



# Rocky Mountain Eagles Chapter

101st Airborne Division Assn.  
Colorado -Wyoming- New Mexico



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Dear Phoenix,

I wanted to send each and every one of you the enclosed information in case you can't attend the VHPA Reunion in Atlanta this year and want to attend the 47th Annual Reunion of the 101st Airborne Division Association in Colorado Springs, CO. Our reunion is in August, and we're celebrating several things: The 50th Anniversary of the formation of the division, the 25th Anniversary of the division's deployment to Vietnam, and the second anniversary of the division's deployment to the Persian Gulf.

We already have 172 registered for the reunion and have sold 93 t-shirts (see design). We have budgeted for 900, but believe attendance will exceed 1000 and maybe go as far as 1200. A good percentage of the people who attend are World War II types, but more and more Vietnam Vets are attending each year. This will be my fifth in a row. I've made a lot of friends, and really enjoy spending time with everyone each year. The active division will be in attendance, the honor guard always performs and we've requested the jump team to perform 4-5 jumps for us in Colorado Springs. We are negotiating with Ft. Carson to bring tanks, helicopters, etc. out to the hotel for display purposes, and a Special Forces "A" Team to perform rappelling etc.

As you can see the tours we're offering will be great, there is hundreds of things to do in and around Colorado Springs. The reunion is being held at the Colorado Springs Sheraton Hotel, a beautiful facility, and the registration cost is \$65 person. This includes tickets to two evening dinners, the hospitality room, a specially minted coin to commemorate the reunion, and to cover entertainment and guest speaker expenses. Rooms at the Sheraton are \$62 plus tax. We're also planning some activities for children.

If you have additional questions, please let me know. We are not trying to compete with the VHPA's reunion in Atlanta, just offering an alternative this year during a different part of the summer. I would like to attend the reunion in Atlanta myself, but just don't have the time. Hope to hear from some of you soon!

Clear Left!

Larry G. Frazier  
Reunion Co-Chairman and  
Registration Chairman

47TH ANNUAL REUNION  
101st AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
AUGUST 20TH - 22ND, 1992

PROGRAM OF EVENTS  
(PRELIMINARY)

EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
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Tuesday August 18th, 1992		
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Memorabilia	Foothills	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
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Wednesday August 19th, 1992		
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Tours	See List	8:00 am - 6:30 pm
Memorabilia	Foothills	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Registration	E. Entrance Foyer	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Hospitality Room	3rd Flr. Rampart	1:00 pm - 12:00 am
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Thursday August 20th, 1992		
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Tours	See List	8:00 am - 6:30 pm
Memorabilia	Foothills	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Registration	E. Entrance Foyer	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Hospitality Room	3rd Flr. Rampart	1:00 pm - 12:00 am
Unit Dinners	Designated by Units	6:30 pm - 10:00 pm
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Friday August 21st, 1992		
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Tours	See List	7:15 am - 6:30 pm
Memorabilia	Foothills	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Registration	E. Entrance Foyer	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Board of Governors Meeting	Gold Camp	9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Ladies Luncheon	TBD	12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Hospitality Room	3rd Flr. Rampart	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm 9:00 pm - 12:00 pm
Cocktails	E. Entrance Foyer	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Memorial Dinner	Grand Ballroom	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**Saturday August 22nd**

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<b>Tours</b>	<b>See List</b>	<b>8:00 am - 6:30 pm</b>
<b>Memorabilia</b>	<b>Foothills</b>	<b>9:00 am - 5:00 pm</b>
<b>Final Registration</b>	<b>E. Entrance Foyer</b>	<b>9:00 am - 12:00 pm</b>
<b>Unit Meetings</b>		<b>9:30 am - 12:00 pm</b>
501 Regt.	Woodmoor	
327/401 Regt.	Centennial	
Div Arty	Larkspur	
502 Regt.	El Paso	
506 Regt.	Fremont	
101 Aviation	Palmer	
Cmd Support Trps	Divide	
Cmd Elements	Avondale	
Discom	Breckenridge	
187/503	Cascade	
<b>Hospitality Room</b>	<b>3rd Flr. Rampart</b>	<b>1:00 pm - 5:00 pm</b> <b>9:00 pm - 12:00 am</b>
<b>Board of Governors Meeting</b>	<b>Gold Camp</b>	<b>1:30 pm - 5:00 pm</b>
<b>Cocktails</b>	<b>E. Entrance Foyer</b>	<b>6:00 pm - 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Awards Dinner</b>	<b>Grand Ballroom</b>	<b>7:00 pm - 10:00 pm</b>

