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COMMANDER'S CORNER —

Hello to all OCs...and Family of...and Friends of.

“See You in the Springs in September!” The 2019 OCS Alumni Reunion is a go! We are nearing 50 people registered.

Information and registration forms are available on the website and are also included in this Newsletter. Please get your Registration to Joe Scarlett by August 15, 2019. If you can't get it to him by then, give him a call and it's likely he can work something out.

We still have rooms that we can get at our OCS rate. If you are considering making the trip to Colorado Springs and still have questions please contact one of us: Jerry Nolan (719) 633-7859, (719) 649-9851(C), Joe Scarlett (719) 593-9463, Chuck Ulmer (710) 651-1266.

We have had some inquiries about shuttle transportation between the hotel and the airport. The hotel does not provide a shuttle to/from the airport, but there are numerous options. Among these are of Uber, Lift, ZTrip (was Yellow Cab). If you don't use, or dislike using, a Smartphone, I suggest that you try **GoGoGrandparents**. This is a centralized service that will find you the cheapest, fastest rides to your destination. Their number is 1 (855) 464-6872. These people really make it easy for non-digital folks.

For arrivals, My Sweetie Marcia, will happily be available to pick you up on a first come, first served basis, if all else fails. We are still not sure if this service will be available for departures. **By the way, if you need a wheelchair (fold up) GoGo will ensure that service is available. If you need to accommodate a motorized chair, be sure to let them know your requirements.** If you choose the Marcia service, be aware: Marcia doesn't do well with lifting.

We think you will really enjoy the Embassy Suites during your stay. Everyone that Joe, Chuck, and I have worked with has been very service oriented. Parking at the hotel is free and the hotel shuttle bus will take you any place within 5 miles.

If you have favorites for the Hospitality Suite (drinks or snacks) please let me know (ocsassocjolan@aol.com) and we will do our best to have it.

Would you like a hat for the Reunion? They are Baseball hats just like we've had in the past, with **Colorado Springs** and **2019** on them. Cost will be in \$20-25 range, payable when you check in at the hotel, where you will also get your hat. Anyone buying a hat will also get a free drink in the Hospitality Suite. (Of course, you can do that even if you don't buy a hat, but “just saying.”

We have had several changes in Class Communicators, which has led to a slightly degraded communications system. We are working diligently to try and improve it, but in the meantime we would appreciate it if you would share any Reunion info you receive with all OCs that you know.

This is a great opportunity to get together and renew old friendships, have a willing audience for our favorite war stories, and just have some fun. So, I would urge you to try and do your best to make it.

See you in the Springs in September 2019!

JOE SCARLETT, CHUCK ULMER, AND JERRY NOLAN

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GoGoGrandparent Info and Brochure!

You can download the brochure by clicking here: [GoGoGrandparent Brochure](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How does transportation work?

A: We find the cheapest, fastest rides near you. Right now, most of our rides happen through popular ride sharing services, but we're looking into expanding our platform to accommodate different needs.

Q: How much does it cost?

A: We'll quote you the fare every time you call. During periods of higher demand, the rate may fluctuate. Often it'll only take five minutes to return to normal. There is a minimum fare – usually totaling between \$5.50 - \$6.50 based on where you live. These prices include a concierge fee of 0.27/minute.

Q: How do I order a ride?

A:

- Call 1 (855) 464-6872 and wait for the self-serve concierge
- Press 1 to order a car to your home.
- Press 2 to order a car to where we dropped you off last.
- Press 0 to speak with an operator if you are not at home or not at the location we dropped you off last.

Q: How will I recognize my driver?

A: When we match you with a driver, we'll tell you their name, car make/model and license plate.

Q: Can I call my driver?

A: Yes, once a driver is assigned, you can contact them directly by pressing 3.

Q: Can I cancel my ride?

A: Yes, you can cancel your ride by pressing 9. During periods of normal demand, you have five minutes to cancel your ride for free. If it's been longer than five minutes or if demand is higher than normal, the cancelation fee is \$5.

Q: Who are the drivers and do I tip them?

A: We subcontract drivers from popular ride-sharing services like Uber and Lyft. We communicate with drivers to ensure they are prepared to offer extra assistance and we blacklist drivers that do not perform up to our standards. Tipping is voluntary and recommended in the cases where you ask your driver to lift something up, like a walker or groceries. Though not guaranteed, most drivers are happy to make multiple stops and open doors.

