees required for other meals and activities.

If not paying on line, mail Registration Form with Check, Money Order, Certified Cashier Check or Credit Card to:
2016 NABMW Reunion/Convention, C/O Blossom Ferguson, 118-27 235 Street, Cambria Heights, NY 11411

Payment Plan does not apply to Early Bird Special Registration

Credit Card: () Visa () Master Card () American Ex () Discover

Card Number: _____ **Expiration Date** _____

Name As It Appears on Credit Card: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Register on line at our Website: NABMW.COM (it is faster and easier and saves on postage fees) OR fill out the form and submit with payment. Contact Reunion Treasurer Blossom Ferguson for additional information. Adjustments to payment plans must be made to accommodate cost for additional guests and selected planned events, such as local tours.

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SOUVENIR JOURNAL

Black Military women have a remarkable history of service to this country and one of the outstanding ways we show it is through our Souvenir Journal. When you purchase an Ad, you show your love and support for this great Organization. We want you to send pictures of yourself in uniform and tell us a little about who you are, where you served and let us see what you are doing now. You may be on active duty, retired, in the reserve, a veteran, or were in the military at some point in your life. Just remember your service was and is important, everything you are doing and have done while in the military is an essential part of this Nations Military History. Black Women are serving and have served with honor and distinction and we must never forget that "OURS" is a proud heritage that we must preserve. **We would like each NABMW member to commit to a one full-page AD.** Ask family, friends and co-workers to contribute to an Ad dedicated to you or to a family member or military person they know. Get your church, social club, civic organization, veterans' organization, businesses which you support to take out an Ad. Do not be shy about asking them. Your service and sacrifice to the country is worth more.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADS

Non Camera Ready (for persons unable to create their own page) Photos: When sending photographs (before and after picture would be great to accompany your text), please do not send ORIGINALS. We recommend that you obtain a good, clear black and white copy from your local KINKO's, Office Max, Staples, Office Depot, Wal-Mart or similar store.

Accompanying Text: There will be an additional \$10.00 charge for all text which must be arranged and/or typed. Please clearly print your copy exactly as you wish your Ad to appear in the Journal. USE SEPARATE SHEETS FOR TEXT.

CAMERA READY: (Individually prepared Ads for full, half or quarter pages ready to be printed) It is recommended that persons with access to computers or copiers create their own pages. This will allow for individual creativity in arranging small multiple Ads as well as larger Ads.

THIS WILL BE OUR 20TH EDITION OF THE JOURNAL AND WE KNOW YOU WILL WANT TO SEE YOUR AD IN THIS YEAR'S SOUVENIR JOURNAL

Note: Please send your ads to the **NABMW 2016 Reunion/Convention 2016 C/O Blossom Ferguson. 118-27 235 Street, Cambria Heights, NY 11411**. Upon receipt she will follow-up with a phone call to ensure delivery. If you would like the same Ad that was previously submitted to Past President Kathleen Harris, contact Blossom Ferguson (See Address Above).

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AD SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone; () _____ E-Mail _____

AD SIZE	AMOUNT	PLEASE CHECK
GOLD PAGE	\$250.00	_____
SILVER PAGE	\$200.00	_____
FULL PAGE (Recommended for every NABMW member) \$150		_____
HALF PAGE	\$100.00	_____
QUARTER PAGE	\$ 50.00	_____
EIGHTH PAGE	\$ 25.00	_____
SINGLE LINES (Friends & Boosters)	\$ 10.00	_____

LIST ALL ATTACHMENTS SUCH AS (Pictures or Text): _____

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: June 18, 2016

MAIL CAMERA READY ADS AND PAYMENTS TO: 2016 NABMW REUNION/CONVENTION, C/O Blossom Ferguson, 118-27 235th Street, Cambria Heights, New York.11411

Make checks payable to: 2016 NABMW CONVENTION OR CHARGE THE FOLLOWING CREDIT CARD;

() Visa () Master Card () Amex () Discover

Amount \$ _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date _____

Name As It Appears on Credit Card: _____

(Please Print Clearly)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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