



## President's Message

**Nashville 2010! It's a GO!** Thanks to the hard work of Joe & Franca Rutter, and the patience of all of you, our 2010 reunion will be even better than originally planned. The folks at the Opryland Hotel have opened their arms extra wide to welcome us. They are eager to show off the "upgraded and better than ever" Opryland Hotel. If you haven't registered yet, please do it now! So far, fifty-three Avianoites want you to join them! Let's make that number rise! More details on other pages of this Afterburner. And for the latest info on the hotel, go to <http://www.gaylordhotels.com/gaylord-opryland/>.

**New Website!** Have you checked our website lately? Lisa did an excellent job in revising it to the latest format with photos, links, a new menu, and other features. Go to [www.avianoreunion.com](http://www.avianoreunion.com) and look around. And...how about forwarding that web address to friends who might be prospective members. Your friends will soon become our friends!

**2011 Reunion in Italy!** The details are IN! Full information in this Afterburner. A very important note: The 2011 reunion participants will be limited to a maximum of 80 people. Because of this, there will be some first-come-first-served rules. The first rule is that members who attend the Nashville reunion will get first priority. We're sorry that the deposit for this reunion overlaps the payment timeframe for Nashville, but that could not be avoided.

**\$200 Prize!** As a reminder, those attending the Nashville reunion will be entered in a drawing to win a \$200 certificate applicable to their 2011 Italy reunion fee. Want more details? Join us in Nashville. Yes, you must be present to win! Talk it up with fellow members and have them join you there!

**Post Reunion Cruise?** Absolutely! Whenever our reunion is near an ocean, we will always try to have an optional post reunion cruise. See the full details of the 11-night Mediterranean & Holy Land cruise in this Afterburner.

**Lackland Gateway Heritage Foundation!** Several of you wrote and asked for more information on this fund-raising program to build an Airman Heritage Museum at Lackland AFB. For full details, go to [www.myairmanmuseum.org](http://www.myairmanmuseum.org).

**Don't Forget!** If you would like your Afterburner emailed to you, please send Emily a note at [empo@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:empo@tampabay.rr.com).

**In this Issue...**More new member names. Don't miss the Rutter's Nashville update. Members in the News, and...info about the Reunion in Italy 2011...and a few surprises.

## IT'S ON!!! ARA REUNION 2010 Opryland Hotel - Nashville • 28 Nov - Dec 3 2010

Rain, snow, sleet or floods have not been able to stop our reunion at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville. The hotel has confirmed it will reopen on November 15th, just in time to support our reunion on the 28th. They have made remarkable progress over the past several months and the hotel will be more beautiful and exciting than ever as our location for the reunion. The Christmas decorations will all be in

place for our enjoyment. In addition to the repair activities, the hotel is making additional improvements including newly renovated rooms where we will be staying. So, for all you Avianoites who are still on the fence about attending this reunion, take the plunge and sign up now. A Registration Form is included in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there. *Franca and Joe*

### ARA Officers

**Ben Catalina** - President  
**Rodger Gracey** - Vice President  
**Emily Povey** - Secretary/Treasurer  
**Nick Leone** - Editor  
**Lisa Ringler** - Webmaster  
**Tama Tillman** - Board Assistant

### FUTURE REUNIONS

2010 Nashville, TN - Hosts: Joe & Franca Rutter  
Dates: Nov. 28-Dec. 3  
2011 Italy - Hosts: Ben & Lynn Catalina  
Dates: October 8-15, 2011

## Welcome New Members

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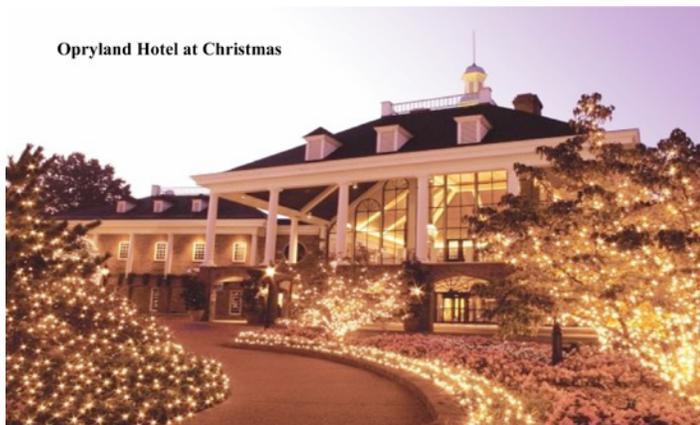
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*See Page 3 for information on the Nashville Reunion in December 2010*

