

**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
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"17th BIENNIAL REUNION"

August 18 - 22, 2010

YES WE HAVE! YES WE CAN! YES WE WILL!

Greeting Sister Soldiers, Family, and Friends:

It's that time again! The NABMW Reunion 2010 Planning Committee is delighted to announce the **NABMW 17th BIENNIAL REUNION at the HYATT REGENCY SAVANNAH, SAVANNAH, GA during August 18-22, 2010.** Two years have passed since our last reunion in Las Vegas, NV. As you know for the past 30 years, we have been meeting throughout the United States, meeting new and old friends, telling stories of the past and present, and honoring those who have gone before us. Our 2010 reunion theme is: **"Yes We Have, Yes We Can, Yes We Will!" with a focus on Health and Beauty.**

We chose this theme because it is indicative of our past, present and future accomplishments. "They said we couldn't serve beside, with or over male or white Soldiers; **"But we have!"** They said we couldn't command, jump out of airplanes, fly aircraft, drive trucks, maintain equipment, lead troops, or serve in combat; **"But we are!"** Most importantly, they said we couldn't be a mother, wife and Soldier at the same time **"But we have, we are and we will continue to do so!** We are continuing to find out about those who served before us as well as the younger heroines of today. We are so pleased that these younger Sister Soldiers are continuing to affirm our worth by leaving a creditable legacy of their own while still leaving the door open for further achievements.

The newly restyled **Hyatt Regency Savannah Hotel** will be the host location of our reunion. It is located in the heart of the nation's largest historic landmark district along the Savannah Riverwalk. Savannah is filled with things to do and places to go for all ages from trolley tours to riverboat dinner cruises and fun in the sun at Tybee beach. We know you will join in the fun and festivities of the "2010" Reunion. We plan to have several workshops on women's health, beauty aids, massage therapy, and other women related issues.

Transportation. The hotel is located approximately 15 - 20 minutes from the Savannah International Airport. The NABMW transportation Committee is working on getting two-three vans to transport our guest from the airport to hotel. There will be a minimum charge of \$30 round trip. B & B Shuttle offers round trip transportation between Savannah International Airport and downtown hotels, including the Hyatt for \$49.00. There are also cabs and limousines at the airport to transport you to and from the hotel for a reasonable fee. The Chatam Area Transit (CAT- metro bus #2) also provides transportation to downtown Savannah for \$1.50. We will send out an updated newsletter sometime in February 2010. **So ladies, please come join us (with your family and friends) for some great southern hospitality in historic Savannah. Bring a fellow sister Soldier with you. LET'S CELEBRATE!!!**

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Volunteers are needed! As you know, one person cannot do it all. We are over 400 strong in membership and we need help in planning and executing every aspect of our reunion. We know we have folks who have experience in all of these areas or just want to be actively involved. So if you are one of those folks, please sign up for one of the committees and the committee chairperson will contact you. We need your help in assisting us in the following areas: Hospitality, Registration, Journal Preparation & Production, Transportation, Banquet, and Special Events.

NABMW Souvenir Journal. The NABMW Year 2010 "17th Biennial Reunion" Souvenir Journal" will be a historical artifact. Since 1978, our Reunion Journals have chronicled the story of the growth and development of our association. We want to continue this tradition. It is very important to record our progress and "Tell the story" of Black Military Women. **We would like each NABMW member to commit herself/himself to filling one full-page AD in this very important historical document. "YOU" are a significant part of this nation's military history.**

Included in this letter are information sheets on the Registration Fee, Hotel Registration, and Souvenir Journal page instruction and fees. Please make your hotel registration early. You can now register for both the reunion and hotel rooms on-line at our **WEB SITE: WWW.NABMW.COM** (just click on Reunion 2010 – Reunion registration or Hotel registration) OR You may fill out the attached reunion registration and journal forms and return it to me at the following address:

**NABMW Reunion 2010
C/O Harriet L. Staten
P.O. Box 952
Fayetteville, GA 30214**

Sincerely,

COL (RET) HARRIET L. STATEN
Chairperson, NABMW Reunion 2010

COL (RET) ELFREDA KIRKSEY
Co-Chairperson, NABMW Reunion 2010

P.S. IMPORTANT!! We need your Current Email addresses! This would certainly help us defray expensive mailing costs. It will also give us a faster way to contact you and provide updates on what's going on in the NABMW. **Please provide us with your current email address and also email addresses of other sister Soldiers.** Include it in your registration and/or send us an email to: NABMWREUNION@AOL.COM "Subject: NABMW Reunion 2010 contact information". We would like to get our information out to as many people as possible. If you do not have an email account, recommend you sign up for one. You can obtain one **free** from AOL, Yahoo and Gmail; just to name a few.

Contact: NABMW Reunion, C/O Harriet L. Staten, Reunion 2010 Chairperson, P. O. Box 952, Fayetteville, GA 30214; Email: NABMWREUNION@AOL.COM, (404) 406-7598, Elfreda Kirksey, Co-Chair (404) 372-6282

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ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Fee: Members: \$150.00 Non-Member: \$175.00 (Includes admin costs, reception, tour, banquet) Guest: \$75.00 (Banquet only) Number of additional guests for banquet dinner: ____.