Q: I have more questions!

A: Give us a call at 1 (855) 464-6872

OCS CHALLENGE COIN PROJECT —

This project is designed to raise funds for our Association's future OCS Memorial projects and/or reunions. It is available to any Army Air Corps/Army AF/USAF OCS graduate or family member. The cost is \$15, which includes engraving your class number on the coin and postage, or \$10 without the engraving.

The following coins are available with the class already engraved: 53C, 57A, 59A, 60B, 61C, 62B, 63A, 63C & 63D.

Also, we have white OCS ball caps for \$20, OCS Patches for \$10 and lapel pins for \$5.

You can send your orders, with your Class Number, and a check or money order made out to "Tom Hansen" to the following address: 97D Chinook Lane
Steilacoom WA 98388

— TOM HANSEN, 63B



FROM THE CHAPLAIN —

I am reassuming the position of Chaplain and will try to cover the duties, with all due diligence.

Just a reminder to all OCS Alumni regarding our desire to remember our departed classmates. Their names are added to the Dedication page on the website, and the Association sends a donation to the specified charity as a memorial.

If you become aware of the passing of an OC, please notify your Class Communicator or Class Commander so they can pass this through channels to ensure a suitable memorial/dedication is made in a timely manner.

I would ask that anyone having knowledge of the passing of any OCS graduate please review the 'Dedication Page' on our web site. Please forward information of any of our classmates now deceased but not listed on that page. I don't know if we can recover all names and send memorials, but I would like to try.

Again, we depend on each of you to make our memorial program the best it can be.

— FRED HOLMES, 63B/C

From the Webmaster/Historian —

Just an update on web site happenings: Three years ago, my daughter Michèle installed a visitor tracking program called 'Jetpack'. It counts the number of visits to the web site by tracking which pages or sections are visited. No personal information is taken from the visitor, just the destination of the visit.

Only the webmaster has privileges to view these statistics, but I would like to share some interesting numbers:

- All-time views – 7,940
- Best overall day – 281 views on 25 Oct 2018 (Big surprise to me, but for some reason, over 259 views went to the older archived pages with Shavetails and historical photos.
- Average daily views: 5–10
- On various days, 25–45 people have visited the site.
- Security issues have been non-existent because of the security programs existing on the web site. For example, 795 spam Comments have been blocked and 11,150 malicious attacks have been blocked.

To further complete the graduation history of OCS, I am still trying to acquire Shavetails to scan and publish on the web site. Please review the list of Shavetails posted on the web site under Class Pages. If you know the whereabouts of any Shavetail not listed on that page, please let me know at: f4holm-ocsweb@yahoo.com.

— FRED HOLMES, 63B/C



**USAF OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL (OCS)
ASSOCIATION REUNION**

SEPTEMBER 19 – 22, 2019

EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

Thursday, September 19

12:00 pm — 5:00 pm Reunion Registration Open
 3:00 pm — 11:00 pm Hospitality Room Open
 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm Beverages and Hors D'oeuvres in Hotel Lobby

Friday, September 20

6:30 am — 9:30 am Breakfast in the Embassy Suites Lobby
 10:00 am — 11:30 am WWII MUSEUM TOUR (description follows)
 11:30 am — 1:00 pm Lunch @ Peterson AFB Officers Club
 2:00 pm — 3:30 pm USA Olympic Training Center Tour
 (description follows)
 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm Beverages and Hors D'oeuvres in Hotel Lobby
 6:00 pm — 8:00 pm Welcome Reception – Cash Bar
 8:00 pm — 11:00 pm Hospitality Room Open

Saturday, September 21

7:30 am — 10:30 am Breakfast in the Embassy Suites Lobby
 10:00 am — 12:00 am WWII Aircraft Museum (description follows)
 12:00 am — 1:30 pm Lunch at Golden Corral (\$11.99 +Gratuity)
 2:00 pm — 3:30 pm Garden of the Gods Bus Tour (description follows)
 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm Beverages and Hors D'oeuvres in Hotel Lobby
 6:00 pm — 11:00 pm Hospitality Room Open

