



**VQ REUNION**  
**BRANSON, MISSOURI**  
**OCTOBER 5-7, 2001**  
**President's Message**

4 July 2001

Hello VQer's one and all:

There was a time when I was not entirely confident that reunions and other get-togethers of a similar vein were all that relevant. But that was when I was young and thought I knew everything. Now I'm older and am confident that I still have a lot to learn. However, I am sure that our VQ reunions are the thing to do. And with so many of you coming to Branson this October I am positive that my rational for reunions and remembering will be reinforced.

This past few months since our last get together at Point Mugu, VQ-1 and the EP-3E (PR 32) along with the 24 crewmembers have been the focus of maximum news. Needless to say this is not the type of event that VQers hope to make. As the circumstances of the incident became known our pride in our successors in the VQ mission made us all proud. To my knowledge of our VQ history none of the other incidents have been quite like this one. The medals they were awarded were truly deserved as were all the other honors and recognitions all the way to President Bush in the White House. And by a President that runs a class White House. To Lieutenant Shane Osborne (a fellow Cornhusker) and his entire crew we offer the strongest of BRAVO ZULU's from the entire Association. Thanks for making us proud. For those of you looking for a newsletter, we still need articles from the members. One or two just isn't enough to justify the expense of printing and mailing.

Since I'm at the end of my space in this reunion flyer I'll stop and remind you to get your reservations in early. The hotel will fill quickly. See you in Branson.

Cheers, J D

**VQ Association Annual Reunion**  
**Welk Resort Hotel**  
**Branson, MO. October 3 - 8, 2001**

Reservations: Phone 1-800-808-9355 Fax 1 317 336-3165

**SPECIFY VQ ASSOCIATION AND GROUP #1889**

<b>October 3rd</b> Wednesday	<b>Hospitality Room</b> <b>Rm 104, 106, 108</b> <b>Early Check In / Register</b> <b>Free Time</b>	<b>Open 8 :00 am -10:00 pm</b>  <b>Afternoon / Evening</b>
<b>October 4th</b> Thursday	<b>Hospitality Room</b> <b>Rm 104, 106, 108</b> <b>Check In / Register</b> <b>Welk night show</b> <b>Free Time</b>	<b>Open 8:00 am - 10:00 pm</b>  <b>8:00 pm</b> <b>Morning / Afternoon</b>
<b>October 5th</b> Friday	<b>Hospitality Room</b> <b>Rm 104, 106, 108</b> <b>Welk Morning Show</b> <b>Social Hour</b> <b>Free Time</b>	<b>Open 8:00 am - 10:00 pm</b>  <b>9:30 am</b> <b>18:00 hrs</b> <b>Afternoon - Evening</b>
<b>October 6th</b> Saturday	<b>Hospitality Room</b> <b>Rm 104, 106, 108</b> <b>Golf</b> <b>Tee Time</b> <b>Mini-Golf</b> <b>Sign-up</b> <b>Free Time</b> <b>BANQUET</b> <b>Social Hour</b> <b>Dinner 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Open 8:00 am - 10:00 pm</b>  <b>See Harry Sunder</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Ladies/Men</b> <b>Registration Desk</b> <b>Morning - Afternoon</b> <b>STAGE DOOR CANTEEN</b> <b>6:00 pm - 7:00 pm</b>
<b>October 7th</b> Sunday	<b>Hospitality Room</b> <b>Members Meeting</b> <b>Picnic</b>	<b>Open 8:00 am - 10:00 pm</b> <b>Hospitality room - 10:00 am</b> <b>12 noon - 5:pm</b>
<b>October 8th</b> Monday	<b>Depart</b>	

If, (before or after the Reunion), anyone is interested in fishing on beautiful Bull Shoals lake, on the Missouri/Arkansas border; or in making a canoe float trip on a clear river/stream in the Ozarks (within a 50 mile radius of Branson) contact: **Don Stubbs, HC3 Box 3561, Theodosia, MO 65761 phone 417-273-2216**



# VQ ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Use for changes in info)

(Please Print)



DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVE DUTY RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ PRESENT STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_

(Active, Retired or Civilian)

SQUADRON(S) SERVED IN:

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PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR DUTIES IN EACH SQUADRON:

Please submit this application together with your dues in the amount of \$15.00 made payable to the VQ Association and mail it to the addressee below. Membership will entitle you to notification of our annual reunions, Membership Roster and inclusion in our computer database. Dues are payable annually. We do not send billings.

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Check out the VQ Association web site for any updates to the Reunion plans. The URL for the site is: <http://www.kleinandstump.com/VQ/index.htm>

**Golf Tournament:** The Annual VQ Reunion Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday Oct. 6th with tee times starting at 10:00 AM. It will be at the Pointe Royale Golf Course which is across the street from the Welk Resort Hotel. The cost is \$50.00 per player, cart fee included. Rental clubs, if needed, are available at the course. Some Stats about the course: 5,629 yds. Rating 65.4 / slope 113 from white tees, and 4,388 yds, Rating 64.4 / slope 112 from the ladies tees. We believe you will find this a very fine course. For those who wish to play more golf during the reunion there are five other courses in the Branson area at comparable prices. For more "Golf" information see **Harry Sunder**. There is a miniature golf course on the premises. If enough sign up we could have a mini tournament Saturday morning.

**Business Meeting:** All Association members are requested to attend the business meeting Sunday morning, October 7th, at 10:00 AM. (prior to picnic).

