

USS RANKIN AKA/LKA-103 2010 Reunion Information

The Radisson Hotel Branson will be the host hotel for the 2010 USS RANKIN reunion to be held September 23-26. The hotel is located at 120 South Wildwood Drive, Branson, MO. The Radisson is a place you will enjoy staying because top notch accommodations and amenities await you. First-class accommodations, fine cuisine, and warm personal service are everyday amenities at the Radisson Hotel Branson. The ten-story, 472-room Branson Hotel is luxurious and is one of Branson's premier hotels. Situated in the heart of the theater district and overlooking the Ozarks, the Radisson Hotel Branson's location is ideal. The rooms and suites provide an array of conveniences and amenities, such as in-room coffee makers, personal care items, hair dryers, iron and ironing boards, free wireless internet access, voicemail and data-port access. Other services and facilities designed to enhance your stay at the Radisson Hotel Branson include an indoor/outdoor pool, hot tub and sauna, fitness room and gift shop. There is a full-service restaurant "Wildwood Bistro". Noble Romans Pizza offers fresh hot pizzas and the Time Out Lounge is a full service bar where you can relax and enjoy your favorite beverage. The full service concierge is available to help you with show reservations and tickets. There is ample free parking at the Radisson. Campers or RV's can be accommodated if you are a reunion guest staying at the hotel, but you may not live in one while on hotel property. Normal Check-in time is 3:00 PM but every effort will be made to have rooms ready earlier. In the event your room is not ready when you arrive, simply stow your gear and relax in the hospitality room (beginning Thursday). Directions to the hotel will be in your confirmation letter. The brand new Branson Regional Airport opened May 2009, so you should be able to fly into Branson if you choose. Airport Shuttle can be arranged through Classic Shuttle, Phone numbers: 417-598-0227 or 417-598-0043. Advance reservations are necessary. **Questions:** The information contained herein should answer most of your questions; however, if anything is unclear, please do not hesitate to call our Customer Service Representative at **1-828-256-6008**.

Your Choice: Please 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 **August 23, 2010**. After the initial deposit, you may make installment payments as long as the full amount is paid by the final payment due date of **September 3, 2010**.
2. **Cancellations:** For cancellations received on or before **September 17, 2010** 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 **September 17, 2010**. Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent. ML & RS, Inc does not offer this service.

PLEASE NOTE YOU MUST SIGN THE REGISTRATION FORM IN TWO PLACES IF YOU USE A CC; ONE PLACE IF PAYING BY CHECK!!

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 breakfasts (Fri, Sat, Sun); Thursday welcome reception w/hors d'oeuvres & cash bar; Friday night Stars & Stripes Buffet; Saturday night banquet & entertainment; Thursday through Saturday unlimited use of hospitality room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2010 reunion memory book; 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 a ML & RS, Inc manager.

Cost of this option is \$856.00 per couple; \$626.00 per single. A \$100.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Installments for the balance may be made in any amount, anytime, so long as the balance is paid by the cut-off date (September 3, 2010).

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 breakfasts (Sat, Sun) Friday night Stars and Stripes Buffet; Saturday night banquet & entertainment; Friday and Saturday unlimited use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2010 reunion memory book; 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 a ML & RS, Inc manager.

Cost of this option is \$633.00 per couple; \$454.00 per single. A \$75.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Installments for the balance may be made in any amount, anytime, so long as the balance is paid by the cut-off date (September 3, 2010).

