



# 2021 Reunion Information

February 2021

The USS Sam Rayburn Association (SRA) has changed the 2021 Reunion location. As many of you know Bill Shaw offered to hold the 2021 Reunion in Charleston. Since that time Bill has come down with some health issues and cannot proceed with the planning for the reunion. Therefore, the Executive Committee of the SRA decided to change the reunion location.

Tom Sprague offered at the 2019 reunion to again hold the 2021 reunion back in Branson. Tom is spear heading the Branson effort. To date he has contacted the Grand Plaza Hotel and has got a date for the hotel from Sunday 3 October arrival to Friday 8 October 2021 for departure. This is the same hotel we had the reunion in 2017. It is a great facility and we have a good rate for rooms. A standard room is priced at \$79.95++ (with taxes this is around \$90 per night). A Mini Suite is \$89.95 ++. You also have an option of King Feature and a Family Suite.

There are many places to stay in Branson but we encourage you to stay at the Grand Plaza Hotel. You will be able to commiserate with your shipmates late into the evening and not have to drive to another facility. The hotel still has a great breakfast and we can still get our breakfast and shuffle into our meeting room to be with our shipmates.

You can call and make reservations at the Grand Plaza by calling **417-336-6646**. When calling to make the reservation mention you are with the Sam Rayburn and **Group code USSSam**. Make your reservations early. If you have to cancel for any reason there is no penalty up to a week before your reservation.

We are hoping by the October reunion date the Covid issue will be behind us. If for some reason Covid is still an issue we will make a decision by Early Summer (June) to postpone the reunion to sometime in 2022.

More information on the reunion will be published in the upcoming Newsletter.

Stay healthy, stay warm and most of all enjoy life, it is so short.