## BRANSON

### That's Entertainment

Branson is big time fun and entertainment with small town heart and hospitality. Nestled in the heart of the Ozark Mountains, Branson offers such an inviting vacation place and place to visit-family atmosphere, small-town friendliness, majestic scenery, three beautiful lakes, shopping, attractions, and America's largest gathering of top name entertainers are all excellent reasons for choosing it as a place to visit. Going to a show in Branson is an event ! Lights, costumes, elaborate sets, a full cast of singers, dancers and talented entertainers combine to make a truly exciting entertainment experience. With over 40 theatres and more than 80 shows, visitors never have to wait long to be entertained. Daytime or night time it's always show time in Branson. Branson is unique in it's tremendous variety of musical offerings. Audiences will thrill to shows that feature swing, pop, gospel, 50's rock and roll, classical and country-and hear them performed by legends in the musical industry. Whether dancing, juggling, playing a musical instrument or racing an ostrich, "variety" is a hallmark in Branson.

### Other Local places of interest

**Silver Dollar City** is an 1880's theme park that takes visitors on a remarkable journey back in time. Throughout the park, guests experience true, old-fashioned Americana and Ozark history from the pioneer homestead to the blacksmith shop. **Shopping** Branson is home to three factory outlet malls with more than 200 outlet stores. They offer every thing found in huge urban shopping malls, but without the urban price tag. Antiques and other unique treasures can be discovered at the many antique shops, flea markets and curiosity stores. **Table Rock Lake**—features fishing, boating and **the showboat Branson Belle** a luxurious paddle wheeler, offers two-hour dining and entertainment cruises. **Shepherd of the Hills Homestead** is a unique blend of Ozark history and down-home fun. In the evening, guests can relive the history of Harold Bell Wright's famous novel. **The Shepherd of the Hills, set in the starlit outdoor theatre.**

# VQ Association Reunion Sign Up Sheet

**Accommodations / Reservations:** Lodging rooms have been set aside for the dates of 3 - 8 October, 2001, five nights. Two extra nights for early birds to enjoy Branson. A special rate of \$70.00 plus tax (\$77.88 total), 1 - 4 people in each room. This rate will be honored two days prior and two days after scheduled group reservation, based on availability. All persons attending the reunion and desiring accommodations **will make their own reservations directly.** You may phone your reservations (**800-805-9355**) with credit card information to guarantee the reservation. Your registration **deadline is 1, September, 2001, Please register early.**

**Welk Resort Center  
& Champagne Theatre**  
1984 State Highway 165  
Branson, MO. 65615

**Note: When making reservations be sure to mention VQ Association, "AND" specify Group #1889**

Continental breakfast included with reservations. Includes dry cereal, fresh fruit, various bakery items. Full breakfast buffet additional charge \$4.50. Hospitality room open daily 8:00 am until 10:00 pm.

**Contact Branson Chamber of Commerce** for information packet with coupons, info on shows, etc. Phone **1-800-961-1221 ask for Sharon.**

**Getting There:** Branson is located in Southwest Missouri and can be reached off US Highway 65, 11 miles north of the Arkansas border and 39 miles south of I-44 and Springfield, Missouri. Branson is approximately 250 miles from St. Louis and 220 miles from Kansas City. The Springfield/Branson Regional Airport services the area with six airlines and 70 daily arrivals and departures. **WELK RESORT CENTER** is in Branson, located **south** of the **Highway 76** and **Highway 165** intersection approximately 2 miles. **RV PARKING** available nearby. Chastains RV Park 417 334-4414. **Information,** on theatres, other attractions: [www.explorebranson.com](http://www.explorebranson.com)

**Reunion Dinner:** The reunion dinner is scheduled for **Saturday evening, October 6th,** at the **Stage Door Canteen, WELK RESORT.** The menu will be buffet style, including a choice of Prim Rib of beef, Au Jus, or Chicken Cordon Bleu, accompanied with fresh garden salad, with raspberry vinaigrette, mixed vegetables, baked potato, dinner rolls, strawberry cheese cake and non-alcoholic beverages. **Cost is \$21.00 per person. PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY.**

**Reunion Picnic:** The reunion picnic will be held on Sunday October 8th from noon until 5 PM at the shelter at Table Rock State Park. The park is located about 3 miles **south on Highway 265** from Welk Resort. The menu will consist of BBQ chicken and Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Cake and Beverage. Cost is \$12.50 per person, includes picnic menu and refreshments.

I will be attending the VQ reunion \_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Guests \_\_\_\_\_

I will be staying at the Welk Resort Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
If yes - From \_\_\_\_\_ Until \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make your own reservations.**

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I/we will be in the golf tournament \_\_\_\_ No. Attending \_\_\_\_  
No. in party @ \$50.00 a person Total \_\_\_\_\_

I/we will be attending the \_\_\_\_ No. Attending \_\_\_\_  
Reunion Dinner / \$21.00 a person  
prime rib aux jus \_\_\_\_\_  
chicken cordon bleu \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Family Picnic \_\_\_\_ No. Attending \_\_\_\_  
No. in party @ \$12.50 a person Total \_\_\_\_\_

Welk Shows  
Night Show \_\_\_\_ No. Attending \_\_\_\_  
No. in party @ \$25.00 Total \_\_\_\_\_  
Morning Show \_\_\_\_ No. Attending \_\_\_\_  
No. in party @ \$19.50 Total \_\_\_\_\_

VQ Association dues (\$15.00) Total \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for: Total \_\_\_\_\_

Send Reunion check made out to **VQ Association** by 9/1/2001 to:

Ron Holmberg  
16217 Gales Street  
Laurel, MD 20707

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