

The COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION

2019 Convention/Registration Information Changes?? Yes indeed, please read and heed!

The 2019 Combat Infantrymen's Association annual convention will be held Thursday August 22 – Sunday August 25 at the Colorado Springs Marriott located at 5580 Tech Center Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

Bids were solicited from all the full-service hotels in Colorado Springs; two did not respond indicating a lack of interest. The Marriott was selected from the others because it submitted the most competitive bid including amenities such as complimentary ****airport shuttle service**** (See

Note Below) and complimentary breakfast that were not offered by other popular Colorado Springs hotels - plus the willingness to work with the planner to accommodate our requirements. The Marriott is a full-service four-star hotel with all the amenities needed to insure a great reunion including free automobile parking, carryover Convention rates for 3 days before or after the Convention dates (Aug 22-25.) The carryover rates are strictly on a space available basis. The hotel parking lot can accommodate Campers/RV's, but you cannot live in one while on hotel property. **If staying in a local campground:** RV/Camper Convention attendees are responsible for finding their own campground and for providing their own transportation to and from the Marriott.



Please be aware, you must call and make your own room reservations. Guidance on how to do on page 6.

****Note on complimentary airport shuttle service**.** The Marriott will provide complimentary airport shuttle service to/from the Colorado Springs Airport over the event dates. If flying, you must make a pick-up reservation with the Hotel Group Housing Coordinator at **719-268-4218** not later than August 1, 2019. You must tell the coordinator your name, that you are with the Combat Infantrymen's Association and you have a reservation at the Marriott (you will probably need your reservation confirmation number) and of course your arrival date, ETA, Airlines and Flight Number. Reservations are made on a first come basis. If the hotel cannot accommodate the service, or if the reservation is made after August 1, 2019, neither the Marriott nor the Combat Infantrymen's Association is financially responsible.

- 1) Credit card usage:** You may use your credit card to pay the hotel and the CIAssoc.
- 2) Only one is being offered:** The All-Inclusive Option including meals, hospitality room

and tour will be offered. If you are a late arrival or if you absolutely are not able to participate in an activity, you may be able to opt out of that activity. See the Registration Form. For details

Cancellations: Since you are making your own room reservations the Marriott rooms cancellation policy will apply. Check with them for that information. For the tours, full payment to the tour company must be made on **August 1, 2019**, therefore, cancellation requests for the tour received after **July 31, 2019** cannot be honored – *that means no tour refunds after August 1, 2019* (tour company policy, not ours). For hotel provided functions (food and beverages) cancellations will be honored until **August 16, 2019**, except if guaranteed numbers have been provided to the vendor or payment already made. **There will be NO REFUNDS – for any reason** – for the tour or hotel sponsored functions after the above dates. **LOOK AT THE DATES CAREFULLY!!!** *Unexpected emergencies DO happen; protect your investment. Trip Cancellation Insurance is HIGHLY recommended. See your local insurance agent. The Combat Infantrymen’s Association does not offer this service.*

Notice to CIAssoc Member: You received this paper copy of the registration packet because we do not have a valid email address for you. Either you do not have one, or you have never provided it to the CIAssoc Admin Office, or the one we have for you bounced back. We use Constant Contact for our email communications, and once an address bounces, they will not send subsequent emails to that address (this is one of the ways they do their part to control spam/unwanted emails). If you register for the convention by mail, please be sure to fill in your email address. If you are not able to attend the convention and have an e-mail address please notify the CIAssoc Admin Office at ciamemberapps@gmail.com and give us your **name** and your **email address**. Please be sure to check your spam filter to make sure you are set up to receive emails from us!

New this year will be the distribution of a Convention Book. If you own a business and would like to place an ad in the Convention Book, or if you would like to place a Legacy Ad in honor or memory of a CIB recipient, please visit the Ciassoc web site at cibassoc.com for more details (all convention related news is located under the MEMBERS tab, using the Annual Convention link)



Combat Infantrymen's Association 2019 Convention Itinerary

Wednesday August 21

Early bird arrivals, no planned activities, no hospitality room

Thursday August 22

12:00 Noon: Registration Begins and Hospitality Room Opens, stocked with coffee, soft drinks, fruit, and other munchies. Due to liability considerations, private alcohol is not permitted in the hospitality room.

3:00 PM: Executive Board Meeting (location to be announced on site)

5:00 – 6:30 PM: Welcome Reception. National Commander's welcome remarks, announcements, and introductions will be followed by a cash bar (you buy your own drinks) and heavy hors d'oeuvres (chili and potato buffet) plus chips, etc. will be served. The chili and potato buffet should be sufficient for your dinner; if not, dinner is on your own. *Cost of the Reception is included in the All-Inclusive Option. Please note that to receive the excellent room rates, we do have a food and beverage sales minimum therefore to help meet our obligations everyone needs to participate in all meals. (you are going to eat somewhere, why not with the group?)*

Friday August 23

6:30-8:30 AM: Breakfast is in the hotel restaurant with coupons provided. Eat at your leisure keeping in mind when the tour departs. *Cost of breakfast is included in your room rate.*

8:00 AM: Information/Registration Desk opens.

8:45 AM Load-up ~ 9:00 AM: depart for a magnificent day of sight-seeing. First stop is the USAF



Academy. Security measures are in place and will be enforced. Visitors are required to have a valid driver's license or other form of government issued identification to gain entrance to the Academy. First stop will be near the main gate at the B-52 Bomber that is on display. Hopefully we can stop for a Photo-Op and read the history of that bomber. The next stop is The Barry Goldwater Air Force Academy Visitor Center which serves as the gateway to the United States Air Force Academy for hundreds of thousands of tourists each year. The center provides

information on Academy history, cadet life and campus attractions. *As a courtesy to visitors,*

wheelchairs are provided for use within the Visitor Center on a first come basis; however, they cannot be taken out of the Visitor Center.

