



416th Bomb Group Reunion

September 9-12, 2009
Great Western Branson Towers
Branson, Missouri

Dear 416th Veterans, Family and Friends;

Welcome to the 2009 Reunion of the 416th Bomb Group. This event has become far more than a military reunion, it's the annual gathering of a remarkable extended family. It's a time when fond memories are rekindled and veterans who have served are joined by loved ones of those present and past who share a very strong bond. For many of the younger generation, it is a chance to learn about and celebrate the military service of a loved parent or grandparent. It really is a testament to the fabric of America and is something not to be missed! Relatives, friends and admirers of all ages are welcome.

Be sure to call the hotel for your reservations and tell them you are with the 416th Bomb Group to get the extremely preferential rate of **\$74.95 single or double; \$81.95 triple and \$88.95 quad!** That includes a complimentary deluxe hot continental breakfast and parking. Check the web at www.bransontowers.com for the complete list of amenities. Upgrades for deluxe rooms, Jacuzzi rooms, and suites are also available at very modest price increases. Don't forget to pack your swimming suit as the indoor pool and hot tub are exceptional. Rooms are well equipped, including coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board as well as the usual amenities. The All American Café <http://www.theallamericancafe.com> is next door to the hotel.



The hotel address and reservation phone number is:

Great Western Branson Towers
236 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway
Branson, Missouri 65616
1-800-683-1122

We'll be looking forward to seeing you!



TRANSPORTATION:

Primary transportation to Branson is by air or automobile. Those traveling by automobile will find directions on the hotel web site above. A map is also included below.

The Springfield-Branson regional airport at Springfield, Missouri is served by several major air carriers and has shuttle service to Branson Hotels. For specific information, including rates, visit <http://www.branson-missouri.com/branson-airports.asp> . Rental cars are available at the Springfield airport and may be a cost-effective alternative, especially for those planning on enjoying the area's many attractions. Come a couple days early or stay late if you like and enjoy the same discounted room rates.

There is a new commercial airport at Branson that has just opened and is rapidly adding new service to other centers. Service is currently available through Air Trans and Sun Country out of Atlanta, Dallas, Minneapolis and Milwaukee. This airport (<http://www.flybranson.com/>) may be more convenient for

travelers from some locations and promotional discount fares are currently being offered. Services will undoubtedly increase between now and September, so it may be advantageous to check that airport's website periodically. [Gray Line](#) taxi/shuttle service is available from the Branson Airport. The airport is currently negotiating with rental car agencies for airport service, please check with the airport for options.

Mesa Airlines flies scheduled commercial service into Harrison, Arkansas (35 miles south of Branson) which also has rental cars available, but apparently does not have a shuttle.

The hotel does not furnish a shuttle to any of the airports.

ENTERTAINMENT:

There are many exciting attractions in Branson and reunion attendees are encouraged to independently plan outside events of personal interest. A summary of current events can be seen at <http://www.explorebranson.com/> A group cruise on Table Rock Lake with lunch and a show aboard the showboat [Branson Belle](#) is planned for Thursday and a group trip to the [Veterans Memorial Museum](#) is planned for the morning of Friday, September 11. A sing along to WWII era songs is planned for Friday afternoon. The nearby Mansion Theater <http://www.themansiontheatre.com/> is within very easy walking distance of the reunion hotel and will feature two shows during the reunion window, a tribute to [Red Skelton](#) and the [Country Tonight](#) show. The [Sight and Sound](#) theater is also nearby and will be featuring "[Noah – the Musical](#)" during the reunion window. There are scores of other live performances in Branson from which to choose.

Cancellation Refund Policy: Hotel room, reunion registration and banquet reservations may be cancelled for a full refund at any time prior to check-in. Group tours must achieve a minimum number in order to conduct the tour. The Hospitality Room will be open starting on Wednesday at noon and continuing throughout the reunion. Directions to this room can be obtained at the Hotel registration desk. Please check in at the Hospitality Room upon arrival for your name badge and registration packet.

Agenda

Scheduled group activities include transportation and entrance fees.

Wednesday, Sep 9, 2009

12:00 PM – 10:00 PM Registration and welcome packet in Hospitality Room
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Reception with Light Hors D'Oeuvres in Hospitality Room



Thursday, Sep 10, 2009 Noon – 2:00 PM Lunch Cruise on the Branson Belle

This two hour lake cruise and Branson dinner show features a delicious 3-course meal prepared fresh daily and served by a professional wait staff; "Showstoppers", an exciting production starring a tremendously talented cast showcasing over 30 award-winning numbers and the Branson Belle Quartet. It's fun for the entire family!

COST: Group rate \$44.00 for adults - \$21 for children ages 4 through 11.



Friday, Sep 11, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Veterans Memorial Museum

The Veterans Memorial Museum is composed of ten great halls covering the wars and conflicts fought during the 20th Century. Circulation and viewing starts in the World War I Hall, progressing through World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and more. Each hall features dramatic and thought provoking exhibits. Sculpture, murals, historical artifacts, art, and thousands of authentic memorabilia honor all branches of the service, major battlefronts, campaigns, industrial defense, and more. The names of the

men and women killed in action in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, and recent conflicts of the 20th Century are displayed on the walls of the halls. COST: \$9.50 (group rate applies to all ages)

Friday, Sep 11, 2009 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

40s SING ALONG

Ladies (and gentlemen?) of the 416th extended family will participate in a 1940s era sing along accompanied by Mickie Weinert on the piano in the Hotel reception area. This is sure to be a joyful and probably somewhat humorous occasion that promises to be fun for all.