Opryland Hotel at Christmas



## Correspondence

**From Sally Ann Eaves – 6/13** – It is with sadness that I tell you that my beloved Steve passed away on Saturday, June 12, after a four year battle with a very aggressive form of multiple myeloma. As you know he faced his illness with trust in God, courage, compassion for us, and never a complaint. I do not know all his friends and I am ashamed to say I don't know how to reach some of them so I am hoping you can let those who shared his life story (and yes, the people he liked to "talk story" with) know about this....Burial was at Arlington National Cemetary...



**From Harriet Fairchild – June** - ...Wish I could be with all of you at your subsequent reunions, but it's difficult without Earl,...regards to those who might remember me. I will always remember them!

## IN MEMORIAM

**Ruth "Libby" Miro.** Libby and her husband Al were inaugural members of the ARA, attending many reunions over the years. They were at Aviano from 1959-62. Libby is survived by her husband.

**Steve Eaves.** Steve and wife Sally, didn't discover the ARA until 2007, and attended the past two reunions. While not PCS to Aviano, Steve was TDY there in the 70s. Steve is survived by Sally and their family.

**Harriet Knowles.** Harriet and her husband Kenneth were inaugural members of the ARA. They were at Aviano from 1968-71. Harriet is survived by Kenneth.

## Nametags for Reunion

Members that have attended previous reunions should already have nametags and lanyards. Attendees that have not previously received a nametag and lanyard or those that cannot locate their nametags and/or lanyards need to notify either Emily Povey (empo@tampabay.rr.com or 813-251-4664) or Joe Rutter (josephgrutter@bellsouth.net or 256-534-7214). There is no charge for the first nametag and lanyard, but those receiving replacements will be charged \$1.50 for the holder and \$2.50 for the lanyard. No charge for those just needing the paper insert with name printed. Emily will be delivering those items ordered to the reunion, but be sure to contact her or Joe as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.



## ROSTER CORRECTIONS

**Leah & Gary Turner**

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# Aviano Reunion - Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN

## November 28 - December 3, 2010

### Current Registrants

<p>Ben and Lynn Catalina Wendall and Norma Lasher Nick and Margaret Leone Bill and Emily Povey Mike Hansen and Linda Kazarian Jay and Jane Maust George Hughes and Josie Webb Bill and Gloria Walker Lew Erhart and Tayler Erhart Bailey Gene and Jean Ives Al and Lou Currie Robert Burnett Jaime and Belinda Vazquez Joanne Harnit Neva Cole</p>	<p>Roger and Betty Gracey George and Diane Hefner Dean and Dana Willsey Tom and Elaine Horton Dick and Barbara Gaskell Bill and Dee Davis Daria Christenson Joe and Franca Rutter Phil and Hilda Howerton Carolyn Watters Ray and Marilyn Walbridge Jim and Nelda Hall George and Nancy Beckwith Gary and Tama Tillman</p>
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### Preliminary Agenda

**Nov. 28 - Check-in (after 3:00pm)** Welcome reception/agenda updates: 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Nov. 29 - 7:00am-11:00am** Breakfast (on your own) and free time to get acquainted with the hotel and its beautiful decorations  
**11:00am-2:30pm** General Jackson Riverboat Cruise with lunch and entertainment, Dinner (on your own)

**Nov. 30 - 7:00 am - 08:30am** Breakfast (on your own)  
**9:00 am -1:00 pm** Nashville City Tour  
**1:00 pm - 6:00 pm** Freetime  
**6:30 pm - 9:30 pm** Grand Ole Opry

