

MOROA TRANSMITTER



March

“Following the Spirit of Truman’s Leadership in ROA”

2022

President’s Message

By Col Richard E. Nelson III, USAF



Col Rick Nelson

Are you ready for Spring? After this winter's wild swings in temperature and snowfall, hopefully “Spring has sprung” where you live. With warmer weather now and Covid apparently mostly behind us, we have more opportunities to meet and gather in-person. An excellent one is our upcoming MOROA Annual Convention. By now, you should have received the invitation and registration form for this year's event in St Louis. I ask you to please consider attending all or any part (Saturday Banquet) of this annual meeting of current and past defenders of our nation. We have a good selection of speakers to update us all, to include current Congressional bills from ROA's Director of Legislation, **Jonathan Sih**; an expert on the ever-increasing importance of cyber security within DOD, **Mr. Nick Powers**, and our Banquet speaker, **Dr Kurt Graham**, the Director of the newly renovated Truman Library and Museum.

With ROA's upcoming Centennial in October of this year, and the significance of Missouri's own **President Harry S Truman** signing our Charter in June 1950, plans are underway for a possible MOROA commemoration event at the library. If so, this will likely occur during June. Stay tuned for more details. We want to make this one of the many special events during ROA's Centennial year to culminate in October in Washington, DC at ROA's National Convention's Centennial Celebration. From Laclede's **General “Black Jack” Pershing** and ROA founder to early member and Charter signer Lamar's President Truman, Missouri has a unique and proud heritage in ROA history. Also, over recent years, the Department of Missouri has had a least six National Presidents.

But to keep our effort and legacy alive, we need new members, particularly from our drilling ranks. This is an old and repeating refrain I know, but the issue is not getting better. More of our older members are passing every year than we are signing up new members. What can we do as individuals? Do you have sons, daughters, grandsons, or granddaughters (or those of your friends and rela-

tives) now serving on active duty, in the Reserves or Guard, or in Senior ROTC (Juniors and Seniors)? They all qualify for membership. Since most are likely under 35 years old, they can join as Associate Members, with no dues for five years or until age 35. Convince them to sign up for this no cost way to learn about ROA. Many may not continue long term with ROA, but some will. Tell them why you became a member and how ROA helped you. During his first year on active duty in the US Navy, I paid the dues for my son's initial Term Membership. Without my prodding or suggestion, I discovered he voluntarily paid for a Life Membership when the renewal came due. Our younger folks just need the exposure to begin to appreciate how important ROA is to them and our national defense. A free Associate membership makes it easy initially. With our current MOROA policy, new Life Members receive a 50% rebate of their dues – a very good deal for those of any age.

Before I forget, my congratulations to **Col Stephen J. Nester**, who assumed command of the 442 Fighter Wing on December 4, 2021. I flew with him several times in the mid-1990s. He is a skilled pilot, excellent combat flight leader, and has held many command positions within the 442 FW. Steve is a second generation 442 FW Leader. His father **Maj Gen Robert Nester (Ret)** was Vice **Col Stephen Nester** -Commander of the 442 in the late eighties and later became a ROA National President. Hope you to see you in St Louis in late April.



ROA Leadership Conference Summary

By Col Rick Nelson III, USAF (Ret)

ExCom Meeting-It was announced **Senator Roy D. Blunt** (R-MO) was chosen to receive ROA's Minuteman of the Year Award. Previously, native Missourian **Gen John J. “Black Jack” Pershing**, ROA's principal founder, was also chosen to receive the Minuteman Award this year. With Missouri's unique history of its two native

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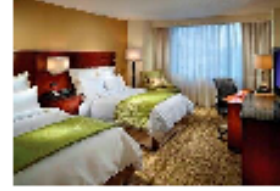


96th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI CONVENTION
April 29 – May 1, 2022

