

USS CONSTELLATION & USS HORNET 2024 REUNION EVENTS

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GROUP WELCOME RECEPTION AT THE HOTEL

Monday, August 19 (7:00 pm)

Welcome to *The Springs*! Meet at 6pm in the Hotels' Atrium Lobby Bar for complimentary *Happy Hour* drinks before heading to the Hospitality Room for our traditional opening social.

RIDING CITY TOUR OF THE SPRINGS AND GARDEN OF THE GODS

Tuesday, August 20 (9:00am-2:00pm)

This morning enjoy a leisurely, riding tour of *The Springs*, including streets lined with Miner's mansions, a result of the late 1800's Gold Rush. Enjoy hearing and seeing the city's history now in its 150th year! Next, we take an incredible ride through the famous [Garden of the Gods](#). Imagine dramatic views, 300' towering sandstone rock formations against a backdrop of snow-capped Pikes Peak and brilliant blue skies. This is the most visited attraction in the region, and a National Landmark. Have your cameras ready as this is one of the most photographed natural wonders in the United States! Lunch will be on your own in the outdoor pavilion at the state's oldest and largest [Trading Post](#).



GROUP DINNER AT THE HOTEL

Tuesday, August 20 (7:00 pm)

Enjoy a Pasta Buffet dinner followed by the USS Hornet Members meeting in Ballroom C.

PIKE'S PEAK COG RAIL EXCURSION & MANITOU SPRINGS

Wednesday, August 21 (9:00am-3:00pm)

Board our motorcoach and head to the Train Station where we will board the exciting *Cog Rail* train up



Pike's Peak. This is the world's highest and longest [cog railroad](#). You may spot elk, bighorn sheep, coyotes and more on your 9-mile, 70-minute journey to the top of this 14,115-foot National Historic Landmark. More than just a mountain, [Pike's Peak](#) is emotionally moving; this is the place that inspired "America the Beautiful", written by Katharine Lee Bates. Her experience in 1893 on top of Pikes Peak moved her to pen the poem that became one of the most patriotic songs honoring America. Pikes Peak is a must see but be mindful of the height if you have any difficulty with breathing (check with your Doc) and you will need a warm coat as it's cold up there. There are restrooms, snack bar and of course a gift shop at the peak. The Pike's Peak Cog Railway just re-opened after many years and

is one of the most unique experiences in the country – don't miss it! After our journey you will have time in Manitou Springs for browsing the many interesting boutiques and have lunch on your own.

ALTERNATIVE TOUR - OLD COLORADO CITY & MANITOU SPRINGS EXCURSION

Wednesday, August 21 (9:00am-3:00pm)

If *Pike's Peak* isn't on your radar today, you may opt for a guided tour of the areas two most historic and unique attractions, [Old Colorado City](#) and [Manitou Springs](#). Learn the fascinating history of each before having time to explore over 100 boutiques, one-of-a-kind shops, and cafés, of each. Stroll the sidewalks browsing and maybe enjoying an ice cream cone. We will meet up with the rest of the group for lunch on your own, before returning to the hotel.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Thursday, August 22 (9:30am-1:30pm)

Set in a scenic region at the foot of the Rocky Mountains and situated at an altitude of 7,163-feet, stands the youngest of the four service academies. Among the features are a Scenic Overlook of the campus, a B-52 Bomber, a Visitor Center with a movie that shows *the first year of a cadet*, including a huge gift shop and exhibit area. Your local guide will bring the past, present and future into focus as you enjoy a mostly riding tour of the campus. Note: the Chapel is under renovation but there is still lots to see.

ALTERNATIVE TOUR: NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WWII AVIATION

Thursday, August 22 (9:30am-1:30pm)



The [National Museum of World War II Aviation](#) is world class. This museum has a new layout with several individual sections that covers different conflicts and the planes that served them. Enjoy a guided, walking tour, conducted by ex-veterans, anxious to answer your questions about this truly *fantastic* museum, which is extremely well done. There is also a fabulous gift shop for shoppers. Don't miss it! PS - Bring a snack and comfortable walking shoes. Lunch will be on your own once we get back to the hotel.

COUNTRY WESTERN SHOW AND BBQ AT THE FLYING W RANCH

Thursday, August 22 (4:30am-9:00pm)

With its humble beginnings as a mountain cattle ranch in 1947, the *Flying W* is a living symbol of Western Heritage. What began with eleven guests in 1953, has grown to more than 1,400 nightly visitors, making the [Flying W Ranch](#) one of the most popular destinations in the state of Colorado. A western spread of smoked meats with all the "chuckwagon trimmings" is followed by a western stage show performed by the world-renowned Flying W Wranglers, the second longest-running western performance band in the world. Their three-part-harmonies of time-honored tunes of the open range, their superb instrumentation, and their clean bunkhouse humor have delighted over seven million people from around the world.



USS CONSTELLION MEMBERS MEETING

Friday, August 23 (10:00am in the Hospitality Room)

LIVE MURDER MYSTERY SHOW AT THE HOTEL

Friday, August 23 (1:00pm)

Join your friends at the hotel after lunch and come to find out that a murder has been committed! Will you be able to figure out *who dunnit*? Enjoy this live theater, immersive murder mystery experience, where YOU become part of the story. Professional actors involve you in the investigation of clues and people of interest. This will be your chance to be in a real-life detective story where the true killer could be any one of our shipmates ... or even you

FAREWELL BANQUET DINNER

Friday, August 23 (Free Cocktails begin at 1800/ Dinner at 1900)

Join your friends for your Banquet Dinner at the Hotel. We will begin in the Atrium at 1800 for 2 complimentary drinks before dinner at 1900 followed by a plated banquet dinner.

TOUR CANCELLATION INSURANCE

Protect yourself from unforeseen expenses caused by sickness, injury or any other causes that impact your travel plans. This insurance enables a refund of tour & banquet expenses (less processing fee) up midnight before the start of your reunion. Without cancellation insurance all money received is non-refundable 6 weeks prior to the reunion.

ALL RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY JULY 8, 2024 There is a \$20 p.p. surcharge for orders taken over the phone. Should you need additional information call our offices Monday through Friday CST at 817-251-3551 or email us at info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com. Requests for refunds must be made in writing and postmarked no later than the reservation due date. No refunds will be made after this date unless you have purchased *Tour Cancellation Insurance*.