

## Combat Infantrymen's Association Convention Information

The Combat Infantrymen's Association reunion will be held October 29-01 November in Branson, MO. The Lodge of the Ozarks located at 3431 West Hwy 76, Branson, MO will serve as host hotel. The Lodge of the Ozarks is one of the top reunion/convention oriented hotels in Branson, hosting numerous reunions throughout the year. Each nicely appointed room has all of the amenities that you would expect from a great hotel; alarm clock, iron & ironing board, hair dryer, coffee pot, etc. The Lodge, formerly owned by Country Singer Roy Clark, has ample meeting and hospitality space. Rafter's is the on site restaurant for your breakfast and those in-between-functions hunger pangs. The brand new Branson Regional Airport is due to open in May 2009, so you should be able to fly into Branson if you choose. No decision has been made on complimentary shuttle service to/from the airport. You should assume that airport shuttle will not be available and plan accordingly.

**Your Choice:** You may select one of the three options shown below, or create your own limited agenda. You may fax, mail or phone in your registration. Reservations via fax or phone require the use of **American Express, MASTERCARD or VISA.**

1. **Payment Schedule:** Initial deposit is due on or before **September 28, 2009**. Final payment is due before **October 9, 2009**.
2. **Cancellations:** For cancellations received on or before **October 23, 2009** there is a \$50.00 cancellation fee **plus** the cost of any activities that have already been paid for, or for which guaranteed numbers have been provided to the vendor. There will be **NO REFUNDS – for any reason** - for cancellation requests received after **October 23, 2009**. Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent. ML & RS, Inc does not offer this service.
3. **Minimum Room Requirements:** During this economic down-turn hotel occupancy is down. Consequently attrition clauses, for room occupancy and food & beverage minimums (standard clauses in all hotel contracts), are being strictly enforced. **It is important for you to know that room and food & beverage prices are based on a minimum of 30 rooms, each night (or 90 total rooms.)** In the unlikely event the room minimum is not met, the Lodge of the Ozarks reserves the right to adjust the room rate by \$20.00 per room per night to reach the minimum anticipated revenue. You will not receive your confirmation letter until a minimum of 15 room reservations are received. Please heed this notice and register early!

**For those wondering, the Branson Belle Showboat is not operating the week we are in town!!**

### Option A

#### Arrive on Thursday, depart on Sunday

*This Option contains the following activities and services for each person who selects this option.*

Three Nights Lodging (Thur, Fri, Sat); Three continental breakfasts Fri, Sat, Sun); Thursday Welcome Reception w/hors d'oeuvres & cash bar; Friday night Country hoe-down themed dinner buffet; Saturday night banquet;. Also, Thursday through Saturday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Branson, MO city tag; Memorial Service Program; Roster of attendees; all applicable taxes, gratuities (except tour guide & driver); bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; the full time services of an ML & RS, Inc manager. **Cost of this option is only \$315.00 per person based on double occupancy; or \$469.00 single occupancy. A \$100.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation.**

### Option B

#### Arrive on Friday, depart on Sunday

*This Option contains the following activities and services for each person who selects this option.*

Two Nights Lodging (Fri, Sat); Two continental breakfasts (Sat & Sun); Friday night Country hoe-down dinner buffet; Saturday night banquet; Also, Friday through Saturday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Branson, MO city tag; Memorial Service Program; Roster of attendees; all applicable taxes, gratuities (except tour guide & driver); bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; the full time services of an ML & RS, Inc manager. **Cost of this option is only \$234.00 per person based on double occupancy or \$337.00 single occupancy. A \$75.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation.**

### Option C

#### Arrive on Saturday, depart on Sunday

*This Option contains the following activities and services for each person who selects this option.*

Saturday Night Lodging; Saturday Night Banquet; Sunday continental breakfast; All day Saturday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Roster of attendees; Branson, MO City Tag; Memorial Service Program; Applicable Taxes, gratuities, bartender, set-up fees, registration fee; the full time services of an ML & RS, Inc manager. **Cost of this Option only is \$125.00 per person based on double occupancy or \$171.00 single occupancy. A \$50.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation.**

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**YOUR ITINERARY****Thursday October 29, 2009**

**12:00 Noon: Registration Begins and the Hospitality Room** opens stocked with coffee, soft drinks, and snacks. Because of liability considerations, private alcoholic beverages cannot be brought into the hospitality room. You may bring your own beverages into your private room. This hospitality room will double as the QM sales store. The hospitality room will close during the welcome reception and all other hotel sponsored functions.

