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449th "FLYINGHORSEMEN"

FEBRUARY 2000

449TH BOMB GROUP ASSN.

PRE-11th REUNION INFO.

**"YAHOO!  
HERE WE COME!"**

## BRANSON & THE OZARKS

**OUR REUNION STARTS SUN.  
APR. 30TH & ENDS MAY 4, 2000**

..... best arrival time is on Sat. Apr. 29th to check into the Hotel/Inn and register with the 449th Table for your Reunion Envelope and items. **FOLLOW THIS CHECK LIST BEFORE YOU COMPLETE YOUR ENCLOSED ADV. REG. SHEET OR MAKE SHOW TICKET RESERVATIONS.**

(1) Read this newsletter of instructions and information!

(2) The **Show discount tickets** begin on Sat. 4/29. Read the list of Entertainments and compare date/times with your 449th Reunion Schedule on your Adv. Reg. Sheet. **Follow Ozark Mtn. Co. information to order Show tickets.**

(3) Complete your 449th Adv. Reg. Sheet, retain carbon copy, fill in Airline name, arrival time, date, so

Gray Line Bus Co. will pick you up at the Springfield, MO Airport (this is the nearest airport to Branson). Mail your re-checked Adv. Reg. Sheet, with your check (no credit cards with the 449th registrations) .. send to F. Trogdon, 1400 Kitty Hawk Way, Melbourne, FL 32940. His phone # is (407) 255-6626, best times after 7pm EST.

(4) The **Tuesday date** of the reunion has been left **open** for your attendance selection to am, aft., and pm entertainments; but there are some open times to reserve show tickets ..... compare times with 449th activity and prevent time conflicts.

(5) **FINAL REMINDER CHECK:** (a) make your own room reservations NOW (see lower left for Inn telephone number. (b) Read this newsletter to familiarize with instruc-

tions for your separate 449th Adv. Reg. Sheet and your ordering of your Show Tickets from Ozark Mtn. Agency. (c) All show tickets must be ordered through Michele Thompson, separate from 449th Reg. Sheet by March 29, 2000!

**NOTICE:** Show places are separate locations, too far to walk. Driving your car is possible but there is heavy traffic and long walking distances from parking areas ... best use the offered ticket with transportation price. They will pick you up at the Inn and take you right to the entertainment area, your show tickets will be picked up when climbing aboard the buses!!

**GRAY LINE BUS** pickup at the Airport, Springfield. Retain tickets, (cost is \$30 round trip per person) for your return trip from Inn to airport. Be sure your arrival at the airport information is complete on your 449th Adv. Reg. Sheet; this allows scheduling for the bus, both ways. **pay** the \$30 per person to the Gray Line Bus Driver at **Springfield, Mo Airport.**

**449th BOMB GROUP  
11th REUNION  
April 30th - 4th May, Year 2000!**

in BRANSON, MISSOURI!

~ -Center of America's Family Entertainment! ~

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## YOUR 449TH REUNION SCHEDULE DETAILS:

Call 1-800-925-8498, Michele, In Advance!, For Show Tickets. Early arrivals have two Sat. eve shows available, as does Sunday afternoon (see show listings in this newsletter.) After checking into the Settle Inn be sure and register with the 449th tables to receive your name tags, programs and misc. items. The Sunday reception starts at 5 pm with a cash bar and plenty of hors d'ouvres to go around, ends at 8 pm. **Golfers** will assemble in the Inn Lobby Mon. am at 0900 hours for their tour-

ney. Mon. am entertainment items you can schedule are: 2 different shows or a sightseeing tour (see show list for times and costs). Mon. eve is our **SQUADRON DINNERS NITE** at the DIXIE STAMPEDE .. trans, dinner and fine show of excitement (see show list). Tuesday is **OPENDAY** for you to select the shows available thru our Discount Agency (Ozark Mtn. Co.) .. see the list and the instructions how to call for your tickets (must be in advance). We have listed two full pages

of shows for your selections). Wednesday is busy also; our **MEMORIAL BREAKFAST** is in Settle Inn at 0900 hrs., with program. Followed by the 449th Men's Business Mtg. During this time we have scheduled a shopping spree time with trans. furnished. Two of Bransons great shows are available on Wed. aft. and our **REUNION BANQUET** will be aboard the **SHOW-BOAT BRANSON BELLE** trans., dinner, lake cruise, and fine show will end the 11th Reunion.

