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USDF Region 9 meeting Travel Planner

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USDF Region 9 Annual Meeting in San Antonio

Destination [San Antonio](#)

Start date Jul 16, 2026 12:00 PM

End date Jul 19, 2026 4:00 PM

Meeting date Saturday, July 18 at 8am – 5 pm

Location Hotel Contessa, San Antonio

Contact Leah Stephen: leahstephen@hotmail.com

Booking Link [Book your room here!](#)

The Alamo Dressage Association in San Antonio is thrilled to host the Region 9 summer meeting in our beautiful city! Experience the vibrant culture of San Antonio, captivating history, endless charm, and unique flavors, where unforgettable experiences await around every bend.

You will be staying at the Hotel Contessa and Spa. Hotel Contessa proudly stands as a welcoming beacon of San Antonio's rich culture, creativity, and warm sense of community. Tucked along the iconic Riverwalk, this AAA Four-Diamond all-suite retreat is a celebration of art, history, and connection, inviting locals and travelers to immerse themselves in the heart of the city's energy. From stylish, art-filled suites to the serene space, from agave cocktails and authentic Texas fare at Ambler to live music around the fire, we welcome you into our story.

Rooms \$159 per night

*the reservation link provided to the USDF has king rooms listed, but if you need a double room please call the hotel and they will provide you with a different room at the same rate. Call 1-210-229-9222 for reservations

The \$20 destination fee WILL BE WAIVED at check-in.

Valet parking \$44.25 nightly

Link to reserve your room here:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/UnitedStatesDressageFederation>

No shuttle is provided to and from the airport. However, our airport is very close (10 mins) to the hotel and an Uber or Lyft is recommended.

You will be staying on the Riverwalk, where everything is within walking distance.

Join us for adventure and tours! The Alamo Dressage Association will proudly host tours through our city and guide you to destinations. There is so much to see and do here!

San Antonio offers easy public transportation. We recommend the River taxis, which will pick you up and drop you off right at the hotel, or the Old Town Trolley Tours which has many stops at attractions in the downtown area.



Day 1

Day 1- Thursday

Jul 16, 2026

Activity 1- Remember the Alamo Guided Tour



Location

[Alamo](#)

Time	Jul 16, 2026 2:00 PM
Cost	\$48
Duration	2 hours
Travel time	0:15
Transportation	Walk
Website	Visit the Alamo
Booking	Email Leah Stephen at leahstephen@hotmail.com

Adult \$48, Child (12 and under) \$38 - Includes Guided Tour, Alamo Exhibit, Surrounded, and Alamo Church Entry

In its 300 years, the Alamo has shaped the city of San Antonio, ignited the battle for Texas independence, and influenced American history.

Led by Alamo History Interpreters, our *Remember the Alamo™ Guided Tour*, explores the heroes and events that have made the story of the Alamo captivating for generations of Texans. The tour takes you through the area that was the original footprint of the Spanish mission complex, today Alamo Plaza, and describes the events leading up to and including the Battle of the Alamo.

This experience is about 45 minutes in duration with a 30 minute guided walking tour and time for Q&A. Your tour includes entry into the Church and the Alamo Exhibit in the Ralston Family Collections Center where you can explore artifacts from the Phil Collins Collection, the Donald and Louise Yena Spanish Colonial Collection, and more. Immerse yourself in 10,000 square feet of new gallery space with more than 500 artifacts – many on display for the first time! Includes access to Surrounded! The Alamo Augmented Experience.

Activity 2- Haunted History Ghost Walk



Location	Sisters Grimm Ghost Tours
Time	Jul 16, 2026 8:00 PM
Cost	\$27
Duration	2 hours
Travel time	0:15
Transportation	Walk

Website [Sisters Grimm Ghost Tours](#)

Booking Email Leah Stephen at leahstephen@hotmail.com

Hearing scary stories of San Antonio's history is even creepier when done at night. During this San Antonio ghost tour, let your guide take you to some of the most haunted sites in the city. A costumed guide who leads the way by lantern sets this tour apart from others like it.

