

# A CONVENTION FOR THE AGES AND FAMILY AS WELL

**DATES: 22 to 27 June 2011**

**LOCATION: ORLANDO, FL**

**VENUE: ORLANDO WORLD CENTER MARRIOTT**

Chapter LXXXV has been planning and preparing for our 2011 Convention for the past two years. Our goal is to present not only a truly memorable SFA Convention but also one with a strong commitment to an event that the total family will enjoy.

The Convention will take place at one of the largest convention hotels in the country. The "Orlando World Center Marriott" ([www.marriottworldcenter.com](http://www.marriottworldcenter.com)) is located in the heart of the Orlando vacation and entertainment area with direct access to and from the airport. It is a family vacation oriented golf and spa resort.

The Resort is the hub for a very large full service destination. The facility has almost a million square feet of convention space, an 18 hole golf course, five outdoor swimming pools, one indoor heated pool, driving range (for us to use for drop zone, helicopters and hot air balloons), tennis, beach volleyball, game rooms, a full service spa, a dozen bars and restaurants, complimentary use of saunas, steam rooms, whirlpools, Nautilus equipment, cardio theater, and a fully equipped health and fitness center. All hotel rooms having balconies, free Internet service, coffee, daily newspaper, etc.

The daily room rate for the convention is only \$114.00 plus tax (for singles, doubles, triple or quad rooms), and if anyone wishes to stay longer, the rate will be honored for three days before and after the convention dates. The hotel will begin accepting room reservations after the first week in July 2010 for SFA members and guests (800-228-9290 or 800-621-0638). Our website **SF85.ORG** should be up and running by July 5th 2010 that will allow you to register for the convention online, register for a hotel room online, view the entire hotel and the Orlando attractions, shopping, dining, etc. Our website will also have the information for those Chapters, businesses or individuals that are sponsoring one of the SF

wounded (with or without family) or one of the SF KIA families to attend the convention.

We strongly recommend anyone wanting a room for three, four or more occupants, that you reserve a triple or quad room in July or August, and the same goes for the limited number of handicapped rooms.

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Chapter LXXXV

Convention Planner

## **2011 CONVENTION AGENDA**

Wed 6/22

0800 hrs Registration opens at Palms Registration area. SFA staff office and special needs station is across from registration area in the Anaheim room.

1230 hrs Hospitality Suite opens, kids events start at game room/main pool area, complimentary hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, etc., for kids every evening

Thurs 6/23

0800 hrs Registration opens at Palms Registration area

0900 hrs Bus departs to International Drive (Universal & 50 other sites)

1000 hrs Vendor displays open until 1700 hrs

1000 hrs Children's Universal tour bus leaves (complimentary drinks, snacks, gifts, etc.)

1000 hrs Main Hospitality room open until 0200 hrs

1000 hrs Presidents meeting

1300 hrs Buses depart to shooting range- new, old & exotic weapons firing

1600 hrs Golf tournament registration at Palms registration area

1700 hrs Reception for members, guests and Wounded, followed by silent auction

Children supervised events all day and evening (complimentary food in evening)

Fri 6/24

0500 hrs Bus leaves for Deep Sea Fishing/ depending on weather. See Monday option

0600 hrs Sunrise hot air balloon rides over Orlando, from hotel driving range

0700 hrs Registration opens at Palms Registration area

0730 hrs Earl Woods Golf Tournament on site at Hawks Landing golf course

0900 hrs Off site tours- International Drive, Universal, Sea World, etc.

0900 hrs Vendor displays open until 1700 hrs

0900 hrs Meeting rooms open for briefings, lectures, etc.

1000 hrs Main Hospitality room opens until 0200

1030 hrs Bus leaves for Disney

1300 hrs Static display area opens until 1700 hrs

1900 hrs Group Associations, SOG, Mike Force, etc., meetings

Children supervised events all day and evening (comp. Food in evening)

Saturday 6/25

0600 hrs Sunrise hot air balloon rides over Orlando, from hotel

0700 hrs Registration opens at Palms registration area

0900 hrs Vendor and display areas open until 1700 hrs

0900 hrs SFA private hospitality room open upstairs in room #TBA

1200 hrs Picnic

1400 hrs Parachute exhibition and/or competitions

1600 hrs Demonstrations at pool area

1700 hrs Main hospitality room opens

Children supervised events all day and evening- Teen movie night at pool

Sunday 6/26

0800 hrs Registration opens

0900 hrs Protestant and Catholic Chaplain Worship services

1000 hrs Theme Park & shopping tours

Sunday 6/26 (cont.)

1000 hrs General Membership meeting

1000 hrs Vendors, exhibits and displays open to public

1000 hrs Upstairs hospitality room opens (if it was ever closed)

1200 hrs Parachuting and exhibitions

1300 hrs Main hospitality room opens

1500 hrs Demo and exhibit at pool area

1700 hrs Reception in hospitality room

1800 hrs Formal Banquet (plated)

Children events all day and evening

Monday 6/27

0530 hrs Bus leaves for deep sea fishing/weather permitting, if Fri trip was

cancelled

0600 hrs Bus leaves for freshwater fishing

0700 hrs Staff Office opens until 1600 hrs in Anaheim room

0900 hrs Hospitality room opens

0930 hrs Bus leaves for firing range

1000 hrs Bus leaves for theme parks & shopping tours

1000 hrs Vendors and displays open until 1700 hrs

1800 hrs High hopes for a fish fry from am outings

Children events all day and evening

Tuesday 6/28

0700 hrs Staff office open until 1200 hrs

0800 hrs Hospitality room and meeting rooms open until ?

Complete 2011 Convention information will be printed in the winter 2010 issue of the Drop and also in the website [sf85.org](http://sf85.org) when it is put up in July of this year.

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it." - **Ronald Reagan**