**Dec. 1 - 7:00 am - 08:30am** Breakfast (on your own)  
**9:00 am - 12:30 pm** Tour of the Hermitage - General Jackson's Plantation  
**1:00 pm - 6:00 pm** Free time to enjoy all the venues in the Hotel  
**7:30 pm -10:00 pm** Radio City Rockettes

**Dec. 2 - 7:00 am - 8:00am** Breakfast (on your own)

### Optional Tours:

**#1. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm** Jack Daniel Distillery - includes lunch at Ms Bobo's famous family boarding house (minimum of 23 required) Tentative price: \$95.00

**#2. 8:30 am - 1:00 pm** Historic Franklin, TN (Civil War) includes time for shopping in downtown Franklin (many boutiques, galleries etc) Minimum of 23 required.  
 Tentative price \$70.00

**5:00 pm - 6:00 pm** ARA Business and Social Meeting  
**6:00 pm - 9:00 pm** ARA Farewell Dinner  
**Dec 3 -** Checkout no later than 11:00am.



Farewell Dinner Banquet Room

## ARA FAREWELL DINNER MENU

### ~ Appetizers ~ (served family style)

*Affettato Misto*  
Salame Toscano, Coppa, Capocollo, Soppressata, Salame "Cacciatore"

*Formaggi e Stuzzichini*  
Fontina, Asiago, Provolone and Prosciutto stuffed Cherry Peppers, Marinated Onions, Asparagus and Mushrooms

### ~ Salade ~

*Insalata Volare*  
Mesclun lettuce with Merlot infused Sun-Dried Cherries, Gorgonzola and Candied Pecans

### ~Duo Entrée ~

*5 oz Filet Mignon*  
Marinated in our own herb blend with olive oil and garlic, and then grilled to perfection

Accompanied with

*Famboroni al Forno*  
Three Jumbo Shrimp baked with Feta and Parmigiano Cheeses on a bed of Angel Hair.  
Crispy green beans "aglio e olio" to compliment

### ~ Dessert de ~ Chef's Selection

### RODGER GRACEY, AVIANO 1964-67

Why do I enjoy ARA annual reunions? Good question—maybe because they help Betty and me relive a special time in our lives with people who have shared the same experiences; or is it because of the people who attend who have become like family; or is it because of the neat places we travel to? I don't know for sure, so I'll have to reflect on this subject more. But one thing I do know— we go because they're just a heck of a lot of fun!

# Amalfi Coast & Southern Italy

## Aviano Reunion 2011

After touring with Roberto Bechi of Tours by Roberto for three previous reunions in Italy (2002, 2005, & 2008) throughout Umbria, Tuscany, Lake Como and the Aviano area, the ARA membership asked for a different tour area for 2011. Amalfi Coast & Southern Italy will be our destination next year! As in the past, Roberto has prepared a wonderful itinerary that I am sure we will all enjoy. And since his assistant, Anna, is from that southern region of Italy, she has helped tailor it to perfection, making it extra special. Having worked with us in the past, and getting to know us, they have developed some unique touches in the itinerary that only Roberto and Anna can do. As you know, they do not believe in "off the shelf cookie cutter" tours, but strive to be unique and at a very special price. They've done it again for us!

The dates are October 8 to 15, 2011. It will be a 7-night itinerary, concentrating on the Amalfi Coast area to include four nights in Sorrento, two in Matera, and one in Lucera. Not only are the itinerary and the inclusions fantastic, so is the price. This 7-night package with Rome airport pickup and return, hotels, transportation, tours, 10 meals, private guides (Roberto & Anna), private tour boats around Sorrento and Capri, and even a final night banquet, along with a little vino every now and then, will be only 1125 euros per person. (Yes, this is less than our 2008 reunion price!) There is a single supplement of 200 euros. As in the past, the tour must be priced in euros due to the fluctuating exchange rate.

The full itinerary details are listed separately, but in answer to the question we have already received --- yes, there will be an optional follow-on cruise.

### Key payment due dates are:

Oct. 31, 2010:	\$200 per person deposit
Jan. 15, 2011:	\$600 per person interim payment
June 15, 2011:	Balance of per person total

**NOTES:** (1.) The balance due on June 15 will be computed using the euro exchange rate on that date and will be based on the total per person rate. (2.) The deposit is refundable until December 31, 2010. (3.) Any cancellation at any time after December 31 is non-refundable unless we are able to substitute another member to take your place.