Marriott Hotel – West ~ 660 Maryville Center Drive ~ St. Louis, MO 63141

After two years of not being able to meet in person we are again planning to hold the 2022 Convention in St. Louis. The Marriott Hotel – West, located within the Maryville business center near I-64 and Missouri Route 141, will be our meeting site. A Hospitality Suite, located off the Hotel Lobby, will be available for Registration as well as socializing Friday and Saturday. The hotel is equipped with excellent convention and banquet space and well-appointed and comfortable rooms for those wishing to stay at the hotel. Our room rate, with a full buffet breakfast (incl. taxes) will be \$126.70/night. This rate is being held until April 8th. Room reservations can be made by calling the hotel at (314) 878-2747 or via a MOROA special web link at:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1640126270182&key=GRP&app=resvlink>



Invited speakers are Dr. Kurt Graham, Director, Truman Library (celebrating the opening of the newly remodeled library and the ROA Centennial connection of Missourians President Harry Truman and General John Pershing). Jonathan Sih, ROA Director Legislative and Military Affairs, Mr. Nick Powers, UNCOMN Security and Management Consultants and a possible surprise guest from the past.



MOROA CONVENTION REGISTRATION

April 29- May 1, 2022

Due by April 8, 2022

Convention Registration and Luncheon are FREE for drilling 01-03, W1 & W2 and E1-E6. Complete the following information request and mail with your check (payable to Missouri ROA) to: **CAPT Richard Kallemeier, 14775 Thornbird Manor Parkway, Chesterfield, MO 63017**

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sons' influence on ROA, to include President Truman's 1950 signing of the Charter (early member of ROA after his WWI service), It is only fitting that a longtime supporter for ROA and National Security, like Missouri's Senator Blunt, should receive ROA's distinctive Minuteman Award. ~ After the merger of the New Mexico and



Leadership Meeting Attendees

Arizona Departments they were renamed Department of Southwest. ~Top of the Hill rental revenues growing steadily.

ly. ~ROA will hire a full-time legislative assistant to increase legislative advocacy capabilities. **STARS Foundation** - Second Century Campaign fundraising rolling out ROA wide, having collected \$448,000 this past year. STARS school kits are available for families of deployed members www.starsinschools.org. Kits were given to the 442 FW at Whiteman AFB. These are designed to make school officials/teachers aware of an individual student's Reservist parent's deployment and the possible resulting stresses to this child.

DNCM meeting ~ Multiple membership related discussions; reaching out to those who did not renew their memberships; asking junior troops what they want from ROA; many similar military organizations memberships have dropped; some now have no dues; answer the question "what's in it for me?~Restorative and preventative maintenance briefing on the Minuteman Building-according to contract manager, building was well constructed and is now receiving appropriate cleaning and timely work. ~ New Reserve Readiness Center – future digital options for mentorship, employment info, promotion packet reviews, reinigorating international programs, and more. ~ Recent Dental Reserve Educational forum provided valuable information about dental issues negatively affecting Reserve readiness. Available online at YouTube and www.roa.org

Centennial Celebration ~ Committee Chairman, **CAPT Henry Plimack**, provided updates on current plans. ROA STARS Foundation funded Reception will be at the Willard Hotel, Saturday, October 1, the same location as ROA's first Convention. The next evening, on October 2, ROA's 100th anniversary, at the Convention banquet, we will induct Senator Blunt and General Pershing into ROA's Minuteman Hall of Fame.

Legislative Briefing ~ High emphasis: Provide interim pay for gray areas retirees whose pay is delayed up to 180 days audit review, to include no medical coverage. A recent success was the Congressional approval last December of HR3626 providing a full month's pay (not 1/30 per day) for those Reservists who maintain the same qualifications as Active Duty for Hazardous Duty pay or Aviation

Incentive Pay. More high priority items are included in the Hill visits paragraph.

Department President's Meeting ~ agreed to keep DNCM and Department Presidents periodic meeting as joint gatherings. ~Possible closed chapter's funds may be found in local state's "unclaimed property" account. ~President **CAPT Robert Carmack** suggested renewing the ROA Academy and a lengthy discussion followed. If pursued, it will likely to be a virtual resource with various topics on the ROA website.

Hill visits ~ **Lt Col Don Stockton** scheduled visits with the two Missouri Senators and two Congressional Representatives.

