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SEE YOU IN COLORADO SPRINGS

Arrangements for the next reunion 4-7 August, 2011 in Colorado Springs (COS) are in full swing. We will celebrate the 35th anniversary of 1-70 Armor deployment from COS to Germany.

Details about the hotel, reunion registration, hotel registration and final draft itinerary are found on the inside pages.

Click on the link at the left for the latest roster. Please let [Sam Rushing](#) know if you see any issues or have found new alumni. Note, several veterans from the 70th Tank Battalion have joined the group.

The Hotel

Colorado Springs Marriott®
5580 Tech Center Drive Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919
Toll Free: 1-800-228-9290
Phone: 1-719-260-1800
Fax : 1-719-260-1492

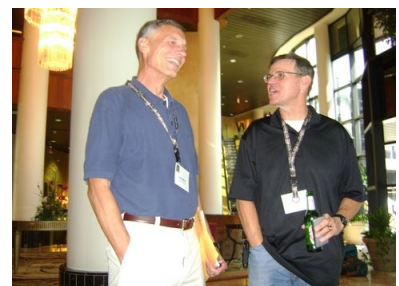


You can find most information about the reunion venue at this link:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/cosmc?groupCode=armarma&app=resvlink&fromDate=8/3/11&toDate=8/8/11>

MARRIOTT INFORMATION SUMMARY

- \$108.31 per day room rate includes tax and breakfast buffet for two occupants per room
- \$30.00 plated banquet dinner includes taxes and gratuities
- The unit will have a complimentary hospitality room
- Hotel provides free on-site parking
- RV parking is allowed adjacent to the hotel; there are no RV hook-ups
- Hotel provides a free shuttle service from the Colorado Springs Airport
- Shuttle service from Denver International is provided by the Colorado Springs Shuttle Service; the cost is \$55 per person or \$95 per couple one-way. Make reservations at www.coloradshuttle.com or call (719)687-3456.
- Hotel provides a free shuttle service to sites within six miles of the facility.
- There is free Wi-Fi and DSL internet service in each room
- No pets are allowed in the hotel



Colorado Springs Itinerary, Final Draft

1-70 Armor Reunion, Thursday - Sunday , 4 - 7 AUG **2011**

Wednesday, 3 August 2011

Advance party arrives and facility preparations
1600-Early registration and hospitality room opens

Thursday, 4 August 2011

Arrival and registration, Lobby
1500 - Hospitality Room opens, Aspen Room
1800 - Ice breaker, Aspen Room

Friday, 5 August 2011

Breakfast Buffet, 0630 -1030 (included in room price)

Late registration

*Optional Day Tours

-Fort Carson, 1000-1500
-Cripple Creek Tour, 1000 - 1600

Reunion Banquet

-Rocky Mountain Ballroom
Social Hour 1800
Dinner 1900 - 2100

Saturday, 6 August 2011

Breakfast Buffet, 0630 - 0800 (included in room price)

Members Business Meeting, 0800 - 0930 (room TBD)

*Optional Day Tours

-Pikes Peak Cog Rail Tour, 1100-1530
- Colorado Springs Local Tour, 1000 - 1500

*Flying W Ranch Dinner and Show, 1700 - 2230

Sunday, 7 August 2011

Breakfast Buffet, 0630 - 1030 (included in room price)

Departure

*See attached tours information sheet for details.

Colorado Springs Reunion Tours 2011 and Events

All tours include transportation via luxury coach from and to the Marriott

Friday, 5 August 2011

1000 – 1500 Fort Carson tour.-\$20 per person-(minimum 30 people required) Highlights include a windshield tour of the post; a visit to the 1-70 AR facilities from 1971 -1976; a stop at the PX mall for shopping and lunch; and a stop at the 4th ID memorial outside of Gate 1.

1000 - 1600 Cripple Creek tour www.cripple-creek.co.us - \$35 per person – (minimum 30 people required) In 1890, Cripple Creek was considered the world's greatest gold mining town and boosted a population of nearly 50,000. There are many gold mining era attractions and museums to be viewed in the town. Also, there are fourteen casino and gaming facilities, which remind visitors of the boom town era of the city.

Saturday, 6 August 2011

1000 - 1500 Colorado Springs local tour - \$35 per person – (minimum 10 people required) The tour includes a stop at the old city site of Colorado City founded in 1859 www.shopoldcoloradocity.com . It is the oldest city in the Pikes Peak region. Many buildings date back to the late 19th Century. The area has many shops and businesses in the vintage buildings. The second stop is Manitou Springs www.manitousprings.org. It is a Victorian era village in the mountains above Colorado Springs. Its fame came from the numerous mineral springs found in the town. The final stop is Garden of the Gods www.gardenofgods.com. The garden is actually a large system of freestanding red boulders, carved by wind and water erosion over millions of years.

