



**NATIONAL LITERARY LANDMARK**  
***“The Maltese Falcon” Room***

**- In honor of author Dashiell Hammett -**

**This landmark was the setting for the Maltese Falcon novel by Dashiell Hammett and now is the headquarters of the Dashiell Hammett Society of San Francisco, founded October 21, 1977, by William F. Nolan, author of a biographical study of Hammett, and Jack Kaplan, retired U.S. Army major and now director of Pinkerton’s. Nolan and Kaplan aided in establishing “The Maltese Falcon Room” and have been guides in the “Hammett Walks” around the city of San Francisco.**

**The society was created to honor an individual who has made history in the literary world with his mastery of the modern detective novel and to grant official recognition to those who have contributed to a fuller understanding and appreciation of his works.**

**Here’s to San Francisco for developing the seed of a writing career for Samuel Dashiell Hammett, her adopted son.**

**We believe that this society will carry on in the finest tradition as long as we can sense that Dash is still stalking the streets and alleys of San Francisco.**

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