

TRAVEL

As far as flights go, United Airlines flies nonstop from Chicago to Cape Girardeau. The Spirit of Democracy auction and dinner will be held in Cape Girardeau.

If you fly into St. Louis, you will need transportation from the airport to the hotel in Cape Girardeau. It is approximately a 2-hour drive from the airport to Cape.

There is a shuttle service from the St Louis airport to Cape: \$120 one way or \$199 round trip.

<https://stlshuttleservice.com/>
<https://stlshuttleservice.com/product/custom-amount-2/>

Suggest arriving Thursday, November 4, 2021, in time for the tour of the Museum on Friday, November 5. Then Saturday, we will have additional events culminating in the Spirit of Democracy banquet in Cape Girardeau. The banquet starts at 5 p.m.

The costs for the Museum tour, lunch at the museum and the Saturday dinner are covered by the Association and the Stars and Stripes Foundation.

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**Stars and Stripes
Association®
GATHERING**

**Stars and Stripes Museum
and Library in Missouri
NOVEMBER 5-6, 2021**

ACCOMMODATIONS

STARS AND STRIPES ASSOCIATION GATHERING (MUSTER) 2021

The Stars and Stripes Association has planned a health coming-out gathering for 2021. It will feature interesting and fun events centered around the Stars and Stripes Museum and Library in Missouri. We have all been limited in our travel and social interactions for over a year as a result of the once in a 100-year health pandemic. As the country reaches herd immunity and the risk of COVID 19 infections is dramatically reduced the country is opening up.

November 5th and 6th 2021 is when the Association has determined an opportunity exists for all of us to gather and reconnect and experience our shared history.

On November 5th, 2021, the Stripes Museum and Library will host Stripes staff and alumni. During the last two years many changes and upgrades to the Museum have been completed. New exhibits and themes as well as some interactive features have been added. In addition to touring the facility and interacting with the exhibits there will be time for those who desire to participate in an ongoing oral history project featuring Stripes alumni and staff. Come ready to share your stories, pictures, and documents to help tell the history! We will also have the opportunity to participate in a tour of the area surrounding the Museum which is rich with history of Stripes and other events as our country has grown.

MUSEUM EVENT

The planned events are as follows:

10:00 a.m. Tour Museum/Barn with Laura (Administrator) & Travis (curator of Exhibits)

11:30 a.m.-noon Lunch (at the Museum)

12:30 p.m. Personal Histories with Morgan (Curator of Education)

1:30 p.m. Tour of Stars & Stripes Byway with Larry Arnold
<https://scenicbyways.info/byway/73304.html>

4:00 p.m. Return to Cape Girardeau hotel

The hotel is located in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The Stripes Foundation and Stripes Museum and Library have arranged for a group deal at the Drury Hotel.

- A 15-passenger van will be available to take participants to the museum and return to the hotel on Friday.

The name of the Hotel is the Drury Plaza Hotel Cape Girardeau Conference Center, located at 3351 Percy Drive Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, reservations 800-325-0720, www.druryhotels.com. When making your reservation refer to the Spirit of Democracy and group number 2433277. Additional information is included in the Spirit of Democracy PDF attached. The price for a King room is \$119 and for two queen beds with a queen sofa is \$130.

Saturday a van will be available to take and return interested attendees to the Missouri's National Veterans Vietnam Wall Memorial in Perryville. This is a moving and interesting experience. Lunch will be provided and then a fun trip honoring America's heartland at the American Tractor Museum in Perryville before returning to the hotel in time for the culminating event.

<https://mnvmfund.org/>

<https://americantractormuseum.com/>

On Saturday night, November 6th, will be a Stripes Foundation-sponsored banquet and silent auction to raise funds for the continuing operation and growth of the Museum and Library. The doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m. at the Cape Girardeau Osage Center. Arrive early to enjoy the displays and auction items.

Call the Stripes Museum for your reservation for the Friday and Saturday events at 573-568-2055.

The banquet will include a talk from the Missouri Governor, music by the Jerry Ford Orchestra, a performance by the "Andrew Sisters Tribute," stories of Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients, and a talk by our very own Stripes Editor Terry Leonard. In addition, a magnificent static military history display and numerous items of interest to view as part of the auction.



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Thank you for choosing **Drury Plaza Hotel Cape Girardeau Conference Center** to be a part of your next great event! We are looking forward to seeing you soon and we are ready to uphold our reputation for great service & value. Rooms have been held for your group and to make reservations, please click on the link below.

[Spirit of Democracy](#)

CLEAN + SAFE

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At Drury Hotels, we know you have enough to worry about when traveling. In addition to the great rate, our generous amenities will brighten your group's day and make your journey easier.

- **Free Hot Breakfast** - Start every day with make-your-own Belgian waffles, scrambled eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, oatmeal, biscuits and gravy, KELSO+BROS® coffee and more. Free hot breakfast is served daily from 6–9 a.m. on weekdays and 7–10 a.m. on weekends.
- **Free 5:30 Kickback®*** - Join us from 5:30–7 p.m. every evening to enjoy free hot food and cold beverages at our 5:30 Kickback®. We feature a rotating menu of hot food, beer, wine, mixed drinks and soft drinks.
- **Free Wi-Fi Throughout the Hotel** - Get the score, check your social networks or email family members from anywhere in the hotel – for free!
- **On-Site Facilities** - Take advantage of the business center, fitness center or pool while you're away from home. Print your boarding pass, finish a presentation or check e-mail in our business centers.

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*Service of alcohol is subject to state and local law. Alcoholic beverages are not complimentary and require a nominal charge at the following hotels due to state and local laws: Drury Inn Bowling Green, Drury Suites Paducah, Drury Inn Paducah, and Drury Inn & Suites Louisville.

Please make your reservations by **Tuesday, October 5, 2021** to receive your group rate. Reservations made after this date will be subject to prevailing rate and availability. Reservations may also be made by calling **1-800-325-0720** and refer to your group number **2433277**.