**5:00—6:00 PM: Welcome reception** begins. After a few welcome remarks and admin announcements by National Commander Ray Yamrus, you will enjoy some light hors d'oeuvres (not your dinner) along with your favorite adult beverage from the cash bar. This will be a relaxed and casual evening. Dress is casual. *Cost of the reception is included in the price of Option A only.*

**Friday October 30, 2009**

**A Continental Breakfast** is included in the room rate; or you can have a full breakfast on your own. Eat at your leisure, keeping in mind the tour bus loads up at **8:45 AM**. *Cost of the continental breakfast is included in the room rate.*

**9:00 AM:** Hospitality Room opens and Registration resumes.

**8:45 AM: Load 'em up, move 'em out:** Today's **Optional trip** is the perfect opportunity to enjoy time away from the hotel and the pending business matters and election. Don't just sit around, or go off on your own, enjoy the companionship of your fellow infantrymen and let's develop a cohesive and unified group!! First stop of the day will be at the Branson Veterans Museum, a national tribute to the brave men and women who defended our liberties during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The museum is composed of ten great halls covering the wars and conflicts fought during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Viewing starts in the WW I Hall and proceeds through Desert Storm, and more. The exhibits are sure to cause reflection on your own combat experience. After the museum, you're off to Ride the Ducks. As old infantrymen, you know what a DUWK is, so we won't go into that! You will laugh and learn as you make this Quack-Tacular trip. During your ride, the Captain will entertain you with stories of the past and present. You'll travel through the streets of Branson and splash into the water for a fun cruise on the lake. Each rider will be given a quacker, which is a great gift to any grandchildren that do not live with you! As you read earlier, the Branson Belle Showboat is not operating this week, so lunch today (included in the tour price) will be at The Gardens Restaurant. After lunch, you'll close out the day with a fantastic show, Branson's original "50's At The Hop" show. This rock-n-roll show takes you on a two hour stroll through "oldies-but-goodies" memories lane. The tour price is based on a minimum of 25 persons. Less than 25 people, it may be necessary to adjust the cost to cover the difference. You'll return to the hotel around 4:30 PM. The cost covers admission to the Veterans museum, the Duck ride, lunch, the show, transportation and a guide. *Cost of this tour(\$95.00) is not included in either of the options. You must register for the tour separately. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block, Add Friday's tour.*

**6:00 PM:** Social Hour. Relax with a beverage from the cash bar while you solve the world's problems and anticipate a good meal.

**7:00 PM: Mess Call.** Enjoy a delicious Country Hoe-down dinner buffet and relax the remainder of the evening.

**Saturday October 31, 2009**

**A Continental Breakfast** is included in the room rate; or you can have a full breakfast on your own. Eat at your leisure, keeping in mind the annual business meeting begins at 0900.

**9:00 AM: Annual Business Meeting.** Membership card is required for entrance to the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend the business meeting; there is no charge and you do not have to participate in any other convention activities. If you remain after the meeting, you are encouraged to participate in other activities.

**12:00 Noon:** (time is approximate) **Lunch is on your own**

**1:00 PM: Hospitality Room Opens (if business meeting is finished); otherwise the business meeting continues)**

**6:30 PM: Pre-dinner Cocktail hour and photo session** begins. Individual and/or couples photos will be taken for inclusion in the 2009 Reunion Memory Book. Six to eight weeks after the reunion, the memory book will be sent to everyone who registers for Option A, B, or C; or anyone selecting the "Individualized Option" who places an order for the memory book. Be sure to have your photo taken!

