

Our HISTORY

The polished mahogany and stately atmosphere of the historic Round Robin Bar makes it the perfect place for an afternoon or evening cocktail. It was at this great classic bar that Kentucky senator, Henry Clay, introduced Washington to the Mint Julep, which would become the Round Robin's signature cocktail.

In 1862 Walt Whitman immortalized the Willard's bar in his poetic appeal to Union Troops:

"There you are, shoulder straps, but where are your companies? Where are our men? Speak, blow, put on airs in Willard's sumptuous bar, or anywhere! No explanation will save you. Bull Run is your work."

In 1904, as the hatchet-toting prohibitionist Carrie Nation raged against drink, a sign in the Round Robin Bar went up: *"All Nations Welcome Except Carrie."*

Upon hearing from a waiter that the Willard was closing, the Board of Governors of the National Press Club raced across the street to its favorite watering hole, the Round Robin Bar, and drank until the hotel doors closed.

The Board of Governors of the National Press Club reopened the Round Robin Bar on August 20th, 1986 - the day the Willard InterContinental opened its doors to continue its long historic legacy.

Our Signature Drink

The Henry Clay Mint Julep



2 oz Makers Mark Bourbon
1 tsp Sugar
Soda Water
8 to 10 Mint Leaves
Crushed Ice

Place mint leaves, sugar and a small measure of bourbon in a glass. Muddle with spoon. Half fill the glass with ice and gently combine the mixture. Fill with remaining ice, add remainder of bourbon, and top off with soda water. Garnish with a lightly sprinkle of fresh sprig of mint. Gently dust with sugar and enjoy!

Henry Clay Mint Julep | 16

Our seasonal cocktails

\$16

Missouri Moscow Mule

Bourbon, Lime, Triple Sec, Ginger Beer

Orange Blossom

Green Hat Gin, Cointreau, Lime, Orange

Willard's "100"

Apple Cider, Calvados, Grand Marnier

"San Juan" Cuba Libre

Bacardi White Rum, Lime, Cola

Col. Joe's Rickey

Plymouth gin, Fresh Lime Juice, Sugar, Soda

Jack Rose

Laird's Applejack, Peach, Aperol, Lime

Our classic cocktails

\$17

Connecticut Yankee "Mark Twain"

Rye Whiskey, Orange Bitters, Carpano Antica Vermouth

The Rail Candidate "Abraham Lincoln"

Southern Comfort, Sweet & Sour, Brandied Cherries

Alice Blue "Alice Roosevelt Longworth"

Elyx Vodka, Blue Curaçao, Pineapple Extract, Peach-Orange Bitters

Leaves of Grass "Walt Whitman"

Rosemary infused Elyx Vodka, Lime Juice, Ginger Beer, Simple Syrup

Oliver Twist "Charles Dickens"

Bay Leaf & Juniper infused Hendricks Gin, Sacred English Tonic Water

Wildfire "Lillian Russell"

Chili & Pepper infused Havana Club Rum, Angostura, Sugar, Oranges

From The Sea

Shrimp "Diablo" | 12

Spicy White Wine Sauce, Fried Basil

Crab Cake Sliders | 12

In Brioche Bun, Asian Cole Slaw

Scallops Skewers | 12

Pickled Fennel, Piment d'Espelette

Ceviche | 12

Halibut, Red Onions, Jalapeño

From The Pasture

Shishito Peppers | 8

Homemade Rub, Sea Salt

Olives | 8

Herbs and Citrus Zest

Patata Brava | 8

Salsa Picante, Garlic Aioli

Mushroom Bruschetta | 10

Truffle Oil

Chef's Favorites

Raspberry Point Oysters

Pink Peppercorn Mignonette

Spicy Cocktail Sauce

½ Dozen 15 | Dozen 26

Sopharady Dumplings

Chicken Mousse

Roasted Garlic Soy Sauce

½ Dozen 12 | Dozen 20

From The Land

Lamb Lollipop | 12

Garlic, Mint Demi Glaze

Pork Belly | 12

Caramelized Apples, Calvados Drizzle

Tenderloin Slider | 12

Stilton Cheese, Onion Marmalade

Figs & Prosciutto | 12

Black Figs, Jamón Serrano

SWEETS

Cinnamon Churros | 8

Mexican Chocolate Sauce

Cotton Candy Cornet | 6

Bailey's Irish Cream Bavaois

Grand Marnier Crème Brûlée | 6

Candied Orange Peel

Macarons | 9

Pistachio, Raspberry, Lemon Poppy

Menu Served until 11pm

Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness.

20% gratuity included for parties of 6 or more

Our Wine List

Sparkling & champagne

	GL	BTL
Villa Sandi Prosecco Valdobbiadene ITA	12	60
Möet & Chandon Imperial Brut Epernay FRA	22	110
Veuve Clicquot "Yellow Label" Reims FRA	25	125
Veuve Clicquot "La Grande Dame" Brut Reims FRA		450
Möet & Chandon Dom Pérignon Epernay FRA		550
Krug Reserve Brut Reims FRA		695
Louis Roederer Cristal Brut Reims France		795

White drops

	GL	BTL
Riesling Domaine Blanck Alsace FR	14	70
Chardonnay Stag's Leap Napa Valley USA	16	80
Sauvignon Blanc Cloudy Bay Marlborough NZ	18	90
Pinot Grigio Danzante Venezia IT	12	60

