# Reunite in the Chicago Southland!

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On behalf of the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau, we invite you to hold your military reunion here in the Chicago Southland.

The Chicago Southland includes the 62 south and southwest suburbs of Chicago, encompassing nearly 400 square miles of urban and open areas, only 30 minutes from downtown Chicago.

With a variety of shopping and cultural opportunities, one of the world's largest outdoor amphitheatres and restaurants offering an array of diverse cuisine, the Chicago Southland has everything you need to make your reunion a success. The Chicago Southland is Chicago's most affordable region, offering hotel brands you can trust with over 5,000 sleeping rooms.

Major interstates transverse our region, including Interstates 55, 57, 80, 94, 294 and 355, making our area easily accessible.

*The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau offers reunion planners help in finding the perfect location to host your reunion, as well as services needed to ensure the event's success! We hope you find this planning summary helpful, as you plan your military reunion!*

# Attractions/Events

## Chicago Southland Attractions

- Balmoral Park Race Track
- Chicago Fire Soccer Club / Toyota Park
- Children's Museums
- Dave & Busters
- Frankfort Fall Festival
- Gaelic Park Irish Fest
- Historic Downtown Frankfort
- Historic Pullman District
- Homewood Railroad Platform & Park
- Irons Oaks Environmental Learning Center
- Lake Katherine Nature Center & Botanic Gardens
- Lincoln Highway Murals
- Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park
- Nature Centers
- Odyssey Fun World
- Orland Square Mall
- Park Forest Railfan Park
- Performing Arts Centers
- The Pickwick Society Tea Room, Gifts & Antiques
- Windy City ThunderBolts

## Chicago Attractions

- Adler Planetarium
- American Girl Place
- Art Institute
- Blue Man Group
- Buckingham Fountain
- Chicago White Sox
- Field Museum
- Frank Lloyd Wright's Home & Studio
- Hancock Observatory
- Millennium Park
- Museum of Science & Industry
- Navy Pier's Gardens, Rides, Children's Museum and shops
- Shedd Aquarium & Oceanarium
- Sightseeing / Architectural Cruises and Tours
- Skydeck Ledge at Willis Tower

## Attractions Just Beyond the Chicago Southland

- Argonne National Laboratory
- Brookfield Zoo
- Fair Oaks Farms
- Horseshoe Casino
- Little Red Schoolhouse
- Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
- Shrine of Christ's Passion

# Picnic Locations

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau will be happy to provide a list of park districts to assist you in securing the perfect picnic location for your reunion.

# Military Attractions/Sites

## Chicago Southland Military Memorials

- Beecher Community Veterans Memorial, Beecher
- Chicago Heights Veterans Memorial, Chicago Heights
- Civil War & Military Legacy, Blue Island
- First Responders Memorial, Oak Lawn
- Lansing Veterans Memorial, Lansing
- Oak Forest Veterans Memorial, Oak Forest
- Oak Lawn Veterans Memorial, Oak Lawn
- Palos Heights 9/11 Memorial, Palos Heights
- Palos Hills Veterans Memorial, Palos Hills
- South Holland Memorial Exhibits, South Holland
- Tinley Park Veterans Memorial, Tinley Park
- Veterans Plaza, Alsip
- VFW Post 450 Iraqi Memorial, Alsip
- Worth Veterans Memorial, Worth

## Chicago and Surrounding Area Top Military Attractions

- Battle of Midway Memorial, Chicago
- Chicago Cultural Center – Grand Army of the Republic Rotunda, Chicago
- Chinese American Veterans Memorial, Chicago
- Elks Veteran Memorial, Chicago
- Eternal Flame in Daley Plaza, Chicago
- First Division Military at Cantigny, Wheaton
- Great Lakes Museum, Chicago
- John Alexander Logan Monument, Chicago
- Manuel Perez Memorial Plaza, Chicago
- Museum of Science and Industry (Submarine Exhibit), Chicago
- National Veterans Art Museum, Chicago
- Navy Pier, Chicago
- Pritzker Miltary Museum, Chicago
- Rosehill Cemetery and Civil War Museum, Chicago
- Russell Military Museum, Russell
- Soldier Field, Chicago
- Victory Monument, Chicago
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaza, Chicago

## Military Attractions – FREE Admission

*(with Military ID, some restrictions apply)*

- Adler Planetarium
- Chicago Art Institute
- Chicago White Sox
- Field Museum
- Hancock Observatory
- Museum of Science and Industry
- Rosehill Cemetery and Civil War Museum
- Shedd Aquarium
- Willis Tower

## Chicago Southland Advantage

- Hotel rates often less than Chicago area hotels
- Free parking at all locations
- Short distance to all attractions (almost all 5 minutes to 1 hour)
- Complimentary planning services

## Chicago Area Military Bases

- Arlington Naval Outer Landing Field, Arlington
- Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul (closed)
- Joliet Army Ammunition Plant, Joliet
- Libertyville Naval Outer Landing Field, Libertyville
- Naval Station, Great Lakes, North Chicago
- Naval Air Station, Glenview

## Military Reunion Affiliations

- Military.com

Military.com

- Reunion Friendly Network (RFN)

ReunionFriendly.com

- Your Military Reunion Connection (YMRC)

YourMilitaryReunions.com

# Event Services

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau will supply the following items FREE of charge for military reunions:

Visitors Guides
Coupon Books
Festivals & Events Guides
Traveler Maps
Stick-on Name Badges
Plastic Bags
Table Tent Cards
Hotel Incentives

Seasonal Hotel Incentives available, contact Jane@VisitChicagoSouthland.com or 888-895-8233 for details.

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## Accommodations

The Chicago Southland offers a multitude of trusted hotel brands.

Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn · Holiday Inn Express · Holiday Inn · DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago – Alsip · Comfort Inn by Choice Hotels · Comfort Suites · Country Inn & Suites by Carlson – Be Our Guest. · Americas Best Value Inn

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott · Hampton Inn · Clarion · Red Roof Inn · Howard Johnson · Days Inn · Best Western · La Quinta Inns & Suites

Motel 6 · Super 8 · Baymont Inn & Suites · Hilton Garden Inn · extended stay America · Sleep Inn · Travelodge · Wingate by Wyndham · Homewood Suites by Hilton