

Tour and Activity Information

Register in advance to secure your spots.
 Space is limited and availability onsite is not guaranteed.

Cancellation Policy: To receive a full refund, cancellations of tours and activities must be received by the IADC office in writing on or before **Thursday, January 8, 2026**. Cancellations after this date cannot be refunded unless we are able to fill your spot.

If you have questions regarding registration or to be put on a waitlist for tours and activities that are full, please email Leeza Abramovich, Meetings Coordinator, at labramovich@iadclaw.org.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY DAY:

Monday, February 9	Tuesday, February 10	Wednesday, February 11
• Morning Run • Morning Walk • Community Service Activity • Bike the Big Easy Tour (\$) • Hidden Gems of the Garden District Tour (\$) • Speed-Networking for IADC Members (<i>complimentary but registration required</i>) EVENING 🌙 • Restaurant R'volution Experience (\$) • French Quarter Ghost Tour (\$)	• Morning Run • Morning Walk • Bubbles and Beignets (\$) (GUEST ACTIVITY) 👤+ • Book Review • Journeying Through New Orleans: The Streetcar Serenade to the Columns Hotel and Lunch (\$) • WWII Museum (\$) EVENING 🌙 • Preservation Hall (\$) • Dine-Around (\$)	• Morning Run • Morning Walk • Vieux Carre Voyage: Jackson Square and Beyond (\$) (GUEST ACTIVITY) 👤+ • CPR Class (<i>complimentary but registration required</i>) • The Empowerment Collaborative Activity (\$) • Flavors of the French Quarter Tour (\$) • St. Louis No. 3 Cemetery Tour (\$)

Morning Run and Morning Walk

Monday, February 9, Tuesday, February 10, and Wednesday, February 11
 6:00 a.m. (Runs), 7:30 a.m. (Walks)

Get your blood pumping, get moving, and get to know fellow attendees at these IADC morning runs and walks.

The Morning Runs and Morning Walks are complimentary for registered attendees, and sign-ups are not required.

Thank you to Morning Run Chair Eric Brodden and Morning Walk Chair Carolyn Riggs.

Many photos courteous of New Orleans & Company and its featured photographers.



Community Service Activity

Monday, February 9, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Please join us for our IADC Community Service Activity!

We will be assembling welcome and outreach kits for [Covenant House](#), a care center for youth ages 16-22. Beyond shelter, the high-quality programs - including life skills training, education and employment counseling, services for pregnant and parenting youth, services for survivors of human trafficking, and transitional living apartments - are designed to prepare youth for the great purpose of their lives. Please join us and assemble a kit or two. It only takes a couple of minutes, but provides a wonderful opportunity to visit with IADC friends while doing some good for the local community during the Midyear Meeting! Thank you in advance for everyone's support.

Thank you to Community Service Activity Chair Carolyn Husmann.



Bike the Big Easy Tour

Monday, February 9, 1:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Discover New Orleans up close with a NOLA bike tour, offering easy exploration of the city. Ride through the French Quarter, Garden District, and Esplanade Avenue lined with majestic oak trees. Explore the Marigny's hidden gem restaurants, bars, and jazz clubs, plus visit one of our famous above-ground cemeteries. The passionate guides will share the city's rich history and culture, ensuring memorable experiences filled with stories and lasting memories.

The registration fee is \$170 USD per person and includes a guided bike tour, photo stops, and bottled water.

Important Details: Attendees should wear comfortable clothing. Helmets are provided and mandatory.

Hidden Gems of the Garden District Tour

Monday, February 9, 1:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Embark on a guided driving tour through the prestigious Garden District of New Orleans, renowned for its diverse architectural styles and lush gardens. Established in 1832, it stands as a testament to the city's rich history post-Louisiana Purchase. Delight in the picturesque scenery of live oak-lined streets and explore various architectural wonders like Greek Revival, Italianate, and Gothic homes. The tour features a visit to the historic Longue Vue Gardens, a magnificent display of Italianate architecture adorned with period furnishings and charming gardens.

The registration fee is \$140 USD per person and includes round-trip transportation and bottled water.



Speed-Networking for IADC Members

Monday, February 9, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SPONSORED BY THE ENGAGEMENT AND RETENTION COMMITTEE AND DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING COMMITTEE

Networking can be one of the most powerful and productive activities an individual can do to enhance both their professional and personal relationships. And speed-networking, taking its cue from speed-dating, has emerged as a popular variation on the traditional business networking event. Structured and fast-paced, speed-networking allows participants to interact with others in a series of brief one-on-one exchanges in a round robin type format.

IADC members: This event is back by popular demand so expand your IADC relationships and connections and be sure to register for this event.

Speed-Networking for IADC Members is complimentary and open to IADC members ONLY, but registration is required to participate.