### A Few Rules

The reunion capacity is 80 adults; no children. Signups will be first-deposited, first served, following these rules:

1. First priority will be to members who attend the Nashville reunion.
2. Next priority will be given to members with longest continuous membership in the ARA.
3. All other members of ARA.

Can a nonmember of ARA attend? Unfortunately, no. Attendance is reserved for ARA members only. If you have relatives or friends who want to attend, please have them mail their \$15 annual membership dues to Emily. We'd love to have them as members and as reunion attendees.

**How to register:** Send a deposit check for \$200 per person, payable to Ben or Lynn Catalina, along with the names for whom the deposit is for, and mail to:

Ben Catalina  
8510 Aesop Lane  
Universal City, TX 78148

Since we have the 80-member maximum capacity for this reunion, please do not put this on the back burner and think about it. As you recall, we sold out quickly for our last trip to Italy and we had to create a wait list.

Questions? Email or call Ben or Lynn at 888-522-7447 or [bcatalina@satx.rr.com](mailto:bcatalina@satx.rr.com).

## *Top 10 Reasons Why I Attend Our ARA Annual Reunion*

by EMILY POVEY, AVIANO 1966-69

- 10 - Trying regional foods!
- 09 - Another great trip - I love to travel.
- 08 - Returning to Italy every 3rd year with folks that have been there and understand just why we love Italy.
- 07 - Hearing the members' stories pertaining to Aviano Air Base and surrounding areas.
- 06 - Seeing and appreciating new places as seen through the eyes of the Hosts.
- 05 - Meeting new members and all guests that attend the reunions.
- 04 - Looking forward to seeing all of my ARA friends from past reunions!
- 03 - Playing 'remember when' - taking a stroll down memory lane.
- 02 - Showing appreciation and gratitude for all the hard work the Hosts did to make the reunion truly special!
- # 1 reason - 'We are family - all ARA members and Me!'

The most recent Harris Poll focusing on travel preferences found that for Americans, if they could vacation in any country in the world outside the U.S., without any worry about the cost, Italy would be the number one country. For most ARA members, just think, the Air Force PAID US to live there!

<http://www.italiantourism.com/>

## AVIANO REUNION ITALY 2011

### Itinerary

#### Oct. 8-15, 2011

(Depart from USA on Oct. 7 or earlier if desired)

#### Day 1 October 8, (Saturday)

- Arrival at Rome's Fiumicino Airport (FCO)
- Pickup at the airport in the morning
- Lunch on the way to [Sorrento](#)
- Check-in at Hotel Ambasciatori overlooking the Gulf of Naples and Mount Vesuvius <http://www.ambasciatorisorrento.com/index.php>
- Late afternoon guided tour of Sorrento
- Welcome dinner at the hotel

#### Day 2 Oct. 9, (Sunday)

- Tour by private boat of the Amalfi coast
- Stop in Amalfi with a visit of the Duomo and an ancient paper factory
- Lunch in a typical trattoria
- Return to the hotel in the afternoon
- Dinner on your own (we will suggest places to go)

#### Day 3 Oct. 10, (Monday)

- Visit of [Pompeii](#)
- Demonstration at a local Mozzarella cheese-making artisan, followed by lunch there
- Free afternoon
- Dinner at the hotel

#### Day 4 Oct. 11, (Tuesday)

- Visit of Capri by private boat
- Visit of downtown [Capri](#)
- Lunch on your own and shopping
- Return to hotel
- Dinner at a famous "pizzeria"

#### Day 5 Oct. 12, (Wednesday)

- Transfer to [Matera](#)
- Check-in at Hotel Italia <http://www.albergoitalia.com/eng/index.htm>
- Lunch in a typical restaurant in the Sassi area followed by a tour of the city
- Dinner on your own (we will suggest places to go)

#### Day 6 Oct. 13, (Thursday)

- Visit of the famous Alberobello town in Apulia Region
- Lunch at a local trattoria
- Return to Matera and free time for shopping
- Dinner on your own