Other activities currently being investigated include 101st Division Division Jump Team demonstrations, NORAD/Space Command presentations, and Ft. Carson static displays/demos at the hotel. Be sure to check the list of tours carefully for times and days.

## 47th ANNUAL REUNION TOURS

All tours depart from the Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel. Details and late sign-ups in the Reunion Registration area.

**USAF Academy, Flying "W" Ranch, Garden of the Gods, Old Colorado City**

At the 18,000 acre Air Force Academy you will see Falcon Stadium, the Cadet Gliderport and the pristine, wooded grounds with stops at the Athletic Field House, the exquisite 17-spired, interdenominational chapel, and the new \$3.8 million Visitors Center. We will lunch at the famous Flying "W" Ranch, and enjoy the Wranglers Western Stage Show and the Picketwire Bar for refreshments. Next we tour the spectacularly colorful Garden of the Gods Park, site of the Balanced Rock and the Trading Post. On the return we visit the colorful shops of Old Colorado City where you can shop for western treasures old and new.

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Thursday, 20 August. (ONLY DAY)

Departure time: 9:00AM

Return time: 3:00PM or 4:15(optional shopping time in Old Colorado City)

Cost: \$25.00 per person (Includes Tour Guide/Lunch>Show/Tax/Tip)

### Pikes Peak Cog Railway

Bus from hotel to Cog Railway. As we travel up the mountainside aboard a Swiss-made cog train you will experience three distinct geographical regions marked by striking changes: semi-arid desert where only the hardiest plant life survives; thick forests that diminish as we reach the timber line; and arctic tundras, magnificent desolation equal to a moonscape. At the 14,110 foot high summit, you will feel you are on top of the world. You will have time to take pictures at the top. Please bring along a jacket or sweater - you will need it at the summit!

Friday, 21 August. (ONLY DAY)

Departure time: 7:15AM      Return Hotel: 11:40AM

Cost: \$25.00 per person

## Gambling For The Gold

Step back in time to turn-of-the-century Cripple Creek when the cry "Gold" reverberated throughout the hills and thousands flocked to the slopes of Pikes Peak in search of fortune. Today the renowned gold town once again bustles with excitement as one of Colorado's new gaming centers. Our special fun package includes cash-back coupons plus free food, drinks, match play coupons and more. Runs Daily. **WED-SAT**

Departure time: 8:00AM      Return Hotel: 4:30PM  
1:00PM      6:30PM

Cost: \$18.00 per person

## Whitewater Rafting

Enjoy an action-packed adventure sure to make the folks back home gasp with envy and admiration. Raft the fast-flowing, frisky foaming rapids of the Arkansas River; paced by periods of placid paddling when you catch your breath and relish the rugged western landscape. Your hosts for this exciting fun have conducted whitewater excursions for 12 years. All guides are top professionals and have completed thorough training in First Aid

and are CPR certified. You will want to bring a change of clothing for the rafting trip - apparel that dries quickly; shorts, bathing suit, sneakers. Upon return, we will enjoy lunch "al fresco" at cozy picnic tables, before heading back to "the Springs". DAILY WED-SAT

