Dear CMH Member –

**COME ONE, COME ALL!** Reward yourself for surviving these crazy times by coming to the 2020/21 Annual Meeting of the Company of Military Historians **MAY 27-30, 2021** at the **CROWNE PLAZA-PRINCETON NJ**, 900 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, NJ. As detailed on the last page of this mailing, we -- and the hotel -- are doing everything in our power to safeguard your health and safety.

The theme for our meeting is the **"TEN CRUCIAL DAYS OF THE REVOLUTION"**. George Washington and his men literally risked life and limb and endured near-impossible conditions to create this great country … and they did it during a smallpox pandemic. Let us come together to remember and honor their efforts!

This conference was postponed from April 2020 to October 2020 and then to May 2021. If you already registered (and did not ask for a refund), you are still registered! A list of those already registered is provided on the last page of this mailing, so you can confirm our records match yours. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

In addition to nine lectures, the Friday field trip and the traditional Saturday banquet, the registration fee includes Fri. & Sat. breakfasts, Sat. lunch and morning and afternoon coffee breaks.

**The room rate at the Crown Plaza is $119. This is the cheapest rate we've had in a DECADE!**

## CONFERENCE EVENTS: (Thurs evening through Sun morning)

- **Thurs.** Welcome Reception with recognition of the "Old Guard"; our 50-year members
- **Fri.** "Ten Crucial Days of the Revolution" field trip including Washington's Crossing (PA and NJ), the Old Barracks Museum (Trenton) and Princeton Battlefield
- **All weekend**. Nine lectures covering many periods of American military history and material culture
- **All weekend** Exhibit / flea market room Featuring Silent Auction:

**Turn your burden into CMH's blessing by donating something for the Silent Auction.**

## OPTIONAL EVENTS: (before and after the conference)

- **Wed.** Fellows event with workshop, dinner, presentation
- **Thurs.** Optional "Shopping and Shooting" field trip with weapons from flintlock to semi-automatic
- **Thurs.** Optional "Spouse-Scursion" to the Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle
- **Sun.** Optional field trip to the Museum of the American Revolution (Philadelphia)
- **Sun.** Optional field trip to the NJ National Guard Militia Museum (Sea Girt)-(dependent upon reopening date)

The hotel offers free parking and is located a very short cab ride from the Princeton Junction AMTRAK / NJTransit station.

Participate by coming to the meeting, or by attending remotely via live teleconference and/or videotaped rewind.

**The 2020 Annual Meeting will be MEMORABLE for those who can attend in person and ACCESSIBLE for those who cannot.**

## TAKE ACTION:

- Book a Room: Online: **https://tinyurl.com/yjl26t8d**, Phone: 877-666-3243. Use meeting code CMH.
- Register for the Meeting: **https://events.eventzilla.net/e/2 02021-cmh-annual-meeting-2138789451**. After you register online you can pay online by credit card, or (to reduce your convenience fees) send a check made out to "**CMH-2020**" to **P. O. Box 535 Cuddebackville, NY 12729**.
- You can also register for the meeting by snailmail: Fill out the attached registration form and send it with a check made out to "**CMH-2020**" to **P. O. Box 535 Cuddebackville, NY 12729**.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this invitation and look forward to seeing you (either in person or remotely) in May ! Please contact us with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


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PS –PLEASE NOTE Due to NJ laws, we cannot include firearms on sales tables at the Flea Market or in the Silent Auction.

| | Item | Primary Registrant | Guest Name(s) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Info on Registrant(s) | Name (for nametag purposes) | | |
| | Address | | |
| | City, St, Zip | | |
| | Phone | | |
| | Email | | |
| **Nametag & Ribbon Info** | First-time attendee? | | |
| | M=Member, L=Life Member | | |
| | Current G=Governor or O=Officer? | | |
| | Past G=Governor or O=Officer? | | |
| | F=Fellow? D=DSA | | |

