

Dear Members of the OCR,

Our 2009 National Convention is fast approaching. For our Saturday General Business Meeting and Social the Arlington Hotel has asked us for a head count for breakfast by Thursday July 9, 2009. Therefore please ask your members to mail their registration form to **Barbara Blair, 2801 N. Elmwood Avenue, Waukegan IL 60087-2934** as soon as possible. Make your check for \$25.00 payable to the ILOCR. If you have any questions, you may call or email Barbara at (847) 406-9619 or [tihnablair@att.net](mailto:tihnablair@att.net). We would like to thank all our chapters and individual members in advance for your generous donations to both the "Ditty Bags" and Door Prizes that we have already received. I know the members of our state will look forward to welcoming all our OCR sisters from the other state societies to the great state of Arkansas. I am sure we are going to have a great convention this year. You may go to our website [confederate-rose.org](http://confederate-rose.org) to download your registration form for the national convention.

General Information for our OCR Family:

The OCR will be headquartered at the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs Arkansas. Please call 1-800/643-1502 and mention the OCR Reunion when making your reservations. The rooms are \$85 per night and up. A block of 20 rooms has been reserved for OCR members. You may choose one or two beds as you wish.

OCR Registration will be at the Arlington Hotel and OCR registration hours will be posted.

Ditty Bags

If an individual member or state society wishes to donate to the ditty bags, we are asking for your 100 items to be send to Barbara Blair, 2801 N. Elmwood Avenue, Waukegan IL 60087-2934 by July 1, 2009. We want to have all "Ditty Bags" stuffed and ready for our guests at the time you register and pick up your name badges. You may either send your "Ditties" by US mail, FedEx or UPS. We wish to thank all individuals and state societies who have already send item to us. I believe we have a great "Ditty Bag" this year and you will not be disappointed.

Tours: Will be handled by the SCV, you will need to register on the SCV Registration form:

Location of Activities:

SCV Registration	The Arlington Hotel
OCR Registration	The Arlington Hotel (Registration hours will be posted and we will be next to SCV Registration)
Vendors	The Arlington Hotel
OCR Welcome Reception	The Arlington Hotel (Thursday July 23, 2009 from 5:00-10:00PM)
President's Council Meeting	The Arlington Hotel (Friday July 24, 2009 from 9:00am-Noon)
General Business Meeting & Social	The Arlington Hotel

Our Saturday General Business Meeting & Social will be on Saturday July 25, 2009 from 8:30AM ~ Noon. This will include a Continental Breakfast starting at 8:30AM, with a speaker to be named later. Our time together will be a fun filled, sisterly camaraderie with entertainment, and reports from the states, door prizes and maybe even a few good surprises. We are asking each state society to donate a door prize(s). If an individual member wishes to donate a door prize(s) we will welcome your thoughtfulness. Please drop off your door prize(s) at the OCR registration table at The Arlington Hotel.

The Illinois Society, Order of Confederate Rose, wishes to welcome all members and guests to the Order of Confederate Rose Confederate of States Societies Re-union for 2009. If you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance please email Barbara Blair, IL State President at [tihnablair@att.net](mailto:tihnablair@att.net) or telephone at (847) 406-9619.

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