Note. **NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 15, 2010.** Additional fees required for other meals and activities.

YOU CAN NOW REGISTER ON-LINE AT OUR WEB SITE: NABMW.COM.
IT'S FASTER & EASIER, & SAVES ON POSTAGE FEES.

Or you can fill out the form below and send it with your payment.

Name: _____ MBR NO _____ (if known)

Guest Name: _____

Address: _____

Zipcode _____

Telephone: (required) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Special Handicap Arrangements: Yes _____ No _____

CHARGE TO FOLLOWING CREDIT CARD:

_____ VISA _____ Master Card _____ AMEX _____ Discover

Reunion Registration Amount \$ _____ Reunion Journal \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Account No _____ EXP DATE _____

NAME ON CARD _____ -(PRINT)

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

NOTE: Special installment payment plan can be arranged. Contact Reunion Chairperson for additional information. Adjustments to payment plan must be made to accommodate costs for additional guests and selected planned events, such as local tours.

Special installment payment plan: Yes _____ No _____

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**HOTEL
REGISTRATION INFORMATION**



Hyatt Regency Savannah on the Historic Riverfront

Place: **Hyatt Regency Savannah**
Two West Bay Street
Savannah, GA 31401

Date: **August 18 - 22, 2010**
(Wednesday – Sunday)

Hotel Reservation Number:
Toll free 1-800-233-1234
Local: 912-238-1234

Group Code: **NABMW10**

Room Rate: **\$108.00 per night** (plus taxes)
(Single/Double Occupancy – Recommend
Buddy System to cut cost in half)

Dead Line: **JULY 16, 2010**

All room rates are net, non-commissionable and quoted exclusive of appropriate county and state taxes, currently 13%. The Hotel requires a one night's room deposit plus \$1 per night city of Savannah room fee. This deposit may be made by major credit card, check, or money order. The credit card is charged at the time of the booking and if you are sending a check or money order, the Hotel must receive payment within 14 days of making the room reservation or it will be canceled. The Hotel does not issue written confirmations; however, a guest may obtain a confirmation number by calling our Room Reservations Department at 1-800-233-1234.

REGISTER EARLY

PLEASE NOTE: We expect a large number of participants, which may result in acquiring additional lodging accommodations (away from the main hotel) to handle the overflow. This means we cannot guarantee the same rate as the main hotel. **To ensure everyone has proper accommodations and planned events are adequately resourced, we ask that you**

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SOUVENIR JOURNAL

Twenty years from now when your great grandchildren visit our NABMW ARCHIVES, or take in an exhibit at their University or stroll through the Smithsonian---they should see **YOU** and **YOUR HISTORY** in a well preserved "NABMW 2010, SOUVENIR JOURNAL." When we do something, we don't generally think of it as having historical significance. However, everything that you have done and are doing in the military is an **essential part** of the fabric of this Nation's Military History. **Yours is a proud heritage that must be preserved.**

We would like each NABMW member to commit themselves to fill a one full-page Ad in this important historical document. Ask your family, friends and coworkers to contribute to an Ad dedicated to you, a family member or a military person they know. This will assist with your costs. Get your church, social club, civic organization, veteran organizations, and businesses which you support to take out an Ad. Don't be shy about asking them. Just eight small business card Ads (\$25.00 each) will fill a page. You have "sacrificed to serve" on their behalf. We also recommend that each Region take out a full page Ad of their choice.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADS

NON CAMERA READY - (for those persons unable to create their own page)

Photos: When sending photographs (a 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 stores. **If you must send originals, please provide a self addressed stamped envelope for their return.**

Accompanying Text: There will be an **additional charge of \$10.00** 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 Ad's 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 large Ads.

EVERYONE WILL WANT TO BE RECORDED IN THIS VERY SPECIAL 2010 JOURNAL.

Please send your Ads to Reunion Address provided throughout this letter. Upon receipt, someone will follow-up with a phone call to ensure delivery. If you would like the same Ad that you have previously submitted to Kathaleen Harris, please contact her at 678-478-1040.

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AD SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

CHECK

_____	Gold Page	250.00
_____	Silver	200.00
_____	Full page	150.00 (recommend for every NABMW member)
_____	Half page	100.00
_____	Quarter Page	50.00
_____	Eighth Page	25.00
_____	Single Line (Friends & Boosters)	10.00

LIST ALL ATTACHMENTS _____

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: July 23, 2010

MAIL CAMERA READY ADS TO: NABMW REUNION 2010, C/O Harriet L. Staten. P.O. Box 952, Fayetteville, GA 30214

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NABMW CONVENTION'

OR CHARGE TO THE FOLLOWING CREDIT CARD:

___ VISA ___ MASTER CARD ___ AMEX ___ DISCOVER

AMOUNT _____

ACCOUNT NO _____ EXP DATE _____

NAME ON CARD _____ (PRINT)

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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