

## 2022 AC-119 Gunship Reunion XXII

September 28 – October 2, 2022 at Branson, Missouri

*“53 Years of Remembrance of the AC-119 Gunships”*



In 2000 our Association’s Founding Fathers got us together to affirm our place in military and SEA history. 400 of us met at Fort Walton. Since then, we have held reunions every year, except 2020, at locations all over our great country doing exactly what our Founding Fathers set out to do. Since then, we added more reasons to get together, like renewing old friendships, making new friends, and including family members of our honored KIAs.

Show your family, friends, and history your pride in being a part of this AC-119 Gunship family. Join us at the [Radisson Hotel](#) in Branson, MO and be a part of *“53 Years of Remembrance of the AC-119 Gunships!”*

Shadow Jerry McDonald is our Branson Reunion Coordinator. If you have a question, contact him at [jmshadowvet6869@yahoo.com](mailto:jmshadowvet6869@yahoo.com) or 417-793-3738.



**Radisson Hotel - Room Reservations**  
**120 South Wildwood Drive**  
**Branson, MO 65616**

**Phone Reservation: call** 417-335-5767. Use Block Code: 2108ACGUAS Let them know you are with the AC-119 Gunship Association.

**Online Reservation: [www.radissonhotelsamericas.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-branson](http://www.radissonhotelsamericas.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-branson)**

Input occupancy, and select Promotional Code ACGA under Special Rates. Select room type and follow procedures to reserve the room. You have until August 29, 2022 to reserve your room and receive the Reunion rate. Our Reunion rates are valid from Monday, September 26 through Wednesday, October 5, 2022 for as long as rooms are available on those extended dates.

- Room Rates: All are Double Queen Room or King Room +13.35% tax  
Single/Double occupancy \$92.95 + tax  
Triple \$97.95 + tax  
Quad \$102.95 + tax  
Hot breakfast is included, served between 6:30 AM – 11:00 AM

## REGISTER FOR THE REUNION

- **Register Online at** <https://www.ac119gunships.com/shop/reunion/reunion-2022-registration/>  
Print the Confirmation email you'll receive after you've completed the online Registration. It will include all of your order's details. You do not need to send Doug a copy with your Check payment since he receives your order details automatically when you complete your online Registration. All you need to do is send your check to Doug Wohlgamuth, 504 Shea Place, Sun City Center, FL 33573.  
**NOTE:** the fees for PayPal and credit card payments cost the Association over \$800 last year. That's more than we can afford, so we're going back to payments by checks or money orders only. If you cannot pay by check, call Doug at 813-781-5728 (East coast time).  
**Reunion Registration cut-off date is September 1, 2022.** If you cancel on or before this date you will receive a refund. You also have the option of making a donation instead of getting a refund. If you cancel after September 1, 2022, we will have to pay contracted funds so no refund will be available. However, we understand unforeseeable circumstances may take place, so please talk to us if you need to cancel for family emergencies or losses.
- **When you arrive:** Head over to our Reunion Table to pick up your Reunion Registration packet. This will include your name tags, event tickets, etc. If we are not there when you arrive, check in with the Hotel desk and go to the Hootch to pick up your packet.

## REUNION SPECIAL INFORMATION

**We will notify you and update the website if anything changes. The important thing right now is to complete your [Hotel Reservation](#) and your Reunion Registration!**

- **Silent Auction:** if you want to contribute, something that fits in luggage works well. If you have an item you think needs to be bid upon as an active auction item, please contact Jerry and he will coordinate with our auction team on whether it will be a silent or active auction item.
- **Special Raffle:** A Commemorative Kimber 45 Pistol, Classic 1911 model, Stainless Steel, Combat Trigger and Ambi (ambidextrous) Safety, in a special box, crafted and donated by Cherokee Firearms gunsmith Ron Soderquist. Raffle tickets are 1 for \$10, 6 for \$55, and 13 for \$110. This pistol has special AC-119 commemoration pistol grips and comes with two magazines, a carrying case, and trigger lock. Buy your tickets from Doug Wohlgamuth. Look for more information on our web Reunion page and in the Firing Circle.
- **Books:** We have many books written about and by AC-119s in our Store. The authors' experiences and Legacy are treasures to read, learn from, and enjoy! Your actual selections and purchase in the Store are via Amazon. The books include:
  1. Our original *History Book* and an updated book with all the original bios plus new ones
  2. A book of some of our member's stories
  3. *Spooky, Spectre, and the Man* by Mike Friel about Ron Terry's battles to create and utilize fixed-wing gunships
  4. A book of the Cartoons that were our way of inserting humor into SEA
  5. *The Gunship Chronicles* by Larry Barbee including his Stinger 41 story
  6. *History of Fairchild C-119 Flying Boxcar* by Wendell Cosner.