With **Col Rick Nelson** and **COL Mike Clarke**, they first visited Senator Blunt. **Nelson, Clarke, Senator Blunt, Stockton**



He was very pleased to learn from Don Stockton about his selection as our Minuteman Awardee. He volunteered he will be at our Centennial Celebration to accept. We also were able to visit with **Senator Josh Hawley** and his staff. Both Sena-



tors and their staffs were very supportive of our efforts. We asked them to support and cosponsor bills S829 -Tricare Fairness for Gray Area Retirees; S1291-DD214 for Reservists; S1532-Jobs and Child Care for Military Families; and S1178-Tax Credits for Employers of Deployed Reservists. We were able to have a lengthy visit with **Congresswoman Vicky**



Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler welcomes MOROA

Hartzler and her staff. They also continue to be very supportive of our Reservists and the Armed Forces. We thanked her for previously co-sponsoring HR 3626 – Hazardous Duty Pay bill mentioned above. House bills we discussed for support are: HR1854 – Employer Tax Credits; HR 2974 and HR 148 – Military Spouse Hiring Employer tax benefits and allow Dependent Care Flexible Accounts from pre-tax pay; HR 3512 – Healthcare for Troops Act to include Dental Care (a serious Readiness issue); HR 7041 – DD214. **Congressman Billy Long's** office had to cancel due to illness of a staff member.



Legislative Affairs

By CAPT Michael Nolan, USN (Ret)

As this article is being written (late February 2022), short-term Continuing Resolution legislative bills are being advanced in both the Senate and the House of Representatives, in order to provide authority for fiscal year 2022 expenditures by the Defense Department. Continuing Resolutions are not ideal because they prevent new funding from reaching critical programs. Our armed forces are still trying to recover from these budget cuts which began in 2013 and have had a serious effect on force and unit readiness. The Air Force has said that under a Continuing Resolution it would need to execute a flying hour program well below what is required to maintain high levels of proficiency.

America must get serious again about defense spending. During the Cold War, America's defense spending averaged close to 7% of the nation's GDP (Gross Domestic Product). After the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union, our nation enjoyed a "peace dividend" and our defense spending fell to as low as 2.9% of GDP during 1998. As the costs of the "war on terror" grew, spending for defense grew to 4.0% of GDP by 2008. For the year 2022, the Congressional Budget Office estimates this year's defense costs will be \$715 billion dollars, which represents 2.9% of GDP.

Increasing defense spending to 4.0% of GDP for 2022 would add more than \$200 billion dollars to the budget. Included in this increase would be capabilities and investments for longer lead time items including shipbuilding, aerospace and others. This level of spending would give American forces the resources required to counter growing Chinese and Russian power elsewhere. Increased defense spending would not be a drag on economic growth. The capabilities America needs to add to its defense arsenal are mostly high-tech and have civilian as well as military applications.

The most dangerous and expensive of all mistakes is to under spend on defense at a time of a growing threat. In 1940 as Hitler marched into Paris, the U.S. was spending 1.9% of GDP on defense. By 1944 that figure reached 37.0%. I ask ROA members in Missouri to communicate with their elected members of Congress on the importance of the funding for a strong military force. Our active and reserve forces deserve to have modern equipment along with training facilities to carry out their mission.

Army Affairs

By LTC Matthew Eddings

Army Reserve Strength currently sits at 181,900 out of an authorized end strength of 189,500 (95.9%). Based off current assigned, we have approximately 3700 Soldiers (+/-2%) that have refused the COVID vaccine and are in some sort of administrative process and are non-deployable. Total deployed this month is approximately

7900 *OCONUS* and 3500 *CONUS* for various operations.

Strength and Retention – currently our biggest gaps exist in the E6-E8 enlisted ranks (currently only mid 70% assigned). Retaining our E6-E8 enlisted Soldiers over the past 2 years has been very difficult with the “hot” civilian job sector, ability for Civilian Business Professionals to offer competitive wages and work-from-home scenarios. Time is a commodity with our younger middle management type professionals. The Army Reserve, which has the same requirements as the Active Duty, continue to ask more from our leaders. The emergent need for higher/more attractive retention bonuses across the board *could* ease the strain, however that is not the current situation. The Missouri National Guard is currently advertising 100% paid tuition at over 60 colleges and universities, plus monthly stipends, in addition to all the rest of the same pay and incentives that an Army Reserve Soldier is eligible for. This should be a very important line of effort for our senior leadership going into the next 3 years.

