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Branson, MO
Reunion



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The 2025 USS Savage Reunion - Branson, MO!



September 21-26, 2025

Calling all USS Savage Reunion Association Fans! We have the opportunity to once again come together as shipmates, family and friends. We are pleased to provide you with a summary of events for our 2025 USS Savage Reunion in Branson, MO. In this issue of the Lake Charles Times, you will find the events schedule as well as contact information for the hotel and an events reservation document that must be completed and return to Pat Rego no later than July 31st. We hope to see you in Missouri!

Comfort Inn Thousand Hills - Branson

It is time to reserve your room at Comfort Inn, Branson, MO, for our 2025 reunion. Make yourself at home in one of the 108 guestrooms featuring refrigerators and flat-screen televisions. Complimentary wireless internet access keeps you connected, and cable programming is available for your entertainment. Private bathrooms with shower/tub combinations feature complimentary toiletries and hair dryers. Conveniences include microwaves and coffee/tea makers, and housekeeping is provided on request. Recreational amenities to consider at the Comfort Inn include an indoor pool, a spa tub, and a sauna. A complimentary buffet breakfast is served daily from 6:30 am to 10:00 am.

A block of rooms has been reserved for the USS Savage Reunion. If calling the hotel directly to make your reservation, please reference the USS Savage Reunion to assure you get the appropriate rate. The negotiated rate is \$102.00 per night **for your stay between 9/21/25 and 9/26/25**. The room rate for up to three days before, or three days after the reunion will be the same rate of \$102.00 for those dates. Rooms must be reserved **no later than August 20, 2025**. Any special accommodations needed for your room must be made at the time of reservation. Hotel parking is complementary for self-parking throughout the duration of your stay. If you have any questions about reserving the hotel, you can call Pat Rego at 831-840-5880.

The Comfort Inn-Thousand Hills is located at 203 South Wildwood Drive, Branson, MO 65616. Contact the Comfort Inn at 866-994-8875 and reference The USS Savage Reunion to make your reservations and assure all your hotel benefits. Or log on to this website to make reservations:

[Comfort Inn at Thousand Hills - ReservationDesk.com](http://ComfortInn.at.ThousandHills-ReservationDesk.com)

The last day to cancel a hotel reservation is 48-hours prior to your arrival.

College of The Ozarks



Reunion Agenda

A. Sunday Sept. 21 - ARRIVAL DAY-Registration starting at 3:00 PM

1. Attendees can pay USS Savage Reunion Association dues and any unpaid fees that are part of the 2025 USS Savage Reunion's planned activities.
3. 'Open House' gathering for all in the Hospitality Room (Adult beverages and other light refreshments)
4. Dinner is on your own!

B. Monday Sept. 22 -USS SAVAGE (DE/DER 386) MEMORIAL SERVICE DAY AND MUSEUM TOUR (\$15.00 pp)

1. Depart Hotel @ 9:30 am – Arrive at Patriots Park @ College of The Ozarks for the USS Savage Memorial Service.
2. A post-memorial lunch is planned. A menu and pre-ordering option will be made available to you upon your check-in for the Reunion or you can just order when you get there. Alternatively, there are numerous restaurants for you to enjoy a nice lunch nearby before we tour the Museum.
3. Tour the Branson Veterans Memorial Museum after lunch
4. Transportation to the Memorial via private car or Uber/Lyft.
5. Return to hotel via private car or Uber/Lyft.
6. Dinner is on your own!
7. 'Open House' – Hospitality Room.

C. Tuesday Sept. 23–MUSICAL EXCURSION (\$34.00 pp)

1. Depart for hits of the 60's – Clay Cooper Theatre @ 12:30 pm. The theatre is located at 3216 W 76 Country Blvd., Branson, MO 65616.
2. Transportation to the theatre via private car or Uber/Lyft.
3. Return to hotel via private car or Uber/Lyft.
4. ***Consider eating a hearty breakfast at the hotel***
5. Lunch and Dinner on your own.
4. 'Open House' – Hospitality Room.

D. Wednesday Sept. 24–SIGHT AND SOUNDS THEATER (\$84.32 pp)

1. USS Savage Business Meeting and Auction at 10:00 am. There will be a \$4.50 charge for the meal provided. Please bring an auction item that is easy to transport home.
2. The Sight and Sounds Theater is located at 1001 Shepherd Of The Hills Expy., Branson, MO 65616. Theater opens at 2:45 pm.
3. 'Open House' –Hospitality Room.

