

Our Reunion in Branson is approaching rapidly. Seems like only a few weeks ago we announced the site of our Reunion would be in Branson MO. We are nearing a deadline which is Aug 20th which is when we need to have all of our hotel reservations into the Welk Resorts. This is to ensure we all get the guaranteed rate we negotiated for our reunion.

Some of you may have questions about the extreme weater that has blown through the middle of the country in the las few days. I contacted the chamber of commerce and the hotel and they have assured us they have not been in the line of any of the tornados that have blown through the area east and north of Branson. Branson has had a lot of rain in the past few weeks. Sounds like Pittsburgh (16 straight days of rain followed by 1 sunny day this past Saturday and now back to the daily rain showers). They had to open the gates of the dam to let off some of the extra water they have picked up with the rain. There has been some flooding along the river front and a couple of restaurants had to stop serving for a few days as they were to close to the rivers edge and had to curtail cooking with propane. In all they are in great shape and have not had to cancel any event or show. They also have daily weather updates on the chambers web site.

The hotel has asked that we provide rough counts of the number of our members planning on attending the Lee Greenwood show. They want to make sure we have seats together. They currently are holding an area of the theater that will hold well over a hundred of our members and attendees. Their goal is to provide us with the best seating possible.

Just a reminder there are only 2 major airlines into the Branson Airport (Air Tran and Frontier). Seats will sell out fast as the reunion date approaches. Remember if you wish to use the services of a travel agent, we have negotiated a discount on the lowest fare with Air Tran. Call our travel representative to make the reservation ([1-800-314-1347](tel:1-800-314-1347)) and tell them you are with HMM-162 VIETNAM ERA reunion.

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Semper Fi

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