



**HMM 162  
2011 Reunion  
September 21-25, 2011  
Branson, MO**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This coming September 22 at 0800 hrs we will begin the HMM 162 2011 Reunion in Branson, MO. The dates are Thursday September 22 – Sunday September 25, 2011. Rooms are booked for arrival on Wednesday, September 21, 2011. Check in at the hotel is 1600. Rooms will be assigned earlier if they have been cleaned. Check out is at 1000. **In addition the Resort has offered to give anyone in our group the same room rates if you want to check in up to 2 days before the reunion and/or for an additional 2 nights after the reunion ends. Believe me the extra time will give you a chance to see a lot more of what there is to offer.** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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If you are planning on joining us, please contact the hotel and make your reservations, fill out the registration form and send us the form and your check. The cutoff date is August 21, 2011. You must use the **Code: 261025 HMM-162 Reunion** in order to ensure you get the discount rates. The hotel allows 2 people per room for the discounted rate of \$85 per night. Additional guests per room are \$7 per night. If you need to have more than 2 additional guests per room you might want to look into the lodges which are also offered for a discounted rate. Please contact the hotel and they will get you the best rates for a lodge room that will fit your needs. You might also want to consider bringing the family including the grand kids and/or the great grand kids. It is a great place for young and old. You will not be disappointed.

In an effort to keep our costs in line with past years, we have decided to keep the registration fee at \$75 per person. This will cover the cost of the Reunion Dinner, the Welcome Reception and hooch supplies. We will also provide transportation to any reunion sanctioned events. We will also gladly accept any donation to the alumni fund as it is getting really low.

**Hotels:**



The hotel and hooch will be at the **Welk Resorts, in Branson MO**. We have set aside 80 rooms members and guests. If we need more rooms the hotel has agreed to increase the number of room held for our reunion. The hotel is located at 1984 State Highway 165. **Room Rates \$85.00 plus tax** Please be sure to use this Code: 261025 HMM-162 Reunion when reserving your room Phone: 800-505-9355 Room rates include a full hot breakfast. If anyone is interested in booking a suite at the lodge please notify the reservation person when you call to book your room. Be sure to let them know you are with our group in order to get the discounted rates.

To register on-line send an Email: [Reservations-branson@welkgroup.com.hotel](mailto:Reservations-branson@welkgroup.com.hotel) - Please be sure to use this Code: 261025 HMM-162 Reunion when reserving your room - Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, dates of your stay and number of people In your party including children's ages.

**Our Resort has offered to keep the group rate for rooms in effect for 2 nights before our Reunion and 2 nights after our Reunion.**

#### **RV Park:**

Please send me an email [tstig01@comcast.net](mailto:tstig01@comcast.net) if you need accommodations for parking an RV.

#### **Hooch:**

The hooch will be located at the Welk Resort Hospitality Suite. The daily hours of operation will be from 0900 until ????. The hooch may be closed at times for special events. We will have assorted hot and cold finger food as well as both alcoholic (beer, wine, hard liquor and mixes) and non alcoholic drinks (coffee, soft drinks and water). All alcoholic beverages need to be consumed in the hooch unless you are carrying them to your room in which case you need to put them in bag or some other container.

#### **HMM 162 Dinner and Welcome Reception:**

HMM 162 Squadron Dinner and Welcome Reception will be held on the resort premises. The Welcome Reception will be held Thursday evening from 1800 to 2000. The Squadron Dinner will be held on Saturday evening, September 24th, from 1800 until 2000. We will have a cash bar and bartender for you convenience. The dress code is business casual,

#### **HMM 162 Golf Outing:**

Our HMM 162 golf outing is still being investigated. There are a number of courses throughout the Branson area (one is right next to the resort). Please send Bill O'Brien an email and he will take of registering you and giving you the information as to time and place. Bill's email is - [thecoaling69@gmail.com](mailto:thecoaling69@gmail.com)

#### **Clubs:**

There are no military bases in the Branson Area. There is a VFW and AmLegion Posts located within a mile of Branson.

#### **VA Medical Assistance:**

There is a VA Clinic located in Branson.

#### **Tour Book:**

We have arranged for a photographer to take a Group Picture. She will also be attending all of our group functions taking pictures which will be put into a tour book which can be purchased after the reunion for a cost of \$35. I have a sample of one which will be located in the Hooch.

#### **Events:**

Branson has over 100 shows per day (morning, afternoon and evening shows at most). Bill and I went to the Clay Cooper Show and another one. Both were super. We also went on a riverboat dinner cruise which included dinner and a show. Our hotel has a theater attached and the headliner during our reunion is Ray Stevens. Unless you have a connection to get discount tickets to any of the shows or attractions in Branson, we will be going through the Branson Concierge and they have offered to get us the best prices possible. Most of the shows have a tribute to the Military and Veterans. If you think a group show would be the best we can pick one and get tickets for everyone through the concierge or the tourist center.

A good place to go to start looking at what Branson has to offer is [www.welkresortbranson.com](http://www.welkresortbranson.com) Of course a lot of the things on their web site is about their Resort. [www.branson.com](http://www.branson.com) is the official web site of the city. From there you can locate anything you might be interested in.

These are some of the events which we will be hosting. Let us know if you care to participate in planning some of the events listed below or some that are not currently being planned. If you are arriving early and/or staying later we can arrange events, shows, etc prior to arriving in Branson. We will have a contact shortly to handle these requests. I will gather up the 2011 schedule of shows and send them out so you can plan for what shows you might be interested in seeing.

- ❖ Group Picture
- ❖ Shopping Tours if there is an interest (date and event not yet scheduled)
- ❖ Golf Outing Sept 23. Contact: Bill O'Brien at - [thecoaling69@gmail.com](mailto:thecoaling69@gmail.com)
- ❖ HMM-162 Welcome Reception will be held Thursday evening, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1800 to 2000
- ❖ HMM-162 Evening at Show at the Welk Resort Theater featuring Ray Stevens
- ❖ HMM 162 Squadron Dinner will be held on Saturday evening, September 24<sup>th</sup>, from 1800 to 2000. We will have a cash bar and bartender for you convenience.

**Small Get Togethers:**

Through the years we have always tried to encourage people to break up in small groups and go out to lunch or dinner together. This is the reason that most of us come to these reunion, to spend quality time with our old friends and squadron mates. I will have some suggestions and recommendations prior to the reunion.

**Side Trips:**

There are numerous attractions in the Branson Area. Silver Dollar City is an amusement park located not far from our hotel. If anyone is bringing children this is a big attraction. Our resort also has an indoor water park with slides and everything else you need to enjoy a wet day at the beach without the sunburn. There is also an outdoor and indoor pool and hot tubs. There is a Miniature Golf Course on the resort property.

**Eligibility to Attend:**

All Members of HMM-162 (62-63 and 64-65) including all descendents and relatives of our departed brothers who served with us in defense of our Country are invited to attend.

**Thanks and Recognition:** Please join me in sending a thank you to the following squadron members. Both have worked on getting us a place to hold our reunion. Both locations will be considered for our next reunion.

Ken Bretsch for scouting out locations and attractions in Corpus Christi TX

Dave Bumbaugh for having his daughter arrange contacts for a hotel in Ft Myers. FL

*Semper Fi*

**Don Collins**

**Joe Novak**

**Bill O'Brien**

**Tom Stigliano**