Sunday, September 22

7:30 am — 10:30 am Breakfast in the Embassy Suites Lobby
 10:00 am — 11:00 am Business Meeting
 11:00 am — 11:30 am Class Meetings
 12:00 pm — 4:00 pm Tour of Historic Gold mining towns.
 Note: Elev. 9,494'
 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm Beverages and Hors D'oeuvres in Hotel Lobby
 7:00 pm — 10:00 pm FAREWELL BANQUET – Cash bar reception
 10:00 pm — ?? Hospitality Room Open

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

The Reunion Refund cut-off date is August 15, 2019. For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, we shall process a full refund. Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that vendor commitments and guarantees will allow. Please call (719) 593-9468 to cancel reunion activities. Refunds will be processed 2-3 weeks after the reunion.

Canceling your reunion activities does not cancel your hotel reservation and canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities. (See details below.)

Thursday, September 19**Registration**

REGISTRATION – Registration will be held in the lobby of the Embassy Suites Hotel beginning at 12:00 noon, Thursday, September 19.

NOTE: DUE TO TRANSPORTATION RESTRICTIONS, THE TOURS ARE COMBINED AND THE BUS DOES NOT RETURN TO THE HOTEL UNTIL BOTH TOURS ARE COMPLETE.

Friday, September 20**WWII Museum and Olympic Training Center Tour**

WORLD WAR II MUSEUM – Peterson AFB is host to Homeland Defense, Northern Command and potentially for the proposed Unified Space Command. To get access to Peterson via bus all visitors must possess Government-issued identification. If individuals drive to the museum all passengers will need a government ID. The WW II Museum is an iconic Museum that everyone will enjoy. It has been greatly upgraded in the past decade yet maintains a very personal touch for all visitors. It covers pre-WW II, the start of WW II and into the Space Age. Inside it's well laid out building are great pictures and artifacts. Outside, is a great display of airplanes and missiles that will have a personal connection with many of our members.

Olympic Training Center – Colorado Springs is home to the USA Olympic Committee (USOC) and the Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center (CSOTC). The CSOTC is the flagship-training center for the Olympic Training programs. More than 15 member organizations, as well as two international sports federations and the USOC headquarters are also located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The CSOTC provides housing, dining, training and, recreational facilities for more than 500 athletes and coaches at one time on the complex. Athletes are selected to train at the CSOTC by their respective National Governing Body. Each tour begins with a video presentation, followed by a walking tour of the complex (wheelchair and stroller accessible). The video and tour experience lasts approximately one hour. NOTE: The CSOTC is located on the grounds that WERE originally Ent AFB until the mid-1970s.

Saturday, September 21**WWII Aircraft Museum and Garden of the Gods Tour**

WWII AIRCRAFT MUSEUM. – Located adjacent to Peterson AFB is an independent program to restore WWII military aircraft. This is one of the fastest growing restoration museums in the country. We can have a guided tour or you can wander through at will. The stories behind some of their restoration projects will enthrall you. They have projects in all stages of production/reproduction.

Garden of the Gods Bus Tour – Garden of the Gods Park is a registered National Natural Landmark. Imagine dramatic views, 300' towering sandstone rock formations against a backdrop of snow-capped Pikes Peak and brilliant blue skies. This world-class Visitor & Nature Center and museum is the most visited attraction in the region with all new interactive exhibits. Learn how the amazing red rocks got there with the NEW Geo-Trekker theater experience, shown every 20 minutes.

Sunday, September 22**Bus Tour of the Gold Mining towns of Cripple Creek and Victor (Birthplace of Lowell Thomas)**

Gold Town Tour. – Cripple Creek was one of the world's greatest Gold Caps. In 1982 organized gambling was authorized in three former gold mining cities in Colorado, Black Hawk, Central City and Cripple Creek. Cripple Creek has attempted to preserve its architecture while replacing the interiors of its buildings with slot machines and other gambling activities. Victor is located about 7 miles from Cripple Creek and is also a former Gold Mining town but remains as it was with no organized gambling. On the return trip to Colorado Springs there is an observation site and one can observe the operational strip mining for gold. The round-trip drive takes approximately 3 hours and is quite scenic; but the elevation (9,494 ft.) could present a challenge for anyone with a respiratory or heart condition.

