

# FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS 2022 REUNION EVENTS

## GROUP WELCOME BUFFET DINNER AT THE HOTEL

Monday, October 17 (Starting at 6:00pm)



Welcome to *The Springs!* Join all your friends and kick-off this years' reunion with a nice buffet dinner of London Broil and Chicken Chardonnay, in the comfort of your hotel. *You need to eat* so come, catch up on all the scuttlebutt and enjoy dinner with your mates. Meet at 1800 in the hotel Atrium for *complimentary drinks* before dinner at 1900 in the ballroom. *Salud!*

## WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

Tuesday, October 18 (9:00am-3:00pm)



Our reunion's "Signature Tour" begins with a short bus ride to Denver to explore the [Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum](#). We will be treated to a private, guided tour of this outstanding facility followed by a special O-2 dedication ceremony in your honor. Lunch is included on the ride back. Then, our annual tradition continues with a Memorial Service at the impressive *FAC Memorial* in the Colorado Springs Memorial Park. Don't forget your camera for this exciting day.



## Special Private Tour - National Museum of WWII Aviation

Wednesday, October 19 (8:30am-11:30am)



Today we have a private tour conducted by our very own Johnny Drury who will take us behind the scenes at the amazing [National Museum of World War II Aviation](#). This modern museum is unlike any you've seen and has created a unique opportunity to remember our veterans who made victory in World War II possible. Through a virtual commemorative wall, you will experience the historical importance of aviation in World War II and its role in shaping the world in which we live. Don't miss it.

## PIKE'S PEAK COG RAIL EXCURSION

Wednesday, October 19 (12:30pm-5:30pm)

Please plan on eating lunch before you hop on our motorcoach with a local guide and head for majestic Pike's Peak where we will board the exciting [Cog Rail Train](#) up to the Peak. This is the world's highest and longest cog railroad. You may spot elk, bighorn sheep, coyotes and more on your 9-mile, 70-minute journey to the top of this 14,115-foot National Historic Landmark. More than just a mountain, *Pike's Peak* is emotionally moving; this is the place that inspired "America the Beautiful", written by Katharine Lee Bates. Her experience in 1893 on top of [Pikes Peak](#) moved her to pen the poem that became one of the most patriotic songs honoring America. Pikes Peak is a must see but be mindful of the height if you have any difficulty with breathing (check with your Doc) and you will need a warm coat as its cold up there. There are restrooms, snack bar and of course a gift shop at the peak. The Pikes Peak Cog Railway just re-opened after many years and is one of the most unique experiences in the country – don't miss it!



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## ALTERNATIVE TOUR – OLD COLORADO CITY & MANITOU SPRINGS EXCURSION

Wednesday, October 19 (12:30pm-5:30pm)



If *Pike's Peak* isn't on your radar today, you may opt for an excursion to one of the areas two most historic and unique attractions, [Old Colorado City](#) and [Manitou Springs](#). Learn the fascination history of each before having time to explore over 100 boutiques, one-of-a-kind shops, and cafés, of each. Stroll the sidewalks browsing and maybe enjoying lunch or an ice cream cone. We will meet up with the rest of the group before returning to the hotel. A Great Day!

## CITY TOUR, AIR FORCE ACADEMY and GARDEN of the GODS

Thursday, October 20 (0900-1400)



Set in a scenic region at the foot of the Rocky Mountains and situated at an altitude of 7,163-feet, stands the youngest of the four service academies. Among the features are a Scenic Overlook of the campus, a B-52 Bomber, a Visitor Center with a movie that shows the first year of a cadet. Our very own Darrel Whitcomb will conduct this special tour. Next, we take an incredible ride through the famous [Garden of the Gods](#) Imagine dramatic



views, 300' towering sandstone rock formations against a backdrop of snow-capped Pikes Peak and brilliant blue skies. This is the most visited attraction in the region, and a National Landmark. Have your cameras ready as this is one of the most photographed natural wonders in the United States! Lunch will be on your own in the outdoor pavilion at the state's oldest and largest [Trading Post](#). After lunch we finish the day with a narrated, City Tour including streets lined with Miner's mansions, a result of the late 1800's Gold Rush. Enjoy hearing and seeing the city's history now in its 150<sup>th</sup> year!

**FAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Thursday, October 20 (TBD)**

## FARE-WELL BANQUET DINNER

Thursday, October 20 (Free Cocktails begin 1800/ Dinner at 1900)

Join your friends for your Banquet Dinner at the Hotel. We will begin in the Atrium at 1800 for 2 complimentary drinks before dinner at 1900 followed by the annual meeting.

## TOUR CANCELLATION INSURANCE

Protect yourself from unforeseen expenses caused by sickness, injury or any other causes that impact your travel plans. This insurance enables a refund of tour & banquet expenses (less processing fee) up until midnight the day before the start of your reunion. Without cancellation insurance all money received is non-refundable 6 weeks prior to the reunion.

**ALL RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 5, 2022.** Late reservations will be accepted on a space available basis with a non-refundable \$15 p.p. late fee. There is a \$15 p.p. surcharge for orders taken over the phone. Please make a copy of your order prior to mailing. Note tour times are subject to change. Should you need additional information call our offices Monday through Friday CST at 817-251-3551 or email us at [RayCasey@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com](mailto:RayCasey@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com). Requests for refunds must be made in writing and postmarked no later than the reservation due date. No refunds will be made after this date unless you have purchased Tour Cancellation Insurance. Note there is a \$15 per person processing fee plus any fees imposed by the credit card processing company, currently 3.5%, on all cancellations. Your cancelled check is your receipt as well as proof of purchase. For written confirmation of your reservation please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your cancellation request. A \$25 return check fee applies. MRP will not be held liable for failure of vendors to provide contracted services or any injuries/accidents that may occur during the reunion.