#### Day 7 Oct. 14, (Friday)

- Transfer to Lucera (Puglia)
- Visit of Lucera Castello
- Visit to a winery in the Village of Troia with lunch
- Check-in at Grand Hotel Vigna Nocelli [www.grandhotelvignanocelli.com](http://www.grandhotelvignanocelli.com)
- Farewell Banquet with music combo at the hotel

#### Day 8 Oct. 15, (Saturday)

- Departure after breakfast for Rome
- Arrival at Rome Fiumicino Airport, Port of Civitavecchia, or Rome downtown

**Total cost:** 1125 euros per person, including all transportation, hotels, tours, daily private guide, and 10 meals followed by optional Mediterranean / Holy Land Cruise departing Oct. 15, 2010 from the Port of Civitavecchia (Rome).

## Members in the News

*The Honor Flight Tennessee Valley is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing WW II veterans across the Tennessee Valley with the opportunity to visit their memorials in Washington DC. The visits are absolutely free to all WW II veterans, many who have waited for over 60 years for their memorials to be built. Some veterans are now over 90 years old and have serious illnesses.*

*Began in late 2007, honor flight has transported over 1200 veterans on 11 flights to Washington DC. On September 11 of this year they will conduct their final trip completing a very worthy and needed program.*

*ARA member and Afterburner Editor Nick Leone, who has traveled on two flights and will be on the last flight, serves on the Honor Flight Board as Director of Special Projects. Most of these projects have been fund raisers since all required funds to support the flights come from donations. In his position Nick has conducted three golf tournaments, an auction and a special breakfast raising a total of \$40,000.00. The total cost of a trip is approximately \$100,000.00*

*The one-day trip starts very early in the morning from the Huntsville, AL airport and ends late in the evening back in Huntsville. 125 veterans are flown aboard chartered commercial 757 US Airways aircraft and transported in chartered busses while in Washington.*

*Each veteran is paired with a volunteer guardian who remains with them throughout the trip: the veterans are never left unattended. Forty-five guardians accompany the veterans on the flight and are met at Reagan Airport by 80 local volunteers so that each veteran has an individual guardian for the day. In addition, a dedicated medical volunteer team of physicians and EMT personnel accompany each flight. In Washington visits are made to the WWII, Korean, and Marine Corps (Iwo Jima) Memorials and Arlington National Cemetery where they have lunch at the Women's Memorial. The group is then transported to witness the famous Changing of the Guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. After a short bus tour of the Nations Capitol everyone returns to Reagan Airport for the 2 hour trip home. It's normal on the return flight to see the veterans wide awake and talking to their fellow veterans while the guardians, some who have pushed a wheelchair all day, fast asleep. The veterans are normally greeted by 500-700 people on their arrival.*

*Without donations, none of this would be possible. Funds from various institutions and individuals are used to pay for all expenses incurred on these very worthwhile flights. Anyone interested in learning more about Honor Flight Tennessee Valley can visit their web site at: [www.honorflight.net](http://www.honorflight.net)*



# MEMORIES OF AVIANO

## Double the 'Arrival' Fun

by Elaine Horton

Reading the cute story in the last Afterburner, I figured that most of our “funniest stories” were going to be about the arrival in Italy. I imagine that today with Internet and cell phones, the transition may not be so overwhelming, but many of us arrived there before the days of instant communication.

My husband, Tom, and I had twin girls in November of 1972, and we left California for Italy in February, 1973. The logistics of maneuvering twin babies across the country was interesting in itself. A friend who had been a stewardess/flight attendant had given us “airline carrier infant beds” (basically two long, shallow banker-boxes into which we put a bassinette mattress). Sometimes we put the girls in little plastic “seats” that were used in the car or on a table. Today we would be arrested for child abuse! We spent a month driving between California and New York before leaving for Italy.

