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USS Hollister DD-788

2020 Reunion

September 27-30, 2020

Radisson Hotel Branson



# U.S.S. Hollister DD 788

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## THIRTY SECOND USS HOLLISTER REUNION Albuquerque, New Mexico

Wednesday, October 6 to

Saturday, October 9, 2021

Hosts: Bear and Debbie Cannon  
Tom and Toshiko Bowers

**2020 PLAN OF THE DAY**

**Sunday, September 27, 2020**

0900 (9:00AM) Registration begins in the hotel atrium  
1000 (10:00 AM) Hospitality room open  
1400 (2:00 PM) Board Meeting  
1600 (4:00 PM) Welcome to Branson guest speaker  
2300 (11:00 PM) Taps, lights out. Hospitality room closes

**Monday, September 28, 2020**

0630 (6:30 AM) Complimentary Breakfast Opens  
1100 (11:00AM) Breakfast ends  
0900 (9:00 AM) Hospitality room opens  
1630 (4:30 AM) Hospitality room closes  
1700 (5:00 PM) Board bus for Dinner at Grand Country Buffet and Show at Presley's Country Jubilee  
2200 (10:00 PM) Arrive hotel.

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020**

0630 (6:30 AM) Complimentary Breakfast Opens  
0900 (9:00 AM) Hospitality room opens  
1030 (10:30 AM) Hospitality room closes  
1100 (11:00 AM) Board Bus for Lunch and Cruise show on Branson Belle  
1700 (5:00 PM) Arrive Hotel. Hospitality room open  
1730 (5:30PM) Sandwiches and snacks provided  
1830 (6:30 PM) Auction in Hospitality Room  
2300 (11:00 PM) Taps, lights out, hospitality room closes

**Wednesday, September 30, 2020**

0630 (6:30 AM) Complimentary Breakfast Opens  
1000 (10:00 AM) Women's program. Meet in the hotel lobby  
1000 (10:00 AM) Business meeting in Hospitality room  
1100 (11:00 AM) Hospitality room opens  
1630 (4:00 PM) Hospitality room closes  
1800 (6:00 PM) Banquet

**Radisson Hotel Branson  
Branson, Missouri**



**Reservations:**

Radisson Hotel Branson  
120 South Wildwood Dr.,  
Branson, Missouri 65616  
Phone: 417-335-5767

**Features and Amenities**

- Complimentary hot breakfast
- Rates offered 3 days pre and post reunion
- Hospitality Room
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Complimentary Parking
- \$92.95 + tax per night

When Calling, ask for the  
USS Hollister Reunion Group



**Patriots Park** is where our memorial service will be held. It contains the Missouri Vietnam Veterans Memorial which honors the 1,410 servicemen and women from Missouri who gave their lives during the Vietnam War. Built and designed by students, this memorial serves as Missouri's official

Vietnam memorial and is a beautiful accompaniment to a visit to the Veterans Museum in Branson.

The black granite walls of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial are divided – reflecting the division of America. The statue in the middle represents the servicemen and women who stood in the gap and gave what their nation asked of them. The red, flower-filled 'V' stands for valor and represents the blood that was shed during the war.

## Final Muster

Alberta Hammond—Wife of Maurice Passed Sept. 23 2019

Ken Greenfield— Passed February 22, 2019, on board 52/54

Gerald Golsch—Passed July 3, 2019, on board 51/54

Raymond O'Mary—Passed February 10, 2020

William H Kersting— Passed April 1, 2018

Elaine Nissen—Wife of Dean Passed March 25, 2020

## Showboat Branson Belle

For over 20 years, the Showboat Branson Belle has cruised the tranquil waters of Table Rock Lake. The 700-passenger paddlewheel riverboat, built to recreate the magic of showboats that entertained crowds in the 1800s, offers two-hour lunch and dinner cruises, holiday events, kids' cruises and more. At the Showboat Branson Belle's main performance, guests dine facing a large stage onboard, where performers entertain for all ages with singing, dancing and live music featuring hits from the 1960s to today's charts. Enjoy opening acts while being served a hearty meal of slow-simmered beef roast, Caribbean chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans and salad. Don't forget to save room for dessert - Silver Dollar City's lemon-berry ice cream pie is a delightful treat for your taste buds!



A short break after performances gives guests the opportunity to mingle with entertainers and explore the ship's lounges, promenades and decks to admire panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. At White River Landing, the Showboat's dock, you can shop for souvenirs, apparel, jewelry and more at two specialty shops.





### Presley's Country Jubilee

Back in 1967 the Presleys built the first LIVE music theatre in Branson, Missouri. Today, Presleys' Theatre is a Branson Landmark, and the Presley family is still here entertaining audiences

with a one-of-a-kind mix of country, gospel, bluegrass and hilarious comedy!

The house lights go down, the stage lights come up, and the music begins. The smiles, applause, and laughs from the crowd increase by the minute, and nearly fifteen hundred tapping feet are keeping time to the music...these nights are the culmination of a dream that was decades in the making.

Nearly 50 years after they started, the Presleys have kept doing what they do best. After all, it's their type of music and style of show that laid the foundation for Branson's ongoing success and growth.



### Presidents Note:

I wish that everyone pay great attention to their health during this period of our lives. We are in uncharted waters.

Tom Bowers

### From Wikipedia

After completing a Fleet in-depth overhaul in 1972, Hollister again departed Homeport, this time for her eighteenth deployment to the Western Pacific, carrying a new missile configuration. On 10 August 1972, Hollister became the first U.S. Naval Vessel to ever fire a Surface-to-Surface missile in anger. The missile silenced a North Vietnam Radar site. Only a day before, while on a three ship daylight raid on the Quang Yien storage complex, Hollister received at least 250 rounds of hostile fire. The Task unit destroyed a huge ammunition cache with Hollister returning 193 rounds of fire against enemy shore batteries on the heavily fortified island of Hon Me. This was considered the most daring Destroyer operations of the Vietnam War. The target was destroyed and the Task Unit retired without damage or a single casualty.



Hats and shirts are always available for purchase in the Hospitality room. Don't be caught without one!!

