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A s s o c i a t i o n o f R e t i r e d M i l i t a r y M u s i c i a n s

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## Reunion is Right Around the Corner! ARMM President and Entertainment Chairman Update



With just a few weeks left before our 25th anniversary reunion in Huntsville, AL, I will be finalizing the arrangements in the very near future. So, if you are planning on attending and have not

already registered with me and the hotel, please do so as soon as possible. It's very important for the hotel to know because of the guaranteed room situation. And it's important for me also so that I will know just how much I have on hand to spend on drinks, snacks, and the likes for the hospitality room. I am enclosing a map that will help you find the hotel once you're in town. All pertinent information is as follow:

Dates- 16-18 Sept. 2010

Place- Holiday Inn, Research Park (Madison Square Mall)

Phone- 1-800-845-7275 or 256-830-0600

Cost- \$92.00 per night plus tax

Reservation Code- ARM

Registration Fee- \$25.00 per member and spouse

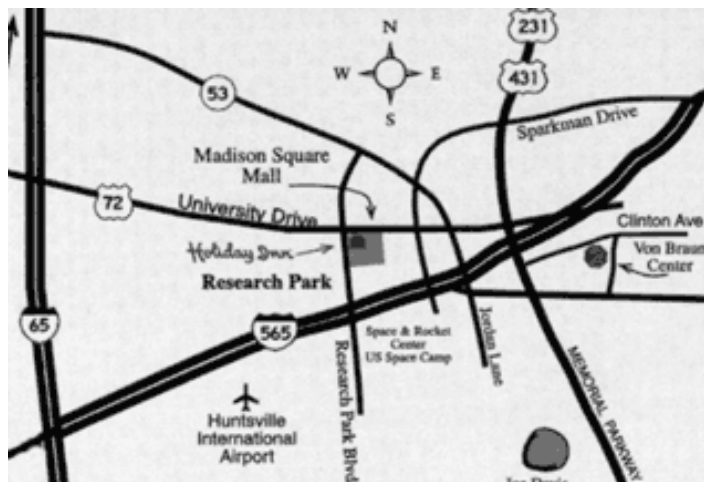
Additional guest, \$50.00 each

Send registration fee to me with check or Money Order made payable to William E von Kamp. My address is 4106 Toftoy Dr., Huntsville, AL 35805.

This will be our final reminder. Sue and I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

If you're driving, please see below for a map of the area.

Bill von Kamp

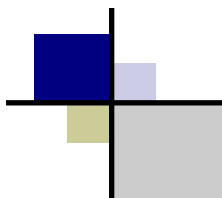


Secretary's Notes

Deby Kidney, ARMM Secretary



No substantive activity since the May newsletter.



82d Airborne Band Warehouse Burns to the Ground

As was reported in various news sources local to the Fayetteville, NC, area, the 82nd Airborne Division warehouse in which the band rehearsed and stored their entire stock of instruments, uniforms, sheet music, and equipment burned to the ground two days before the 2010 annual Independence Day concert.

department reported that the building was "well involved" by the time they got there to fight the blaze, so there wasn't much they could do.

Despite the setback, the call went out to local schools, universities, and businesses to assist and within hours, everything needed for the performance was located and provided.

The warehouse, located on Ft. Bragg, was an old, WWII-vintage building that had been retrofitted with aluminum siding. But it was still a frame structure built 70 years ago and was quickly engulfed. The fire

Performing in specially-made T-shirts, the traditional Independence Day concert went on as scheduled.

The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

Chaplain's Corner

Jim McCraw, ARMM Chaplain



As we approach the next reunion, I am regretting that I won't be able to attend this year. Last year it was great to be around folks that I have memories in common and experiences with as well as renewing friendships, and making new ones. Belonging to ARMM is an opportunity to make a commitment similar to church, or even the Army. Commitments are good things and when we can find something or someone to commit to and when the commitment is mutual it is especially good. Since my responsibilities are that of Chaplain, I confess that I have made a commitment to God, and as a cancer patient/survivor I am blessed to have Him as a friend that has made a long lasting commitment back to me. It is like the song we sang in church when I was young, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".

God bless you all, Jim McCraw.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Noland, ARMM Treasurer

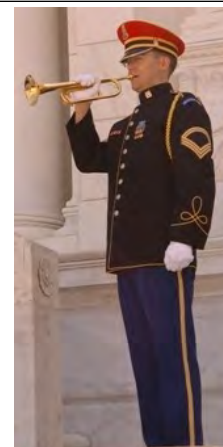


Our present balance is \$8282.08. Your 2010 dues must be paid to attend the reunion. There is still time to pay early as I will have limited time for dues collection at the reunion. I will also have ARMM shirts for sale at a reduced rate.

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There have been no reports of deaths of ARMM members or spouses since the last newsletter.





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## ARMM's Mission

The Association of Retired Military Musicians is a fraternal organization that strives to preserve the proud tradition of military music. Military musical ensembles don't just play marches and ceremonial music—today's audience demands much more than that, and with panache to boot!

Membership is open to any and all who have served in a military musical organization, whether a band, orchestra, fife & drum corps, or a vocal group.

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