

Newsletter—July 2010

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We are coming close to our 2010 reunion in Branson, MO. Please mark this event on you calendar for things to do this year. The reunion dates are Oct 12—15, 1010. Some folks will come in early, we will open the Hospitality Room on Monday and have tickets for a planned event for Monday night the 11th for anyone who wants to join in.

Thank you for your many emails that keep us informed with the happenings of the group. As you hear of or find out information, please pass it along to us to share with others on the email lists. Remember to keep your email address updated with the Secretary @ mbneal@insightbb.com.

**GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN – SHIPMATES AND FRIENDS
WE WILL MISS YOU**

Otho R. "Jim" Cressey, San Diego, CA — June , 2010.
James Tallant, Haines City, Fl—July 2009

We want to welcome our ncw members, since Oct. 2008. Hope to see you in Branson.

- David Baiss, Harpswell, Maine
- Caryn V. Blankcnburg, Panama City Beach, FL
- Leroy Brown, Crestview, FL
- Gary Butterbaugh, Virginia Beach, VA
- John Carini, Midlothian, VA
- John Clevenger, Sandy Hook, KY
- Charles Coggeshall, Palm Bay, FL
- Clifford Ellis, Rocky Comfort, MO
- Ronald "R.C." Hall, Venice, FL
- Kenneth Iinkebein, Jackson, MO
- Tom Hodgins, Bremerton, WA
- Virgil 'Ed' Hudson, Blossom, TX
- Jimmy Johnson, Honolulu, HI
- Mark Leet, Sneeds Ferry, NC (Till Transfer)
- Jonathan Matt, Panama City Beach, FL
- Alan May, Flint, TX
- Kenneth McElvain, El Segundo, CA
- Harry "Bud" Mills, New Iberia, LA
- Raymond Olsen, Red Oak, IA
- Bradley Purple, Southport, FL
- Mike Reynolds, Forth Worth, TX
- Lee Rinehart, Lynn Haven, FL
- Irwin Rudin, Locust Grove, GA
- Bill Ryan, Roswell, GA
- Myron Schwartz, Smithfield, VA
- Anthony Shepard, Coronado, CA
- Richard Sherley, Granbury, TX
- Thomas Shoulders, Hazelhurst, WI
- Darrell Williams, Morganton, NC
- Leonard Winter, Bartlett, TN

**ASR-ARS Association
159 Worningford Drive
Taylorsville, KY 40071**

From our President, Rea Ottinger

Dear Shipmates!

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Branson this October. Please try and make it if you can. We are really getting on with age now and hopefully we will start meeting every year. "It's your Vote" !

We have had some sickness, me included, I hope everyone is doing well now. If anyone knows where Ray Steel is living now, please sign him up and get him to Branson.

See you soon,

Rea



From our Reunion Planner, Bill Neal

Branson, Mo is booked for our next reunion, October 12 to Oct. 14th. The room rate is \$84.00 Plus tax and includes a full breakfast buffet for two (2), each morning. They will honor this rate three days before and after the reunion dates.

To register, please call The Lodge of the Ozarks at their Toll Free number; (877) 327-9894, the address is 3431 West 76 Country Blvd. Branson, Mo.

Note: Please mention that you are with the ASR-ARS Reunion and be SURE to make this call before September 10th, or you may have to pay a much higher room rate.

If you want to go on the Tour planned for Oct. 13th, we must receive your registration with your money by the 10th of September in order to assure seating on the bus and for the shows. To get in the shows for the group rate, you must come in with the group.

Once I book the bus, 'if' there is space available, it will be first come — first serve.

(My last reunion with the Viet Nam group, was a scramble to get the 15 walk-ins included in our tour, it may not be easy this time)

We did not plan for a speaker at the banquet this time, so that we will have more time for talking among ourselves and of course we will have the raffle. There is so much to do there, and we want you to enjoy every moment.

Bill



From our Secretary, Mary Neal

Our next reunion is in Branson, MO from the 12th to the 15th of October this year. Our hotel, Lodge of the Ozarks will be providing a full breakfast buffet every morning for the low rate of \$84.00 + Tax, per night for two.

We will have some of our planned meals in the hotel and some off site. Between the shows and eating and partying, we should be worn out when it is over. For those who want to come early and/or stay later, the hotel will honor the same rate for three days prior and three days after, if you make this known when you register. **Remember to mention the ASR-ARS Reunion when you register.**

We will be having a fun event planned for Monday night, the 11th, for those who do come in early. The Hospitality Room will be open during the afternoon and at 5:30 pm, we are booked at Gilley's Café for ribs and chicken, then on to the Mickey Gilley Theatre with Mickey Gilley performing. The café and theater are next to the Lodge of the Ozarks and should not take long to walk over. Those that need to have a ride, just let me know, as some of us will have cars and can accommodate you.