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 & entertainment; Sunday breakfast; Saturday unlimited use of Hospitality Room stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2010 reunion memory book; Roster of attendees; Branson, MO city tag; memorial service program; Applicable taxes, gratuities, bartender, set-up fees, registration fee; the full time services of a ML & RS, Inc manager. **Cost of this Option is \$348.00 per couple; \$252.00 per single. A \$50.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Installments for the balance may be made in any amount, anytime, so long as the balance is paid by the cut-off date (September 3, 2010).**

YOUR ITINERARY

Thursday September 23, 2010

To find out what shows are playing, where, what time, and the admission, go to www.bransontourismcenter.com/shows

12:00 Noon: Registration Begins

12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM: Hospitality Room opens. A very special welcome is extended to shipmates who live in the Branson area, or those not able to attend any of the other reunion functions. To insure that everyone who really wants to visit old shipmates has the opportunity, Thursday has once again been declared and “Open Day until 3:00 PM” Beginning at noon and lasting until 3:00 PM on Thursday the hospitality room will be open to all shipmates and/or guests. Complimentary coffee, soft drinks and dry snacks will be available there. Private alcoholic beverages will not be permitted in the hospitality room. You may purchase your “adult” beverages and or sandwiches from the hotel lounge or sandwich shop. Beverages purchased from the hotel lounge are not considered “private alcoholic” beverages and may be taken to the hospitality room. Beginning at 3:00 PM, access to the Welcome Reception, hospitality room and other reunion functions will be limited to guests who are registered for these activities. Anyone not pre-registered deciding to participate in activities beginning at 3:00 PM Thursday will need to register and pay for those activities at the registration desk.

3:00—4:00 PM: Welcome reception begins. Enjoy some light hors d'oeuvres along with your favorite adult beverage from the cash bar. Skip Sander will welcome everyone and pass along any necessary admin remarks. This is the first “planned” activity of the reunion. Join everyone here for a snack and beverage before heading off to Dolly Parton’s Dixie Stampede. *Cost of the reception is included in the price of Option A only. If you do not wish to participate in the reception, you may “Opt Out”. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block “Deduct Thursday’s Reception.”*

4:30 PM: Optional trip to the Dixie Stampede departs. Midst the fog, the sound of beating hooves begins to grow... the crowd watches in amazement and the excitement spreads throughout the grand arena...suddenly, as if by magic, a herd of longhorns appear. Welcome to the Dixie Stampede! A fun-filled, action-packed Dinner and Show extravaganza for everyone! It’s the perfect place for families, friends and groups to gather for spectacular special effects and amazing stunts by the most talented performers in the area. It’s the only place that brings together stunning performers, amazing horse feats, fantastic stunt riders, magic and audience participation with a delicious four-course dinner extravaganza for one amazing price! It is more than a show, it’s a Dixie Stampede! Only the finicky will have a problem with the meal – it is served and eaten without utensils. Plus, you won’t want to miss the exciting Opening Act in the Carriage Room 50 minutes before the main show. It’s all part of Dixie Stampede adventure! There is a minimum of 30 persons for the tour to go. *Since this is an optional trip, the cost is not included in any of the options. You must register separately; see the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block “Add Thursday’s Dixie Stampede.”*

Friday September 24, 2010

Breakfast will be in the hotel restaurant – with breakfast coupons provided. Although private breakfasts are nice, this is almost \$10.00 per person cheaper, saving each couple about \$40.00. Eat at your leisure during the normal restaurant hours. Keep in mind the tour leaves at 9:00 AM. *The cost of Friday’s breakfast is included in Option A. If you do not wish to participate in breakfast, you may opt-out; see the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block “Deduct Friday’s Breakfast” (be sure to indicate which morning).*