We flew into Milan on a half-empty plane, so Tom and I stretched over three seats each and were allowed to put those “airline beds” on the floor. As a result, the flight across the pond was quite uneventful. While changing planes in Milan, we saw for the first time the special attention our twins (gemelli) would receive in Italy—from the carabinieri (Italian police) no less! They were quite intimidating since we had never seen armed policemen with huge guns strapped across their bodies in the United States! When we put the girls down in those little plastic seats, they came over, leaned down, and picked up each girl, babbling something that was probably “Que bella! Gemelli! Bravo!” We had NO idea what any of that meant, but we were certain we were not going to argue with them! After showing the girls off to the other policemen, they placed them back into their seats (as their guns fell onto the girls!), and then they patted us on the back, continuing to say “Bravo!” We smiled, thinking so much for keeping people from picking up the kids so they would not get colds!

We boarded a small plane for the short flight to Venice. The airport was VERY tiny at the time and I remember changing the girls’ diapers on a baggage conveyor belt in a covered outdoor area. We were met by Bob Burnett, who piled all of us into his car (with our baggage), and we headed to Aviano. He took us to the Hotel Royal—a brand NEW hotel between Aviano and Giais, up against the mountain. We were placed in a nice, clean, simple room with a balcony overlooking the valley. I put both kids in the one provided crib and separated them with towels. Then, amazingly, Tom was instructed to go to work! WHAT?!! Oh, well. Guess we had to go with the flow.



Tom left me alone with the girls. I don’t even remember dinner that night, probably at the hotel, but I was pretty sure I was getting sick and ended up at the “hospital” (actually a 10 bed mini-hospital/clinic). The emergency room tech asked how long I had been in Italy, and I told him less than 24 hours, he said I had “it.” I quickly informed him that what I had was NOT “it” and that my sickness was special and that I was probably dying. He told me I was wrong and that I would be better in approximately 24 hours. Damned if I was not better in almost exactly 24 hours. Go figure.

The next morning I was feeling much more confident since my illness had gone away. Since Tom had gone to work again, I was left with two little babies and no transportation. No TV, no radio, no telephone. I decided to go down to the bar and get coffee and some kind of coffee cake. That sounded easy. So once the girls were sleeping, I went downstairs and saw an older man at the bar. Later I would learn that he was the father of the owner. I thought “I can do this. I took Spanish in high school.” I asked the man for *caffè* and he seemed to understand, so he made me a cup of coffee. I LOVE cold milk in the morning, so I also asked him for *latte*, and that worked too. Then he asked me if I wanted my *latte caldo* or *freddo*. I thought a second and decided that *caldo* sounded more like cold, so I asked for it *caldo*. He smiled and prepared it. Then I “signed” for some food and was given something covered with plastic. I think I was expecting some kind of Sara Lee cake. It looked decent, so I smiled again and added it to my tray that held my exciting first breakfast in Italy. Money never came up (thank goodness), so I took my tray and went back up to see about the girls and have my breakfast.

Well, as I am sure you can imagine, things were not going to meet my expectations. First, I took a taste of the coffee. He had made me a beautiful cup of espresso that I did NOT appreciate. The milk was hot... again, not to my expectations. And, finally, the pastry in the plastic container was absolutely dry and uninteresting. At that point, both girls started bawling, and I just sat there and joined them! Amidst all our tears, an angel named Nancy Beckwith showed up with American towels, TP and I don’t even remember what else. She packed me and the girls up and took us down to the base and drove me places I don’t even remember! Nancy and I have remained dear friends for nearly 40 years!

We will save other stories for nights with each of you personally over a bottle of *vino rosso* or *vino bianco*! We lived in Italy for over four years and learned to love Italy and all the nuances that made it special for our family.

## Cruise the Mediterranean

The reunion fun need not end in Italy, as Ben and Lynn will host a follow-on cruise roundtrip from Rome to the Holy Land and Egypt. We were lucky enough to block group space quickly before word got out about Norwegian Cruise Line's special 11-night Mediterranean itinerary. As a result, our already excellent group rates now price even lower than current rates as this sailing is selling fast. We realize this is a longer cruise than normal for a reunion follow-on, but these amazing ports of call were just too tempting to pass up. And...if you fly all the way from the USA to Italy, you may as well make the most of the trip!

