


**CHARLIE COMPANY "REGULARS" 12TH REUNION
JUNE 17-21, 2009**

**DOUBLETREE HOTEL
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO**

 Last year about this time I issued a Reunion Warning Order using the standard five paragraph field order. It never got published in a newsletter, however, the information did get disseminated via email and snail mail.

We fellow soldiers in Colorado welcome you to the Rocky Mountains for our 12th reunion.

You should plan to arrive not later than mid afternoon on 18 Jun. That evening is our grand welcome at the Flying W Ranch. They have a Western Town, Chuckwagon Supper and a Western Stage Show. In route to the Flying W we will tour through the Garden of the Gods. (You may want to return there later in your stay to investigate the rock formations, such as, the kissing camels, the balanced rock, etc, in more detail).

As a reminder, if you fly into Colorado Springs, the Doubletree hotel has complimentary shuttle service. If you fly into Denver, your choice for transportation is rental car, bus service or taxi. Bus service makes five runs per day for \$50 and if you have four or more a taxi is competitive. I think the best choice is to drive or fly into Colorado Springs. If you drive you can explore more of the activities in the area on your own and easily extend your vacation. Hopefully gas prices will remain low. We are paying about \$1.40 now.

Friday, June 19, 2009: There are three tours that have been organized:

Pike's Peak via Cog Railway. Round trip from the hotel will take about five hours. Departs at 9:30 AM.

Royal Gorge: This is an all day trip leaving the hotel about 9am and returning about 6 pm. The bus ride to the Gorge is about one hour.

Ft Carson/Air Force Academy is about six hours. Ft Carson will provide a 40-45 minute briefing and if possible a tour of simulators and the mock Iraqi village. The Air Force Academy is the most visited site in the Colorado Springs area. They have an interesting visitors center and, of course, the Chapel is a must see work of art.

Saturday, June 20, 2009: There are two tours that have been organized:

Pike's Peak via Cog Railway. See above, this is for those who didn't get a chance to go on Friday because of other activities.

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. Plan to spend about five or six hours round trip from the hotel.

If none of these tours are appealing, you can go to the Garden of the Gods, The Olympic Training Center, Seven Falls, Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame, Manitou Springs Cliff Dwellings, Miramont Castle, golf, horseback ride through Garden of the Gods or just hang out in the meeting room with friends. More detail on each of these attractions and planning a vacation in the area is available on the internet at www.experiencecoloradosprings.com . Our Association web page has some of the attraction web page addresses also.

Saturday evening is our traditional banquet, including the missing man table, recognition of KIAs, awarding of the Fogarty Scholarships and dancing.

Coordinating Instructions: Temperatures range from an average low of 51 degrees and a high of 80 degrees in June in Colorado Springs. You could possibly see snowflakes when on top of Pike's Peak. Afternoon thunder showers are common. Drink lots liquids (including water) to avoid dehydration.

Please refer to the web page or this newsletter's updated registration form and sign up as soon as possible for the tours you want so we can have a final headcount for reservations and transportation.

Don't forget to bring old photos and albums to assist with memory. Bring your camera to capture some fantastic memories.

As usual we need items to raffle for the benefit of our Association and the Fogarty Scholarship Fund.

Hopefully, you won't have to rush back home and you can extend your vacation here in Colorado. Our economy could use some of your stimulus.

We look forward to seeing everyone. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Pete McNaughton. Pjtax@comcast.net or 720-870-1156