E. Thursday Sept. 25– FREEDAY AND BANQUET (\$31.10 pp)

1. The Banquet will feature a meal provided at 5:00 pm by Golden Corral. Vegan and Vegetarian meal options are available (Please indicate your preference on the Registration form). Alcohol is not provided, but you can bring in your own drinks for the meal. Setup and cleanup are taken care of by the restaurant.
2. 'Open House' –Hospitality Room.

F. Thursday Sept. 26– CHECKOUT AND FAREWELLS!

Branson Veterans Memorial Museum



Wednesday Business Meeting and Auction and a Thursday Banquet Dinner

Wednesday morning will be our USS Savage Reunion Association Business Meeting and Auction. The business meeting and auction (Please bring something to auction that is easy to transport home) will start at 10:00 am in the Hospitality Room. After the meeting, enjoy a memorable time at the Sound and Lights Theater.

Thursday can either be a time relaxing by the indoor pool, the spa tub, working out in the fitness center, visiting with friends in the hospitality suite or exploring the sights that Branson and the surrounding area has to offer. Transportation can be coordinated with others at the reunion or easily obtained via taxi, Lyft or Uber. The Banquet Dinner, in the Hospitality Room will start at 5:00 pm. Enjoy a nightcap after the banquet if you like at a local watering hole nearby the hotel or gather once more in the Hospitality Room.

Reunion Event Transportation

Springfield-Branson National Airport is approximately 55 miles/1-hour drive from the hotel should you choose to fly into this Airport and rent a car. Springfield-Branson National Airport services the primary airlines such as Allegiant, American, Delta or United Airlines.

Reunion Event and Cost Details

Enclosed on the registration form in this newsletter is a list of events with the accompanying costs. Instructions for calculating the total expense and submitting payment is noted on the document. **Please be sure to indicate all intentions of attending an event or not, and the number of attendees when completing the form.**

Dues Payment

The annual dues for the USS Savage Reunion Association, in the amount of \$20.00 should be submitted to Pat Rego when submitting your reservation form. This can be calculated into the payment amount as you complete the reservation form below and by including the amount on the check you send to: **Pat Rego, 4497 W. Pueblo Dr., Eloy, AZ 85131**. If you have already paid your 2025 dues, thank you!

Branson Weather in September

Daily high temperatures average in the low-to-mid 80's and an evening low in the 60's.

Attending, Possibly Attending or Not This Year?

If you are you not planning to attend the reunion this year, please know that we will be thinking of you and honoring your service. We hope you will take a moment and share a photo of yourself and your family so we can share with those in attendance what you are up to these days. We hope to see you at a future reunion! Photos can be sent to mburkhart@watermarkcommunities.com. Let's tell those stories one more time!

ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

USS Savage (DE/DER-386) Branson, MO Reunion – 2025

Listed below are all the registration and tour costs for the Branson, MO reunion. Please enter how many people in your group will be participating in each event, and then the total amount due for each item; which would equal the event cost **X** the number of attendees in your party. Sum each item for your total due and then submit that amount in the form of a check or money order, payable to USS Savage Reunion Association, along with a copy of this completed form, to **Pat Rego, 4497 W. Pueblo Dr., Eloy AZ 85131**. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Note that the all-in cost per person is \$168.92 (not including Annual Dues), including the events and meal expenses.

All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before July 31, 2025.

	Price Per	# of People	Total
Tour of Branson Veterans Memorial Museum	\$15.00		\$
Clay Cooper Theater	\$34.00		\$
Sight and Sounds Theater	\$84.32		\$
Business Meeting Meal	\$4.50		\$
Banquet Dinner: <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/>	\$31.10		\$
Annual Dues (Please include if not already paid for 2025)	\$20.00		\$
Total Amount Payable to USS Savage Reunion Association			\$

Name of Reunion Association Member: _____

Additional Attendees: _____

For any questions, contact Pat Rego at 831-840-5880 or via email at patrego95004@yahoo.com.

Please let us know if you have any dietary requests or restrictions, or any other special requests for your attendance at the reunion. Use additional paper as needed.

We look forward to seeing you in Branson!