VW-1 All Hands Alumni Association



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Branson Reunion

The SCUTTLEBUTT from your PRESIDENT

Greetings Shipmates,

We are all set for the 2022 VW-1 All Hands Reunion at the GRAND PLAZA HOTEL in Branson, MO. May 23 – 26, 2022. I hope everyone that is able will attend. There won't be many years going forward that we will be able to gather together. I have put notices in American Legion and Fleet Reserve magazines of the upcoming reunion. Hopefully it will attract more former shipmates.

Attached is your registration form with all activities. All are wheel chair accessible with minimum walking. Transportation and gratuities will be covered by the Association. All prices are per person.

The Tram ride through Dogwood Canyon will be a unique experience since it will be Mid-Spring with the Dogwood and Red Buds in full bloom. (Lunch included)

Sight and Sound Theater with the play "JESUS" is another great attraction. There are only two locations in the United States you can see these productions, Lancaster, Pennsylvania and Branson, Missouri.

All Hands On Deck is a patriotic show (Lunch included)

Branson Belle Showboat Dinner Cruise has always been a favorite of the VW-1 group. I hope I've met some of your expectations for a memorable Reunion. It's a little jam-packed. However, the bus will return to the Hotel after the Dogwood Canyon Tour before going to the Sight and Sound Theater. The bus will also return to the Hotel after the All Hands On Deck Show before going to the Branson Belle Show.

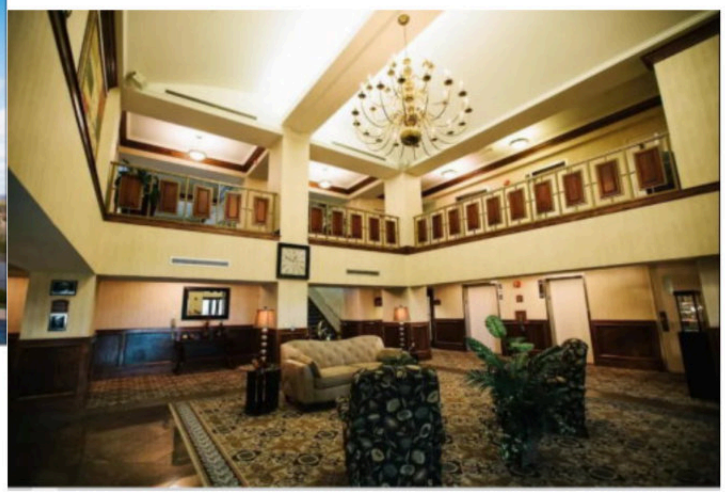
There needs to be a substantial number of people signed up for each of these events to justify the bus cost which is $30 per person with a minimum 30 people. If we only have a few people for one or more events, I'll try to get adequate transportation to accommodate.

Rapping up my Scuttlebutt, I plan to step down as President at the end of this Reunion. I've been very proud and honored serving as your president. I had to fill some very big shoes. Ed and Sally Metzger deserve all the credit keeping THE VW-1 Band of Brothers together for the passed 22 going on 23 years. I was only filling in as caretaker until another caretaker stepped up. To me, it will always be The Ed and Sally Metzger VW-1 All Hands Alumni Association. So, it's time for someone to step up and take us the rest of the way.

God Bless you and thanks,

Ralph





Branson Reunion Registration Form

May 23 - 26 (4 Nights)

Deadline April 15, 2022

Please note your activities fee is 100% refundable through April 29, 2022. We ask for early registration to facilitate finalizing numbers for contracts requiring the purchase of tickets and providing for proper number of buses needed. Your cooperation is appreciated.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS for this reunion are to be made by attendees. **Call the Grand Plaza Hotel (245 N. Wildwood Dr.) Ph: 417-336-6646 and identify as VW-1 All Hands Alumni Group or ask for Group Sales.** Our contact there is Christy Elder. The VW-1 Alumni Rate: $ 79.95.00 (standard room) per night, plus tax and surcharge. Also available: Mini-suites @ $89.95 / King feature @ $109.95 / Family Suite @$139.95. **These rates will be honored 2 days prior and following the reunion.** Breakfast buffet included in hotel restaurant. We have 40 rooms being held until April 22, 2022. Please make your reservation early. Check below whether you will be staying at the Grand Plaza.

I will _____ will not _____ be staying at the Grand Plaza Cell #: _____

Registration: Monday May 23rd Noon to 7 P.M. **$ 25.00** Per Person (pp)

Name(s) _____

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Included in $ 25.00 registration fee above: **Continual buffets on Monday** from 12:30 to 3:30 and from 4;00 to 6:30 w/ soda, beer, coffee, iced tea; plus, five-day use of hospitality room.

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EVENTS: Please include payment for the events you select with your registration.

Tuesday, May 24th

Dogwood Canyon Tram Tour 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM **$ 96.00 pp**
Includes transportation and BBQ Picnic Lunch at Dogwood Canyon. Ride the Tram with a tour guide.

Name(s) _____

Tuesday, May 24th

(JESUS) Sight and Sound Theater 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM **$ 68.00 pp**

Name(s) _____
Includes transportation.
Evening Free Time - Hospitality Room open until 11 PM

Wednesday, May 25th

ALL HANDS ON DECK Show 8:45 AM to 2:00 PM **$ 35.00 pp**
Includes Transportation and Lite Lunch at Heroes Taste and Tap

Name(s) _____

Wednesday, May 25th

BRANSON BELLE SHOWBOAT DINNER SHOW & CRUISE 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Includes Transportation **$ 64.00 pp**
Evening Free Time - Hospitality Room open until 11 PM

Thursday, May 26th (Free Day)
GOLF – Please sign up below:

Name(s)_____

Business Meeting - 4 to 5:30 PM **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND**

Note: Please give some thought to running for office.

Buffet Dinner – 5:30 to 7:00 PM. **$ 11:00 pp**

Names: _____

Auction @7:30 p.m. in Hospitality Room - Please bring an auction item to go on the block**.**
Jack Gergal has agreed and will officiate as auctioneer.

Check out time is 11 A.M. on Saturday, May 28

Circle the dollar values of activities you select and make a check for the correct amount payable to Barbara Chapin, VW-1 Treasurer and along with Registration sheet send to:

Barbara Chapin, VW-1 Treasurer, Address Removed

Any questions? e-mail Barbara Chapin Email Removed **or Ph:** Phone Removed