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Mike Emigh Passed Away June 4, 2009

On June 4, 2007, CWO4 (Ret) Harold Michael Emigh passed away at the age of 77 in Anniston, AL. A memorial service was held in June 6 in Jacksonville, AL, at the St. Charles Catholic Church. Sue and I, along with Norm and Judy Dennis, attended the service.

Mike was a founding member, past president, and ardent supporter of ARMM, and on two occasions hosted our yearly reunion. During his 28 years of military service, he held several prestigious positions in the band field and was awarded the Legion of Merit medal.

His body was cremated and, per his request,

his ashes will be dropped at sea. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Hilde, 3 daughters, 2 sons, 8 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

Mike was a well known and highly respected person. A true gentleman. He will be sorely missed.

Bill von Kamp
Entertainment Co-Chairperson

George Phillips emailed me that our ARMM Bagpiper, Rhea Newhall died on January 14th this year. Apparently a bad heart was the problem.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

As At present we have \$7006.18 in the treasury. 2010 dues are coming in at a slow pace. Please pay early to avoid being delinquent. You will remain current if you pay your 2009 dues but remember that your 2010 dues will be due on 1 Oct 2009. After that date you will not receive a newsletter or roster until the dues are paid. We will be discussing a reinstatement fee of \$15.00 plus the current years dues at our meeting in Oklahoma. Please avoid this fee and pay on time. I am also considering passing on this office if someone is interested. I took this position because Pod became ill when he was the Treasurer. That was three years ago and I don't believe in holding an office forever. Please contact me if you are interested in the position.

**Mike Noland
ARMM Treasurer**

2009 Reunion News

LOCATION: Sheraton Midwest City Hotel
Contact: Amanda Blessing
5750 Will Rogers Road
Midwest City, OK 73110
(405) 455-1800

COST: \$96.69 per night (we need to have 90 room nights or 30 rooms per night times 3 nights)

MEAL & REFRESHMENTS COST:

\$55,00 per person attending

Please make out the reunion checks to **Mike Noland** and not ARMM.

Well it's less than 60 days and counting until the reunion in Oklahoma City. We are still on track and the reunion will be held no matter what the turnout is. Even if we take a loss the attendees will still have fun. There are a couple of dates that you need to remember. **18 Aug 09** is the last days to make room reservations for the group rate. After that the price will be well over and hundred dollars for the night. I have to have the final head count in **NLT 8 Sep 09**. You need to send your reservation to me so that I will have them before that date. Anything after that and you will not be guaranteed a meal. So far I have 23 members attending and 13 rooms reserved. We need a minimum of 28 rooms a night to break even. Anything less and we pay for them out of our funds. This could leave us with a depleted treasury.

Aside from the above news, here is the tentative agenda:

Thursday, 17 Sep 09

1000: Registration starts and will continue all day. Members can also pay their dues and purchase shirts. The hospitality room will be open and will close when Bill and I get tired. The rest of the day is open to tour the city and attend the state fair.

Friday, 18 Sep 09

0900: Registration starts along with paying dues and purchasing shirts. The hospitality room will be open.

1900: The 145th Oklahoma National Guard will be in concert. Dress is casual and members will be permitted to sit in on the second half of the concert.

NOTE: The hospitality room will be closed during the concert and will reopen at the intermission to refresh your drinks.

If there is enough interest and musicians, we will have a jam session after the concert.

Saturday, 19 Sep 09

0900: There will be a scheduled concert band rehearsal. If there are not enough members to have a rehearsal, we will have the scheduled business meeting at that time.

1300: This is the set time for our scheduled business meeting.

1630: Hospitality room closes

1700: Cash bars opens (Dress for the dinner/dance will be work casual. Coat and tie are optional)

1730: Members will be seated for the opening remarks of the evening program.