Driver gratuity is not covered in the price of the tours

**Colorado Springs Embassy Suites Hotel – Colorado Springs, CO 80919
(719) 599-9000 or (719) 599-9100**

Each guest room features cable TV, complimentary Internet access, in-room coffee service, hairdryer, iron/ironing board, mini-refrigerator, voice mail, AF/FM clock radio, and microwave. Standard Wi-Fi is offered throughout the hotel, premium Wi-Fi is offered for a daily charge. The hotel offers only non-smoking rooms (Double doubles or a King bed) and handicapped accessible rooms based on availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your reservation. If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned. Smoking in the room will result in a charge of \$500 for room cleaning. There is no charge for room cancellations prior to 72 hours. Cancellations less than 72 hours before check-in time will result in a charge of one night plus tax. Stays may be extended at the \$154+tax rate for up to three days prior to and three following the reunion based on availability. Pet-friendly rooms are available for pets of 35 lbs or lighter for a non-refundable one-time fee of \$75.

Free parking is available in the hotel's surrounding parking lots and RV/Motor Coach parking is limited & available on a first come first served basis. If you have problems registering, contact Brittany Keefer, Event Manager, at (719) 599-9000.

Reserve early to insure room availability. You can cancel up 72 hours prior if your plans change.

If registering by mail, please send application to: Brittany Keefer, c/o Embassy Suites, 7290 Commerce Center Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919. If registering by phone, please remember to mention Officer Candidate Event, Group Code XOC.

----- CUT HERE TO MAIL TO THE HOTEL -----

**HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
USAF OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL (OCS) ASSOCIATION REUNION
SEPTEMBER 19–22, 2019**

NAME _____ RESERVATION CODE: **XOC**

ADDRESS: STREET _____

CITY, STATE _____ ZIP _____

TEL. NUMBER (____) _____ e-mail _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

OF ROOMS () # OF PEOPLE IN ROOM () HANDICAP ACCESS ()

KING BED () 2 DOUBLE BEDS ()

HILTON REWARDS NUMBER _____

RATE: \$154 + tax (currently 10.25%) for up to 2 people, plus \$10 a day for additional guests over 10 years old. Free shuttle service is available to destination within a radius of five miles of the hotel. Fees for using the hotel shuttle is included in our room rate.

CUT-OFF DATE: 08/18/2019. Reservations received after this date will be processed on space and rate availability.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Reservations can be cancelled up to 72 hours prior to arrival. Cancellations made less than 72 hours will be subject to a charge of one night's room plus taxes. All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit enclosed.

_____ AM EX _____ DINERS _____ VISA _____ MASTER CARD _____ DISCOVER _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

USAF OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL (OCS) ASSN. REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to Joseph Scarlett in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before August 15, 2019. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis

OFFICE USE ONLY
Check # _____
Date Received _____

Joe Scarlett, Attn OCS Reunion
 161 El Dorado Ln, Colorado Springs, CO 80919
 719-593-9468

CUT-OFF DATE IS 8/15/2019

	Price Per	# of People	Total
REGISTRATION PACKAGE			
Includes Friday Welcome Reception, Sunday Banquet, and various reunion expenses.			
<i>Please select your entrée choice(s) for the banquet:</i>			
SEARED SALMON	\$120		\$
CHICKEN SALTIMBOCCA	\$120		\$
OPTIONAL TOURS			
FRIDAY, Sep 20: WW-II Museum Tour & USA Olympic Training Center Tour	\$ 60		\$
SATURDAY, Sep 21: WW-II Aircraft Museum Tour & Garden of the Gods bus tour	\$ 65		\$
SUNDAY, Sep 22: Bus Tour of historic Gold mining towns Cripple Creek & Victor	\$ 60		\$
Total Amount Payable to JOSEPH SCARLETT			\$

PLEASE PRINT NAME FOR NAMETAGS

FIRST _____ LAST _____ CLASS _____

SPOUSE & GUEST NAMES (IF ATTENDING) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PH. NUMBER (____) _____ - _____

EMAIL _____ @ _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

(Overnight accommodations must be made by attendee directly with hotel)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? YES NO

(PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY OF THIS SERVICE).

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

PH. NUMBER (____) _____ - _____



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Be sure to visit the web site at www.usafocsalumni.org