Thank you to Speed-Networking Chairs Amy Stewart and Ed Stewart.

Restaurant R'evolution Experience 🌙

****PLEASE NOTE: This is an evening dinner with limited space.***

Monday, February 9, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Located in the heart of the French Quarter, Restaurant R'evolution is a favorite for locals and visitors alike, featuring award-winning cuisine and a dining experience that's beyond compare. The restaurant offers modern, imaginative reinterpretations of classic Cajun and Creole cuisine. Join this exclusive dinner in Restaurant R'evolution's Wine Room and enjoy an evening with delicious dishes, singular service, and a one-of-a-kind experience.

The registration fee is \$189 USD per person and includes a three-course dinner and beverages.

Important Details: The price is set and does not vary based on alcoholic or non-alcoholic drink selections.





French Quarter Ghost Tour 🌙

***PLEASE NOTE:** *This is an evening tour.*

Monday, February 9, 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Spectres of New Orleans' long and storied past are believed to dwell in the French Quarter. Learn the history of America's most haunted city with our French Quarter Ghost Tour. Walk the haunted streets of the French Quarter as the guide tells tales of Voodoo, vampires, true crime, and the ghosts they created for an eerily fun adventure.

The registration fee is \$165 USD per person and includes a 2-hour guided tour.

Important Details: Attendees should wear comfortable shoes for this walking tour.

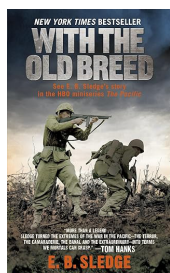
Bubbles and Beignets 🧑🏻+

***PLEASE NOTE:** *This is a morning activity for significant others/guests.*

Tuesday, February 10, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join host Matthew Stitham in the Presidential Suite for *Bubbles and Beignets*! This is a great opportunity for plus 1's to gather in the morning hours while members attend the fantastic CLE programming we have planned.

This event is open to plus 1 registered attendees. The registration fee is \$15 USD per person and includes "bubbles" (including non-alcoholic), other beverages, and beignets.



Book Review: *With the Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa* By E.B. Sledge

Tuesday, February 10, 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Prior to World War II, Eugene B. Sledge was an Alabama boy steeped in American history and a romanticized view of military service. When the United States entered the war, Eugene felt the call to join the fight, like his older brother Edward, an officer in the Army who would later fight at Normandy (Omaha Beach) and through Europe until V-E Day. Eugene did not want to "miss the war," so he left Georgia Tech, enlisted in the Marine Corps, and later joined the famous 1st Marine Division—Company K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. Eugene described his first battle, Peleliu, as "a nightmare of flashes, explosions, and snapping bullets." His romanticized view of war extinguished by the reality of its horrors. Sledge explained, "Time had no meaning, life had no meaning" in the "abyss of Peleliu." By the time the young Sledge, barely of college age, hit the "meat grinder" of Okinawa he was a combat vet in a unit that suffered overwhelming casualties. Of Okinawa, Sledge recounted, "Men struggled and fought and bled in an environment so degrading I believed we had been flung into hell's own cesspool." Based on notes Sledge secretly kept in a copy of the New Testament, *With the Old Breed* captures with utter simplicity and searing honesty the experience of a marine in the fierce Pacific Theater. Here is what saved, threatened, and changed his life. Here, too, is the story of how he learned to hate and kill—and came to love—his fellow man.

"Eugene Sledge became more than a legend with his memoir, *With the Old Breed*. He became a chronicler, a historian, a storyteller who turns the extremes of the war in the Pacific—the terror, the camaraderie, the banal and the extraordinary—into terms we mortals can grasp." -Tom Hanks



Thank you to Book Review Chairs Ed and Aubree Sledge for leading us on a book review that is very personal for them and their family. With its incredible World War II Museum, New Orleans is the perfect backdrop to discuss this moving, and difficult, war account.

The Book Review is complimentary for registered attendees, and sign-ups are not required.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY
National WWII Museum

Continue your afternoon with other Book Review attendees and register for the [National WWII Museum](#) tour on the 2026 Midyear Meeting registration site.

You need to add this separate museum visit to your meeting registration if you would like to attend. Space is limited.

Journeying Through New Orleans: The Streetcar Serenade to the Columns Hotel with Lunch

Tuesday, February 10, 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Jump on the St. Charles Avenue Streetcar and let our experienced guide take the group on a tour of one of New Orleans’ most exclusive neighborhoods, the Garden District. Enjoy lunch with other attendees at Red Fish Grill, then take a streetcar to the Columns Hotel to enjoy a beverage together before touring the lush gardens and architecture of this exclusive and historic neighborhood.