**HOW TO GET TO BRANSON, MO:** Branson, MO. is near the North edge of Arkansas and on the south-west corner area of Missouri, due south of Springfield, MO.

**COMING BY AIR:** Book your Airline travel into the nearest airport for Branson which is **SPRINGFIELD, MO.** We will have a **Gray Line Bus** pick you up from the info. you give us on your 449th Adv. Reg. Sheet ... the round trip with Gray Line is \$30.00 per person. Save your Bus Tickets for your pick-up return from the Settle Inn to Springfield Airport. Pay at Airport to Bus Driver. List your airline, arrival date and time on your Adv. Reg. Sheet!

**There is no railroad travel into Branson, MO.**

**COMING BY AUTO:** Branson lies right at the crossroads of US 65 and Hwy 76. Coming from the NW, N and NE route thru to Springfield, MO and take US 65 on the East side of Springfield, south to Branson. Coming from the E and NE route thru St. Louis on I-44 to Springfield and take US 65 So. at the east edge of Springfield. From the SW or So., route thru Little Rock, AR, and take US 65 north to Branson. The same for those coming from the SE or So. **ENTERING THE BRANSON**

**AREA:** Using US 65 from the North turn right at Hwy. 76 and from the South turn left on Hwy. 76 ... this is the main show street called "the Branson Strip", traffic-laden day or night. Look for the stop light at the Grand Palace Showplace and turn south (left) to Green Mountain Dr. .... and hang a right for The Settle Inn, across from the Pirate Cove and is the "white palace on the hill" ... **SEE CHART!**



**ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS - thru Ozark Mtn. Sightseeing Co. 1-800-925-8498**  
**Deadline For Reservations Is March 29, 2000**

- Saturday, 4/29 8 pm  
 Depart 7 pm **MICKEY GILLEY SHOW.** \$20 per person or \$27 with Trans.  
 With 17 #1 records and his award winning band Gilley is one of the country music's most awarded entertainers.
- Saturday, 4/29 8 pm  
 Depart 7 pm **MOE BANDY SHOW.** \$20 per person, or \$27 with trans.  
 A two hour show filled with hilarious comedy, impersonations, a patriotic medley and pure country music!
- Sunday, 4/30 2 pm  
 Depart 1:15 pm **"50's AT THE HOP SHOW".** \$21 per person, or \$28 with trans.  
 Hottest songs of the 50's recreating music from the days of Eisenhower as the "gang" dance and sing.
- Sunday, 4/30 3 pm  
 Depart 2 pm **COUNTRY TONIGHT THEATER.** \$23 per person or \$30 with trans.  
 Family oriented country show ... rope tricks, clogging, featuring comedy, acrobatics and square dancing. Voted #1 show in 1999. Sold out crowds in Las Vegas.
- Monday, 5/01 9:30 am  
 Depart 8:30 am **RED HOT AND BLUE SHOW.** \$19 per person or \$26 with trans.  
 Fast paced music by a talented troupe ... Classic's of the 40's and 50's, 60's and 70's, dashes of dance and love songs.
- Monday, 5/01 9:30 am  
 Depart 8:30 am **JENNIFER WILSON SHOW.** The USO welcomed her as spokesperson and her Americana Theater as their Branson home. Famous for her romantic, comic, and cultural music skills. \$18 per person, or \$25 with trans.
- Monday, 5/01 10 am  
 Depart ASAP **BRANSON AREA SIGHTSEEING TOUR.** (2-1/2 hrs). \$14.00 per person.  
 The entertainment layout of Branson with Ozark area views of scenic hill and lake country of SW Missouri. Full of information ... bring your cameras!
- Monday, 5/01 4:30 pm  
 Depart 3:30 pm **DIXIE STAMPEDE SQUADRON DINNER SHOWTIME.** The pre-show begins at 4:30 and dinner served at 5:15. **(TICKETS FOR THIS IS ON YOUR ADV. REG. 449th SHEET).**  
 One of the most popular shows for all.
- Tuesday, 5/02 9:30 am  
 Depart 8:30 am **DOUG GABRIEL SHOW.** \$20 per person or \$27 with trans.  
 Doug Gabriel's voice has earned him the prestigious title of the Branson Male Vocalist five times and his show given title to the best morning show 3 times. Piano, guitar and an all-star cast.
- Tuesday, 5/02 10 am  
 Depart 9 am **HUGHES BROTHERS SHOW.** \$19 per person or \$26 with trans.  
 They sing in rich 4 part harmony, dance up a storm and make you laugh, with country music, a bit of western and great gospel. Their wives and kids reveal much talent.
- Tuesday, 5/02 10 am  
 Depart 9 am **BARBARA FAIRCHILD SHOW.** \$17 per person or \$24 with trans.  
 Barbara sings her heart out ... outstanding gospel, pop, country ... she holds rally's "We Want American Back" to honor veterans and to promote "God, Family and Country."
- Tuesday, 5/02 2 pm  
 Depart 1 pm **MEL TILLIS & FAMILY.** \$28 per person or \$35 with trans.  
 His new show features stories, songs and jokes ... comedy and variety of country and Broadway songs.
- Tuesday, 5/02 3 pm  
 Depart 2 pm **YAKOV SMIRNOFF SHOW.** \$25 per person or \$32 with trans.  
 One of America's top comedians, delighting the audience with his Russian accent and outlook on everyday life! "What a Country" ... and "No KGB"!

**ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS - con't**

Tuesday, 5/02 THE PLATTERS. \$21 per person or \$28 with trans.  
 2:00 pm The group that had a nostalgic peak with 40 number one hits, as "Twilight Time" .. "The Great  
 Depart 1 pm Pretender" .. "Only You".

Tuesday, 5/02 JIM STAFFORD SHOW. \$26 per person or \$33 with trans.  
 8 pm A must see type show ... a unique way of making people laugh;  
 Depart 7 pm antics, plots and songs.

Tuesday, 5/02 BOBBY VINTON/GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA. \$25 per person or \$32 with trans.  
 8 pm A successful love song recording artist ... the Big Band Miller's orch., a wide variety of songs  
 Depart 7 pm and dances.

Tuesday, 5/02 OSMONDS FAMILY SHOW. \$25 per person or \$32 with trans.  
 8 pm A "Hot Country Revue On Ice" with 3 stages ... the harmony of the Osmond Bros. with family  
 Depart 7 pm entertainment.

Tuesday, 5/02 SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS OUTDOOR THEATRE. \$20 per person or \$27 with trans.  
 8:30 pm Outdoor production based upon the novel "The Shepherd of The Hills", cast of over 70 people,  
 Depart 7 pm a story of trials and ordeals as "The Shepherd" seeks his own dark secret!

Wednesday, 5/03 LAWRENCE WELK SHOW. \$27 per person or \$34 with trans.  
 2 pm Many of the original stars and cast from the Welk TV Show. Harmony of the Lennon sisters,  
 Depart 1 pm memorable tunes.

Wednesday, 5/03 SHOJI TABUCHI SHOW. \$31 per or \$38 with trans.  
 3 pm Outstanding violin entertainment from TV ... full of production numbers .... a never forget  
 Depart 1:30 pm musical afternoon!

Wednesday, 5/03 SHOWBOAT BRANSON BELLE DINNER CRUISE / 449th REUNION BANQUET.  
 8 pm **(Tickets from the 449th Adv. Reg. Sheet; event includes the Lake Cruise, dinner, banquet,**  
 Depart 6:30 pm **and our final reunion reports on this 11th 449th Reunion.**

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday shows: 5/04 through 5/06, call M. Thompson 1-800-925-8498 for any possible  
 tickets she may discount/arrange for you!

THESE ARE THE ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS DISCOUNTED FOR THE 449th REUNION FOR SHOWS  
 BEGINNING SATURDAY 4/29/00 thru 5/03/00.

**BE SURE AND READ THE TERMS FOR RESERVATIONS THRU MICHELE THOMPSON OF THE  
 OZARK MOUNTAIN SIGHTSEEING CO. below.**

**TERMS FOR RESERVATIONS:** for ordering your discount tickets and for any further detail information,  
**CALL: MICHELE THOMPSON at OZARK MOUNTAIN CO. 1-800-925-8498.** A \$50 per person payment is due  
 when individual reservations are made (by credit card except for Amer. Express). If paid by check, payment must  
 be received within seven days after your reservation contact has been made. Balance is due April 14, 2000.

**Seating locations can be requested but not guaranteed.** Assignments will be made on a first come, first  
 served basis.

**CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS:** All monies paid, less \$10 per person, are refunded up to 10 days prior to arrival.  
 No refunds for cancellations less than 10 days prior. Arrange these with M. Thompson, 1-800-925-8498.

**NOTE: WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FOR TICKETS WILL BE SENT YOU BY OZARK MTN. CO.**

## **NEW NAMES added to the roster since the OCT. 99 "LATE PASS"**

- Bentz, Gregory - 33 Erindale Dr., Marlton, NJ 08053.  
Hon Sq: son of Charles, KIA. Roberts orig. cadre crew.
- Coffee, O Morris & Rachel - 1700 Louise Lane, Austell, GA 30106.  
718th: Gunner; transferred rom 376 2/44 with 10 missions. flew 40 more with the 449th by 7/19/44.
- Coulton, Jim - 1260 Hickory Cove Lane, Orange Park, FL 32073  
Hon Sq: for father, Herbert. NG/R/Op on McLeod crew, 718th.
- Dimes, Edwin K. & Toni - 70 Morningside Dr., South, Westport, CT 06880  
717th: CP on Sunnacht crew, 2/45-4/45.
- Dontje, Robert & Sylvia - 6426 44-1/2 Rd., Manton, MI 49663  
716th: R/Op on Roberts orig. cadre crew 5/43 to being downed 4/23/44 and taken Germ. POW.
- Elsa, Henry O., Jr. - 611 N. Boundary, Kirksville, MO 63501  
719th: BG on Rude crew, 50 missions between 4/44-9/44. Crew flew "Salty Dog" from Topeka.
- Green, Wallace & Thelma - P.O. Box 6759, Incline Village, NE 89450  
717th: R/O on Ivers crew, 2/44-7/44, 50 missions, Flew "Mischief" overseas.
- Hawkins, Mrs. Carolyn - Rte 5, Box 300, Vaughn Rd., Nashville, TN 37221.  
Hon Sq: wife of Richard, bomb, 719th, L. Davis crew.
- Jarrard, John H. - 5350 Hwy. 19 No., Dahlonoga, GA 30533-2754.  
719th: BG on Polink orig. cadre crew. Downed on the 4/4/44 Pres. Unit. Citn. mission, Romanian POW.
- Kuchar, Thadeus & Lenora - 3219 Abeline, Sp. Hill, FL 34608  
718th: F/E on McFain crew, 4/44-8/44. Wounded on Nice, France mission.
- Nolan, Mrs. Dorothy - 435 Washington Ave., Urbana, OH 43078  
Hon. Sq: for husband John, aerial photographer, 718th.
- Noyes, Mike - 403 Haven Court, Granbury, TX 76048  
Hon. Sq: son of Colby, Co-P. on Bridges crew, 10/44-4/45.
- Stovall, Mrs. Dorothy - 405 N. 6th, Livingston, MT 59047  
Hon Sq: for husband, "Doc", CP Weeks crew, 716th.
- Wingate, Don L. & Bobbie - 1799 Lantana Drive, Minden, NV 89423  
716th: Orderly Rm Sgt, orig. cadre 7/43-5/45.

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER** ..... Profits and Losses

There comes a time in each of our lives when we have to sit down and give careful thought to our personal situation. Gentlemen, we are getting old. It has been fifty-five years since WW2. When you look at the calendar you must realize that we are the senior citizens of our nation.

Looking at the past we know that we fought to retain our peace and freedoms. God was gracious to us and gave us the victory for which we are grateful.

During the past 55 plus years we have been blessed materially, but as a nation we have suffered greatly spiritually and morally.

While many have been busy individually profiting materially we have allowed satanic forces to destroy **our** moral and spiritual values and seemingly have let material things crowd out God **in** our national values. Thus much of what we fought for has been taken away from our children and nation.

I sincerely ask you, what have we profited if we are the world's military and political **leader and** lose our own souls and have to answer to our God for our lack as a nation of honoring Him with the rest of the world?

II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 8:36,37

## 449th HISTORY BOOK #4 NOW BEING PRINTED ...

Yes, the awaited Book #4 will begin to be mailed out in the first week of April 2000 to the ones ordered in advance. A supply of them will also be available at the 11th Reunion in Branson, MO. If these at Branson get sold out you can fill out an order form there. For those that have not ordered in advance and cannot attend the reunion you must order your Book #4 through the 449th Assn. Treas., cost including mailing and handling is \$35.00 per book.