9:00 AM: Optional Veterans Museum and Branson Belle luncheon cruise departs. First stop will be Veterans Memorial Museum. It is a national tribute to the brave men and women who defended our liberties during the 20th Century. A visit to the museum is a powerful, emotional experience. As you wander the great halls of the museum you’ll be captivated by the stories of these men and women who gave us so much. The museum is filled with the most incredible collection of wartime exhibits covering the heights and depths of human experience. The Veterans Memorial Museum is composed of ten great halls covering the wars and conflicts fought during the 20th Century. Viewing starts in the World War I Hall, progressing through World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and more. Each hall features dramatic and thought provoking exhibits. Sculpture, murals, historical artifacts, objects d’art, and thousands of authentic memorabilia honor all branches of the service, major battlefronts, campaigns, industrial defense, and more. Then you are off to a fantastic lake cruise on board the magnificent Showboat Branson Belle. Journey past the lush Ozark Mountains on the crystal clear waters of Table Rock Lake. During your lake cruise you’ll experience fabulous Branson dining and the best in Branson shows. You came to Branson to see shows, this is one of the best – don’t miss it! There is a minimum of 30 persons for the tour to go. *Since this is an optional tour, cost of this trip is not included in either of the Options. If you wish to go, you must register separately; see the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block “Add Friday’s Tour.”*

9:30 AM: Hospitality room will open for Friday arrivals. Fresh coffee and cold drinks will be available until after noon when snacks will be served.

5:30 PM: Social hour. Enjoy your favorite beverage from the cash bar.

6:30 PM: Dinner will be a Stars & Stripes dinner buffet featuring garden salad, calico slaw, smoked beef brisket, ranch-hand bbq chicken, Rio Grande potatoes au gratin, corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, sweet corn muffins and assorted rolls, warm fruit cobbler, double berry shortcake, iced tea and coffee. There will be something for everyone. If you leave hungry, it'll be your own fault. Dinner is early enough that anyone wanting to catch an eight o'clock show will have time for dinner before the show. Anyone not going to one of the shows can hang around the dinner room for some self-entertainment. There were a lot of good comments about the "Yankee Swap" of last year, but we should do something different this year. Rules will be explained at the dinner. No need to bring a gift this year, there will be one or two prizes for the winners. You may want to "bone-up" on your old music and/or radio/TV commercials. *Cost of tonight's dinner is included in Options A and B. If you do not wish to participate in the dinner you may opt out; see the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Friday's Dinner."*

Saturday September 25, 2010

Breakfast will be in the hotel restaurant – with breakfast coupons provided. Eat at your leisure. If you are riding the DUCKS, keep in mind you'll load up at 8:45 and depart at 9:00. *The cost of Saturday's breakfast is included in all Options. If you do not wish to participate in breakfast, you may opt-out; see the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block, and "Deduct Saturday's Breakfast" (be sure to indicate which morning).*

9:00 AM: Ride the Ducks! These amphibious vehicles of WW II fame come right to the hotel door and take you on a riding tour of Branson as well as a short cruise (just to show you they work) on Table Rock Lake. With your quacker, you can quack right along with the captain. This quacker is a wonderful gift for a small grandchild that does not live with you! This is a fun trip and yes, you'll probably get wet. Dress accordingly. There is a minimum of 36 people per duck for the tour to go. Less than 36 the price will be adjusted to cover the difference. *Cost of the Duck Ride is not included in either of the Options. If you wish to go, you must register separately. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Add Saturday's Ducks."*

2:00- 4:00 PM: Business Meeting in the hospitality room.

6:30 PM: Pre-dinner Cocktail hour and photo session begins. Individual and/or couples photos will be taken for inclusion in the 2010 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 for inclusion!!

7:30 PM: The USS RANKIN AKA/LKA-103 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. Music for dancing will follow the banquet program. *Cost of the banquet is included in all Options. If you do not wish to participate, you may "opt-out". See Registration form Adjustment Opportunities Block, and "Deduct Saturday's Banquet."*

Sunday September 26, 2010

8:00 AM: Breakfast will be a private buffet. The memorial service will be part of the morning's program. Then its' handshakes and hugs time as you depart until next year. *The cost of Sunday's breakfast is included in all Options. If you do not wish to participate in breakfast, you may opt-out; see the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Sunday's Breakfast."*

USS RANKIN AKA/LKA-103**Radisson Hotel, Branson, MO**

Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit on or before August 23, 2010. 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/rankin

Attendee Info

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Spouse or Guest Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Info

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

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone or Travel Number in case there are any last minute changes: _____

Name Tag Info

If this is your first USS RANKIN AKA/LKA-103 reunion, or if you have misplaced the nametag you received at a previous reunion, we encourage you to order one now. The nametag is a plastic tag with your name, the name of your ship, the years you served, and your rate engraved on the tag. Guest tags 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.** Cost is \$6.25 each.