1100 - 1530 Pikes Peak Cog Rail tour www.cograilway.com - \$55 per person – (minimum 10 people required). The tour includes round trip cog rail travel to the top of Pikes Peak. At 1,410 feet above sea level, the Pikes Peak cog rail is the highest in the world. The trip is 3 ½ hours with stops along the 9.3 route. The group will spend 30 - 40 minutes on top of the mountain. Normally, big horn sheep and other Colorado native wildlife are seen along the route.

1700 - 2230 The Flying W Ranch Dinner and Show www.flyingw.com. - \$42.50 per person – (minimum 20 people required) Everyone is encouraged to attend. The group will be transported via coach from the hotel to the mountains, above Colorado Springs. Upon arrival, there will be time to tour the reproduction western village and enjoy the beauty of the mountain setting. An outdoor dinner buffet (weather permitting) will be served from authentic old west chuck wagons. After dinner, the group will be entertained by a mountain music, cowboy and comedy show.



The Organizing Committee

Chairman - Kirk Wood, ekirkwood1@cs.com

Vice Chair and Membership - Sam Rushing, samrushing@netzero.net

Registration - Dick Ardisson, dick.ardisson@insightbb.com

QM Store - Mike Hoesly, mhoesly@hoesly.com

Hospitality - Jerry Headley, jaheadley@comcast.net and Bill Eldridge,
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Newsletter - Jim McGourin, jmcgourin@tampabay.rr.com

Website - Bob Zittleman, bobsr@zittleman.org

If you have any questions about the reunion please contact one of us. Of course we still need volunteers to help with the many details. If you are interested please contact the sub-committee member responsible.

The Quartermaster Store

The link to our Quartermaster website is: <http://ces.landsend.com/1-70armor>. You may go directly to that 1-70 Armor Quartermaster site by clicking the link above, or cut and paste the link into your browser. All products, prices, insignia, payment, shipping (direct to customer), etc are all there.

We offer great Lands End products and most can be specialized with our 1-70 Armor Distinctive Unit Insignia and mottos. Give our store a call at 800-587-1541 and give the Lands End service pro our customer number: 4555450. They will walk you through buying any of our "Tanker-approved" products.

We strongly suggest that you call our Lands End customer service people to order. You have several insignia options from just the official DUI alone, or with mottos "Strike Swiftly" or "Tankers". Examples of the insignia choices are available on the website in the product order process. Their pros will help you get the item and exact insignia you really want. However, you can order on-line as well.

Call our store to order: 800-587-1541. Our Customer Number is: 4555450.

If you need help or have a problem with our Quartermaster Store send Mike Hoesly an email at mhoesly@hoesly.com. Complaints need to be directed to someone at a much higher pay grade.

Face Book

Sam Rushing created a 1-70 page on Face Book. Face Book members should search for First Battalion, 70th Armor, after they log into their Face Book home page.

Don't forget to visit our website; <http://1-70armor.org/> for more news and information.

Recommended Reading about the 70th Tank Battalion

Strike Swiftly: The 70th Tank Battalion: From North Africa to Normandy to Germany, by Marvin Jensen. Mr. Jensen served in the Headquarters Company of the 70th Tank from Normandy and into Germany. Available on amazon.com.

Two Days of Doubt, by Hugh Cort, Jr. This book is about the 70th's initial engagement during the Korean War. Mr. Cort served in the battalion during WWII and Korea. Available on barnesandnoble.com.

TAPS

Colonel A.T. Pumphrey.

Born Okla 24 Mar 1917, DFC(2OLC) ,BSM, AM(22 OLC) ,CM, PH, Enl 23 Nov 40 to 17 Nov 43 to 2LT Armor 18 Nov 43 to Colonel 18 Nov 1964, as the saying goes "he never met a stranger" always positive mission oriented, happy warrior, uppermost care for the troopers. He was a true hero who as a courageous aviator watched over the tankers guiding them along the battlefield, calling in artillery fire on enemy positions. And in addition spent his "off flying" time by visiting the tank platoons on the frontlines lifting our morale on some tough missions especially in the Pusan Perimeter early in the war and leading the way as we proceeded north to link up with Gen MacArthur's landing at Inchon. He was an honorary member of the 70th Tank Bn and attended a few reunions, always the happy warrior, positive professional in every respect.

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