



# Agenda - Day One

## 50<sup>th</sup> Annual ORVA Convention ♦ August 27 – 28, 2015

Embassy Suites Hotel and Lake Ouachita Corps of Engineers Project Office ♦ Hot Springs, Arkansas

### Theme: Development of Tourism, Recreation, Fish and Wildlife in the Upper Ouachita River Basin

#### Thursday, August 27

1:00 pm	Registration Opens – Embassy Suites Hotel
1:30 – 2:45 pm	<b>Navigation Committee Meeting</b> John Hoopaugh, Committee Chair <b>FY-15/FY-16 Ouachita River Basin Budget</b> Pat Hall Hemphill, Deputy District Engineer, Planning Programs & Project Management Division, Vicksburg District, Corps of Engineers <b>Corps Operations on the Ouachita River</b> Tommy Hengst, Chief, Navigation Branch, Operations Division, Vicksburg District, Corps of Engineers <b>Lakes Overview</b> Rick Dwyer, Project Manager, Lake Ouachita, Degray Lake and Lake Greeson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
2:45 - 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 – 5:00 pm	ORVA Board of Directors / Membership Meeting
5:30 – 7:00 pm	ORVA Reception - Embassy Suites Hotel
7:00 – 8:30 pm	<b>ORVA Dinner Banquet</b> <b>Welcome</b> Mike Dumas, ORVA President and City Manager David Watkins, City of Hot Springs <b>Speaker</b> U.S. Senator John Boozman

## Friday, August 28

7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast and Continued Registration – Embassy Suites Hotel
8:00 – 8:45 am	Travel by Bus to Corps of Engineers Project Office, Lake Ouachita
9:00 – 9:05 am	<b>Welcome</b> Mike Dumas, ORVA President
9:05 – 9:45 am	<b>Keynote Address</b> Major General Mike Wehr, Commander, Mississippi Valley Division and President, Mississippi River Commission, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
9:45 – 10:15 am	<b>Corps Activities in the Ouachita River Basin</b> Col. John W. Cross, Commander, Vicksburg District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
10:15 – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 – 11:15 am	<b>Tourism/Recreation</b> Richard Davies, Director, Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
11:15 – 11:45 am	<b>Fish and Wildlife</b> Mike Knoedl, Director, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
11:45 – 12:15 pm	<b>Speaker</b> U.S. Senator Tom Cotton
12:15 – 1:30 pm	Lunch <b>Speaker</b> U.S. Congressman Bruce Westerman, 4 <sup>th</sup> Arkansas District
1:30 – 1:35 pm	<b>Closing Comments</b> Bill Hobgood, ORVA Executive Director
1:35 pm	Convention Ends