Tuesday is the official check-in day, the Hospitality Room will be open and we will have a Wine & Cheese Social in the evening.

Wednesday, after breakfast, **We will board the bus about 8:45 am**, to The Brett Family Show. Our 2nd stop will be the Mt. Pleasant Winery for a box lunch, wine tasting and shopping. Then on to "Ride the Ducks", we will have our Memorial Service while on the Ducks, tour some of Branson, and see some of the military vehicles that were used in years past. After the Ducks ride, we will return to the hotel for a "little" free time before a cook-out at the Lodge. Wednesday evening we will board the bus at 7:00 pm, for the Baldknobbers Jamboree Show. The Baldknobbers were one of the first shows to come to Branson, which boasts 100 +/- shows now. **We will be back to the hotel about 11:00 pm.**

On Thursday morning we will have the business meeting at 9:00 am, and at 11:00 am, a local photographer will take photos of; All the Vets, everyone in attendance, and all the ladies. Any other small groups that puts in a request prior to 10 September (30 days out), to me in writing, can also have photos made. (The photographer needs to know so that he can allow enough time in his schedule).

Thursday afternoon will be free time and Thursday evening, we will have our Three Meat Buffet Banquet, and the raffle. Start looking around for some good items to bring for our raffle. Our raffle in Northern Kentucky was a great success and everyone had a good time.

We are going to have (reduced price) tickets available or information for shows close by the hotel for anyone who wants to get a good taste of just how nice Branson is. Branson believes in honoring all Veterans, and most of the shows will ask the Veterans to stand up to be acknowledged.

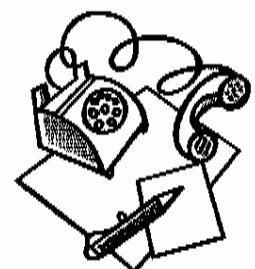
As I mentioned before, the shows are quality in every way, including "Good-Clean-Entertainment".

Someone asked if there was gambling in Branson, there is not any at this time. The closest place is in Joplin, Mo, North West, about 2 hours travel time.

Branson has its own airport now, so getting there should be a breeze, no "pun" intended. You can find out more about flights on their web site, or any ticket company who services the area.

We will have updated Rosters at the reunion for everyone in attendance. If you have changed your address, phone number or email address, PLEASE let me know either by mail (address on the bottom of page 1 or by email - mbneal@insightbb.com

Mary



Roster:

The roster has been updated and ready to mail out to anyone who wants a current addition. We have approximately 300 names on the roster now. Some have not been active in the association lately, but they have not been forgotten. Some have moved, changed phone numbers, email addresses please let us know of **any and all changes** as it will help in keeping you up to date with the news.

Recently, I sent emails out and got most of them back as not valid. Please let me know of your changed email addresses. You can send this information to: mbneal@insightbb.com

If you would like to have a copy of the roster mailed to you, please send \$5.00 with your request, to:

ASR/ARS
159 Worningford Drive
Taylorsville, KY 40071

Membership:

If you know any of your buddies who were coming to the reunions but stopped for whatever reason, please do encourage them to come this year and renew their old friendships. Some of us are not going to have that many more years before we can't come anymore.

ASR/ARS Association Constitution and By-Laws

If you would like a copy of these, please let us know at the reunion. We will have extra copies, at that time.

Branson Reunion October 12-15, 2010

We are looking forward to our next reunion in Branson Mo. Oct. 12th – 15th, 2010 in Branson, MO. We will be staying at Lodge of the Ozarks, right on the main strip for \$84 per night plus tax, this price includes the full breakfast buffet, each morning for attendees staying in the hotel. We should see fall colors in the area, this time of the year.

Branson Airport Information

The Branson airport is open now, with several airlines offering flights, from different points of the US.

Located approximately 10 miles South of Branson

On Branson Creek Dr, Hollister, MO. (1-417-334-7813)

The Branson Airport has flights directly into Branson, there is car rental services on-site, as well as taxi and shuttle service into Branson.

Air Trans Airways (1-800-247-8726) or www.AirTran.com
Sun Country Airlines (1-866-794-6049 or www.OneTravel.com)



Shopping Malls

Branson Craft Mall

694 State Hwy 165
Branson MO 65616
Phone: (417) 334-1223
Web: <http://www.bransoncraftmall.com>

Branson Landing

100 Branson Landing
Branson MO 65616
Phone: (417) 239-3002
Web: <http://www.bransonlanding.com>

Branson Mall Meeting & Event Center

2206 W Country 76 Blvd.
Branson MO 65616
Phone: 417-231-4649
Web: bransonmallevvents.com
E-mail: bookbranson@gmail.com

Chappy Mall

204 N Commercial
Branson MO 65616
Phone: (417) 332-2826

Coffell Country Crossroads, Inc.