1800: Dinner will be served

1930: Dancing will commence. Music will be provided by the 145th Army National Guard Band

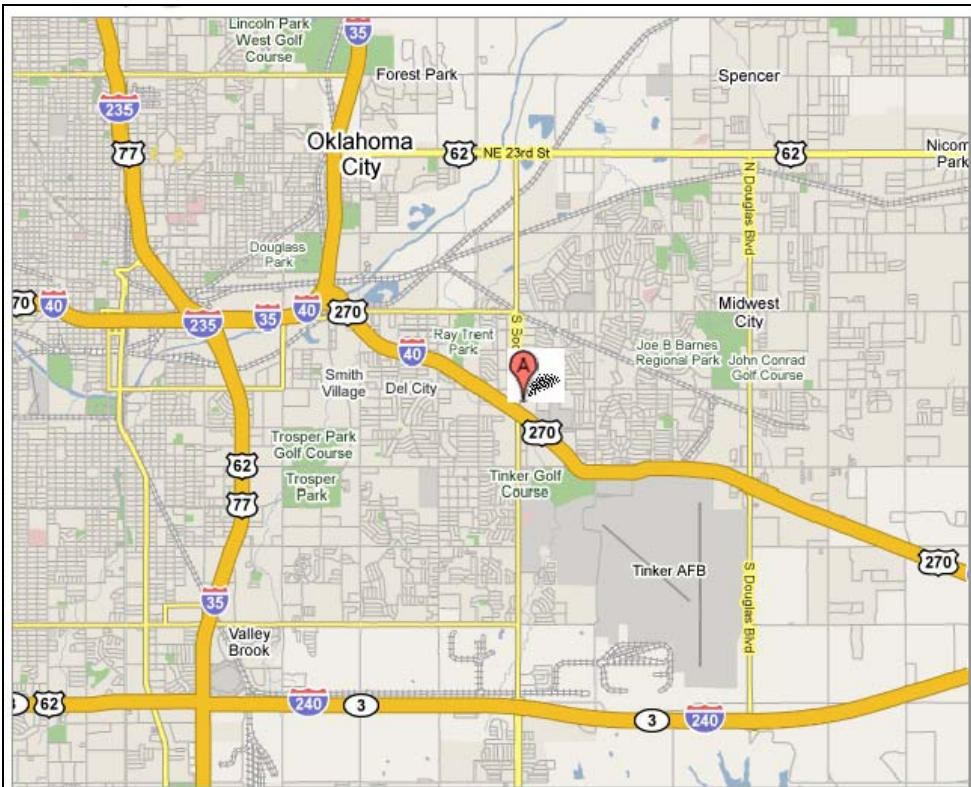
2200: Last dance. The hospitality will remain open as long as you desire.

Sunday, 20 Sep 09

0800: Hospitality room opens for last minute dues and shirts and will close at 1200.

All times are subject to change. We are now at the crunch time so I need you to send me your reservation money and for you to call and make your reservations. I will be out of state from 4 Aug 09 until 19 Aug 09. You can reach me by phone at 931-216-3221 or contact Bill Von Kamp. I will also check my email if I can latch on to free wireless. Hope to hear from you soon.

Mike Noland
2009 ARMM Reunion Co-Chairperson



A. **Sheraton Midwest City Hotel**
 5750 Will Rogers Road, Midwest City, OK -
 (405) 455-1800

REUNION ATTENDANCE FORM

Member Name: _____ @ \$55.00 = _____

Spouse or Friend: _____ @\$55.00 = _____

Children or Others: _____ @\$55.00 = _____

Total Remittance: _____

Beverage Preference: _____ Beer Preference: _____ Wine Preference: _____

Liquor Preference: _____ Things I would like to do in Oklahoma City: _____

Please complete this application and return it along with your check made payable to **Mike Noland** and mail to:



Association of Retired Military Musicians
 Mike Noland, Entertainment Co-Chairperson
 402 Andrew Drive
 Clarksville, TN 37042
 (931) 552-9877

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____
Address: _____ Spouse Name: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: (_____) _____ Status: Retired _____ Active _____ Former _____
Email address: _____

I do _____ do not _____ wish my data to be included in any published roster.

Please complete this application and return it along with your check for \$15.00 made payable to **ARMM** to:



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