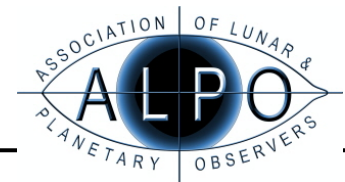# ALCon 2016

Washington, DC/Arlington, VA
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August 10 through August 13 features the Astronomical League's national convention coming to the NRECA Center in Arlington, VA. Hotel accommodations are available at the beautiful Westin Arlington Gateway (703-717-6200) and at the nearby equally attractive Hilton Arlington on the Metro Line (703-528-6000). Be sure to ask for the special ALCon rate.

This event is hosted by the **Northern Virginia Astronomy Club (NOVAC)** and your **Astronomical League**. **The Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers** will participate by holding its annual meeting at the event.

Why attend ALCon?

You will rub shoulders with, among others, research astronomers, authors, university professors, and amateurs from across the country, as well as officers of the Astronomical League and partnering organizations. You will listen to and speak with people well versed in imaging, outreach, equipment, club improvement, youth in astronomy, the art of observing, and the science of astronomy.

⭐ **Special Tours!**
Smithsonian Meteorite Collection
National Air & Space Museum
Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center
NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center
US Naval Observatory

⭐ **Nearly twenty engaging speakers** share their experiences and knowledge. Topics include among others: Outreach opportunities, Meteor observing, Observing Venus, New Horizons mission to Pluto, 2017 Total solar eclipse, Spaceflight, The Aristarchos Experiment, Variable star research, Solar astronomy, Gravitational wave astronomy, Youth in Astronomy – and more!

⭐ **Thursday night's Star-BQ** held at nearby Barcroft Park features live music by The Awesome Exaggerations!

⭐ **Saturday night features the popular gala Awards Banquet** with Keynote speaker NASA Administrator **Major General Charles Bolden**. Discover the future of space exploration from the leader of NASA!

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John Jardine Goss
Astronomical League President

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