673 Hwy 165
Branson MO 65616
Phone: 417-334-7611

Factory Merchants Branson

1000 Pat Nash Drive A-1
Branson MO 65616
Phone: (417) 335-6686
Web: <http://www.bransonoutlets.com>

Grand Country Square

1945 W. 76 Country Blvd.
Branson MO 65616
Phone: (417) 334-3919
Web: <http://www.grandcountry.com>
E-mail: vgdj@aol.com

Grand Village Shops

2800 W Hwy 76, 5-521
Branson MO 65616
Web: www.grandvillageshops.com
E-mail: pamcritchfield@gmail.com

Shoppes at Branson Meadows

4562 Gretna Road
Branson MO 65616
Phone: (417) 339-2580
Web: <http://www.factorystores.com>
E-mail: dbartlett@cpgi.com

Tanger Outlet Center

300 Tanger Blvd Suite 120
Branson MO 65616
Phone: (800) 407-2762
Web: <http://tangeroutlet.com>



Car Rental

A-1 Auto Rental

819 Hwy 165 South
Branson MO 65616
Phone: 1-800-335-2932
Web: <http://www.a1autorental.net>
E-mail: bphh@centurytel.net

Avis Rent-A-Car

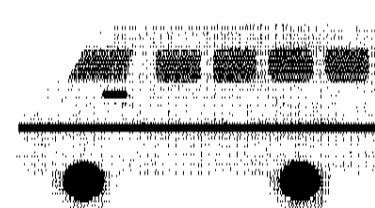
5000-3 West Kerney, Springfield
Hollister MO 65672
Phone: (417) 334-4945

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

1029 1/2 W Hwy 76
Branson MO 65616
Phone: (417) 338-2280

Shuttle from/to Branson Airport

<u>Branson Coach</u>	1 or 2	\$20.00 Trip	<u>Jerry's Shuttle</u>	1-2	\$23.00 per Trip
417-339-4888		\$20.00 for 2 guests, plus \$5.00 additional,	417-334-5678		
		3 or more up to 10 with luggage			3 or more \$8.00 per person
<u>Grayline</u>	1 or 2	\$27.00 Trip			
417 334 5463	3	\$37.00 Trip			
See information					
about	4	\$47.00 Trip			
round trip price	5	\$57.00 Trip			
if booked	6	\$67.00 Trip			
together	Over 6	\$14.00 Per Person			



Return trip can be added for \$20.00 per group at time of booking

ASR / ARS ASSOCIATION 2010 REUNION

Branson, MO
October 12-14, 2010

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____
Address _____ Email _____
_____ Phone _____

Note — The Costs below are per Person

	# of Persons	Cost per person	Total
Early Arrival Dinner & Show, Monday, Oct. 11th @ 5:30 PM Gilley's Café and Mickey Gilley Theater (Next to the Hotel)	_____	\$33.00	\$ _____
Tuesday, Oct. 12th—Hospitality Room & Wine & Cheese Social	_____	\$15.00	\$ _____

One Free T-Shirt w/pocket for ASR-ARS Veteran/Retiree.

Indicate size: ___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___ XX-Large ___ XXX-Large

Wednesday Tour, October 13th (Board the bus @ 8:45 am) The Brett Family Show —Arrive by 9:45 am Mt. Pleasant Winery, Box Lunch, Tasting, Shopping Ride The Ducks and Memorial Service (from the Ducks) Evening Meal (Cook Out @ Lodge of the Ozarks) @ 5:30 PM Board the Bus @ 7:00 pm The Baldknobbers Comedy Show—Arrive 7:45 pm	_____	\$88.00	\$ _____
Thursday morning, October 14th Business Meeting—9:00 am Photo Session—11:00 am (In the Hotel Lobby)			
Thursday evening, October 14th Banquet Buffet—6:00 pm (Cash Bar) Buffet will include: three meats/vegetable/desert/tea/coffee Raffle to follow Banquet (Remember to Bring Raffle Items)	_____	\$35.00	\$ _____

Dues \$22.00 Bi-Annual (even years) \$ _____
Note—Look on your envelope, the year printed by your name indicated the year that your dues are paid through.

Extra T-Shirts (without pocket for spouse, guest or Veteran/Retiree # of Shirts

Indicate size: ___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large	_____	\$9.00	\$ _____
___ XX-Large ___ XXX-Large	_____	\$10.00	\$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please Make Checks Payable to ARS-ASR Association

Mail this completed form with your check to: ASR-ARS Association
159 Worningford Drive
Taylorsville, KY 40071

It would be appreciated if you will register by, 10 September 2010, to be included in the Wednesday Tour.
We need time to order the shirts, and for a final count of the attendees for the shows.