Training – This year the Army Reserve will ramp back up its collective training exercises, while maintaining training support at our National Training Centers. During the 4th Quarter of FY21, operations and training were back to 100% in person. During the Christmas holiday season and the emergent of the Omicron Variant, most January and February training was conducted virtual, with in person emphasis on units that are scheduled to deploy later this year. March and beyond are looking promising for units to get back to training in person (vital for exercising assigned equipment, collective training progress, overall readiness).

Money – The operating budget this year is similar to last, minus unit readiness pay for “individual readiness” operations. Without getting technical, this “pot” of money has been vital over the past few years as Units and Commands shifted focus from large in person readiness events which “ate up” our limited weekend training time to shifting that responsibility to the individual Soldier during the month. The concept was is if you went to the medical or dental appointment, maintained your readiness, you were paid for that period of time (the day you went and conducted the appointment off normal drill days). This year, that pot of money is short some 75% depending on the type of command you are assigned. (Training vs. operational). This could be a hot topic of discussions *if* overall readiness begins to decline (TBD).



Henry J. Reilly Scholarship application window opens

The *Henry J. Reilly Scholarship Program* for the 2022-2023 Academic Year has opened. ROA will again award up to twenty \$2500 scholarships to students pursuing courses of study leading to certificate, associate, bachelor, and graduate degrees.

The applicant portal link is <https://aim.applyISTS.net/ROA/> When you click to this site, you will see a plain "Account Login" page with a background photo of new graduates in their caps and gowns. Either register and enter, or if you've registered before log in. You will then be directed to the scholarship application page with an ROA logo on the upper left. The scholarship process is managed for ROA by International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc. ISTS will be the point of contact for applicants throughout the process and they will provide ROA with finalist applications – an ROA committee will make the final selections.

Deadline for a completed application is May 2, 2022. Scholarship recipients will be notified in June; checks will be made out to their college/university and mailed to the recipients in August. The program supports scholarships, fellowships, internships, and other programs. You must either be a regular or associate member or the child/grandchild of a regular or associate member of ROA.

Commander Ellen Duvall and the Naval Nursing Corps

By COL Michael Clarke, MC, USA (Ret)

Last month I received an invitation for the regional meeting of Ozark Empire Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) held in Springfield, Missouri, at the Twin Oaks Country Club. I had heard that OEMOAA programs were outstanding and was pleased to learn the guest speaker was our own Navy **Commander Ellen Duvall**. She spoke and illustrated with slides the history of the Navy Nurse Corps (NNC).



Commander Duvall, now retired, has served as president of the ROA Department of Missouri and president of our Springfield chapter. She joined the Navy Reserve during her senior year at the University of Minnesota, where she received her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing.



USNS Comfort (T-AH-20)

Her active-duty assignments included the Great Lakes Naval Hospital, Vietnam, and the hospital ship USNS Comfort. She served 40 years in the

NNC.

Recommendations that female nurses be added to naval hospital staffs were put forward in 1811 but never implemented until 1861. Contract nurses were frequently employed by the Navy prior to 1861. Volunteer Catholic nuns served as nurses on ships during the civil war.

The NNC was officially established in 1908. Unofficial-

ly women had been working aboard Navy ships for over 100 years. The NNC was all-female until 1965, when the first male nurse was admitted. Currently, there are approximately 2900 NNC members, both active and reserve. The U.S. Army has approximately the same number. The Navy has thus far named two warships in honor of Navy nurse officers; the *USS Higbee (DD-806)* commissioned in 1945 and the *USS Lenah H. Sutcliffe Higbee (DDG-123)* scheduled to enter the fleet in 2024. There is a *USS Florence Nightingale (AP-70)*; however, she was a European nurse. Commander Duvall's presentation contained many more intriguing facts concerning nurses in the Navy.

Other Navy news, Chapter 442 member **LT Richard E. Nelson IV**, a F/A-18F WSO (Weapons System Officer), son of our President Rick Nelson, returned from his first aircraft carrier deployment on February 14, 2022. He served over eight months aboard the *USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70)* in the Pacific Ocean. It was near the end of this cruise the *Vinson* lost a F-35C in the South China Sea.