Departure time: 8:00AM      Return Hotel: 3:PM  
Cost: \$45.00 per person

## Royal Gorge

We travel south out of Colorado Springs past Fort Carson and through scenic Red Rock Canyon, then Canon City, located at the entrance to the Arkansas Valley....and on to Royal Gorge! The Arkansas River at the bottom of the 1,055 feet Royal Gorge is spanned by the highest suspension bridge in the world. You will have a choice of two wildly exciting rides: in an aerial tram that slips through  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of space some 1,200 feet above the river; or aboard an incline railway for an electrifying trip down the dizzy heights of the canyon walls - the steepest ride in the world! Departing the gorge, we stop for lunch at Buckskin Joe, an Old West town authentically recreated from 100 year old original buildings. Things to see and do are "fast draw" gun fights, stagecoach rides, and panning for gold. DAILY WED-SAT

Departure time: 8:00AM      Return Hotel: 3:00PM  
Cost: \$35.00 per person

## Colorado Springs

We depart the hotel and travel to the downtown for a look before our drive to Monument Valley Park and on to Van Briggle Art Pottery for a visit. Our next tour is along the short leg of the Gold Camp Road, the former bed of the Short Line RR to the Gold Fields. Turning up North Cheyenne Canyon, we stop at Helen Hunt Falls, named in memory of the 19th century sociologist and author of Ramona. Our last visit is the Broadmoor, an elegant residential area, noted for its internationally renowned hotel and sports complex. DAILY WED-SAT

Departure time: 9:00AM 1:00PM      Return Hotel: 12:00Noon 4:00PM  
Cost: \$12.00 per person

## Golf Course Transportation

Round-trip shuttle service to a local golf course will be made available for the golfers. Time and places to be determined later.

Cost: \$8.00 per person

## Shopping Transportation

Shopping tours will be arranged, per your requests, to either the Citadel Mall, Old Colorado City, Manitou Springs and/or the Colorado Springs downtown area. These centers will sponsor the buses. Details will be at the Transportation Desk in the registration area.

Advance reservations can be made through Registration Chairman Larry Frazier. Make checks payable to 1992 National Reunion Fund and mail to: Larry Frazier, 2546 Belair Lane, Greeley, CO 80631. Pick up your tickets at the Transportation Desk in the registration area.



Mayor William Wallace Bryan, Jr. and LT COL Keith M. Huber C.O. 3/502 salute as "Taps" is played after placing a memorial wreath at Gander Memorial in Ft. Campbell Memorial Park in Hopkinsville, KY. (photo by Paladin)

## Aviation News



Daniel Hickman (A & C 2/327 INF VN) inquired some time ago about the number of helicopters the 101st lost in the Ashau Valley during Operation Somerset Plain in August of 1968. This operation was a 17 day raid into the A Shau Valley designed to cut off enemy supply routes from the west. Dan attends the annual reunions and is a life member of the association. Several other people have

inquired about the same subject, can anyone help them out? Dan can be reached at PO Box 607, Ashland, KY 41105 (606) 928-4778.

**Dave Wolfe** (PHOENIX 44, C/158 AVN) and his family attended the VHPA Reunion this past summer in Reno. Dave was my aircraft commander in Vietnam during the evacuation of Fire Support Base Ripcord (June 70) and it was sure good to see him again. Dave is now a dentist who specializes in root canals and his family is hoping to attend our reunion this year. Dave can be reached at 11644 Wiley St., Loma Linda, CA 92354 (714) 799-3924.



Dave Wolfe "Phoenix 44" and family

The 2nd Flight Platoon of C Co., 158th AVN BN in Vietnam had a flag which has been replicated by a friend of Ken Mayberry (PHOENIX 50). This Thunder Duck Flag travels to reunions with Ken and his family, who also plan on attending our reunion this year in Colorado Springs. Ken can be contacted at 345 Stockton, Bradshaw, NE 68319 (402) 736-4309.



Thunder Duck Flag

Gerry Morgan (B/101 AVN VN) is well known at a lot of the reunions and is always getting involved and helping to enlist members for the association. Gerry is a captain with American Airlines and now lives at 3827 Ashbury Lane, Bedford, TX 76021 (817) 545-7863.