# CMH 2021 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM May 27-30, 2021

| | | Regis-trant | Guests | Qty | Unit Price | Ext Price | Trans-port |
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| **Registration Options** | **Full Registration** | | | | $275 | | Van/Bus For Ten Crucial Days Field Trip ? |
| | **Recruit**: Give Name of Recruiter (optional) | | | | $250 | | |
| | **Recruiter**: Give Name of Recruit (required) | | | | $250 | | |
| | **No Banque**t | | | | $225 | | |
| | **Cadet** (no meals) | | | | $175 | | |
| | **Remote** (live teleconference access to business meeting and lectures **plus** access to videotapes of sessions which will be posted to internet after they are edited) | | | | $100 | | |
| | **Banquet Only** | | | | $80 | | |
| **Display & Sales Tables** | CMH member – First two 2'x5' display | | | | $0 | | |
| | CMH member – Additl 2'x5' display tables | | | | $40 | | |
| | CMH member – 2'x5' sales tables | | | | $50 | | |
| | **DUE TO NJ STATE LAWS, FIREARMS and AMMUNITION MAY NOT BE SOLD** | | | | | | |
| **Optional Events**<br><br>In order to promote social distancing, we are encouraging everyone who can do so to use private vehicles for field trips. | **Thurs-** Shopping & Shooting<br>- shooter<br>- spectator | | | | <br>$95<br>$70 | | ? |
| | **Thurs** – "Spouse-Scursion to Mercer Museum (by carpool or private vehicle | | | | $25 | | |
| | **Sun** – Museum of the Amer. Revolution<br>- by van/bus<br>- private vehicle | | | | <br>$55<br>$25 | | ? |
| | Sun – NJ National Guard Militia Museum (by carpool or private vehicle only) | | | | $5 | | |
| | We set prices at break-even to attract attendees, which is a calculated risk. Please add a donation to help the meeting end up in the black … or … Turn your Burdens into our Blessings by bringing along and donating items for the Silent Auction. Just think what you could do with the space you free up by donating your castoffs! | | | | | | |
| **Total Due** | Make check to "**CMH-2020**". Send to **P. O. Box 535, Cuddebackville, NY 12729.** | | | | | | |

**Banquet Entrée choice:** Please indicate banquet entrée choice:
[_] Pan Seared Breast of Chicken with Lemon Herb Burre Blanc or [_] Sliced Sirloin of Beef with Wild Mushroom Sauce

**Friday lunch:** During field trip, you will have time to walk to a local café (5 within 2 blocks) to get lunch. If you don't want to do that, when you arrive and check in at registration, you can order a lunch to be delivered to you at the Old Barracks stop on the field trip. Comments: Use space below or attach a sheet.

# 2020/21 Annual Meeting Itinerary

Talks on Drums, Flags, Long Rifles and Cannons!
If you like military material culture, this meeting is a must!

## Wednesday

Noon-900pm – **Registration** Open in Hotel Lobby
(See NOTE 1)

300pm-800pm – **Fellows Event** Fellows event includes:

- **Workshop**: "Balancing Energy and Enthusiasm: Responsible Care, Repair and Conservation" by Hermes Knauer, Conservator Emeritus, MET, NYC
- **Dinner** with group or on own
- **Presentation**: "Drumbeat Through History" by Col. J. Craig Nannos, CEO of The Sentry Post

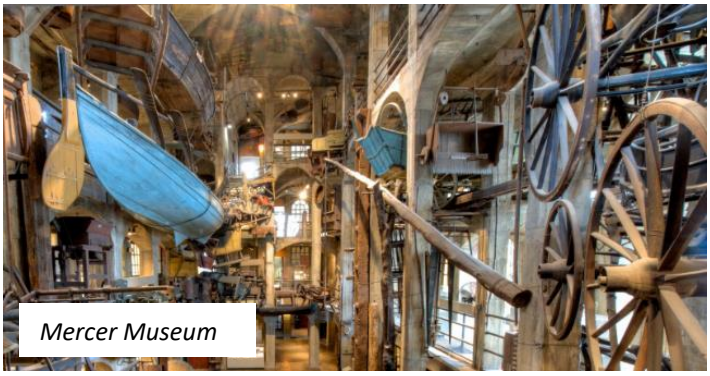
Fellows may sign up for the Fellows event independent of participation in the Annual Meeting. Each Fellow may also register one guest (at same Fellows Event price). Event will be held in the hotel, so no transportation is needed.

## Thursday

0800-900pm – **Registration** Open in Hotel Lobby
(See NOTE 1)

0800-900pm – **Exhibit / Flea Market** Open

**NOTE 1**
At registration, be sure to:
1.- Turn in your Silent Auction donations.
2.- Order **Friday lunch**: If you don't want to walk to a café for lunch, you can order a lunch to be delivered to you at the Old Barracks Museum.
3.- OPTIONAL - Bring proof of vaccination or negative COVID test (if you have it). … You'll get a special sticker for your nametag.



