

**ALFORD AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION'S
28TH ANNUAL MEETING & FAMILY REUNION
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI**



**OCTOBER 2 – 4, 2015
Holiday Inn Gulfport - Airport
9515 Highway 49
Gulfport, MS 39503
Phone: 1-228-679-1700**

Call the hotel direct to make your reservations at 1-228-697-1700. Be sure to mention that you're with the Alford Family Reunion to receive the group room rate of \$109.00 Single/Double + tax per night. Room rate includes up to 2 breakfast meals per day. Rates are good Sept 30 - Oct 4.

Hotel pet policy: No pets allowed.

Reservations must be made by **September 9th at 5:00 pm to receive the group rate!**

Return your Meeting Registration Form to the AAFA Treasurer, Robert D. Alford, as soon as possible so food arrangements with the hotel can be made.

**SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK TODAY!!!
DON'T DELAY!!!**

Gulfport, MS Schedule of Activities & Fees



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2015:

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM THE REGISTRATION DESK - will be open prior to the beginning of the first official function. You may pick up your registration packet with your name badge(s). ***Please do not wait*** until you arrive to make up your mind on whether or not to attend the Friday and/or Saturday night meals. A head count must be given to the hotel prior to the meeting. There may or may not be a place for you at the Saturday buffet if you do not make reservations in advance.

9:00 AM – 4:15 PM (\$20.00) ABOUT ALFORD GENEALOGY – AAFA officers and workers will present a series of general genealogical subjects with emphasis on “how, why, and where.” There should be something of interest for everyone.

6:00 PM – 6:30 PM THE REGISTRATION DESK - will be open.

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM (\$35.00) RECEPTION - Dress will be informal and no formal activities are planned. It will be a time for renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. Non-alcoholic drinks and a buffet dinner will be served.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015:

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM THE REGISTRATION DESK - will be open once again for any who have not picked up their registration packet and name badge(s).

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (\$10.00) ALFORD'S TODAY - A meeting open to all members will be conducted during this time. Any official business will be covered. The Officers will present reports and the floor will be open for any new business. Officers will be announced. If the Alford's Today Meeting should be completed early, then the Alford Family Forum will begin as soon as the Business Meeting has concluded.

1:30 PM – 4:15 PM (\$10.00) THE ALFORD FAMILY FORUM - will be a discussion of our Alford ancestry using prepared charts, overhead slides, and photographs pertaining to those who pre-registered. In the past, this session has been the most heavily attended. It will mean much more to you if you pre-register early so your line of Alford's will be included in this session's lively discussion.

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM (\$40.00) ALFORD AWARDS BANQUET – those receiving honors and recognition in 2015 will be announced and presentations made after the dinner. **Dinner must be arranged and paid for in advance.** Announce intentions as early as possible. If you wait until you arrive at the meeting, there may not be spots available as we have to make arrangements with the hotel on the number of people who will be at the buffet well in advance of the actual buffet.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015:

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM (Free) EXPLORING ALFORD DATA - work space, resources, and some help will be available to do extensive Alford research. Lots of time & opportunity for serious or casual conversation about whatever. There will be no refreshments provided during this session.

There will be light refreshments served at the morning and afternoon breaks on Friday and Saturday. You will be on your own for breakfast and lunch or just lunch if you are staying at the hotel (room rates include the hotel's breakfast buffet). A lunch break occurs each day from 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM.

American Family Alford Association, Inc.

Annual Meeting and Family Reunion

Gulfport/Biloxi Tour

October 1st, 2015



Beauvoir, the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library

The [Beauvoir](#) estate is notable as the historic post-war home (1876-1889) of the former President of the Confederate States of America, Jefferson Davis, (1807/08-1889), (who was also former U.S. Representative, (1845-1846), and more influentially as United States Senator from Mississippi, (1847-1851, 1857-1861) and in between U.S. Secretary of War, (1853-1857), under 14th President Franklin Pierce). Its construction was begun in 1848 facing the Gulf Coastline (Gulf of Mexico) at Biloxi, Mississippi. It was purchased earlier in 1873 by the planter Samuel Dorsey and his wife Sarah Dorsey. After her husband's death in 1875, the widow, Sarah Ellis Dorsey learned of former Confederate President Jefferson Davis' difficulties. She invited him to visit at the plantation and offered him a cottage near the main house, where he could live and work at his memoirs (*"Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government"*). He ended up living there the rest of his life. The house and plantation have since been designated as a National Historic Landmark, recognized and listed by the U.S. Department of the Interior and its National Park Service (established 1916).

The tour includes:

- Admission (\$ 7.50);
- A guided tour of the house (25-30min);
- A movie about Jefferson Davis's life in the Beauvoir room (25-30min);
- A movie about Shiloh in the up-stairs Library (20-25min);
- A movie about when the property was a soldier's home in the pavilion (20- 25min);
- A picnic lunch on the grounds (\$ 9.00);
- Presidential Library and Museum;
- Confederate Veteran's Memorial Cemetery and Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier;
- Rose garden, statues, waterfalls, oak tree and animals; and
- Transportation (\$ 10.50).



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2015 REGISTRATION FORM**



NAME: _____ MEMBER #: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP+4: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Individual name(s) as you wish it/them to appear on your name tag(s): (Codes: M = Member; S = Spouse; C = Child; N=Non-member Guest)

_____ Code: ____ _____ Code: ____
 _____ Code: ____ _____ Code: ____

Are you staying at the Holiday Inn Gulfport - Airport? No ____; Yes ____.

If Yes; to Arrive on __/__, Depart on 10/___ = ___ Nights.

DAY	DATE	START TIME	STOP TIME	AGE GROUP or ACTIVITY	FEE PER PERSON	x	NUMBER ATTENDING	=	TOTAL FEES
THU	Oct 1	8:30 AM	Open	Beauvoir Tour	\$27.00	x	=		.00
FRI	Oct 2	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	About Alford Genealogy	\$14.00	x	=		.00
		6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Dinner Social	\$35.00	x	=		.00
SAT	Oct 3	9:00 AM	12:00 NOON	AAFA & Alford's Today	\$6.00	x	=		.00
		1:30 PM	4:15 PM	Alford Family Forum	\$8.00	x	=		.00
		6:30 PM	9:30 PM	AAFA Awards Banquet	\$40.00	x	=		.00
SUN	Oct 4	9:00 AM	11:30 PM	Exploring Alford Data	Free	x	=		.00

Total Amount Enclosed \$.00

Make check or money order payable to: Alford American Family Association
 or to: AAFA Check # _____

NOTE: All meal & refreshment costs include gratuity, local taxes and meeting room fees. Some fees cover the cost of printing and mailing materials in connection with the meeting. Any extra funds will go into AAFA's treasury. None of the money is paid to any officer, worker or member in any way, shape, form or fashion.

QUESTION: Are you interested the hotel's box lunch for \$18.00?
 Friday: yes for ____ person/people; or no ____ Saturday: yes for ____ person/people; or no ____.

Mail Registration Form and payment to: Robert D Alford, AAFA Treasurer
 11115 Fall Breeze Drive
 Houston, TX 77064-4817

Upon receipt of your registration form and check, a copy of the registration form will be emailed to you & marked **RECEIVED**.

Any questions concerning payment, please contact Robert D Alford, AAFA Treasurer, by email AlfordRobertD@msn.com, or by phone (281) 894-9165.