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REUNION INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

Branson, Missouri is the location of the 2014 reunion. After being invited there for a planner's conference to show what they could offer to the Veterans and family and friends of Veterans. I was totally wiped out to see that the whole city of Branson and surrounding area is totally the most Veteran friendly area I have ever visited. The people of Branson go all out for the Veteran friendly approach. First of all, the Convention and Visitor Bureau is one of the best I have ever dealt with. I was there for a week and took in so much of the friendly and helpful information they had to offer. All my questions were answered and I felt really good when I left. I have planned some activities for us and with some free time you will be able to just rest or visit areas that are not on our agenda. I had originally selected September for the time period but was advised that the month of September is rather crowded with conventions so I changed the date to October as it is a beautiful time to be in the Ozarks. So here is the schedule I have arranged for a great time.

ARRIVAL DATE – October 6 with check out October 11, 2014

HOTEL – WELK RESORT – After receiving all the bids from almost all the hotels in Branson I chose the Welk Resort as I visited the hotel when in Branson and was impressed with their employees and the kindness given to me. The daily rate is \$91.00 FOR UP TO 2 PEOPLE IN ROOM PER NIGHT. Add \$8.00 per additional person in room per night. This rate also includes a full standard HOT breakfast buffet cooked to your order. Everyone in the room gets breakfast. It also will include our hospitality room at no charge and with an attendant to make sure the room is cleaned and serviced every day. The hotel has had total renovation this year. It is a full service resort with 159 rooms, full service restaurant & lounge, fitness and game rooms, activities, free mini golf and complete with 10,000 sq. ft. indoor/outdoor water attraction. Welk has it all. RESERVATION DEADLINE IS 9/6/14. After this date the rooms will be returned to the hotel. If someone decides on the last minute to attend the hotel might give the room at the original price. No deposit required on individual reservations. Valid credit card must be given at time of reservation. Any cancellations of reservation must be made 14 days prior to arrival or one night's lodging will be charged. **FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL 800-505-9355 AND REFER TO GROUP #369550**"To make a reservation on-line: please send an e-mail to reservations@welkbranson.com. Include your group number, name, address, phone number, dates of stay and the number of people in your party including children's ages. We will also need a valid credit card number with expiration date to hold the reservation."**

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 6, 2014.

Monday - 10/6/14 – Our evening entertainment will start with a visit to the theater to see the Baldnobbers. The Baldnobbers have been entertaining for 55 years and are as popular as ever. They are country music artists with comedy and variety show with a splash of gospel and a heartwarming patriotic salute. Today, the 2nd and 3rd generations of the Mabe family carry on the family tradition of great entertainment. The area served as important meeting spots for the

1880's vigilante justice gangs that organized in Taney County after many years of lawlessness following the Civil War. Started by upstanding citizens, The Bald Knobbers', as they became known, concealed their identities for fear of retribution by criminals and eventually lost popular support due to their increasingly ruthless and seemingly indiscriminate (and sometimes murderous) tactics. You can still see "Baldknobber's" in Branson, the musical instrument-toting kind, at the Baldknobber's Jamboree show.

Tuesday - 10/7/14 – Today we will take a ride on the Ducks. This will take place in the morning and is one of the most popular tours in Branson. This is a popular sightseeing tour and gives you an idea of some things you can do on your free time.

In the afternoon on Tuesday we will tour the College of the Ozarks. The college was created in the early 1900's by the Presbyterian Church and is unique among American colleges and Universities, because students work, rather than pay, to help defray their educational expenses. Not one full-time student pays a penny of tuition; instead, each works 15 hours a week at a campus job. The work/study program has been an integral part of the College since its beginning as a grade school in the early 1900s and is based on a belief in the dignity and worth of work. Each student is assigned to one of 80 work-stations, including the computer center, dairy, fire department, warehouse, hospital, farm, print shop, campus security, offices, and many other locations. After a student has been at C of O for several semesters, he or she can often be assigned to an area related to a specific field of study. Each full-time student works 15 hours per week while classes are in session, plus two 40-hour work weeks during breaks. Work supervisors grade students on their on-the-job performance, and grades become part of a student's permanent record. The College of the Ozarks is also called the Hard Work University. It is a beautiful campus and I was so impressed with my visit. We will attend a performance at the Keeter Center's Royal Oak Forum. This memorable performance of "Four Star Country Boy", an inspirational play depicting the life of one of Hard Work U's alumni success stories. Completely produced and performed by College of the Ozarks students, the play (runtime 1 hour, 30 min.) is based on the life of former Assistant Commandant of the United States Marine Corps General Terrance R. Dake, an Ozarks boy with humble roots who served his country and rose to upper echelons of military leadership, as conveyed in the book *The Four Generals of Hard Work U.* by Jerry C. Davis. After the play we will tour the beautiful campus then have dinner at the Keeter Center Historic Lodging and Fine Dining. The students grow all their food, prepare and serve the guests. I didn't get to see it but I think there is a tractor museum on the campus. Just think, when these students graduate they have a degree, a profession and are debt free. It doesn't get much better than that.

