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President's Corner July Newsletter

Greetings one and all,

We are mid-year in 2022 and while a lot is happening in our country the FAC Association lists our upcoming reunion in Colorado Springs, CO this October as the event to be at. I know that information has been a bit sparse and hard to come by and you can blame that on me. Since our POC for this reunion was called to higher duties last fall I have attempted to fill his shoes.

Along with our working partner in this event, Military Reunion Planners (MRP), the FR2022 planning, and execution has slowly moved forward.

So, what to expect for FR2022? Here is my take on what you should look forward to. First of all, it will be our first gathering since FR2018 in Seattle. And I must say, I have missed seeing your faces and hearing stories from our youth. You know the old saying, "The older we get, the better we used to fly". Or something like that. I know my stories, even in my own mind, seem to be even better that what really happened back when we were young and bullet proof.

So, the plan is for the reunion to run from October 17th to the 21st. That is Monday through Thursday for the actual reunion. Why mid-October? Well, the hotel situation dictated that change. When our original location was sold to an outfit that was not going to be a hotel any longer and not recognize the arrangements we had made, MRP and I had to look at all options and availability. Based on availability and costs, I selected a slightly shorter reunion schedule and started to look for speakers and events.

Rather than duplicate the agenda that MRP is putting together, we will publish a link to the reunion events and registration on the FACNET and FAC-Association website. Rest assured that our goal is to have as robust an event schedule and fun things to do as we can within the shortened time available. So be on the lookout for that link and let's see how many FACers we can get to C-Springs this fall.

One of the decisions I made was to simplify the items that we are going to have at this reunion. So, since our onsite participation in planning and such was limited, it was decided that we would have hats and challenge coins but no polo shirts. Based on that decision, I am challenging all participants to bring along any and all reunion polo shirts from our previous gatherings and show them off. I will tell you right now, I still have my tee shirt and hat from FR2000 and several others available to drag along. So, let's see how many different shirts and/or hats we can see in the Springs.

We will have some interesting events to participate in and sights to see. There will be a memorial service at the park where we dedicated the memorials at FR2008 and a banquet with one of our own as our speaker. (No, not me!!)

So, keep on the lookout for the announcement of the registration site and events available. Keep in mind that if you can help out with the Hooch room, we would welcome your assistance.

Until then, I wish you all the best of things in your lives and hope to see many of you at FR2022 in Colorado Springs this fall.

Brad Wright Covey 251

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 2022

As of the end of June 2022, our financial worth was \$125,079, a slight decrease from January: Checking Balance - \$4,668 (includes \$833 in the reunion account and \$1,322 in our Utah historian account); Savings Balance - \$18,308; CD Balance - \$67,535; Investment Balance - \$35,972. These numbers will change over the next months as I make our contributions and transfer money from checking to the reunion account in advance of our Colorado Springs adventure.

We made our annual contribution of \$2,000 to the FAC Museum, but not our approved donations of \$1,000 to the Homes For Our Troops Foundation or the \$1,000 to the Fisher House Foundation. We will make these contributions soon. We have filed our annual Florida business registration and our IRS tax report.

Here are some interesting approximate numbers on our membership. We have 23 paid annual members, 780 life members, 746 non-current members, 3044 non-members and 1065 deceased FACs. Our first objective still needs to be to get the non-current members back in the fold. If you know some, work on them. If they are unsure of their status, have them contact me or Fred Pumroy.

We still have new FACA challenge coins. I am currently handling their sale while our historian is on sabbatical. They are \$5 (\$10 for non-members), plus shipping of \$5 regardless of the number of items purchased. I also have "Hit My Smoke" key chains and decals at two for \$5.

To help the association save money, if you haven't already done so, consider switching your newsletter delivery to email. We still have more than 230 members getting the newsletter by snail-mail, costing us more than \$800 each year to print and mail the newsletter. Just let me know and I'll make it happen.

If you do get a snail mail copy, you can also help by keeping track of your membership by noting your status on the first or second line of your address on this newsletter. The first number is the last year of your membership. Unfortunately, the printer has failed to get this in the address twice. If you get the newsletter by email notice, you can email me or Fred Pumroy to check your membership status. If your membership is due for renewal, consider becoming a life member. In either case, make your check to FACA, Inc and send to me at PO Box 222, Polson, MT 59860.

I occasionally send emails inquiring about duplicate membership payments, most commonly from someone who has forgotten their LIFE MEMBER status. Unfortunately, I get few answers back. I like to think it is because the email ended up in your junk folder. To help avoid this happening, please make sure the two addresses I use, factres@live.com and nail13zg@centurytel.net, are on your acceptable list.