- **Oral History Videos and Bios:** Over 250 of our air and ground crew plus family members and spouses have made oral history videos and/or written bios. New Videos and bios are posted on our Association website at <https://www.ac119gunships.com/bios-videos-and-stories>. Videos may be done solo or with your spouse, crew, or other crew members. If you have not made a video or written a bio, we encourage you to do so. You can sign up to do a video or bio when you complete your Reunion Registration.

## REUNION AGENDA

- **Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Reunion Registration**

**Hootch** Our Hootch is opened daily from 0800-2200 except during our Meet and Greet, Banquet, and Farewell BBQ. Hootch snacks and beverages are free (donations are always welcomed and appreciated 😊)

**1730: Dixie Stampede** is Dolly Parton’s dining and entertainment venue. View their website (**BUT don’t sign up there**) at <https://dpstampede.com>. You sign up via our Reunion Online registration,

**\$54.07 ages 10 years and up, \$29.21 ages 3-9 years. Cut off date is July 15, 2022.**

- **Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Reunion Registration and Hootch**

**1600 Showboat Branson Belle.** This classic riverboat cruise includes a 3-course meal, entertainment, plus a deck for viewing. View their website (**BUT don’t sign up there**) at <https://www.bransonshows.com/activity/ShowboatBransonBelle.cfm>. You sign up via our Reunion Online registration.

**\$54 for an Adult ticket, \$37 for a Child ticket. Cut off date is August 29, 2022.**

- **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Reunion Registration and Hootch**

**Meet and Greet! –Hospitality Room TableRock A**

**1700 - Cash Bar**

**1800 – Dinner**

**Introductions of Reunion newcomers, special guests, and KIA Family**

**\$26 per person**

Assorted Meat and Cheese Tray  
 Fresh Garden Vegetables with Dip Tray  
 Tortilla Chips with Salsa  
 Swedish Meatballs, Spicy Chicken Wings,  
 BBQ Cocktail Mini Smokies  
 Pork and Vegetable Eggrolls  
 Turkey & Ham Sandwich Pinwheels  
 Water, Coffee, and Iced Tea.

**Bronze Kid’s Buffet**

**\$14 per person**

Chicken Tenders and BBQ Meatballs  
 Spring Rolls with Sweet and Sour Sauce  
 Salsa and Fresh Fried Tortilla Chips  
 French Fries

● **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Association Membership Meeting**

**Hootch**

**Banquet – Hospitality Room TableRock A**

**1700 – Cash Bar**

**1800 – Dinner**

<b>\$42 per Person</b>	<b>\$30 per Person</b>	<b>\$28 per Person</b>
Succulent Prime Rib with Creamy Horseradish Sauce	Chicken Mansfield	Tortilla Crusted or Plain Tilapia
Served with Choice of Ozark Salad (Mixed Greens, Tomato, Red Onion, Cucumber) with Raspberry Vinaigrette or Ranch Dressing, or Caesar Salad with Feta Cheese. Vegetables, Potato, Rolls & Butter, Chef’s Choice of dessert, Water, Iced Tea, Coffee.		

**Bronze Kid’s Buffet \$14 per person**  
 Chicken Tenders and BBQ Meatballs  
 Spring Rolls with Sweet and Sour Sauce  
 Salsa and Fresh Fried Tortilla Chips

● **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Early Golf Tournament: \$10.** Jerry McDonald will coordinate details with golfers

**Hootch**

**Farewell BBQ - Hospitality Room TableRock A**

**1700 - Farewell BBQ Cash Bar**

**1800 – Farewell BBQ**

**\$26 per Person**

Smoked Beef Brisket and Shredded BBQ Pork Buns  
 Deviled Egg Potato Salad  
 Baked Beans, Sweet Buttered Corn  
 Green Beans with Bacon, Garlic, Onions  
 Homemade Cobbler  
 Water, Iced Tea, and Coffee

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● **On your own: Things to do and see in Branson, MO!**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aquarium at The Boardwalk</li> <li>▪ Tanger Outlets</li> <li>▪ Branson Coaster</li> <li>▪ Titanic Museum</li> <li>▪ Veterans Museum</li> <li>▪ Silver Dollar City</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Multiple Shows</li> <li>▪ Curling Vine Winery</li> <li>▪ Branson Landing</li> <li>▪ The Track Family Fun Parks</li> <li>▪ Shepherd of the Hills Adventure Park</li> <li>▪ Fritz’s Adventure</li> </ul> |
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**And much, much MORE! Check it all out at <https://www.bransonshows.com>**