*Mercer Museum*

900am-600pm – **Field Trip: Shopping & Shooting**
(See transportation note on page 8 of this package)

- Shopping expedition to International Military Antiquities (IMA) warehouse in Gillette, NJ with Coffee and donuts (compliments of IMA)
- Lunch (compliments of IMA)
- Travel to shooting range where those who sign up as 'shooters' will have opportunity to fire variety of weapons. (IMA is providing ammunition and weapons)

*Shopping, IMA Warehouse*

*Shooting, Outdoor Range*

900am-500pm – **Field Trip: Spouse-Scursion to Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle** (Doylestown, PA)
(By private vehicle or carpool. No bus or van available.)

Spouse Scursion includes:

- Guided tour of Mercer Museum,
- Lunch on own
- Guided tour of Fonthill Castle

*Fonthill Castle*

700pm-930pm – **Welcome Reception**
730pm-800pm – Program portion of reception will include introductions and photos of Board of Governors, First Time Attendees, and the "Old Guard"; our fifty-year members.

## Friday

7am-830am – **Breakfast**

800am-900pm – **Exhibit / Flea Market** Open

800am-900pm – **Registration** Open 8am-10am in Hotel Lobby; 10am-9pm in Conf. Center (See NOTE 1)

830am – **Presentation: "The Mud Rounds: The British Invasion and the Great Retreat Across the Jerseys"**

**by Todd Braisted**

The 1776 British Campaign to take New York was thought to be at a close. But was it?

George Washington divided his troops primarily between Westchester County, New York and Fort Lee, New Jersey, with the fortress of Fort Washington between the two.

In the space of four days that November, the British rapidly captured both fortifications, along with thousands of troops, dozens of cannon and numerous stores. Washington, faced with expiring enlistments, dwindling morale and numerous geographic obstacles was forced to flee across the state, with thousands of British troops under Lord Cornwallis close on his heels.

**THIS IS THE STORY OF SOME OF THE DARKEST DAYS OF THE REVOLUTION, WHICH THOMAS PAINE REFERRED TO AS "THE TIMES THAT TRY MEN'S SOULS." WHILE THE BATTLES OF TRENTON AND PRINCETON REVERSED AMERICA'S FORTUNES, THE DAYS BEFORE THOSE VICTORIES WERE ANYTHING BUT OPTIMISTIC.**

930am-530pm – **Field Trip: "Ten Crucial Days of the Revolution"**

(See transportation note on page 8 of this package)

Trip includes:

- Washington's Crossing, PA & NJ
- Old Barracks Museum
- Visit to Princeton Battlefield

During our extended stop at the Old Barracks Museum, you will have time to walk to the nearby NJ State Museum, and/or to a nearby café for lunch. Be aware this is a transitional urban area. If you prefer, you can sign up when you arrive at registration to have a box lunch delivered to you at the Old Barracks Museum.

The bus will pick up attendees from both the Old Barracks Museum and the NJ State Museum, so (if you ride the bus) there is no need to walk back to the Old Barracks from the NJ State Museum.

*Old Barracks Museum, Trenton*

630pm – **Meeting**: Chapter Representatives

800pm – **Meeting**: Board of Governors

## Saturday

700am-830am – **Breakfast**

800am – **Annual Business Meeting**
Conducted by CMH President **Craig Bell**.

900am – **Presentation: "The Great War, What the Doughboys Told Me"**
**by Karen L. MacNutt, LTC Ret.**

The histories of various state National Guard units in the North East have common strains. They are rooted in the colonial minutemen; but came of age during World War I. As part of the command staff of the26th Inf. Div., then Maj. MacNutt was asked to produce a documentary of the division's history in light of its being decommissioned in 1995. In the course of that project she became friends with some of the nation's last surviving doughboys. "I can read about battles in books," she told the men, "but what I want to know is, what was it like to be there?"

**JOIN LTC MACNUTT AS SHE TALKS ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND LIFE IN THE AEF FROM A DOUGHBOY'S POINT OF VIEW.**

1000am – **Break**

1030am – **Presentation:**
**"Pennsylvania's Defenses, 1775- 1781"**
**by Joseph Seymour**

Pennsylvania's contribution to the import and manufacture of weapons and materiel during the American Revolution is well- documented. Most noted among collectors and historians is the long rifle. Over the past two and half centuries, it has attained almost mythical legendary status as a quintessential American combat arm vis à vis the much-maligned smoothbore musket. Because of its fame, the rifle's effectiveness bears closer scrutiny in terms of its ballistic performance and design.