We'll board the NCL Jade in Civitavecchia (Rome's port city) on October 15 and, after two relaxing days at sea, will sail into Alanya, Turkey, a beautiful seaside resort with long stretches of sand framed by the Taurus Mountains. Next up is the island of Cyprus, where we can embark on a wine tour through picturesque island villages, tour the Limassol Castle and medieval museum, or simply park in a cafe and listen to bouzouki melodies.

Highlights of this cruise, however, will surely be the two overnight possibilities in Israel and Egypt. The ship will dock at both Haifa, near Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee, and Ashdod, near Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem. Although day trips will be offered at each port, the featured shore excursion includes overnight tours in Israel to Jerusalem, Galilee, Tel Aviv, Jaffa, the Dead Sea and Masada. Likewise, the Jade will stop at both Port Said and Alexandria, Egypt, where we can opt for an overnight stay in Cairo and visit to Egypt's pyramids and tombs. Shore excursions are not yet final, however, and it will be several months before we know all of the details and prices. We may try to form a special overnight excursion for our group in Egypt.

Because of the popularity of this itinerary, it is very important to get your deposits in quickly, even if you're not sure you can sail. Deposits (\$400 pp) are fully refundable until July 1, 2011 (suites refundable until June 1). Balcony cabins are only \$1389 per person and inside cabins are \$859 per person, plus tax of \$95 pp. Call Ben at 888-522-7447 or email [bcatalina@cruisesinc.com](mailto:bcatalina@cruisesinc.com) for more information, more cabin choices, and to make your deposit. There is a special 50% deposit discount available until Aug. 26, 2010 so do not delay.

NCL Jade, Oct 15-26, 2011		
Day	Date	Port
Sat	10/15	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy
Sun	10/16	At Sea
Mon	10/17	At Sea
Tue	10/18	Alanya, Turkey
Wed	10/19	Limassol, Cyprus
Thu	10/20	Haifa, Israel
Fri	10/21	Ashdod, Israel
Sat	10/22	Port Said, Egypt
Sun	10/23	Alexandria, Egypt
Mon	10/24	At Sea
Tue	10/25	At Sea
Wed	10/26	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy

### ARA Nashville Deposit Info

Hotel Reservations should be made directly with the Hotel at 615-883-2211 and identify yourself as part of the Aviano Reunion or Group Code X-AVI-AN. Rates for the standard room will be \$175.38 inclusive of local taxes for double occupancy. Additional persons per room (up to 4) are charged \$20.00 per person plus tax. Children are free. A premium room with a balcony overlooking the atrium can be had for an additional \$35.00 plus tax. The standard resort fee has been waived for our group and includes high speed wireless internet, local and toll free calls up to 20 minutes, access to the fitness center, daily news-paper delivered to each room, two bottles of water refreshed daily and scheduled complex transportation. If driving, parking is available for \$18.00 per day. Reservations must be made no later than October 29, 2010 to obtain these rates. If anyone wishes to arrive early or stay later these group rates are available for 3 days prior to the reunion or 3 days after the reunion. Recommend reservations be made early to insure room location within the group area. One day's charge will be made at the time of the reservation. This charge is refundable up to three days prior to the reservation date.

Please provide the following information with your initial deposit check of \$350.00 per person. The initial deposit covers a portion of the following: General Jackson River Boat cruise with lunch and entertainment, Nashville tour, Grand Ole Opry show, Hermitage tour, Radio City Rockettes show, and the ARA Dinner. It also includes all transportation, tour guides, any entrance fees and driver gratuities. If selecting one of the optional tours please add \$50.00 per person for Tour #1 and \$35.00 for Tour #2 to your deposit. Remaining costs are variable with total participants and will be due NLT Aug 25, 2010. All payments are non-refundable after Aug 25, 2010. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Joseph G. Rutter or Franca A. Rutter.

Send this form to Joseph & Franca Rutter, 2250 Governors Bend Rd, Huntsville, AL 35801 or

E-Mail [josephgrutter@bellsouth.net](mailto:josephgrutter@bellsouth.net) or Fax (256) 534-7214

Please provide the following information with your check:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Need name tag? Yes  No  If yes please print below how you want your name(s) shown:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Optional Tour: #1 Yes  No  Optional Tour # 2: Yes  No



The Newsletter of The Aviano Reunion Association

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