The registration fee is \$170 USD per person and includes lunch, a streetcar ride, a professional guided tour, a stop at the Columns Hotel, and transportation.

Important Details: Attendees should wear comfortable shoes for the walking portion of this tour within the Garden District.

National WWII Museum

Tuesday, February 10, 1:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Register to visit the world-class [National WWII Museum](#) following the Book Review. Book Review Chairs Ed and Aubree Sledge will highlight exhibits that relate directly to the book selection and their personal family connection. Attendees will then be able to explore museum at your own pace.

The registration fee for the museum outing is \$50 USD per person and includes one-way transportation and entrance into the museum. Return transportation is the attendee’s responsibility.





Preservation Hall 🌙

***PLEASE NOTE:** *This is an evening activity with limited space.*

Tuesday, February 10, 5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Situated in the heart of the French Quarter on St. Peter Street, [Preservation Hall](#) presents intimate, acoustic New Orleans jazz concerts more than 360 nights a year, featuring ensembles from a current collective of 50+ local master practitioners. On any given night, audiences bear joyful witness to the evolution of this venerable and living tradition. Seeing a show at Preservation Hall is a must-see New Orleans treat!

The registration fee is \$50 USD per person and includes a 45-minute show at Preservation Hall.

Dine-Around 🌙

***PLEASE NOTE:** *This is an evening activity.*

Tuesday, February 10, Various Times

The IADC invites attendees to dine together at some of New Orleans' best restaurants. A list of participating restaurants and sign-up sheets will be available onsite at the IADC Registration Desk. Spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis. All dinner costs and transportation to/from the restaurants will be the attendee's responsibility.

Vieux Carre Voyage: Jackson Square and Beyond 👤+

***PLEASE NOTE:** *This is a morning activity for significant others/guests.*

Wednesday, February 11, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Experience the allure of the French Quarter with a knowledgeable guide leading the way. Marvel at the timeless beauty of eighteenth and nineteenth-century French and Spanish architecture, the iconic wrought iron fences of Jackson Square, and the vibrant atmosphere of renowned restaurants and shops. This tour features admission to the majestic Cabildo, once New Orleans City Hall, offering insights into the city's rich heritage and architectural legacy.

This event is open to plus 1 registered attendees. The registration fee is \$50 USD per person and includes a professional tour guide and admittance into The Cabildo.

Important Details: Attendees should wear comfortable shoes for this walking tour.





CPR Class

Wednesday, February 11, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Being prepared with CPR knowledge can make a difference in emergency situations and performing CPR can increase the chances of survival from cardiac events. Join other attendees for this important class that includes hands-on CPR practice, AED overview, and Q&A.

This event is complimentary, but registration is required to participate.

Important Details: While attendees will learn basic CPR skills, this is not an official certification class.

The Empowerment Collaborative Activity – He Said/She Said: How Gender Stereotypes Impact Verbal Communications and Ways to Achieve More Equitable Dialogue in the Legal Profession

Wednesday, February 11, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

We will use a modern lens to explore the old adage *it isn't always what you say but how you say it*— acknowledging that *how* something is said (and heard) is largely influenced by the speaker's gender. How can we close the “gender gap” when it comes to the currency of our profession, i.e., talking and listening?

*The purpose of The Empowerment Collaborative (TEC) is to provide specialized support through the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee to enhance the development of skills, professionalism, and camaraderie of IADC's women members in order to further facilitate their continued personal and professional success. TEC events are open to everyone.

The registration fee is \$25 USD per person and includes snacks and refreshments.

Thank you to The Empowerment Collaborative Chairs Bernadette Catalana and Evelyn Davis.



Flavors of the French Quarter Tour

Wednesday, February 11, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Whether visiting for Mardi Gras or any other occasion, there's no denying that New Orleans is the #1 food destination in the USA. On this 3-hour walking food tour, treat your taste buds at some of the most famous and most visited eateries in the French Quarter while learning about the history and culture of New Orleans! Come hungry!

The registration fee is \$200 USD per person and includes a professional guided tour and six food tastings.

Important Details: Attendees should wear comfortable shoes for this walking tour.

St. Louis No. 3 Cemetery Tour

Wednesday, February 11, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. Louis Cemetery No. 3 runs parallel to Bayou St. John and covers the width of property included within the 1708 French land concessions, the earliest European land grants in what would later become the city of New Orleans. The history of the establishment of St. Louis Cemetery No. 3 spanned a 6-year period in the mid-19th century with construction finally occurring in 1854.

Explore the graves, tombs, and history of the cemetery with an experienced guide.

The registration fee is \$85 USD per person and includes round-trip transportation and a professional tour guide.

Important Details: Attendees should wear comfortable shoes for the walking portion of this tour within the cemetery.

45 and Under Activity

Date and time coming soon.