Day 2

Day 2- Friday

Jul 17, 2026

Activity 1- Remember the Alamo Guided Tour



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Activity 2- Briscoe Western Art Museum



Location	Briscoe Western Art Museum
Time	Jul 17, 2026 1:00 PM
Cost	\$16 General Admission \$8 Active Duty Military Dependents

\$14 Seniors (65+ years) | Retired/Veteran Military* | Students (13-18 years) & College Students*

Duration 2 hours

Travel time 0:15

Transportation walk

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Through the preservation of the art, history, and culture of the American West, the Briscoe Western Art Museum inspires and educates the public with engaging exhibitions, educational programs, and public events reflective of the region's rich traditions and shared heritage. Nestled on the banks of the San Antonio River Walk, the museum's main building served as San Antonio's original public library in the 1930s followed by the Hertzberg Circus Collection and Museum in the 1980s. After an extensive renovation, the Briscoe Western Art Museum opened in 2013. A branch of the San Antonio Public Library can be found on the first floor, honoring the building's origins. The museum is named in honor of Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe, Jr., and his wife Janey Slaughter Briscoe, who envisioned a museum that would share the story of Western heritage and the people behind that story.

USDF Region 9 Social



Location [Hotel Contessa](#)

Time Jul 17, 2026 4:00 PM

Duration 2 hours

Gather in the Hotel Contessa Ambler bar for a meet and greet social event! Meet other attendees at the region 9 meeting while sipping on a cool beverage and listening to live music.

Attn! We will be walking to the Iron Cactus from the hotel. We will leave the social at around 5:40pm to start the journey to the boat.

Activity 3- River Dinner Cruise- Iron Cactus



Location	San Antonio River Walk
Time	Jul 17, 2026 6:00 PM
Cost	\$40 Plus the price of your dinner Contact leahstephen@hotmail.com to reserve
Important Reservation details	Only 20 people can come on this boat! Reserve now to guarantee your space. If there is enough interest in another boat we can book another. Please reserve ASAP so that we know how many people to reserve for!

Restaurant Website <https://ironcactus.com/>

IRON CACTUS - HEALTHY MEXICAN RESTAURANTS IN SAN ANTONIO TX

Iron Cactus Mexican Grill and Margarita Bar is a premier local hot spot for Mexican food and tequila cocktails for visitors and locals in Austin and San Antonio, TX. Our Mexican restaurants serve some of the best contemporary Mexican cuisine [menus](#) you'll ever savor crafted from quality ingredients and seed-oil-free alternatives.

Both Iron Cactus locations feature topflight bars. We've been rated as a Top 10 Tequila Bar in the country by *USA Today*. Enjoy captivating views and our

extensive tequila cocktail menu on one of our famously popular patios in downtown Austin or San Antonio's River Walk.