**THROUGHOUT EIGHT YEARS OF CONFLICT, PENNSYLVANIA'S INHABITANTS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO INDEPENDENCE. THE PRESENTATION WILL EXPLORE … THE DEGREE TO WHICH PENNSYLVANIA LEVERAGED INNOVATION IN ITS CONTRIBUTION TO VICTORY.**

1130am – **Presentation:**
**"Colonial Medicine 1775"**
**by Robert Jaffee, MD**

**DR. JAFFEE'S PRESENTATION WILL ADDRESS THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AT THE TIME OF THE REVOLUTION.**

He will explain the theories behind medicine in that era. Jaffee will also review some of the more common diseases in that period afflicting the soldiers and the treatment they received.

Noon **Lunch**

100pm – **Presentation:**
**"Guadalcanal: A 75th Anniversary Visit to the Battlefields"**
**by Mike Gill**

The landing of United States forces at Guadalcanal in the British Solomon Islands occurred on August 7th, 1942. The speaker's father, Marshall Gill, was born and raised in New Jersey. He served in the 1st Marine Division and arrived in Guadalcanal on September 18th, 1942.

The 75th anniversary visit was the speaker's personal journey to visit areas of Guadalcanal where his father was located and saw action.

**THE TALK WILL DESCRIBE … BATTLEFIELDS AND ARTIFACTS … INCLUDING WWII MARINE CORPS AND JAPANESE ITEMS THAT BELONGED TO MARSHALL GILL.**

200pm – **Presentation: "Ten Days of the Revolution: A 'Southron' View"**
**by Lawrence E. Babits**

**THIS PRESENTATION EXPLORES THE STRATEGIC, TACTICAL, AND POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE SOUTH FOLLOWING THE 25 APRIL 1781 BATTLE OF HOBKIRK'S HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA.**

Cornwallis was moving to join a British Army in Virginia while Nathanael Greene was trying to win back the Carolinas and Georgia. Greene was determined to use his skills in more decisive fighting in Virginia. This presentation examines why and what caused his change of heart, something every bit as important and decisive to the South as the northern winter campaign in 1776.

300pm **Break**

330pm – **Presentation:**
**"Willie, Johnny, and the Vacant Chair: Depictions of the Common Soldier in the Parlor Music of Civil War America"**
**by Emily Lapisardi**

As the young men of the north and south marched to war, composers, lyricists, and music publishers were quick to capitalize on public sentiments through the publication of a plethora of songs depicting the common soldier. Stephen Foster, George Root, and a host of lesser-known composers allowed those left at home -- and the soldiers themselves -- to give voice to patriotic fervor, romantic longing, and the pain of injury and death through the vehicle of popular music published for performance by amateur musicians. **THIS PRESENTATION WILL TRACE THE EVOLUTION OF THE PARLOR SONG'S DEPICTION OF THE LIVES, DEATHS, AND WARTIME EXPERIENCES OF COMMON SOLDIERS THROUGH A SUMMARY OF THE REPERTOIRE AND ANALYSIS OF THE SONGS' ROLES BOTH ON THE HOME FRONT AND IN THE MILITARY CAMP**

430pm – **PRESENTATION:**
**"Uniquely American: The Practice of Engraving Captured Cannon"**
**by Leslie D. Jensen**

Les' familiarity with surviving artillery from the American Revolution and later periods led him to research this topic.

**THIS PRESENTATION COVERS ENTIRELY NEW INFORMATION ON THE PREVALENCE AND PROCESS BY WHICH CAPTURED CANNON WERE ENGRAVED. LES HAS NOT PUBLISHED AND HAS NEVER BEFORE PRESENTED THE RESULTS OF HIS RESEARCH ON THIS UNIQUELY AMERICAN PRACTICE, WHICH BEGAN IN THE 18TH CENTURY AND EXTENDED THROUGH THE MEXICAN WAR.**

630pm – **Cocktail Party** and **Banquet**

Please select your dinner entrée on the registration form.

## Sunday

830am – **PRESENTATION:**
**"Regimental Flags of the German 'Mercenaries' in the War of the American Revolution**
**by Steven W. Hill**

Over forty thousand mis- named "mercenaries" in regiments from six German principalities served in America during the American War of 1775-1783. Each of these regiments carried flags of a pattern unique to their own establishment. At least 33 of these flags were captured during the war, 25 Hessian and 8 Anspach.

