

USS SALISBURY SOUND

ASSOCIATION



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President's Corner

For our 2022 Reunion in Branson, MO, we have contracted with the Radisson Hotel, conveniently located near the attractions that have made Branson world famous.

We were able to obtain a room rate of \$109.95 plus tax, per room per night, which includes breakfast for two per room. Also included are a fitness center, free self-parking, and free wi-fi in all rooms. We were able to get the guaranteed rate for three days prior and three days after the reunion, based on availability.

We have put together a slate of attractions that will have something for everyone. The tours have been designed to maximize our sight-seeing opportunities while minimizing the amount of walking required. All are priced on an à la carte basis, so you can participate in as many or as few as you like. See the enclosed Itinerary for tour details.

After check-in on Tuesday, October 11, the Hospitality Room will open at noon. We will assemble at 6:00 p.m. for the Welcome Aboard Pizza Reception, compliments of the Association.

On Wednesday, October 12, we will depart from the hotel at 9:00 a.m. for a guided tour of the College of the Ozarks, the 9/11 Memorial and the Missouri Vietnam Veterans Wall. Return to the hotel, and at 3:00 p.m. depart for the Showboat Branson Belle and the 4:00 p.m. Dinner show.

On Thursday, October 13, we will depart the hotel at 9:00 a.m. for the All Hands on Deck Show, followed by lunch at Heroes Tastes and Taps, followed by the #1 Hits of the 60s Show. Return to the Hotel by 3:30 p.m. Both these tours are not to be missed.

On Friday, October 14, we will hold our Memorial Service at 10:00 a.m., followed by our Business Meeting at 10:30 a.m., concurrent with the complimentary Ladies Tea and Gift Exchange (please bring a gift valued at \$20.00). We will have our Cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m., followed at 7:00 p.m. by the Final Evening Banquet and Dance.

See you in Branson!

Maurice Medland
President



(Photo courtesy of Sharon Lange)

TAPS

Our sincere condolences go out to the families and friends of our departed shipmates.

Dick Davis (54-57) 2020

Herbert Eiland (57-60) 10/11/2021

Barry M. Hamilton (62-66) 11/27/2021

Capt. Bill Bloh (66-67) 8/12/20 [Please see Memoriam, below]

Membership

Currently we have 487 people on our roster for which we have addresses, consisting of 22 Charter Members, 113 Regular Members, 34 Widows, 7 from other tenders and 311 nonmembers. Our numbers are gradually decreasing as can be expected because of our age.

If you have contact information on a shipmate that is not on the roster please give the information to Secretary Victor Fischer. He in turn will extend an invitation to join our association.

William Carl Bloh, Captain, US Navy Retired

January 30, 1935 -- August 12, 2020

William (Bill) Bloh, 85, was born on January 30, 1935 in Giddings, Texas. He was the son of William Rinhardt Bloh and mother Ida Bloh Bloom. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Norma McNacly, Irene McNacly and Vivian Holliday.

Bill is survived by his wife of 61 years, Marcia; son, David Bloh and his wife, Kerrie of Montgomery, TX; son, Greg Bloh and his wife, Donna of Chattanooga, TN; granddaughters Cori Washburn and husband Brett, Lauren Bloh, and Kamryn Bloh; great-grandson Tripp Washburn; and brother, Robert Bloh and wife, Deirdre Bloh of Ashborough, NC.



Bill served in the US Navy from October 1957 through November 1981. He enlisted out of college, attended flight training and started his tour around the United States. The highlight of his career was being selected as Commanding Officer of VP 49 in Jacksonville, FL, a squadron consisting of twelve P3C Orions, and 245 Officers and Men who searched for Russian Submarines throughout the Atlantic and Mediterranean. Upon completing his command tour he served in London, England and was in charge of anti-submarine forces in the Mediterranean. His final tour was regional manager for the Navy high school NROTC program in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas.

After fifteen moves to different places across the world, their retirement from the military brought Bill and Marcia to April Sound on Lake Conroe to be their home for 39 years. Bill launched a successful career in real estate as a broker and realtor, specializing in land sales. He built Top Guns Realty from the ground up. After selling Top Guns, he and Marcia continued their real estate endeavors with their company MuchLand.com until his final days.

Bill was full of wisdom and experiences that he loved to share with others. He was great at telling sea stories and jokes, and was always sure to get a good laugh. He enjoyed helping others, and he was "here to teach you about land, and if you find something you like, then we'll work out a deal."

Bill's pride and joy was always his family and the time they spent together. Bill and Marcia shared many great memories with lifelong friends. Bill always looked forward to meeting a couple times each week at 105 Café for breakfast with his coffee buddies. Over the years, he enjoyed his time spent in the outdoors, hunting, saltwater fishing and being on the lake.