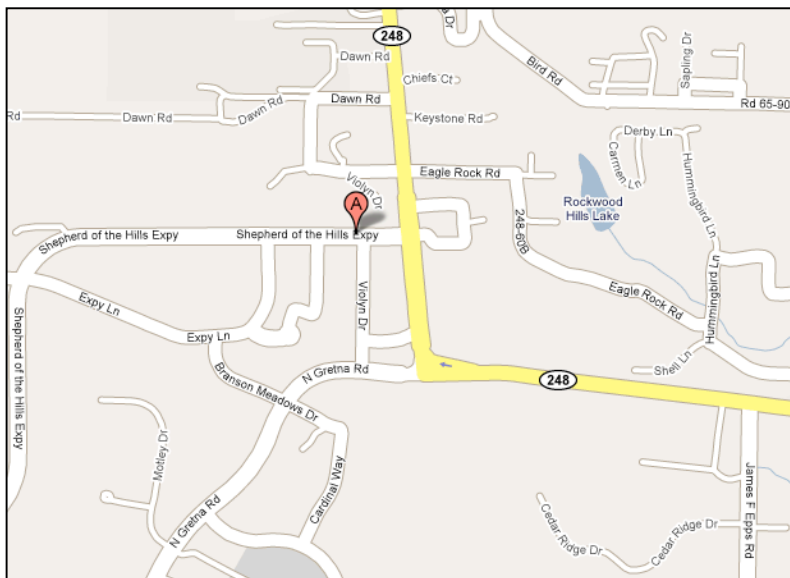
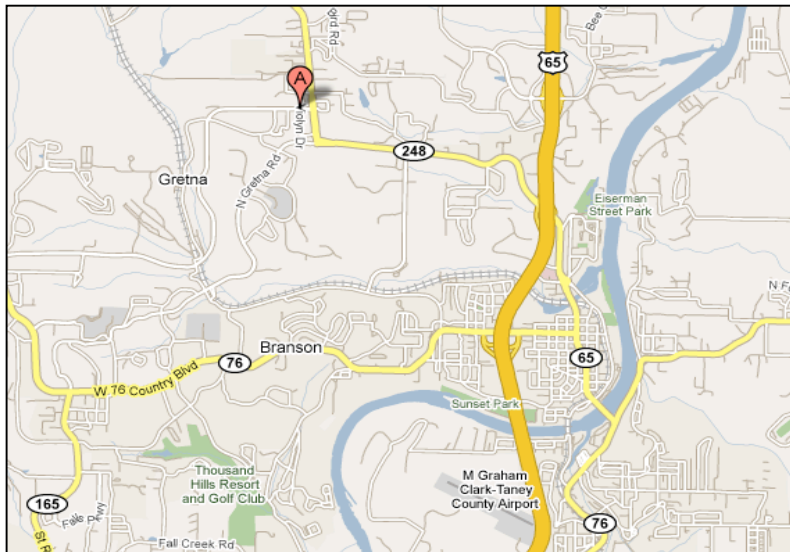


Saturday, Sep 12, 2009 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM Shopping in Branson

For the “shop-till-you-drop” advocates, an excursion to [Tanger Outlets](#) is planned for Saturday morning through lunch. More than 65 name brand factory outlet stores are centered in this complex.

COST: Actual cost of transportation by local shuttle (+ whatever you spend!).

- Saturday, Sep 12, 2009 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM **Business Meeting**
- Saturday, Sep 12, 2009 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Social Hour – Grand Towers Banquet Room**
- Saturday, Sep 12, 2009 7:00 PM **Missing Man Tribute**
- Saturday, Sep 12, 2009 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Banquet Dinner**
- Saturday, Sep 12, 2009 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Banquet Program (to be announced)**
- Saturday, Sep 12, 2009 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM **Hospitality Room farewells**



Great Western Branson Towers Location

**Registration
416th Bomb Group Reunion
September 9, 10, 11, 12, 2009**

To help us plan more effectively
PLEASE REGISTER EARLY

Fees are fully refundable in the event cancellation is necessary

This name will be used on your Name Badge

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Spouse/ Guest(s) _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

	Number of Persons X	Cost Per Person =	Cost
Veterans Memorial Museum	_____	@ \$ 9.50 =	_____
Branson Belle Cruise adult	_____	@ \$44.00 =	_____
Branson Belle Cruise child	_____	@ \$21.00 =	_____
Reg/Banquet/Hospitality adult *	_____	@ \$100.00 =	_____
Reg/Banquet/Hospitality child **	_____	@ \$30.00 =	_____
			TOTAL _____

* non-optional

** child = ages 4 through 11

Note: Transportation to scheduled group events at the Veterans Memorial Museum and the Branson Belle Cruise will be provided. Transportation to Tanger Outlets and other personal events will be arranged as needed at the participant's expense.

Please identify any special accommodations you may need: Physical support _____

Special Meals _____ Other _____

SEND THIS FORM AND A CHECK (PAYABLE TO Wayne G. Sayles) FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO:

We suggest you make a copy of this form for your records.

**416th Bomb Group Reunion
c/o Wayne G. Sayles
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Gainesville, MO 65655**

Contact Wayne or Doris at 417-679-2142 or email us at wgs@wgs.cc