



Association of Military Musicians

It's Happening in Branson, Missouri!

Bottom Line: Not much has changed. The particulars are as previously announced in the December newsletter, on the AMM web site (www.milmusicians.com) and on Facebook, where there is considerable traffic.

Golf outing: Tom Zale reports that Buffalo Ridge Springs (formerly Branson Creek G. C.) was improved to the tune of millions by the guy that owns Bass Pro Shops. Tom's friend played it recently and gave it a four star rating. Big wide fairways are a real plus for us seniors. Depending on the number of people, our green fees will be somewhere between \$65 and \$75. The scenery is beautiful. Ledgestone G.C. offered a similar price. The plan is to play sometime on Friday, Oct. 3 (time to be agreed upon by all players). You can look up the courses on www.explorebranson.com/golf. If you're interested in playing, please contact Tom Zale at campzale@sbcglobal.net, or by phone at (972) 238-9258.

School outing: For those interested in bringing their instruments, plans have been tentatively made to visit the Branson Junior High School, 263 Buccaneer Blvd., Branson, MO 65616, on Friday morning. The idea is to simply visit with the kids, play a bit with them, perhaps an instrument demonstration. If time and energy permits to prepare a piece (solo or small ensemble/combo), we can work that into the program. Total time invested—perhaps two hours. We'll have more information on that in a couple weeks and an update to this sheet will go out.

Saturday dinner dance: The solo piano player I had lined up bailed out, but I have a request in with the 399th Army Band out of Ft. Leonard Wood to provide dinner music and a jazz/rock combo for dancing. I had occasion to speak with the commander of the band about 6 weeks ago about the idea and he seemed receptive. Will know more in about a month.

There was a rumor, proved to be unfounded, that the Branson Airport was closed. Not true. Southwest Airlines discontinued service to Branson, but Frontier and Buzz Airways offer service directly to Branson. The hotel does not offer a shuttle service from the Branson Airport, however. Springfield, MO has a good-sized airport that's only 55 miles away.

Currently, we have 27 registered to attend the reunion. We need double that many in order to break even with total costs. We are contractually obligated to have 45 room nights and we are only 8 room nights away from that obligation at present.

For several people, this will be their first reunion and for a few others who haven't attended in many years, it will be good to see them again. It is time to make a decision, if you haven't already, about attending. Branson in the fall is lovely and there is much to do and see. Get on the web site or contact me via letter, phone, or email!



The Quick Word:

- October 2-5, 2014
- Radisson Hotel
- 120 S. Wildwood Dr.
- Branson, MO 65616
- 417-335-5767 (ask for AMM group rate when booking your room)
- Registration fee: \$60 per person on the web site or send a check to the address below. NOTE: Attendees, less guests, must have their dues current.
- Room rates: \$89 for king or double (no breakfast); \$100 for king or double (with breakfast), plus taxes
- Airport shuttles (the hotel does not offer one)
 - Branson—800-237-4466
 - Springfield—888.978.2966
- Contact information:
 - Allen Lawless
 - 1044 CR 2340
 - Moberly, MO 65270
 - 660.998.4590
 - Email: treasurer@milmusicians.com
- Bring your horn! Will have the traditional rehearsal on Saturday morning. Jam session if desired on Friday night, but this needs to be coordinated yet.
- Register for the Reunion and book your room on the web site. Top of the page!

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