Your Nametag Name: _____ Guest Nametag Name: _____

Which years did you serve on board: _____ What was your highest rate while on board: _____
 Options A, B, and C will include a city tag (Branson, MO 2010) to hang below your nametag. If you sign up for only selected activities, we encourage you to order a city tag here. Indicate below the number of city tags you wish to order. If you would like to order city tags from previous years, please list the city and year and quantity on an additional sheet of paper. Also available, for plank owners, is a plank owner tag to hang directly below your nametag. If you would like one of these tags, please indicate so below. Cost is \$3.75 each. Number of Plankowner tags wanted: @\$3.75 _____

Number of Branson, MO City Tags: _____ Previous years' city tags (list cities on a separate sheet) _____

Special Note: If you served in WWII and have a gold nametag and need a gold city tag, please check here: _____

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: _____

Cancellation Policy

By submitting this registration form, I understand and agree that for cancellations received on or before **September 17, 2010** there will be 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 a vendor. There will be **NO REFUNDS – for any reason** - for cancellation requests received after **September 17, 2010**.

Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent. ML & RS, Inc does not offer this service.**Signature Required:** _____**Payments****Make Checks Payable to: "ML & RS, Inc"**

Personal Check # _____ Money Order _____ American Express _____ MasterCard _____ Visa _____

ML&RS Inc is authorized to bill the below listed credit card in the amount of \$ _____

Name as it appears on Credit Card: _____

Account #: _____ Exp Date: _____

Zip Code where your card's billing statement is sent: _____**SIGNATURE REQUIRED:** (sign here) _____

Lodging Preferences

of People: _____ Smoking: _____ Non Smoking: _____ (not guaranteed – based on availability)

Room Preference: Single _____ Double _____ King/Queen _____ (not guaranteed – based on availability)

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 tours** from Thursday noon thru Sunday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

Single (one person in room): \$626.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$856.00 per couple _____

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

Single (one person in room): \$454.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$633.00 per couple _____

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

Single (one person in room): \$252.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$348.00 per couple _____

Adjustment Opportunities

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

Deduct Thursday's Reception @ \$20.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Thursday's Dixie Stampede @ \$65.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Friday's Tour @ \$79.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Friday's dinner @ \$39.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Saturday's DUCKS @ \$25.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Saturday's Banquet @ \$40.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Breakfast (Fri, Sat) @ \$12.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____ Which mornings _____

Deduct Sunday Breakfast @ \$21.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add nights lodging @ \$120.00 per night X _____ (# nights) = \$ _____ Which nights _____

Deduct nights lodging @ \$120.00 per night X _____ (# nights) = \$ _____ Which nights _____

Individualized Selections

If none of the options above fit your needs, you may select one or all of the activities below. **PLEASE NOTE: These prices do not include the cost of the city tag, name tag, or 2008 Reunion Memory Book. If you wish to order a name tag or city tag, see the other side of this form, "Nametag Info Block"; To order a Memory Book, see below.**

2010 Reunion Memory Book (included in options A B & C) @ \$30.00 per book X _____ (# books) = \$ _____

Thursday *after 3:00 PM* – hospitality room, cash bar, reception, registration fee @ \$48.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Friday - hospitality room, cash bar, dinner, registration fee @ \$71.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Saturday – hospitality room, cocktail hour (cash bar), banquet, and registration fee @ \$72.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Total Cost of Individualized Options Selected: _____

Call 828-256-6008 for "meal only" prices (Will include registration fee)

FULL PAYMENT FOR THIS OPTION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR RESERVATION