**Gerry Morgan "Kingsman II"**

Joe Kline (B/101 AVN) was a KINGSMAN crewchief in Vietnam during the invasion into Laos and has been busy writing about the Lam Son 719 Operation. He recently had an outstanding article published in February issue of *Vietnam Magazine* called "Taking Fire". If you get a chance to read it, I know you'll find it interesting and worth your while. If you have some information you'd like to share with Joe, I'm sure he would like to hear from you. You can reach him at 6420 Hastings Place, Gilroy, CA 95020 (408) 842-7254.

Rich Claussen (D/158 AVN BN VN) was REDSKIN crew chief and is looking for several people who served from May 69 to May 70 at Camp Evans. The names he mentions are McKenna, a grunt; Ople, their parts man and Glen Shur, their avionics man. Rich has been a member of the Midwest Chapter for some time and attended the Omaha and Washington, D.C. reunions. He has recently moved and can be reached at 6200 Arbor #16, Omaha, NE 68106 (402) 553-6744.

Bob Clewell (COMANCHERO 6, A/101 AVN BN VN) called inquiring about the Vietnam Helicopter Crewmembers Assn. He would like to find several other pilots he knew in Vietnam; CPT Nicholas P. Federovich, CPT Gerald Crews and COL Bill Peachy. Anyone who can put him in contact with any of these people should write him at 6920 Clewell Drive, Lisbon, OH 44432 or call him at (216) 222-2355.

**Larry Frazier**  
2546 Belair Lane  
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**Battery "C", 377th Prcht F.A. Bn.,  
101st A/B Division will meet in Louisville, KY  
on September 23, 24, 25, 26, 1992.  
Contact Arch Lewis at Rt. 1, Box 273,  
Pekin, IN 47165 for more information.**

## Desert Storm Coin

The bronze Desert Storm coin is now available in a limited striking. The illustration shows the coin actual size.

**\$3.50 + \$1.00 Shipping from Association Headquarters  
Shipping paid for order of 10 or more  
SEE ORDER FORM INSIDE BACK COVER**



## 327/401 Regimental Dinner



The regiment is planning a Thursday night dinner, August 20, 1992, in conjunction with the 47th Annual 101st Airborne Division Association Reunion in Colorado Springs. Watch for more information in the next "Screaming Eagle" magazine. For reservations send \$20.00 to Denis Parsons, 54 Marina Court Drive, San Rafael, CA 94901.



## 1/506th Infantry Korea

Just an up date from the 506th Infantry. We are still on the DMZ in Korea. LTC Gordon J. Burke is the Battalion Commander and CSM Charles W. Fitzpatrick is the Battalion CSM. The battalion is now a fully capable "Air Assault" battalion that is prepared for its primary mission. The battalion is still part of the 2nd Infantry Division and the Division Commander is Maj. Gen. J.T. Scott. The Battalion has a battalion T-shirt and sweat shirt if any of its former members are interested. If any former Currahees are interested in the shirts or need any other information they can get this information by writing to: CSM Charles W. Fitzpatrick, HQ 1st Battalion 506th Infantry, Unit #15147, APO AP 96251-0394.

## 502nd



The 502nd Regt. will have a dinner party at the 50th Anniversary of the 101st Airborne in Colorado Springs. Plans are being finalized and will appear in following issues of The Screaming Eagle. For further information contact Lou Merlano, 3331 Monte Vista St., Pt. St. Lucie, FL 34952 or Olin Howard 2503 Melinda Drive NE, Atlanta, GA 30345.