There will be an activity during the meeting for our 45 and under attendees. *Details on the activity and time coming soon.*

Thank you to our 45 and Under Chairs Stephen and Sarah Myers.



IADC Social Events

If you've been to an IADC meeting before, you are well aware of some of our signature social events you can look forward to at each meeting.

We offer pre-dinner cash bar Member Mix and Mingles and After Dinner Gatherings (complimentary) for informal networking and social interaction.

Our meeting will kick off with a welcome party, and we will celebrate the IADC community throughout the meeting and concluding with our final night's closing party.

Details on each are below so you can plan on attending these events.



Cheers to the Crescent City! Welcome Party

Sunday, February 8, 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Laissez les bons temps rouler! Kick off the 2026 Midyear Meeting with a lively Welcome Party at The Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans. We're turning up the fun with live jazz, NOLA treats, and a Super Bowl LX celebration worthy of the Crescent City!

See New Orleans through the IADC lens — from bespoke experiences to classic adventures, there's something for everyone in this unforgettable city.

It's the perfect night to reconnect with friends, meet new members, and set the tone for an unforgettable week of connection and celebration!

Casual resort attire recommended. Jerseys or favorite team colors are encouraged.

After Dinner Gathering

Sunday, February 8, Monday, February 9, and Tuesday, February 10, 10:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Wrap up your evening with a nightcap and camaraderie at these After Dinner Gatherings held exclusively for IADC attendees in the Library Lounge.

Beer, house wine, and non-alcoholic beverages are complimentary with your meeting name badge.

Member Mix and Mingle

Monday, February 9 and Tuesday, February 10, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Meet up with friends and fellow attendees at Davenport Lounge before going out for the evening at these cash bar receptions.

Last Call on Canal Closing Party

Wednesday, February 11, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

We're taking the Closing Party down Canal Street!

Step right into the heart of Mardi Gras magic as we celebrate an extraordinary meeting together. Enjoy a front-row seat to the parades from our private viewing party—complete with great food, good friends, and the true spirit of New Orleans on full display. Take in the festivities your way: mingle in the comfort of our indoor lounge, catch every moment from the street level grandstand, or take in the view from our very own private balcony! This is one unforgettable night you won't want to miss!

Beads, beats, and a big goodbye to NOLA!

Casual or Mardi Gras-inspired—think purple, green, and gold!—attire is suggested. Comfortable shoes are encouraged for the 10-minute walk to the venue.





DON'T MISS THESE ADDITIONAL NOLA Attractions!

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New Orleans has so many wonderful places to explore, learn, eat, drink, and take a stroll. Here are just a few recommendations from the Planning Team for easy and nearby activities to fill your afternoons and extra days in NOLA. #stayaday

Hermann-Grima House

This restored French Quarter home built in 1831 includes a Federalist architectural façade, original operating open-hearth kitchen, urban slave quarters, and an expansive courtyard. The museum at Hermann-Grima House looks at the experiences of those who were enslaved in an urban setting, how that differed from those enslaved in rural settings, and how the contributions of people of African descent have shaped New Orleans. *Condé Nast Traveler* voted it one of the best tours in New Orleans and the only tour listed from a museum. Admission may be purchased online or in person at the museum. Rates and operating hours are available on the Hermann-Grima House website.

Sazerac House

At Sazerac House you are invited to experience timeless traditions and history that's worth repeating. Enjoy complimentary tours, interactive cocktail exhibits, and exclusive spirit tastings in celebration and preservation of good times. Sazerac House is located 4 blocks from The Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans and offers complimentary tours. If you would like to sign up for a tasting or short class, please visit their website.

French Market District

Since 1791, the historic French Market has remained an enduring symbol of pride and progress for the people of New Orleans. In more than 200 years of existence, the Market has been built, destroyed, and rebuilt many times over, but what remains unchanged is the Market's central spirit of commerce, community, and culture that is irresistible to visitors from near and far. The French Market District is comprised of the shops of the Upper Pontalba, shops of the Colonnade, the Craft Bazaar, the Farmers and Flea Markets, Oscar Dunn Park, and the Moon Walk. Operations at the world-famous French Market includes the Flea Market featuring daily vendors open till 5:00 p.m. and the Farmers Market with eateries and café style seating open till 6:00 p.m.

Frenchmen Street Jazz Corridor

Frenchmen Street is an iconic corridor in the Faubourg Marigny neighborhood with a reputation as a place locals prefer for live music, good food, and a bustling street scene. Whether you want to visit The Blue Nile for jazz, catch dinner and a show at Three Muses, or slide into Snug Harbor or The Spotted Cat – two of local IADC member and jazz aficionado Mindy Brickman's favorite haunts – Frenchmen Street is rich with music venue options and musical heritage.