Rosé drops

	GL	BTL
Rosé Château D' Esclans Whispering Angel Provence FR	14	70

Red drops

	GL	BTL
Pinot Noir Etude Carneros USA	18	90
Merlot Decoy by Duckhorn Sonoma County USA	16	80
Cabernet Sauvignon Daou Paso Robles USA	15	75
Blend Château Greysac Bordeaux FR	16	80
Malbec Cobos Felino Mendoza AR	14	70

Vodka

Chopin | 17
Grey Goose | 15
Ketel One | 15
Tito's | 14

Domestic Beer

Miller Lite | 8

Imported Beer

Corona Extra | 9
Stella Artois | 9
Kaliber Non-Alcoholic | 9

Crafted Beer

Flying Dog Snake Dog IPA | 9

Gin

Bombay Sapphire | 14
Botanist | 17
Green Hat (Local) | 14
Hendricks | 17
Plymouth | 15
Tanqueray | 14
Tanqueray 10 | 15

Rum

Bacardi Superior | 13
Ron Zacapa | 20
Havana Club | 14

Tequila

Sauza Gold | 13
Herradura Añejo | 25
Patron Silver | 16
Patron Añejo | 20
Don Julio Reposado | 21
Don Julio Añejo | 20

Cognac | Port | Brandy

Hennessy VSOP | 18
Hennessy XO | 48
Remy Martin VSOP | 18
Remy Martin XO | 44
Fonseca LBV | 14
Ramos Pinto | 58
Sandeman Reserve | 14
Sandeman 20 yrs | 32
Taylor Fladgate 20 yrs | 32
Pisco Porton Brandy | 15
Remy Martin 1738 | 16

Bourbon

Bakers | 13
Blanton's | 18
Bulleit | 15
Four Roses Single Barrel | 14
Jefferson's Small Batch | 14
Basil Hayden's | 17
Knob Creek | 14
Maker's Mark | 13
Maker's Mark 46 | 15
Woodford Reserve | 15

Rye & Tennessee

Jack Daniel's | 14
Bulleit Rye | 14
Michter's | 15
Knob Creek | 14

Irish

Bushmills Black | 14
Jameson | 14

Canadian

Crown Royal | 14
Canadian Club | 13
Seagram's 7 | 13
Seagram's VO | 14

Blended Scotch

Dewar's | 13
Chivas Regal | 15
Copper Dog | 18
Johnnie Walker Red | 13
Johnnie Walker Black | 15
Johnnie Walker Green | 19
Johnnie Walker Gold | 32
Johnnie Walker Blue | 64

Single Malt

Talisker 10yrs | 15
Glenmorangie 10yrs | 15
Oban 14yrs | 18
Glenkinchie 12yrs | 18
Glenfarclas 10yrs | 37
Balvenie 10yrs | 15
Cragganmore 12yrs | 15
Dalwhinnie 15yrs | 20
Glenfiddich 12 yrs | 14
Glenlivet 12 yrs | 15
Macallan 12 yrs | 16
Macallan 18yrs | 43

Portraits in The Round Robin Bar

The portraits in the Round Robin Bar depict only a few of the prominent guests of the Willard.

Henry Willard [1822-1909]

The first owner and general manager of Willard's City Hotel.

Henry Hardenbergh [1847-1918]

The architect of the current building constructed from 1901-1904. Hardenbergh was also the architect of the Plaza and Waldorf Astoria hotels and the Dakota Apartments in New York City.

Alice Roosevelt Longworth [1884-1980]

The daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt. She created a stir by publicly in the Willard dining room.

Woodrow Wilson [1856-1924]

The 28th American president (1913-1921). In 1916, Wilson convened the League to Enforce Peace at the Willard and set forth his far-reaching program for worldwide accord, the genesis for the League of Nations and the United Nations.

Buffalo Bill Cody [1846-1917]

American West Scout and showman.

John Philip Sousa [1854-1932]

American bandmaster and composer of patriotic marches.

Walt Whitman [1819-1892]

American poet. In Washington to tend to the injured and report on the Civil War, Whitman wrote a poem referring to the Willard Bar.

Lillian Russell [1861-1922]

American singer and actress. Russell was a guest while performing at the National Theater.

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Calvin Coolidge [1872-1933]

The 30th American president. Coolidge lived at the Willard during his time as Vice President to President Warren Harding. When Harding died in office, the Willard became the official presidential residence while Coolidge waited for Mrs. Harding to move from the White House. The same presidential flag that flew over the Willard in 1923 was flown again when President Reagan attended dinner during the grand opening of the Willard InterContinental in September 1986.

Warren Harding [1865-1923]

The 29th American President (1921-1923). Harding stayed at the Willard prior to his inauguration.

Mark Twain [1835-1910]

American writer and humorist. Twain's biographer, Albert Bigelow Paine, described his theatrical descent into Peacock Alley, "It is like descending the steps of a throne room, or some royal landing place-where Cleopatra's barge might lie."

Victor Herbert [1859-1924]

American composer and conductor.

William Taft [1857-1923]

The 27th American President (1900-1913)

Nathaniel Hawthorne [1804-1864]

American author who stayed at the Willard while covering the Civil War for The Atlantic Monthly. He wrote, "This hotel, in fact, may be more justly called the center of Washington and the Union than either the Capital, the White House, or the State Department."

Charles Dickens [1812-1870]

English novelist. Dickens stayed at Fuller's City Hotel (The predecessor of the Willard located on the same site) in 1842.

Abraham Lincoln [1809-1865]

The 16th American President (1861-1865). Lincoln and his family lived at the Willard for ten days before his inauguration. He held staff meetings in the lobby and his first presidential paycheck went to pay his Willard Bill (review a copy in the Willard History Gallery).