

20 FWA Reunion Program, 9 – 12 September 2021

-- With Changes/Updates as of 19 August in RED --

Thursday, 9 September

Noon – 5 PM. Reunion Registration begins and Hospitality Room opens, Breckenridge Room and adjoining Aspen Room on 2nd Floor of Hotel Elegaté. With exception of scheduled reunion events, the Hospitality Room will be open 11 AM - 11 PM daily.

3 PM. Start of normal Check-In at Hotel Elegaté. Call 719-576-5900 for possible early check-In.

6 - 7 PM. Cocktail Hour with pay-as-you-go bar on Springs Courtyard Patio, outside Pikes Peak Room on the 1st floor of Hotel Elegaté. Casual dress.

7 - 9 PM. Welcome Italian Dinner Buffet in Pikes Peak Ballroom, 1st floor of Hotel Elegaté. Casual dress.

Friday, 10 September

6 - 11 AM. Breakfast on your own; free (excluding tip) with hotel coupon in Rustler's Country Cafe at Hotel Elegaté. Note: Hotel Elegante will provide breakfast coupons for every day of your stay.

10 AM – Noon. Guided tour of the National Museum of WWII Aviation and WestPac Restorations, 775 Aviation Way, Colorado Springs. Drive/car pool to museum, located 6 ½ miles (15 minutes) east of Hotel Elegaté.

NOTE--The museum has added an additional \$5 fee for a guided tour. The extra \$5 charge will be collected during reunion registration for those signed for the museum tour.

Lunch. On your own. Suggest you consider The Airplane Restaurant, 1665 N. Newport Road (near Colorado Springs Municipal Airport). Unique setting and memorabilia collection. Military discount may be available. See Website theairplanerestaurant.com or phone 719-570-7656 for details.

Afternoon. Visit the U.S. Air Force Academy or other attractions in/around Colorado Springs on your own. The U.S. Air Force Academy Visitors Center, Planetarium, and complex are open for visitors; however, the Academy Chapel will be closed for renovations. **NOTE--The Academy requires masks to be worn by all visitors to the campus. Also, due to Covid-19 protocols, we were not able to arrange scheduled tours of any of the Academy facilities.**

5:30 – 8:30 PM. Dinner and show at Flying W Ranch, 3330 Chuckwagon Road, Colorado Springs. Gates open at 5 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, and 1-hour Show starts at 7:30 PM. Drive/Car Pool to event, with reserved seating for 20 FWA Reunion. **NOTE--Please be at the tables reserved for the 20 FWA not later than 6:15 PM to receive your tickets for the meal. If desired, you may also consider bringing western wear for this event.**

Saturday, 11 September

6 - 11 AM. Breakfast on your own; free (excluding tip) with coupon in hotel's Rustler's Country Cafe.

8:30 – 10:00 AM. 20 FWA Board Meeting in Hospitality Room at Hotel Elegaté.

Morning To Early Afternoon. Optional, with scheduled reunion events (see below), or visit other

attraction(s) in/around Colorado Springs on your own.

- a. **10 AM - 3 PM**. Golf at U.S. Air Force Academy “Silver” Course. Tee times start at 10:45 AM.
- b. **9 AM, 11 AM or 1 PM (three tour times available)**. History and Geology Guided Walking Tour of Garden of the Gods. Confirm your tour time during Reunion registration. Drive/Car Pool to the Garden of the Gods Visitor Center, 1805 N. 30th Street, Colorado Springs, to meet your guide and begin the tour. The 1 1/2 hour tour covers 1 1/2 to 2 miles on even ground.

NOTE--The preferred tour times are 9 AM and 11 AM, with 1 PM being held for overflow if needed. For those who have signed up for the tour, please let the Reunion Chairman know soon as possible which tour time you prefer.

4 - 5 PM. General Membership Meeting in Centennial Room on 1st floor for all 20 FWA members and Associate Members.

6 - 7 PM. Cocktail Hour with pay-as-you-go bar in Summit Ballroom on 4th floor of Hotel Eleganté.

7 - 9 PM. Formal Banquet in Summit Ballroom on 4th floor of Hotel Eleganté. Dress: semi-formal attire for both ladies and gentlemen.

Sunday, 12 September.

Hotel Check-Out NLT 11 AM, or 1 PM (with “late” approval). Reunion Hotel Check-Out. Say good-bye to old and new friends. Have a safe trip home.

Additional Reunion Notes / Updates -- As of 19 August 2021

1. As of 10 August, the 20 FWA Board unanimously voted to continue to hold the reunion with all planned events as scheduled.
2. As of today, Colorado Springs and the State of Colorado remain open and, with exception of the U.S. Air Force Academy, medical facilities, and a very few select business, masks are not required for entry or at large gatherings. At this time masks are NOT required at any scheduled reunion venues or events. However, we suggest reunion attendees have a mask available in case changes occur between now and the reunion.
3. Based on the large number of people who plan to drive or have rental cars at the reunion, it was decided that we will not have bus transportation for any scheduled reunion events. As a result, we ask those with a vehicle help ensure all attendees have a ride to planned events.
4. On some days, fires in the Western United States have brought in some smoke to the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains, to include Colorado Springs. As a result, you may want to check cancellation policies for any venue you want to visit in the local area. This especially applies to the Pikes Peak and the cog railroad to the top of the mountain, where the visibility may not be ideal on certain days--depending on the prevailing wind. Also keep in mind it can be very cold at the top of the mountain.
5. Remember to check the long-range weather forecast before packing. We currently do not expect unusually cold weather during the reunion; however, things can change on very short notice.
6. Due to higher elevations, remember that you will need to hydrate to avoid possible altitude sickness during your stay in Colorado.

For questions, please contact the Reunion Chairman, Bob Gregory (phone 719-232-4908 or 719-726-4762 or email: robertnkathy@live.com).