Trey Moran, Nail 13



In Memoriam - A tribute to those who have flown west since January 2022

Note: Although the title to this section calls attention to those who have passed since the last newsletter, we have listed some outside that window because, we have just learned of his passing. Slow hand salute to these brothers-in- arms, American patriots all.

Alfaro	Eugene	Nail 227, Candlestick	24 Dec-21	Life Member
Chappel	John J	Jade 5	6 Mar 22	Life Member
Delfosse	Lyle E.	Bird Dog 62	4 Oct 18	Life Member
Moody	Donald R.	Butterfly 22, Raven 70	9 Apr 22	Life Member
Reynolds	Larry R.	Maintenance officer 19th TASS	11 May 22	Member

Expanded information and links to some obituaries are located at <https://www.fac-assoc.org/flew-west/flew-west2022.html>.

Help: If you know of a brother-in arms who has passed and not yet recognized by the association, please email that information to Dale Hill <nail49@fac-assoc.org> or Trey Moran <nail13@fac-assoc.org> or Harry Pearce <helix35@fac-assoc.org>

We don't know what we don't know. .



FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS REUNION COLORADO SPRINGS | OCTOBER 17-21, 2022

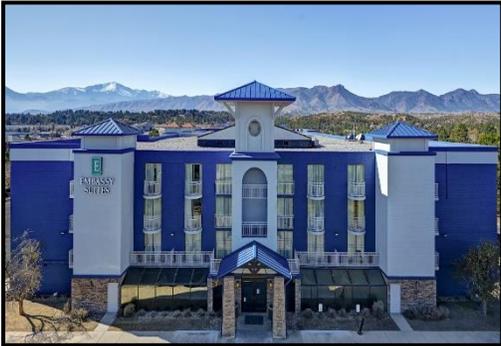
Welcome to Colorado Springs - the Home of the U.S.
Air Force Academy

The "Springs" is located at the eastern foot of the Rocky Mountains. It lies near glacier-carved **Pikes Peak**, a national landmark featuring a cog railway leading to its 14,115-foot summit. The city's **Garden of the Gods** Park features iconic red-sandstone formations and mountain views. Manitou Springs & Colorado City have great shopping. *The Springs* is also home to venerable **Air Force Academy**. Come, join your FAC friends for what is sure to be a terrific time in *The Springs*!



Hotel Information

We will be staying at the newly renovated, and refreshed, **Embassy Suites**, located at 7290 Commerce Center Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919. The hotel room rate is just **\$139** plus tax per night. The room rate includes a hot breakfast buffet, served daily and 2 free drinks nightly, during reunion dates.



For those of you who choose to arrive early or stay late, the same room rate is available three days prior and three days after, based on availability. Make your hotel reservations NOW to insure the best availability. You may cancel without penalty up to 72 hours in advance.

The most reliable way to make reservations is to make them online by typing the following into your browser: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8mu75j> Enter your travel dates and follow the prompts. Or you may try and reach **Amber** at the hotel (Mon-Fri only, from 10-4 MST). Call Amber at (719)-955-6826. All rooms are Suites. *Mountain View* rooms are an extra \$40 more per night. **Reservations due by September 17.**

If you have any problems getting a room at the group rate, especially if you are coming in early or staying late, please call *Military Reunion Planners* (MRP) at 817-251-3551. We can resolve most hotel issues.

Airport Transportation & Parking

Colorado Springs (COS) is the closest airport to the hotel. You may also consider Denver, which is a little further away, but often less expensive. You will need to make arrangements for a ride to the hotel, from either airport. Uber is probably your best bet.

For those of you driving, the hotel offers plenty of free parking. If you need specific directions call the hotel's front desk (719) 599-9100 for assistance.

Travel safely and we will See you in The Springs!



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 coordinated by one of the lead docents and one of our own FACs that 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)

Hop 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! Lunch will be on your own in eclectic Manitou Springs with a variety of shops and restaurants for your pleasure. Don't miss it!

ALTERNATIVE TOURS

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 a guided tour 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 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 150th year!



**FAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:
Thursday, October 20 (2:30 PM)**

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. 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.

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Annual dues are \$20. Life membership dues depend on age 55 Years and under - \$225.00 56 to 60 years - \$200.00 61 to 65 years – 175.00 66 to 70 years - \$150.00 71 to 75 years – \$125.00 76 plus years - \$100.00	Copy this page, complete the form below and send your check, payable to FACA, Inc. to: Trey Moran P O Box 222 Polson MT 59860
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FAC Association Membership and Annual Dues Form

Last Name:	First Name:	Initial:
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Enclosed is my check # _____ for \$ _____. Make me a member or continue my membership in the FAC Association. (Note: Your Dues Status can be found in the address block printed above.)		
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