



HMM-265 Veterans Association, Inc.  
Reunion 2019

Fellow Marines,

Our 2019 reunion will take place at the Hilton Promenade at Branson Landing Hotel in Branson, MO, Sep 30-Oct 4. It looks like a great venue. The hotel is located in historic downtown Branson on Lake Taneycomo, across the street from Branson Convention Center. It is right in Branson Landing, with indoor pool, fitness center, fully equipped business center, spacious guest rooms and suites, onsite dining at Level 2 Steakhouse, and shopping, dining and entertainment nearby. The Branson Hills Golf Club and Silver Dollar City both are only minutes away. For more information about the hotel just Google the name. To book your room, use the link set up especially for our reunion at [https://hmm-265.org/reunions/reunion/2019 reunion/hotel booking site](https://hmm-265.org/reunions/reunion/2019_reunion/hotel_booking_site) on our website.

We looked at things to do in Branson to plan some group events and were simply overwhelmed. Just Google "things to do in branson mo" and you'll see what we mean. There are casinos, music venues, shows, theme parks, museums, tours, etc., etc., etc. In a group like ours there is bound to be a wide variety in tastes, of course, but the problem is exacerbated by the fact that we now have a wide range of ages and life stages. For a good many years our reunions were made up of just the Vietnam cohort (old farts getting older) but now we have Marines who actually have kids at home! That being so, we leave it largely to you to decide how and with whom you want to spend your time. Get in touch with those with whom you shared the closest bonds during your time in the squadron, make sure they are coming, and collectively plan what you want to do. If past reunions are any guide, most people will spend a good bit of time just visiting in the hospitality room or a nearby watering hole.

We are planning only one group event, in addition to the final banquet Thursday night. We have arranged a lunch and show cruise departing at 1200 on 3 Oct on the showboat Branson Belle. She is modeled after the majestic showboats of the 1800s, and takes guests on a two-hour cruise across the waters of Table Rock Lake. As you stroll the ship's four decks, you'll enjoy panoramic views of the lush Ozark Mountains, beautiful at any time of the year. We have booked a block of what we have been assured will be good seats for lunch and a great show. You can Google "Branson" Belle for more information. Our traditional memorial service will take place dockside at 1100.

Please note that there is a place on the registration form to put a tax-deductible contribution to support the Association's funeral wreath program. It is in the natural order of things that this cost will grow over time. Finding a workable fund raising project is a problem for an organization as spread out as we are, and many of us would always rather write a check than sell

turkeys or light bulbs or whatever. We are already writing and mailing a check, so let's all dig just a little deeper so we can honor our comrades as they fall. For that matter, feel free to make a tax-deductible contribution even if you can't come. We'll miss you but will put your contribution to good use in the Association's funeral wreath program.

Semper Fi!

Sincerely yours,

John Long  
President

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Registration Form  
Banquet Menu