

**19<sup>th</sup> REUNION  
of  
the  
USMC  
3<sup>rd</sup> 8in Howitzer Battery (SP)  
FMF Pac**

(Any FMF Pac Artillery personnel are invited to come and join in)

**October 3 through 6, 2024**

**Location**

Oasis Hotel & Convention Center  
2546 N. Glenstone  
Springfield, MO 65803  
417-866-5253 888-532-4338

[www.springfieldoasis.com](http://www.springfieldoasis.com)

*The daily room rate is \$140.00 +taxes. This price includes a buffet breakfast located in the hotel atrium area each morning and complimentary parking.*

*\*The room rate of \$140.00 is extended to the three days before and three days after reunion dates. Hotel room reservations must be made by each attending and should be done ASAP to get the room rate. When making or confirming reservations, please call 1-417-866-5253 or 1-888-532-4338 and ask for 3<sup>rd</sup> 8inch Howitzer Battery Reunion rate when calling. You may also make your reservations online using this link: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/OZ09M7>*

*\*There is a cutoff date for guaranteeing a room is **Monday, Sept. 2, 2024**. Thereafter, reservations will be booked on a space available basis only. **If you have any problems with your reservation, please call Amy Wallace at 417-522-7724.***

**Free cancellation until September 28, 2024.**

**Parking fee will be waved.**

Any Questions?  
Contact Dennis or Cheryl O'Brien  
805-340-6286 or 805-701-1528  
[cobrien@rpdsquared.com](mailto:cobrien@rpdsquared.com)

**Please note that the above email is to be used for Reunion purposes only!**

# 3<sup>rd</sup> 8inch REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

(October 3-6, 2024)

## Planning to Attend the Reunion

Name of 3<sup>rd</sup> 8in Member \_\_\_\_\_

Wife Name or Other Relationship Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

To cover the cost of the Hospitality Room, refreshments, and other small incidental expenses, a **\$30.00 “Registration Fee”** is needed from each 3<sup>rd</sup> 8inch member attending the reunion. (No fee is needed for wives.)

Total Number of Persons attending Saturday Banquet \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** we need your count and registration fee no later than September 2, 2024.

Upon completion of the above information, please send the **2024 3<sup>rd</sup> 8inch Reunion Registration Form** with the **\$30.00 Registration fee** to:

Dennis O’Brien  
165 Stanley Farm Rd.  
Kernersville, NC 27284

Your Registration Fee check should be made out to Dennis O’Brien.

Any Questions or comments?

Please call Dennis 805-340-6286 or Cheryl 805-701-1528

E-mails may be sent to: [cobrien@rpds-mailsquared.com](mailto:cobrien@rpds-mailsquared.com)

**Note the email address should only be used for reunion.**

**Reunion Banquet**  
Saturday, October 5, 2024

Our dinner on Saturday evening will be held in a dedicated private room within the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center. The cost of the **Buffet Dinner is \$38.00 per person**, inclusive of gratuities and sales tax.

**Buffet Dinner Menu**

Will include:

- Two Entrees (chicken and beef)
- Two Signature Sides
- Chef's Appropriate Starch and Vegetable
- Warm Roll and Butter
- Chef's Dessert

**Please detach and return the portion below with your registration.**

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**Attending the Banquet**

*Note you do not have to include payment for the dinner at this time. We do need to know if you are planning to attend.*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Choice of Entrée:**      **Member** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member Guest** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number Attending Banquet:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Additional Information**

We will have a Hospitality Room for our use throughout the Reunion. We will be allowed to stock it with our own food and beverages.

All guest rooms and inside areas are smoke free. Smoking is allowed outside in dedicated areas.

The check-in time is 4:00 PM. If you arrive earlier, you may be able to check in, but this is not a guarantee. Ask at the desk about storing your luggage until your room is ready.

Check out time is 11:00 AM.

## **Transportation**

- If you are flying in for the reunion, we encourage you to fly into the Springfield-Branson National Airport which is approximately 10 miles from the hotel.
- The hotel provides a free airport shuttle from the Springfield-Branson National Airport. They do require reservations.

## **Activities**

The agenda consists of:

- **Wednesday (10/2)** – Dennis & Cheryl will open the Hospitality Room one day early.
- **Thursday (10/3)** – check into the hotel and visit the Hospitality Room.
- **Friday (10/4)** – group tour to the AVCRAD.
- **Saturday (9/15)** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 8inch Member Meeting at 3:00 p.m. Banquet at 6:00 p.m.
- **Sunday (9/6)** – Check out day

Feel free to join a group or go alone to sightsee and explore Springfield and Branson.



## This Year's Group Tour

This year's tour will be at the Missouri Army National Guard Aviation Classification & Repair Activity Depot which is one of four AVCRAD facilities in the United States. It is a specialized National Guard unit that is mobilized to service Army Aviation assets, specifically helicopters.

Dennis and I had an opportunity to tour the facility which we found quite impressive and interesting.



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I will be scheduling the tour of the MO Aviation Classification & Repair Activity Depot for Friday, October 4, 2024.

Planning to attend? Add your name and number below. **CHERYL MUST PROVIDE A HEAD COUNT, SO PLEASE SEND THIS FORM WITH THE OTHERS IF YOU INTEND TO GO.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending the Tour \_\_\_\_\_

## General Information

The Oasis Hotel and Convention Center is a delightful and fun hotel with the following amenities:

- Pet Friendly
- A tropical inspired atrium with saltwater indoor/outdoor pools
- Business Center 24/7
- 24-Hour Fitness Center
- Free Airport Shuttle to and from Springfield-Branson National Airport 6am - 10pm with advance reservations
- Wi-Fi available
- Gift shop 24 hours
- Laundry facilities

Restaurant – Fire & Ice Restaurant & Bar

Daily Hours:

Friday & Saturday	11am – 10pm
Sunday	11am – 9pm
Monday – Thursday	11am – 9:30pm

Starbucks at the Cabana Bar

Rooms – Updated

Microwave

Refrigerator

Coffeemaker

Hairdryer, Iron/Board

\*\*Some of the rooms are on the ground floor. If you want one of those you might want to put your request in early. The rest of the rooms are on second floor.

## Sightseeing

Sightseeing in Springfield Missouri includes, but is not limited to the following:

### Nearby:

The original Bass Pro Shop which is now 500,000 square feet and includes the Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Aquarium (350,000 square feet and 1.5 miles of trails), Motorsports Museum, Hemingway's Blue Water Café as well as the retail shop.

History Museum on the Square

Wilson Creek National Battlefield Missouri (National Park Service)

Air and Military Museum of the Ozarks

Route 66 Car Museum

Historic Commercial Street

Downtown Springfield

Fantastic Caverns

Other caves and caverns

Historic Walnut Street District

Sculpture Walk

Ozarks Coffee Trail

Cocktail Tour

Tap and Pour Craft Beverage Tour

Dickerson Park Zoo

Farms, Farmers Markets

Pythian Castle

Theaters, restaurants, shopping, antiquing, etc.

And of course, Branson which is just 44.2 miles away.

## **Document Checklist**

Please be sure to enclose all the requested information when sending your Registration Fee. These documents include:

1. Registration Fee
2. Registration Fee (Check \$30 made out to Dennis O'Brien)
3. Number Attending Banquet
4. RSVP MO AVCRAD Tour

Thank you and we are looking forward to seeing you soon!