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## **Hotel Monteleone Continues Founder's Vision as Premier French Quarter Hotel**

*Hotel history is translated throughout the daily hotel operations.*

New Orleans, LA --The Hotel Monteleone is the largest hotel in the New Orleans French Quarter whose colorful history perfectly matches its historic neighborhood. Opening in 1886, the vision of the owner, Antonio Monteleone, was to create a grand meeting place for both the famous and the ordinary man.

Antonio Monteleone was an industrious nobleman who was operating a very successful shoe factory in Sicily when he heard great things about America. When he arrived in New Orleans, he began his first business as a cobbler on the same street where the hotel now stands, just eight years before.

The hotel opened with 64-rooms on the corner of Royal and Iberville streets in New Orleans' world famous French Quarter. That was only the beginning of an amazing historical landmark that is one of the last great family owned and operated hotels in the city. Since 1886, four generations of Monteleones have dedicated themselves to making their hotel what it was and still is- a sparkling jewel in the heart of the French Quarter.

"The Monteleone Hotel's rich history creates an ambiance in the hotel that is truly captivating," says Andrea Thornton, Director of Sales and Marketing of Hotel Monteleone. "The Hotel provides a warm, welcoming atmosphere that personifies Southern hospitality."

The hotel has undergone five major additions in recent history and now boasts 600 luxurious guestrooms and 55 suites in addition to guest facilities, ballrooms, dining rooms, cocktail lounges, spa and a Sky Terrace with swimming pool and hot tub.

Beyond the physical building, the hotel has grown to embody the grand place Monteleone had envisioned. Hotel Monteleone has received many accolades including Historic Hotels of America, Preferred Hotels and Resorts, AAA Four Diamond Award, and a Literary Landmark by the Friends of Libraries USA.

Over the years, the hotel has housed numerous celebrities including many famous writers such as Pulitzer Prize winner Richard Ford, Ernest Hemingway, Tennessee Williams, Eudora Welty, William Faulkner, Sherwood Anderson, and Truman Capote. Interestingly, the Hotel Monteleone is actually featured in stories by both Welty and Ford, and Truman Capote claims to have been born while his parents were staying at the Hotel Monteleone. There are countless other stories that continue to make the life of the Hotel Monteleone quite an interesting and intriguing one.

In addition to its literary history, the hotel has an extensive film background including "Double Jeopardy," "Glory Road," "The Last Time," "Retirement," and "12 Rounds." Television networks which have used the hotel, as well, include the Travel Channel, the Today Show, the Weather Channel, ESPN, Food Network, NBC, E! Entertainment, PBS, CBS, Bravo, CNN and A&E.

*Since 1886, the Hotel Monteleone, [www.hotelmonteleone.com](http://www.hotelmonteleone.com), has proudly stood as one of the first landmarks in the famous French Quarter. The hotel is the Quarter's largest full-service hotel, featuring 600 comfortable, luxurious guestrooms and suites. Hotel Monteleone is within walking-distance of some of New Orleans most famous attractions and is conveniently located eleven miles from the Louis Armstrong International Airport. Hotel Monteleone is a member of the Preferred Hotels® & Resorts, a three-time AAA Four Diamond award-winner, and has won the J.D. Power and Associates Upscale Hotel Award for "An Outstanding Guest Experience" for the past three years.*

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