# Reunions & Special Events

## Spring Break 101

Mark your calendar for Friday and Saturday, March 6th and 7th, 1992 for the Big Weekend - Spring Break 101 - in South Bend, Indiana, sponsored by the William C. Westmoreland Indiana Chapter. Dinner tickets are \$15.00 per person for a buffet style Polish dinner menu consisting of: Polish Sausage (Kielbasa), Chicken, Noodles (Kluski), Sweet and Sour Cabbage (Kapusta), Mashed Potatoes (Kartopfle), Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Corn O'Brien (no relation to George), assorted pies, bread, butter, coffee, tea and milk. Make checks payable to Wm C. Westmoreland Indiana Chapter, c/o Rick Wincek, 1003 North Sheridan, South Bend, IN 46628. Cut off for dinner tickets is the first week of February. After that they cannot guarantee seating for the dinner. Hotel reservations (\$54.00 per room plus tax, single, double, triple or whatever) can be made by calling the hotel direct, Holiday Inn South Bend (University Area) (219) 272-6600. Be sure to mention the 101st Airborne/Spring Break 101 and you will get the discounted rate. A lot of fun things are being planned, so be sure not to miss this one. If everyone brings a generous liquor contribution for the Hospitality Room, costs can be kept to a minimum.

## TET BASH

A gathering of fellowship, with focus placed on the 101's Viet Nam era. Guest speakers, dinner, memorabilia, books, etc. will be available. Saturday, February 22, Franco-Vets Club, 300 Water St., Leominster, MA. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Reservations call Dan Gorey, (508) 534-6648. Cut-off date for reservations is February 15, 1992 — call now!

## 1992 National Reunion News



Several meetings have been held to plan for the upcoming reunion which will be held on August 20, 21 and 22, 1992, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The most recent meeting was a weekend spent with our National Executive Secretary/Treasurer Ivan Worrell and SGM David Allen from the active division at Ft. Campbell. We would like to thank these two for all their ideas and help in planning this event so far. The host hotel (Sheraton of Colorado Springs) has also been very helpful and they're looking forward to seeing all of us in August.

Some of the activities being looked into for the reunion are;

- A gambling tour of Cripple Creek
- Several days of golf at different courses
- Static displays at the hotel from Ft. Carson

- Air Force Academy tour, Garden of the Gods tour and lunch at the Flying W Ranch
- Unit Parties on Thursday Night
- Shopping Tours
- Old Colorado City/Manitou Springs Tour
- Pikes Peak Cog Rail Ride
- A Grayline Tour of the City and the Broadmoor Hotel
- NORAD/Space Command Presentations
- A Ladies Luncheon
- Memorial Dinner on Friday Night
- Awards Dinner on Saturday Night
- Honor Guard and Parachute Team Performances
- Past President's Beer Party
- Children's Activities
- Memorial Service at Air Force Academy Chapel

None of the above are definites yet, only activities we're trying to organize. Hopefully, we can give you more information in the next issue of *The Screaming Eagle* magazine.

Anyone interested in placing an ad in the reunion ad book should contact Jim Kwiecien (see page 30). He has established a deadline of May 31st for accepting these ads, please don't miss out!

The chapter raffle has really come together and several more prizes have been added to the list. We have three quality Airborne quilts, two round trip airline tickets for travel anywhere in the adjoining 48 states, several needlework pictures and a latchhook wall hanging. Additional prizes expect to be added in the future. Tickets have been printed and will be offered through the mail and at the reunion. You can purchase a ticket for a one dollar donation or six tickets for five dollars. You DO NOT have to be present to win. Checks should be made payable to the Rocky Mountain Eagles Chapter and addressed to Larry Frazier, 2546 Belair Lane, Greeley, CO 80631. Twenty percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Chappie Hall Scholarship Fund and another portion will help our chapter sponsor an active division soldier to attend the reunion. Other chapters, groups or individuals who might be thinking of sponsoring active eagles to the reunion can contact us for details.

Registrations and t-shirt sales are going well, we're offering a ten dollar discount if you register early and only a limited number of shirts will be available at the reunion. Room reservations at the Sheraton are also being taken. All rooms are either on the first or second floor, the hospitality room will be on the third floor and the fourth floor will probably be used for the Ladies Luncheon. This fine facility is a big benefit to the reunion, we will not be fighting stairs and elevators. Make your plans early, thanks!



T-shirt design