**BOOK #4 is now given its title: "MAXIMUM EFFORT"** through the courtesy of Hollie & Exie Wilkes, producer of the award winning painting itself. Book #4 will have the color jacket of that painting!

Within Book #4 you will see revealed the history of the former Naval Dirigible Base at Grottaglie and its name for the former commander/Pilot of the base. Crew photos never before published .... a final update of all known 449th B-24's, H and J models, flown in WW2 combat with their accumulated information histories. The book is divided into Chapters taking view and report of events from May 43 thru post war 45 with letters from ranking officers commending the 449th ..... historic reports gathered by our historic committee from the archives at Maxwell AFB, AL.

## 449th BOMB GROUP HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABILITY:

Probably the most complete coverage of and Bomb Group of World War II .... Here are the four volumes of the Bomb Groups History between May 1943 and May of 1944 with additional post-war coverage in Book #4.

**Books 1-2:** Both in the same volume, in its 2nd Edition, full prose history plus stories, air crew and ground crew/sections and more. From Assn. Treas: F. Trogdon, 1400 Kitty Hawk Way, Melbourne, FL 32940. Cost is \$35.00 w/S&H. This volume is named: "Tucson to Grottaglie & "This Is Our Story".

**Book #3:** Also in its 2nd edition, titled "Grottaglie and Home" can only be ordered from Turner Pub. Co., Box 3101, Paducah, KY 42002. Will take credit cards. Cost is \$57.50 w/S&H. Another hardbound book of 3.3 lbs. with a lot more different photos and stories, plus aircraft histories and POW and KIA crew lists. Their phone number is 1-800-788-3350.

**Book #4** is titled "Maximum Effort" w/jacket cover of the award winning painting. (All our books have colored jacket covers and all are hard bound). The book is divided into time Chapters, has a full list of 449th awards and decorations from Bronze Star and DFC. Great new stories that accumulated after the first 3 books printed. Post-War acclaim letters from high ranking men.

This book "Of Men And Wings", a pictorial story of the "first 100 missions" of the 449th is published by the Northfield Pub. Co., but is offered thru the 449th Assn. with the name and address of the Treas. (above w/Bk1-2 info.) Of the total 254 combat missions of the 449th, some of the most crucial and hardest targets occurred within these first 100 missions! Taken from a personal log and items from the AF Archives, Maxwell AFB, Al. a great book. Sells for \$35.00 by check to the 449th BGA.

**YOUR HEALTH IS PRIORITY ONE!!!** Sure, everyone wants to attend the 449th Reunions, but it has been 55 years since we brought the 449th back to the U.S. which leaves our members in the Very Senior Citizen age brackets. Here is an update on some of our members that are not quite in the best of health; Our Assn. President, Jim Miller; recuperating from cancer operations, is in good spirits, is given good news from his doctor that he can attend! Our Chaplain, Jim Shanahan's hips and legs aren't what they used to be, Miller, of course was a 716th bombardier, Shanahan a F/Eng in the 717th. Gen. Williams 716th TG has leg problems and most likely will not attend. Frank Prior, our roving photographer, 717th WG, has foot problems but has registered. Don Ullman, 718th bombardier is ill with good and bad days. Hal Strack, 719th nav. has Lyme disease and has limited travel. Milton Coon, former Hqs. Int. tech. has good and bad days, is also limited in his travels. And remember our ladies in our Honor Squadron, wives of 449ers who have passed away in the past 20 years, some will be in Branson with their friends ..... in summary; we have untold blessings, let's not forget those who are not well ... many not listed here in this crowded newsletter .... our memories are not that crowded nor are our intentions that short! Pray for each other.

.....Secy/Editor



### DECEASED NAMES

(received since our Oct. 99 issue)  
Dates given are accurate.