Day 3- Meeting

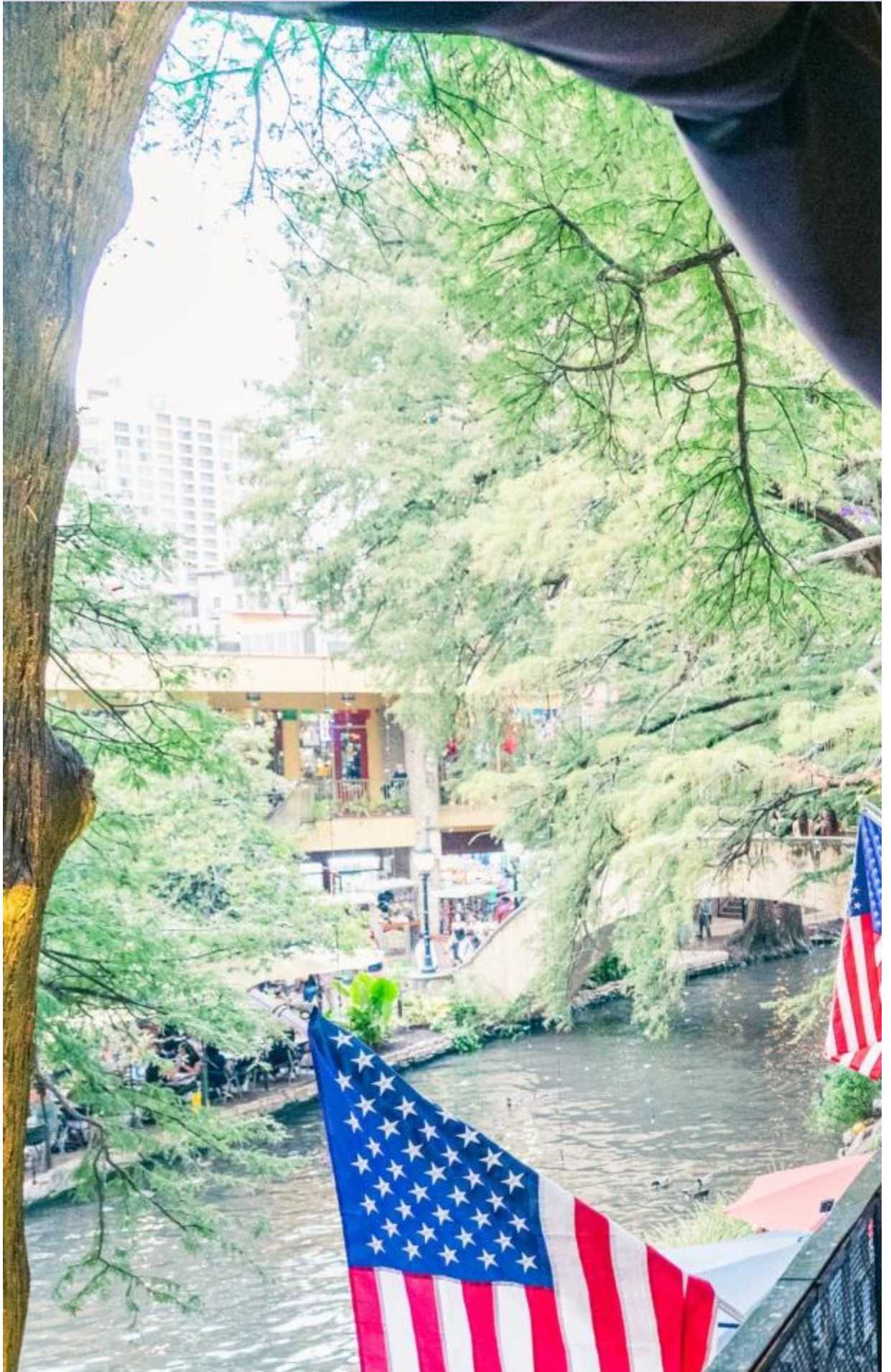
Jul 18, 2026 8:00 AM – 5 pm. With break for lunch.

USDF Region 9 Annual Meeting

Location- Hotel Contessa Anaqua Room

Agenda: Will be sent by email.

After Meeting Dinner and Social at Lone Star Cafe



Location	Lone Star Cafe, 237 Losoya St, San Antonio, TX 78205, US
Time	Jul 18, 2026 6:00 PM
Reservation Details	Contact: leahstephen@hotmail.com to RSVP. We need a count for the restaurant!

Debrief after the meeting with your friends!

Family owned since 1981; Lone Star Café is the San Antonio River Walk destination for all the food South Texans love! The flavors found here are both familiar and robust, inspired by the cowboy fare of our rancheros and the simple dishes found in every corner of this great state. We use the freshest Texas beef for our savory steaks and hamburgers, and round out the menu with chops, chicken, salads, and other dishes you'll want to try!

Our beer selections are intended to pair with and enhance our food. No respectable Texas eatery would be complete without a full liquor selection – and we are proud to offer a great selection as part of our full bar service. Or choose one of our favorite signature cocktails.

Lone Star Cafe is committed to providing a value-oriented, entertaining dining experience for River Walk visitors and local clientele by exceeding expectations for high quality food and service. Locals love our lunch specials

and there's no better view of the historic River Walk than from our patio.
Come see us!

Day 4

Day 4- Sunday

Jul 19, 2026

Activity 1- Visit Historic La Villita and shops at El Mercado



Location	La Villita Historic Village
Time	Jul 19, 2026 10:00 AM CST
Cost	FREE
Duration	2 hours

Travel time 0:15

Transportation walk

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Located on the southern bank of the famed San Antonio River Walk, La Villita now occupies one artsy square block in the heart of downtown San Antonio. The Artisan village is listed on the U.S. government's National Register of Historic Places, featuring architectural styles that range from adobe structures, to early Victorian and Texas vernacular limestone buildings. Today, La Villita is a treasured Artisan and Entrepreneur district with over 25 shops and galleries that showcase local handmade goods and home to over 200 events a year. one artsy square block in the heart of downtown San Antonio. The Artisan village is listed on the U.S. government's National Register of Historic Places, featuring architectural styles that range from adobe structures, to early Victorian and Texas vernacular limestone buildings. Today, La Villita is a treasured Artisan and Entrepreneur district with over 25 shops and galleries that showcase local handmade goods and home to over 200 events a year.

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