10/8/14 – Wednesday is a free day to do as you wish. There is so much to see and do and you will be able to select what you are in the mood to see. The Titanic experience is a great family experience with interactive things, touch an iceberg, walk the grand staircase, feel the 28 degree water and hear actual survivor stories and hear a tribute to the 8 musicians on board the ship. There is also a Dick's 5 & 10 that you can spend a day in shopping. There are a lot of museums

to browse through. Save some evening time as we will be attending another great show. We will see the Shoji Tabuchi Show which is dedicated to excellence in family entertainment and the Tabuchi family gives it all. Schoji is acclaimed one of the greatest entertainers in the world. Electrifying production numbers, created by his beautiful wife Dorothy, both show producer and director, are truly unforgettable. Daughter Christina, already a veteran show-stopper, is adored by fans of all ages. Guaranteed to be a wonderful evening of entertainment.

10/9/14 – Thursday – A morning to sleep late or maybe use some time to pack in anything else you would like to see. I will try to make arrangements to visit the Veterans Memorial Museum in the morning time for all that would like to visit there. There are more than 2000 exhibits, including the world's largest war memorial bronze sculpture featuring 50 life-size statues storming a beach. The names of the men and women killed in action in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf and recent conflicts of the 20th Century are displayed on the museum walls. We will be going in the evening to the Dolly Parton Dixie Stampede. This was one of my favorites and if you like horses you will get an up close and personal look at them as you enter the building. Dinner is included. Dinner includes a tender whole rotisserie Chicken, hickory smoked barbeque pork loin, buttery corn on the cob, herb-basted potato, creamy vegetable soup, hot home-made biscuit, specialty dessert and unlimited Pepsi, tea or coffee. Dolly says it's "Branson's Most Fun Place to Eat!" I have to agree that the food is great. Be prepared to eat with your fingers as we eat while they circle the wagons and prepare their food at the time in life before silverware was available. You will also see the Famous Racing Ostriches, 32 magnificent horses performing.

10/10/14 – Friday – Nothing is scheduled for the morning so if there is anything you still want to see can be done. In the afternoon we will go to the Showboat Branson Belle for our Farewell Dinner and entertainment following. The entertainment on the Belle was some of the best that I have ever seen and is as good as you would see in Vegas at a much higher price.

10/11/14 – Check out.

Branson Airport Shuttle and Taxi service. The Gray Line Airport Shuttle services all hotels in Branson and is available for 30 minutes after each flight unless advance reservations have been made. Rates are \$14.00 per person with a two person minimum. (1-(800) 237-4466

Taxis – Branson Yellow Cab, Checker Cab and City Cab, offer convenient transportation service to Branson and surrounding areas. Rates vary depending on your destination. 1 (417) 332-2227.

2014 USS BELL REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(S) OF THOSE ATTENDING _____

OCTOBER 6 – CHECK-IN AND MUSTER IN HOSPITALITY ROOM ON ARRIVAL

BALDKNOBBERS SHOW - \$30.00 Each - _____

OCTOBER 7 – RIDE THE DUCKS TOUR - \$ 20.00 Each - _____

KEETER CENTER - \$35.00 Each - _____

OCTOBER 8 - SHOJI TABUCHI SHOW - \$35.00 Each - _____

OCTOBER 9 – DIXIE STAMPEED & DINNER - \$45.00 Each - _____

OCTOBER 10 – BRANSON BELL SHOWBOAT - \$45.00 Each - _____

TOTAL INCLUDED - _____

These prices include tax and transportation.

The KEETER CENTER includes the play, tour of campus & a very nice dinner.

These activities have been selected based on my trip to Branson and are not mandatory but were shows and activities that I really enjoyed and thought you would also.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM AND ENCLOSE CHECK AND SEND TO ME AT

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