The family would like to thank Dr. Edward Flores and Heart to Heart Hospice for their special care. There will be a private service for the family at Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Houston. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Faith Fighting Cancer in Montgomery County or The Wounded Warrior Project.

Dues

As a reminder, our dues are \$20 per year for regular members and \$15 for charter members. If you fall behind for five years you will be moved to a non-member status. You are encouraged to keep your dues up to date to fund our newsletter and other expenses that are incurred.

Please make the check out to Salisbury Sound Association, and mail to:

Victor Fischer, Secretary
664 Fourth Street
Lemont, IL 60439
duffer664@sbcglobal.net

The last date that you paid dues is listed on the fourth line of the address on the envelope of this newsletter. For those who receive this by email you will receive an email dues reminder.



Sally Baseball Caps



Sally Polo shirts have been discontinued but sales continue to be brisk for Sally Baseball Caps. Caps are \$22 plus \$6 for shipping and handling. These beautiful caps feature a state-of-the-art embroidered image of the ship that is incredibly detailed. Don't miss out. Order yours before the current supply is exhausted. Make check out to USS Salisbury Sound Association and mail to:

Barry Henry, Treasurer
3298 Province Circle
Mundelein, IL 60060



BRANSON, MO | OCTOBER 11 - 15, 2022

TUE

- 3:00 PM Check into Hotel - Radisson Hotel Branson
120 Wildwood Drive | Branson, MO 65616
- 6:00 PM Pizza Reception at Hotel

WED

- 9:00 AM Guided College of the Ozark Tour - 911 Memorial - Missouri Vietnam Veterans Wall
- 03:00 PM Depart for Showboat
- 04:00 PM Showboat Branson Belle Dinner Show
- *includes Transportation

THUR

- 10:00 AM All Hands on Deck! Show
- 12:30 PM Lunch at Heroes Tastes & Taps
- 02:00 PM #1 Hits of the 60's
- *includes Transportation & Guide

FRI

- 10:00 AM Memorial Service
- 10:30 AM Ladies Tea
- 10:30 AM Association Meeting
- 06:00 PM Banquet Dinner

SAT

- **Travel home! Everyone have a safe trip!**



See you next year!



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REUNION NAME: USS SALISBURY SOUND

Reunion Planner: David Day

Planner Phone #: 281-395-5574

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REGISTRATION

EVENT DETAILS:

EVENT DATE: OCTOBER 11-15, 2022

LOCATION: BRANSON, MO

HOST HOTEL: RADISSON HOTEL

122 S. WILDWOOD DR. | BRANSON, MO 65616

Phone: 417-335-5767

Call 417-335-5767 for room reservations and mention you are with USS Salisbury Sound. The room rate is \$109.95 per room per night plus tax and includes breakfast for two per room. Room rate will be available 3 days prior and after reunion dates, based on availability. Rooms not reserved by September 05, 2022 will be dropped from the group block.

VETERAN NAME	GUEST NAME	GUEST NAME	GUEST NAME
First Name:			
Last Name:			
Address:		City:	State & Zip:
Email:		Phone:	
Dietary Restrictions:		Are you able to do steps on Motorcoach: Y / N	Wheelchair Access? Yes / No

# OF PPL ATTENDING	EVENT	PRICE PER PERSON	TOTAL
	Sunday Welcome Reception - Complimentary		
	10/12/22- Wednesday - Tour and Dinner Show	\$125.00	
	10/13/22 - Thursday - Tour and Lunch	\$125.00	
	Friday- Ladies Tea - Complimentary		
	Friday Banquet Dinner ___ Beef ___ Chicken ___ Vegetarian	\$69.00	
	Registration Fee	\$25.00	
	Cancellation Protection Plan - Guest may cancel up to 48 hrs. prior to arrival date with out penalty	\$19.95	

I wish to pay by credit card payment & authorize Gatherings Plus to charge my credit card in the amount listed below:

Name on Card: _____

Credit Card #: _____ - _____ - _____

Exp. Date: ____/____/____ 3 or 4 Digit Code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**I understand that by choosing to pay by credit card that a 5% service fee will be added to my total.*

Mail all Registrations / Check payments to: Gatherings Plus | 155 Industrial Park Dr. | Hollister, MO 65672

A minimum of 50% of your package total is due by June 22, 2021 and final payment by September 05, 2022.

All reservation changes or cancellations must be submitted to Gatherings Plus no less than 30 days prior to the event date. Any changes or cancellations within 30 days of arrival are non-refundable. For any change or cancellation requiring a refund will be subject to a 10% processing fee.

You can now register online at www.gatheringsplus.com, click on Events, then Military Reunions, Scroll down to find your reunion logo and click on it.

SUBTOTAL

SERVICE FEE

TOTAL DUE