Vietnam Veterans Recognition

By CDR Ellen Duvall, USN (Ret)

On March 21 **Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler** hosted a Recognition Ceremony for Vietnam Veterans. The program included a detailed POW-MIA recognition ceremony and a bugler from the Smith-Cotton JROTC playing Taps. In addition to Congresswoman Hartzler, greetings were brought by **Lt Governor Mike Kehoe**, **Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft**, and **MG Levon Cumpton** Adjunct General of the Missouri National Guard, Jefferson City.

Col John Clark, Vietnam USAF veteran and POW (six years) addressed the audience. He focused on thanking the crews whose plane maintenance skills enabled him to survive his crash and families that supported veterans.

I estimated there were about 300 people present and although there were guests with several veterans, the room was filled with veterans. When I arrived, about 40 minutes before start time, the line was out the door and about half of the chairs were already filled. The one disappointment for me was that when all who served during the Vietnam era were asked to stand, I did not see another woman standing. That reflected my experiences over the years that nurses who served in Vietnam don't seek recognition for their service. The program closed with veterans receiving a handshake with the Congresswoman and receiving her coin, and then receiving the Vietnam service pin from one of the other dignitaries.

Air Force Affairs

By CMSgt Russell Burton, USAF (Ret)

The 442d Fighter Wing welcomed **Col Stephen J. Nester** as the new Wing commander in December. Also the 442d Operations Group deputy commander received the Bronze Star, **Lt Col Rick "McGraw" Mitchell** re-

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ceived the Bronze Star during the February UTACommanders Call. The Bronze Star is the fourth highest military decoration.

The 442d CES Emergency Management won an Annual Award. AFRC awarded the 442d CESEM flight the “Colonel Fredrick J. Riemer Award Readiness and Emergency Management” for the year 2021. In January four A-10 “Kansas City Hawgs” return to Arrowhead Stadium for the 2022 AFC Championship game. The 303rd FS were returned for their fourth straight year.

In January Col Rick Nelson and I met with the Truman Library Director Dr. Kurt Graham. The meeting went very well. We explained ROA’s Centennial will be this year and Dr. Graham enthusiastically asked how the library could help. In a recent meeting with Graham we discussed an ROA gathering at the library in late June to celebrate President Truman signing the ROA charter in 1950.



Lt Col Rick Mitchell

Coffee Talk with Col (Sel) Matthew Giese, USAFR President Chapter 30

Col (sel) Matthew P. Giese is the Commander of the 701st Combat Operations Squadron Detachment 1 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. The 701st provides air power expertise to support mission planning and execution for naval, marine, and land component forces in PACAF. Col (sel) Giese serves as the CFACC’s Chief of Combat Operations (CCO) and personal representative and air power authority in the Republic of Korea to supported and supporting commanders. As CCO, he also deploys as 7AF CFACC Battle Staff supporting the 607 Air Operations Center (AOC) and supervises over 395 AOC personnel.

He graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1996. On active duty, he attended Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training at Sheppard Air Force Base, with a follow-on operational flying assignment in the F-16C at Moody AFB. After transitioning to the F-15C at Elmendorf Air Force Base, he was selected for the Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base, Col (sel) Giese flew as a test pilot in two assignments in the F-16C and F-22 prior to serving on the PACAF A3/5/8 staff as the command F-22 subject matter expert and Evaluator.

He separated from active duty in 2011 and joined the 302nd Fighter Squadron at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska where he flew as an Evaluator pilot in the F-22 for 6 years. Col (sel) Giese has served as an Instructor, Evaluator, Flight Commander, Test Pilot, Director of Operations, and JACCE Deputy Director. He has over 3,000 hours of military flight time in 40 different air-

craft types. He will relinquish command of his squadron in the next few months as he transitions to an O-6 billet at INDOPACOM.

In his civilian capacity, he is the Chief Pilot for a major defense contractor and has flown multiple first flights in various models of the advanced F-15 and the T-7 as well as acting as an experimental test pilot in the Air Force’s newest fighter program—Next Generation Air Dominance (NGAD). He is also the ROA president of Chapter 30 in St Louis.