Several of these flags and portions of several more still exist. This presentation will be a discussion of what these flags looked like, how they were made, their use in the field, and their ultimate disposition. While the Hessian troops are the best known, especially for their role at Trenton and Princeton, where the CMH conference is being held), important roles were played by Brunswick troops in the Saratoga campaign, and troops and flags of Anspach were captured at Yorktown.

930am-600pm – **FIELD TRIP: to NJ National Guard Militia Museum (Sea Girt, NJ)**

(By private vehicle or carpool. No bus or van available.)

While other events during the conference focus on specific periods, this field trip is our opportunity to see artifacts, exhibits, vehicles and aircraft related to American wars from colonial times to the present day. Perhaps the most unique exhibit at the museum is a Civil War submarine, the "Intelligent Whale" largely built in Newark. The Museum is currently "closed for COVID" but will reopen in spring 2021. This field trip will be cancelled, and money refunded if the Museum is not open by our conference date.

*New Jersey National Guard Militia Museum*

930am-600pm – **Field Trip to Museum of the American Revolution (Philadelphia)**

(See transportation note on page 8 of this package)

Since it opened in 2017, the Museum of the American Revolution has become a 'must see' museum.

Our group visit tickets include exhibits and films offered with general admission.

*Museum of the American Revolution*

## Remote Registration: - Live Teleconference Itinerary – May 28-29, 2021

### Friday May 28

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| 830am | "The Mud Rounds: The British Invasion and the Great Retreat Across the Jerseys" by Todd Braisted |
| Time TBD | "Regimental Flags of the German "Mercenaries" in the War of the American Revolution" by Steven W. Hill |
| 930am-500pm | **Interactive Conversation:** series of 15-minute slots for video-conference Attendees to introduce themselves and 'Show & Tell' items from their collections |
| 0730-0830pm | **Welcome Reception:** Program portion of Welcome Reception (Welcome, acknowledgements and introductions of Board of Governors, first time attendees, and the "Old Guard'; our fifty-year members) |

### Saturday May 29

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| 800am | Annual Business Meeting-led by President Craig Bell |
| 900am | "The Great War, What the Doughboys Told Me" by Karen L. MacNutt, LTC Ret. |
| 1030am | "Pennsylvania's Defenses, 1775-1781" by Joseph Seymour |
| 1130am | "Colonial Medicine 1775" by Robert Jaffee, MD "Guadalcanal: A 75th Anniversary Visit to the Battlefields" by Mike Gill |
| 200pm | "Ten Days of the Revolution: A 'Southron' View" by Lawrence E. Babits |
| 330pm | "Willie, Johnny, and the Vacant Chair: Depictions of the Common Soldier in the Parlor Music of Civil War America" by Emily Lapisardi |
| 430pm | "Uniquely American: The Practice of Engraving Captured Cannon" by Leslie D. Jensen |
| 500pm | **Exhibit Room** Tour |
| 630pm | **Zoom Voting for Miller Award**, |
| 730pm | Awards and presentation portion of banquet |

## Venue – Crowne Plaza, Princeton, NJ

### AMENITIES

27-acre wooded campus with lake, fountains, 4-mile hiking trail and plenty of space for social distancing!

### PRICE

The conference room rate for singles, and doubles is **$119**.
This rate is available Tuesday through Sunday nights of our conference weekend. Call 877-666-3243 and mention group code "CMH" or "Company of Military Historians".

### LOCATION

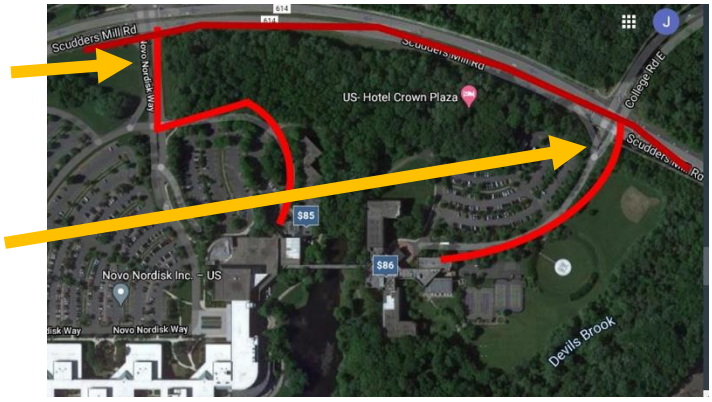
The site of our conference is the beautiful CROWNE PLAZA- PRINCETON, 900 Scuppers Mill Road, Plainsboro, NJ.

