



# "Sound Off"

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## MEAL & REFRESHMENTS COST:

\$55.00 per person attending

Please make out the meal & refreshments checks to **Mike Noland** and not ARMM.

Not much has changed on reunion plans since the last newsletter. The Oklahoma National Guard Band is still booked to play a concert on Friday and the combo will play for the dinner dance. At present we have 16 members that have made room reservations which puts us one third of the way for the break even point. We have guaranteed them 90 room nights and we now have 31. **Our treasury will have to make up the difference if we fall short (\$6,000.00)!** The cutoff date for reserving a room at our price will be 18 Aug 09. Any day past that and you will have to pay the full room price which will probably be around \$125.00 per night. When you call for the reunion make sure you tell them you are with the Association of Retired Military Musicians and get your confirmation number.

At our last meeting well over 90% of the members at the meeting raised their hands that they would be attending the reunion. As I said earlier we only have 16 rooms reserved and only 8 members have paid me their reunion fees of \$55.00 per person. I know that we have always been slow in this area but this is the slowest yet. Bill and I need for you to make you room reservation now and to send me your reunion fees at the same time. **My cut off date will be 30 June. On 30 June we may have to cancel our reunion this year and forfeit our deposit of \$1,000.00.** If you have any questions. I can be contacted at 931-216-3221.



## 2009 Reunion News

DATES: Thursday 17 Sep 2009 thru  
Sunday 20 Sep 2009

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)

**Mike Noland**  
**2009 ARMM Reunion Co-Chairperson**

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## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The good news is our balance as of 26 May 2009 is \$6,946.18. The bad news is that we still have several members who have not paid their 2007 and 2008 dues. I have noticed a growing trend that several members only pay their dues when they plan to attend a reunion. This happened in the past and we would have members go back five years before they would pay. The original policy was that you had to pay all back years dues to be current. I dropped that when I was president hoping to get more members back if we forgave their past due dues. This worked for a little while and now we are heading back in that direction.

I am proposing this year that if your dues are delinquent you will not receive and newsletter either via mail or email. It is not fair to paying members to let the nonpaying members receive the same benefits they are getting. If I do not pay my Masonic Lodge on time, guess what? I do not get a new card and I cannot attend any lodge in the world. The same with my Air Force Musicians membership, which is \$20.00. If it is not paid you are cut off from everything. Ours is \$15.00 per year or a life membership of \$175.00. Our dues are due at the end of September every year. There will be members pay their 2009 dues at the reunion this year and the 2010 dues are due the following. Go figure. All I am asking is that you pay your dues on time. If you are no longer interested in being a member then let me know. The membership is something that we can all afford. Just drink four less cups of Starbuck's coffee or not purchase three packs of smokes and walla, there is your dues money. Remember, your dues have to be current to attend the reunion. at the Oklahoma Reunion.

**Mike Noland  
ARMM Treasurer**



# Chaplain's Corner



Recently, I've been reading historical books about our Founding Fathers and the Continental Congress. I was amazed to find that a number of them paid for our freedom in diverse ways. William Floyd, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, had his farm seized by British soldiers while his wife and children lived in exile for a number of years. All the crops and livestock were taken, the fruit trees were cut down and his home was used for quartering the British soldiers and the barn for stabling the horses. Another signer, William Ellery, had his home burned by the British. With my thoughts of gratitude turning to these families and the service members who paid the ultimate price we remembered this past Memorial Day, I couldn't help thinking how grateful I am to all who gave so much for our freedom that we enjoy today. Have you thought about the One who paid the price to free your soul? There is only one man who was fully man and fully God, who can do that for you. Call on the Lord and He will hear you and answer your prayer.

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"We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed." (1Cor. 15:51,52, NIV)



**Mike Ritter**  
**Chaplian**

## 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:



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**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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