Burns, Joseph .....	717th, Trans Sgt. ....	10/5/99
Hartman, Floyd .....	716th; Asst. crew chief on "Pistol Packin' Mama" .....	11/12/97
Kempson, J.B. ....	718th: Orig cadre crew chief on "Peepy" and "Popeye" .....	9/26/99
Lalla, Lou .....	Group Original Special Svcs. O. ....	2/98
Lundvall, Don J. ....	718: F/E on W. Bills crew .....	12/15/99
Mack, Arthur .....	717th: Nav on Minor's crew, 2/44-4/44, downed in "Holy Joe #2, Romanian POW .....	10/13/98
Morrill, William E. ....	717: Crew Pilot .....	1/4/00
Newland, Lewis M. ....	716: NG on Bolt crew. 5/44 to 12/44 .....	12/3/97
Nolan, John L. ....	718: Orig. cadre photog. 51 missions .....	10/12/99
Stovall, L.R. (Doc) .....	716: Crew Pilot .....	12/14/99
Vest, John E. ....	719: CP on Aldrich crew .....	12/12/99
Zielinski, Edward .....	716: Nav on Hochendel crew .....	est. '95

### NEARBY CHURCHES (Sunday April 30 is an OPEN a.m. in schedule)

- Branson Christian Church**  
Denomination: Disciples of Christ  
213 S. Commercial, Branson  
Worship: 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.  
Phone: 334-3453
- Peace Lutheran Church**  
Denomination: Lutheran (ELCA)  
Jct. 65 S. & Hwy. 165, Hollister  
Worship: 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.  
Phone: 334-1499
- Branson Hills Assembly of God**  
Denomination: Assembly of God  
256 church Rd., Branson  
Worship: 10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sunday  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Phone: 335-2424
- Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
Denomination: Lutheran (LC-MS)  
120 N. 3rd, Branson  
Worship: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.  
Phone: 334-2646

- Branson United Methodist Church**  
Denomination: United Methodist  
1208 W. Highway 76  
(3/4 mile west of Hwy. 65 on Hwy. 76)  
Worship: 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Phone: 334-3423
- Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church**  
Denomination: Episcopal  
107 Walnut Lane  
(Behind Walnut Lane Motel on Hwy. 76)  
Worship: 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.  
Phone: 334-3968
- First Baptist Church of Branson**  
Denomination: Southern Baptist  
400 S. Sunshine, Branson  
(Near the intersection of Hwys 76 & 65)  
Worship: 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.  
Phone: 334-7437
- Mount Branson Christian Church**  
Denomination: Independent  
178 Saints Street, Branson  
Worship: 10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

- First Presbyterian Church**  
Denomination: Presbyterian (USA)  
420 West Main Street, Branson  
(2 Blocks east of Hwy 65 on Hwy 76,  
across from Steak & Shake)  
Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Phone: 334-3468
- Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church**  
Denomination: Roman Catholic  
202 Vaughn Drive, Branson  
(2 Blks. West of 65, 1 Blk South of 76)  
Behind Holiday Inn Express  
Worship: Sat. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sun. - 7:30 & 9:30 a.m.  
Sun. - 11:15 a.m. (Easter - Oct.)  
Phone: 334-2928
- First Church of the Nazarene**  
Denomination: Church of the Nazarene  
300 Hensley, Branson  
Worship: 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Sunday)  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Phone: 334-4308

(FOR YOURSUN, APR. 30 REFERENCE,  
AND MANY MORE).

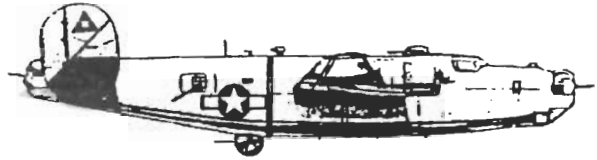
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**ADDED NOTES OF INTEREST:** The SETTLE INN provides a FREE MORNING MUSIC SHOW AND A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST ... ask the desk the time, the place is in the STONE HENGE ROOM in the main building (where the Lobby is). The overall Inn has three connected buildings, plenty of parking space. Look for the ornamented horse and knights, life size metallic figures in the front ... perhaps a "Flying Horseman or two with photo? There will be an OZARK MTN. AGENT at the 449th registration tables for your pre-ordered show tickets ... these will not be in your reunion envelope! also ... the first 200 449th members (that have Settle Inn rooms) will receive a FREE Ceramic 8 inch diam. souvenir 449th plate. We did have a visit to Silver Dollar City on the list of entertainments but the Agency was told that Silver Dollar City would be closed on Monday and Tuesday of the dates we are to be in Branson!!! This can be covered when you return at a later date to "take in what you missed during the reunion"!! Those coming by air into Springfield .. pay for your round trip bus tickets to the Gray Line Bus Driver and hold on to your return tickets!!!