- Conveniently located between the Newark and Philadelphia airports.
- Plenty of free parking
- Short cab ride (less than 5 miles) from Princeton Junction
- if you come by train, there's **no need to drive**!

### ACCESS is from two driveways

**Display & Flea Market Entrance:** 870 Scudders Mill Rd:
Look for signage for Novo Nodisk and Holiday Inn, and follow drive around to left.

**Hotel Entrance:** 900 Scudders Mill Road
Look for signage for Crowne Plaza Hotel. Hotel entrance will be straight ahead at end of drive.



## Final Notes

We are taking a bold step to hold this conference while the COVID pandemic is still hanging on, and accordingly are taking extraordinary steps to help protect your health and safety

### Know Before you Go

- Please note that the State of NJ recommends (but does not require) that you undergo a COVID text within three days of entering the state. The test results determine if and how long they recommend that you quarantine at home (or elsewhere) before or after your trip. The only provision NJ has for tracing or enforcing this recommendation is if you complete a voluntary survey. A link to the voluntary self-reporting survey (and other COVID recommendations) for NJ may be found at **covid19.nj.gov**
- We will meet and exceed State of NJ restrictions on indoor meetings, which are 35% capacity, or maximum of 150 people We're limiting ourselves to 100 registrants so we stay under 25% the occupancy guideline. (Our meeting room can hold 400 people.)
- . **Register early**!

### Health and Safety Notes

- Bring and show any "a proof-of-vaccination" card, or negative results of COVID test, to the CMH registration table to receive a special nametag sticker.
- We ask that everyone wear masks at all conference events. Custom CMH masks will be provided in your registration packet, and the hotel is also distributing a PPE kit that includes a mask, anti-bacterial wipes, and gloves. The hotel has made many other changes to help ensure guest health and safety. https://www.ihg.com/content/ihg/hotels/en_US/brand/customer-care/clean-promise.html
- The hotel has also adjusted food service arrangements to conform to health and safety guidelines.
- We will have a COVID station to check your temperature as you enter the conference area each day.

### Transportation Notes

The hotel is located less than five miles from the Princeton Junction Transit Hub. During the pandemic, the hotel has ceased operating a free shuttle from the hub to the hotel. If you arrive by train you will need to take a short cab ride between the transit hub and the hotel.

On the advice of our Board of Governors, we are encouraging everyone to use private vehicles and/or to (judiciously) carpool during our field trips. We will provide van/bus transportation for anyone for whom the private vehicle/carpool options do not work. We need to reserve a vehicle sufficiently large to allow for social distancing. **Please indicate on your registration form any field trips for which you believe you may need to use bus or van transportation.**

### Current Registrants

If you registered (and did not ask for a refund) for the 2020 Annual Meeting when it was scheduled for April or Oct, 2020, you are still registered (see list below)! Meeting Co-chair Lenny Adams will contact you shortly to confirm you are still coming, and to discuss a few minor changes in our itinerary and registration options.

Nancy Aherne
John Andrews
Kathie Andrews
Thomas Arliskas
Terry Arliskas
Pat Baehr
Randy Baehr
Sharron Balic
Branko Balic
Linnea Bass
Kenneth Baumann
Craig D. Bell
Todd W. Braisted
William Carr
guest of William Carr
Ronald Da Silva
John DePue
A. M. deQuesada
John Dietrichs
William Emerson
Marcie Emerson
David Fox
Michael R Gadue
Fred Gaede
Jeanette Gaede
Rich Goring
Wayne Grutzmacher
John V. Hailman
Don Hartman
Dawn Hartman
Sammy Higginbotham
Lynette Higginbotham
Steven Hill
Anthony Hodges
Jill Hodges
Bill Horn
Linda Horn
Robert Jaffee
Robert Kotchian
Deborah Kotchian
Karen MacNutt
Larry McDonald
William Meder
Dr. Jack A. Meyer
Richard Milstead
Geoffrey Moody
Jeremy Moody
Lydia Moody
Ralph Moody
Robert Jaffee
Joe Ryan
Wayne Sager
Paula Sager
Marc Sammis
Bill Seibert
Sam Small
Wes Small
Dave Sullivan
Penn Templeman
Joseph M. Thatcher
James Tiessen
Paul Turnam
Philip D. Weaver
Ronald Westphal
Marcia Westphal
Marko Zlatich