Col (sel) Giese views the ROA network and communication with actively serving Reservists as the single most important priority for ROA members and leadership. The relationship between serving and retired ROA members provides the right amount of understanding of current Reservist issues—typically focused on unit financial shortfalls and traditional reservist/IMA lack of connectivity. Programs like MS Teams, Zoom, and Desktop Anywhere have shifted into “the norm” for our part-time Reservists and will continue to provide the required connectivity they need to participate. ROA leadership should continue to actively engage using these tools to maximize participation and be willing to expand our network capabilities beyond traditional means. One example is an updated Sharepoint or website with easy accessibility and connectivity for new member resources.

Another major challenge our part-time Reservists have learned to overcome the past 2 years is acquiring the appropriate permissions for RPA-Telecommute orders. Our senior serving Reservists-in particular, our commanders-must continue to fight for these non-traditional orders as they provide our members the proper legal status while working remotely. Col (sel) Giese actively sought out and provided his own leadership team an allotment of RPA-Telecommute orders each month which, in turn, better prepared his unit and made drill weekends far more productive from a training and readiness standpoint.

One final issue that must be understood at the highest levels of Reserve Command and by our elected officials relates to Reservist status. Col (sel) Giese leads a unit of mostly traditional reservists with only a small full-time staff. Recently, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam experienced a water contamination issue due to petroleum leakage that affected a majority of the base-sponsored housing and, in particular, caused one of this traditional reservists in the housing to vacate at the member’s own cost for alternate housing. Months of deliberation and waivers eventually led to his member receiving the same emergency per diem allotments as active-duty counterparts in the same housing. That equity should have been immediately understood and approved. Barriers to understanding of status and member participation MUST be overcome at every level. And certainly, the concept of equity for our fighting soldiers and airmen needs to remain at the forefront.

Col (sel) Giese welcomes all comments and questions: matt.giese@yahoo.com; matthew.p.giese@boeing.com; matthew.giese.1@us.af.mil.

Veterans Community Project

By LCDR Joseph Bilodeau, USN (Ret)

The Veterans Community Project is a 501(c)(3) organization founded by a group of combat veterans in 2015 in Kansas City, Missouri, who resolved to stand in the gaps of a broken system that left too many of their brothers and sisters behind. They are dedicated to ending Veteran Homelessness. Their solution to provide critical support services is two-fold: The first, create a Veteran Outreach Center that provides a one-stop-shop for every type of veteran facing every type of problem regardless of time in service, discharge status, or any other traditional qualifier. Second, create a VSP Village, a specialized community of tiny homes combined with wrap-around, onsite services to get homeless Veterans off the street and transition them to permanent housing.

The St. Louis project is modeled after the Kansas City model which has served more than 4,100 at-risk Veterans and successfully transitioned more than 40 formerly homeless Veterans into permanent housing since its opening in 2018. Located on a 3.5-acre property in the heart of the Jeff Vander Lou neighborhood, the Veterans Community Project campus includes a village of tiny houses for homeless Veterans and a Veteran's Outreach Center to provide walk-in support services for any Veteran in the St.

Louis metro area.

The Veterans Outreach Center, located on Grand Avenue, will be a resource for any Veteran requiring support services such as emergency rent and utility assistance, food and hygiene kits, employment supports, military documentation and benefits navigation, and case management.

The Village will be a specialized community of 50 tiny homes with on-site, support services designed to equip Veterans with the tools needed to return to a stable, prosperous, independent life. Each tiny house provides everything needed to live with dignity and security; new furniture, appliances, housewares, bedding, personal items, and utilities - all free of charge. The homes offer sanctuary and the emotional space needed for each Veteran and VCP's specially trained team to thoroughly address the underlying causes of his or her homelessness.



For more information or to help

<https://www.veteranscommunityproject.org/vcp-stlouis>

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***CIOR/CIOMR Summer Congress, Athens, Greece 31 Jul-5
Aug***

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***Centennial National Convention, Crystal City Marriott at
Reagan National Airport, Arlington, VA 29 Sep-2 Oct***

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