Once the bus is booked, if there is space available, it will be first come first serve.



June 8, 2010

Subject: Lodge of the Ozarks Information Sheet

Hotel Information/Location. Lodge of the Ozarks is conveniently located in the heart of Branson on the famous “76 Strip”. We have set the standard for quality and service, while hosting hundreds of meetings, reunions and special events. Walk out our door and you can visit approximately 12 different shows, many shops, dining spots and entertainment venues. You can attend the show Six, the Hughes Brothers, and Jeerk, without even leaving the building. We are within walking distance of The Track Family Fun Park and White Water. Our location is second to none!

Transportation to the Lodge of the Ozarks. Attached is a transportation price list showing providers who service the airports, with their phone numbers and 2010 prices. Branson’s airport is privately owned and operated. You will probably notice that there are only two providers who transport people out of the Branson Airport. That is because Grayline has an exclusive contract with the Airport, so no other taxi or hotel shuttles are allowed to pick-up except Grayline. We do show one other provider on this list, but he has to pay a surcharge to Grayline, so it is more expensive. If someone is flying in to Branson and using Grayline, if they make their return arrangements at the time of booking their pickup, it is only \$20.00 more for transportation both ways (even for the group prices).

The website for the Branson Airport (BKG) is www.flybranson.com. The airlines that presently service the airport are Air Tran, Frontier and Branson AirExpress. The airport will probably announce additional airline providers prior to your event, but at this time those are the only ones shown as providing transportation.

The website for the Springfield Airport (SGF) is www.flyspringfield.com. Springfield airport’s website presently shows four airlines, American Airlines, Allegiant Air, Delta, and United, with ten non-stop flights; Chicago, Denver, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Dallas, Memphis, Tampa, Orlando and Atlanta.

Golfing. If golfing is your pleasure, we are located 1.6 miles from Thousand Hills Golf Resort, whose course was recently voted “Best of the Ozarks” by the readers of the Springfield News Leader.

Fishing. The Lodge is located approximately 8.5 miles from Table Rock State Park Marina. State Park Marina has boat rentals, wave runners, para-sail, scuba diving, bass fishing, and daily cruises. Their store features sportswear, sports gear, bait and tackle, boat supplies and fuel.

Hospitality Room. Groups will be allowed to furnish their own alcoholic beverages and dry snacks with no corkage fees. The hotel will refresh the hospitality room daily, and provide ice as needed complimentary. Meeting room assignments and space are complimentary with the room rental fee waived; however, there will be a one time set-up fee.

Meals. We can provide menus for various dining/hospitality options. The Lodge will set and prepare five percent over the guarantee.

Parking. Parking at the Lodge is free. We do have a flat parking lot, which is very unusual in Branson.

Other Comps

Group banners hung by hotel staff

House phone at registration desk

No charge for receiving and storing reasonable amount of boxes shipped to the hotel

AV Equipment. We maintain our own stock of audio/visual equipment. We will secure from our outside source any equipment we do not have.

Concierge. Special group tickets for shows/attractions can be acquired through our Sales Office and individual tickets can be acquired through our concierge desk in the lobby. We can also assist with acquiring transportation needs.

Special Amenities. We do have an open lobby area. We have two elevators, handicap rooms and we are primarily non-smoking, but we do have smoking rooms available. We offer a large indoor swimming pool and whirlpool, an exercise room, a lounge/bar, full service restaurant, gift shop, Wi-Fi/ Internet, computer for guest usage, and many other amenities.

Toll Free 877.327.9894 / Telephone 417.334.7535 / Fax 417.334.0306
3431 West Highway 76 / Branson, Missouri 65616
www.lodgeoftheozarks.com

APPLICATION

ASR - ARS ASSOCIATION

159 Worningford Drive

Taylorsville, KY 40071

Phone: 502-477-0876

E-mail: mbneal@insightbb.com

Date: _____

Last Name: _____ First _____ MI _____

Spouse's or Friend's First Name _____

Friend's Last Name _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Cell _____

E-mail _____

*Newsletters ***OK*** to be sent by email: ____ Yes ____ No

Address (street - Box #) _____

City - Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Ships served on & dates:

Comments:

Dues have been established as \$ 22.00 per biennial period (occurring every two years) to cover the various expenses of the Association. IE: Postage, printing newsletters, various supplies, etc. A Newsletter will be generated periodically and sent to all members in ***good standing***. Your input to the Newsletter is welcome, experiences, happenings, photos, brief stories; anything that you think might be interesting to the other members.

***Note: If you change your address or email, please let me know as this is the way we will contact you.

Mary Neal, Secretary