

Annual WFA Meeting & Reunion

October 5-8, 2007

Prescott, Arizona

Our meeting headquarters is the Hotel St Michael at the corner of Gurley and Montezuma in the center of town.

We have reserved 20 rooms to house our out of town attendees. Rooms run from \$89 to \$99 and include a free full breakfast. There is a very adequate free parking structure right behind the hotel.



We will use the ballroom for our Friday evening dinner and lecture. Our evening meeting will feature talk(s) honoring Frances Lillian Willard Munds. She was a school teacher, suffragette leader, and the first woman to be elected to the Arizona Senate. She is in the Henry-2 lineage and is a granddaughter of Alexander H. Willard, the member of the Lewis & Clark expedition



We will have our business meeting Saturday morning in the hote ballroom. Then we will hear from historians about Wallace Willard, a member of Troop A. (This unit was part of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders who participated in the Cuban campaign of the Spanish American war.) This part of the program may be at the hotel or at the Sharlot Hall Museum nearby. A group of military reinactors are planning an event celebrating Troop A that day and the historians have suggested that we might want to hear their talk in that setting.

After a buffet lunchon in the ballroom we will be visiting local sites with connections to our honorees -- the Bucky O'Neil statue, the Sharlot Hall Museum, the site of the Frances Willard Munds home. There are a number of other local sites with a Willard connection -- Ft Whipple, , portions of the Ft Mohave – Ft Apache military road,

Pioneer Home, etc. There are also a number of other sites of historical and cultural interest.



Sunday groups may be interested in going to Mayer to the school where Frances was the first teacher, Ft Verde at Camp Verde, the brick home in Cottonwood where Frances was married (after her cousin Wallace dragged the reluctant preacher across the flooded river), Jerome (another place where Frances taught school), the Douglas mansion, Verde Rail Excursion from Clarkdale to Perkinsville, Tuzigoot Indian Ruins, Montezuma Castle, Montezuma Well, Palatki Heritage Site cliff dwelling and rock art site (Charlie Willard Ranch), Sedona, Munds Park, Willard Springs, Walnut Canyon, etc.

Monday you may want to ride the train from Williams to Grand Canyon south rim, visit the new walkway over Grande Canyon on the Havasupai reservation, Las Vegas, etc.