

2026 USSHWGMA Get-Together  
Branson, MO  
April 17-20, 2026

General Info: So details are becoming clearer for our next get-together, which remember, is slightly different than our formal reunions. No banquet, no 2-bell ceremony, etc. Attendees at the last general membership meeting in New Orleans voted for Branson, MO, where we've been before but the last time was in 2012, I believe. We've locked in a hotel and come up with events that most, if not all, folks should enjoy (all events can be found online for additional information):

\*After checking in to the hotel on Friday, spend the evening on your own, or join us in the hospitality room for pizza and adult beverages, and of course, getting reacquainted. I'm not your mama, but don't stay up too late.

\*Saturday will be a busy day. First up, we'll go to the Veterans Memorial Museum in Branson in the morning. Then you're on your own for shopping, lunch, whatever you choose. For those that enjoy wine tasting, meet at 1500 at the Lindwedel Winery at Branson Landing for, well, wine tasting along with charcuterie snacking in case your lunch wasn't enough. Then get ready for the main event of the evening at the Cabaret for the Garry & Janine Carson Comedy Magic and Dinner show. This show has been rated as the best magic dinner show in Branson for 2025. All you can eat buffet dinner starts at 1800, show starts at 1900.

\*Finally, on Sunday, the morning is yours for church, shopping, or recuperating from the previous days activities, but we'll also serve up a light lunch, games, raffles, auction, and whatever else we normally do in the hospitality room. But, hold on, there's more. The Dolly Parton Stampede show starts at roughly 1700. Your ticket there includes a pre-show, horse walk, and a four course dinner during the main show. I don't believe you'll be disappointed, this show is also one of Bransons best rated. You should sleep good that night. If not, meet up with Don Callaway at the Silver Seduction....if he can find it.

Check out is Monday morning of course. Once you get back home, then would be a good time to pencil in plans to attend the formal reunion in Baltimore, Maryland, exact dates TBD, but expected to be in April or May of 2027.

Back in Branson, we will not be hiring buses to move people around. You are free to drive yourselves back and forth, but carpooling might be helpful. I've been assured there is ample parking available at all venues. As far as the hotel is concerned, a hot breakfast is included in the room rate; it will be light, but should be satisfactory. Please get your reservations made using a credit card before March 16th to get the group rate. I have a block of 20 rooms reserved for us; any remaining rooms by then will be released from the block.

If you have any questions, reach out to me. Otherwise, get your reservations made, and your registration forms back to me as soon as possible, and we'll see you in Branson!.....JB

# USSHWGMA GET TOGETHER

April 17-20, 2026

LaQuinta Inn, 3226 Shephard of the Hills Expressway

Branson, MO 65616

Phone: 417-336-6423

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Any mobility or dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT YEARS WERE YOU ABOARD GILMORE? \_\_\_\_\_ RATE/RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GUEST/S ATTENDING WITH YOU: \_\_\_\_\_

(Use additional sheet if more than one) RELATIONSHIP TO YOU: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU FLYING IN? \_\_\_\_\_, IF YES, WILL YOU NEED RIDE FROM AIRPORT? \_\_\_\_\_

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|                                                                                          | Cost per x<br>person | Number of<br>persons | =     | Total<br>cost |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------|
| <u>Saturday, April 18th</u>                                                              |                      |                      |       |               |
| 1000-1200: Tour the Branson Veterans Memorial Museum                                     | \$15                 | x                    | _____ | = _____       |
| 1500: Wine Tasting and Charcuterie at<br>Lindwedel Winery at Branson Landing (your cost) |                      |                      |       |               |
| 1745-2000: Comedy & Magic of Garry & Jeanine Carson<br>at the Cabaret (dinner and show)  | \$55                 | x                    | _____ | = _____       |
| <u>Sunday, April 19th</u>                                                                |                      |                      |       |               |
| 1730: Dolly Parton Stampede (dinner and show)                                            | \$73                 | x                    | _____ | = _____       |
| <u>Hospitality room cost share (mandatory)</u>                                           | \$20                 | x                    | _____ | = _____       |
| TOTAL:                                                                                   |                      |                      |       | _____         |

Send check payable to "USSHWGMA", and copy of this sheet to:

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**FORM and PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2026**