**7:30 PM: The Combat Infantrymen's Association Banquet.** Enjoy your last night in a more formal setting. Coat and tie recommended for the gentlemen and corresponding dress for the ladies. If you can still wear a complete and correct uniform, please do so. There will be open seating, sit where you like, with whom you like. The memorial service honoring our deceased infantrymen will be part of the banquet program. *Cost of the banquet is included in all Options.*

**Sunday November 1, 2009**

**A Continental Breakfast** is included in the room rate; or you can have a full breakfast on your own. Eat at your leisure. *Cost of the continental breakfast is included in the room rate.*

Office use only: Dep Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Method \_\_\_\_\_ Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

**Combat Infantrymen's Association  
Lodge of the Ozarks, Branson, MO**

**Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit on or before September 28, 2009. Mail or fax to:  
Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc; PO Drawer 11399; Hickory, NC 28603  
Phone: 828-256-6008; Fax 828-256-6559 Web: www.mlrsinc.com/cia**

**Attendee Info**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or guest name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit you earned CIB with: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Info**

If there should be an emergency during the reunion and we need to contact a family member, who would that be?

Name &amp; Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell or travel number in case there are any last minute changes. \_\_\_\_\_

**Name Tag Info**

If this is your first Combat Infantrymen's Association Convention, or if you have misplaced the nametag you received at a previous reunion, we encourage you to order a new one. The nametag is white plastic engraved with your name, a CIB, the years you served and your rank. Guest tags will have the guest's name engraved on it. This is a great conversation starter and group member identifier. **If you fill in the info below, you will be charged for the tags.** Tags are \$6.00 each.

Name on your nametag: \_\_\_\_\_; Name on guest's tag: \_\_\_\_\_; Your Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Options A, B and C will include a city tag (Branson, MO 2009) to hang below your nametag. If you sign up for only selected activities, we encourage you to order a city tag here. Indicate the number of city tags you want; below. If you would like to order a city tag from a previous year(s), please list the city and quantity on a separate sheet of paper. Cost of each tag is \$3.75.

**Payments and Cancellations  
Makes checks payable to: "ML & RS, Inc"**

Personal Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_\_ Amex \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_

ML &amp; RS Inc is authorized to charge the below listed credit card in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on the credit card \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip code where you receive your credit card statement** \_\_\_\_\_

Account (card) number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp date \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and agree that if I register for this reunion and do not attend without cancelling my reservation as described in paragraph 2 of these guidelines, I am not entitled to any refund.

Signature (Required before registration is accepted) \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Needs**

If you have any special dietary, handicapped, or other special requirements, please provide the details below. Be VERY specific. Special dietary meals are available. List any special requests below.

Handicapped Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodging Preferences**

# of People: \_\_\_\_\_ Smoking: \_\_\_\_\_ Non Smoking: \_\_\_\_\_ (not guaranteed – based on availability at check-in)

Room Preference: Single \_\_\_\_\_ Double \_\_\_\_\_ King/Queen \_\_\_\_\_ (not guaranteed – based on availability at check-in)

Special Room Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity Selection**

You may wish to choose one of the following pre-packaged options. You may add to or deduct from these options using the Individualized Option and/or Adjustment Opportunities selections below.

**Option A:** Requires \$100.00 per person deposit. Includes all activities **except Friday's tour** from Thursday noon thru Sunday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

**\$315.00 per person** based o double occupancy \_\_\_\_\_ **\$469.00** based on single occupancy \_\_\_\_\_

**Option B:** Requires \$75.00 per person deposit. Includes all activities **except Friday's tour** from Friday noon thru Sunday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

**\$234.00 per person** based on double occupancy \_\_\_\_\_ **337.00** based on single occupancy \_\_\_\_\_

**Option C:** Requires \$50.00 per person deposit. Includes all activities from Saturday noon thru Sunday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

**\$125.00 per person** based on double occupancy \_\_\_\_\_ **\$171.00 based on single occupancy**

**Adjustment Opportunities**

You may make the following adjustments to the options presented above:

Deduct Thursday's Reception . . . . . @ \$11.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Add** Friday's Tour and show . . . . . @ \$95.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deduct Friday's dinner . . . . . @ \$28.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deduct Saturday's Banquet . . . . . @ \$35.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Add** nights lodging . . . . . @ \$103.00 per night X \_\_\_\_\_ (# nights) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Which nights  
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Deduct nights lodging . . . . . @ \$103.00 per night X \_\_\_\_\_ (# nights) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Which nights