**Fort Knox OCS Reunion**

**3-5 June 2019**

**Concept of the Operation:** All Ft. Knox OCS classes, regardless of commissioning branch, will conduct a reunion in Colorado Springs, CO, from 3-5 June 2019. Base of Operations is the Academy Hotel, 8110 North Academy Boulevard, Colorado Springs, phone 719-598-5770. The hotel is about ¼ to ½ mile from I-25, depending on your approach, with a parking lot entrance off of Academy Blvd, and right around the corner on Kelly Johnson Boulevard. If you call for a reservation tell them: “OCS 2019 Reunion.” Our rate runs several days before and after the reunion itself.

Denver International Airport (DEN) is much more usable than Colorado Springs (COS), with at least two shuttle services to The Springs. DEN is about 75 miles from the hotel.

Monday, June 3rd, is arrival day. A registration table and hospitality room will be open from NLT 1400 hrs. until 2300. A cash donation jar will be provided for re-supply in the hospitality room. Signs will identify the “**Halftrack Club**.”

Tuesday, June 4th, the featured event is a bus tour of Fort Carson, with long stops at a tank battalion motor park and a visit to an aviation unit at Butts Army Airfield. Lunch will be at a Dining Facility (Mess Hall), paid by attendees. The bus will return to the hotel by 1600. A second tour is taking folks to the US Air Force Academy Visitor Center, Garden of the Gods Visitor Center (with a drive-thru) and lunch at Kissing Camels Country Club. Joe Morgan (2-68) is the sponsoring club member for lunch. Bus returns by 4 p.m. DINNER IS ON YOUR OWN. Hospitality Room will be open through the day until 2300.

**NOTE WELL**: POV are not authorized to accompany the Fort Carson Tour. The bus seating capacity is 40, and you will have a choice of Tuesday or Wednesday. IF THERE IS NEED FOR A WHEELCHAIR PASSENGER, THE BUS CAPACITY GOES DOWN TO 36 SEATS. PLANNERS MUST REPEAT MUST KNOW IN ADVANCE IF FORT CARSON P.A.O. HAS TO FIRE-UP THE WHEELCHAIR EQUIPPED BUS.

Wednesday, June 5th, there are three tours offered: bus tour Fort Carson; convoy/car pool to The Broadmoor Hotel (5 ) for lunch and a ride/tour to the Seven Falls attraction; and a convoy tour to The Dragonman on CO Highway 94, east of Peterson Air Force Base. This tour includes lunch at the “airplane restaurant” and a tour of the World War II Fighter Aircraft Collection. A reservation is set for 15 starting the day at Dragonman Museum. Price pp will be shown on our registration sheet. *All* ***Wednesday*** *tours will be complete by 1500 at the hotel.*

TOUR SELECTION GUIDE. **CHOOSE ONLY ONE EVENT PER PERSON, PER DAY.** Adult couples and older children do not have to travel together—choose different events. All selections are for all day!!!!!!!

**Day CHOOSE ONE Fort Carson USAFA/Garden**

**Tuesday ONLY P/P Of the Gods**

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**Day CHOOSE ONE Fort Carson Dragonman & Broadmoor &**

**Wednesday ONLY P/P World War II Aircraft Seven Falls**

Our banquet opens at 6 p.m. for cocktails that are purchased from the hotel bar just out the door from the dining room. We will issue pins and certificates for the National Vietnam War recognition program. 100% of us are eligible. *An Army color guard and 6-man music combo have been requested from Fort Carson/4th Infantry Division*. Additional special entertainment has been secured. Again, the hospitality room will be open until at least 2300. The banquet concludes the formal portion of the reunion.

Thursday, June 6th (D-Day) we will arrange a bus to Cripple Creek, CO, a famous old Wild West mining town, now a major casino attraction. The bus company provides a gaming voucher, and there are plenty of things to see and do if gaming is not your game.

If your class/company wishes to have a group dinner Tuesday evening, may we suggest:

 Edelweiss, an authentic German restaurant that is the “real deal.” Biergarten!

 Jake & Telly’s Greek Restaurant in Old Colorado City, a mile or so west of downtown CS.

 The Golden Bee, on the grounds of the Broadmoor, an affordable real English pub, crated and shipped to the USA.