



Registration for the Branson, MO reunion in Sept. is now available.

WOW! We are ready to celebrate another great reunion. Are you ready to party, and celebrate 53 years?

The following reunion flyer contains all the info' you need to successfully register for the reunion XXII. Please take the time to read it thoroughly before going to our Association web site or linking to the registration page. Follow the instructions, and it is an easy process. Please note that the Association was spending more money than we can afford to use PayPal and Credit Cards for payments. We had to give-up that convenience. Therefore, we returned to the procedure of "mailing checks to the Treasurer."

A BIG thank-you goes to reunion coordinator Jerry McDonald for an excellent reunion plan, and the flyer which tells you all about it. Also, to Web Master Liz Buss and Wayne Laessig for getting the on-line process up and running.

We will be offering pre-ordered reunion T-Shirts again this year, as we have done in the recent past. V.P. Roy Davis developed an effective process. You will receive information on that separately.

We are behind the power curve on distribution of the *Firing Circle* newsletter, but keep scanning your in-box, it is in process!

We are expecting a great turnout in Branson – having another memorable event – as we continue to "never forget" what the AC-119s accomplished 50 years ago!

See below....

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 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

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 28th**

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 29th**

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 30th**

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 1st**

Association Membership Meeting

Hootch

Banquet – Hospitality Room TableRock A

1700 – Cash Bar

1800 – Dinner

\$42 per Person Succulent Prime Rib with Creamy Horseradish Sauce	\$30 per Person Chicken Mansfield	\$28 per Person 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 2nd**

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

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

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

- Aquarium at The Boardwalk
- Multiple Shows
- Tanger Outlets
- Curling Vine Winery
- Branson Coaster
- Branson Landing
- Titanic Museum
- The Track Family Fun Parks
- Veterans Museum
- Shepherd of the Hills Adventure Park
- Silver Dollar City
- Fritz's Adventure

And much, much MORE! Check it all out at <https://www.bransonshows.com>