Note that backpacks or large bags are not allowed in the Visitor Center. The Visitor Center's 5,652-square-foot exhibit area includes video and static displays, a hometown map, and a historical exhibit featuring information on Academy history, current and former superintendents and other significant features of the Academy's history. A 21-minute movie highlighting the academy experience is shown throughout the day in the 250-seat theater. The exhibit area features displays on history and cadet life with specially designed exhibits to



explain the academy's four "pillars of excellence." These refer to the four areas of the cadet training program: character development, academic, athletic, and military training.

BE AWARE THAT ALL PERSONNEL NEEDING ASSISTANCE IN WALKING MUST HAVE THEIR OWN WHEELCHAIR OR OTHER MOBILITY VEHICLES/CANES FOR USE OUTSIDE OF THE VISITOR CENTER.

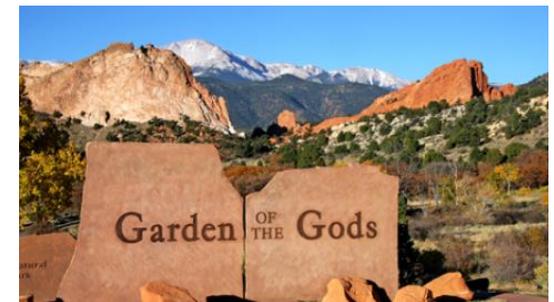
The Cadet Chapel is both the most recognizable building at the U.S. Air Force Academy and the **most visited man-made tourist attraction in Colorado**. This aluminum, glass and steel structure features 17 spires that shoot 150 feet into the sky. It is considered among the most beautiful examples of modern American academic architecture. **Be advised that the Chapel may be "under re-construction" and only visible from a distance.**



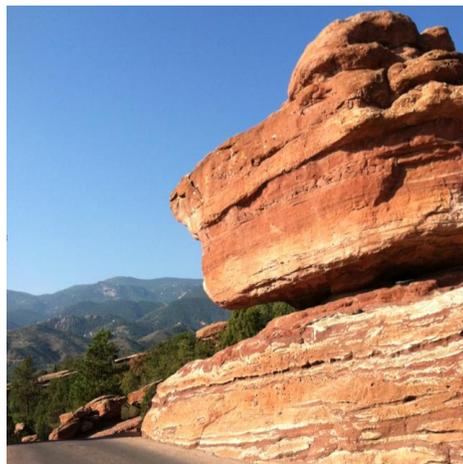
The Cadet Chapel serves as an all-faith center of worship for cadets and includes Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Buddhist chapels, an All-Faiths Room, and a Falcon Circle, each with its own entrance. The Chapel is capable of holding services in all rooms at one time. The chapel is occasionally closed for private services, weddings and funerals throughout the year. During these private services the chapel **will not** be open to the public.

Following the Academy visit you are off for a riding tour of the most photographed spot in the United States, the Garden of the Gods.

Below left is just one of the beautiful red rock formations found throughout the park. This is a



photographer's paradise where you will soon learn why the Garden of the Gods is the most photographed spot in the USA.



Seems like we're missing something. Lunch! That's it. A private lunch (or at least our own tables) at the Trading Post is included in the tour price. Speaking of the Trading Post, there she is just below. While you are there you may wish to look at some of the 90,000 pieces of high-quality merchandise carefully positioned in 25,000 square feet of floor space. Whether you're looking for a trinket, a souvenir or a classy wedding gift, you're sure to find it here. They have T-shirts and

apparel, posters and postcards, mugs, shot glasses, books, cooking gear, jewelry, homemade fudge, and so much more! Native American arts run deep, at the Trading Post so they've continued to carry Handmade

Native American Jewelry, Knives Navajo Rugs, Pueblo Pottery, Zuni Fetishes, War Bonnets, Sand paintings, and Kachinas, but they've always combined historic tradition with leading edge artistry. After lunch and shopping the last activity of the day is a windshield tour of Colorado Springs where the driver will point out some of the city's most famous landmarks and attractions. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Combat Infantrymen's Association, this is one tour that you do not want to miss. There is no way you will not enjoy the day and when you return to the hotel for a few minutes rest, you'll say, "I sure am glad I made that trip today."

Cost of the tour is included in the All-Inclusive Option. If you



are unable to go on the tour, you may opt-out – see instructions on the reservation form. There is a minimum of 30 paying guests for the tour to go. Less than 30 the tour will be canceled, or the price adjusted to cover the difference.

10:00 AM: Hospitality Room opens if there are any Friday arrivals or people not going on the tour.

6:00 PM: Social Hour with a cash bar

7:00 PM: Enjoy a “tasteful” evening with Pikes Peak BBQ Buffet featuring BBQ Boneless Chicken Breast, hamburgers and hotdogs, potato salad, Cole slaw, watermelon, baked beans corn on the cob and peach cobbler. *Cost of the Buffet is included in the All-Inclusive Option. Please note that to receive the excellent room rates, we do have a food and beverage sales minimum therefore, to help meet our obligations everyone needs to participate in all meals. (you are going to eat somewhere, why not with the group?)*

Saturday August 24

6:30-8:30 AM: Breakfast is in the hotel restaurant with coupons provided. Eat at your leisure. *Cost of breakfast is included in your room rate.*

8:00 AM: Association Officer’s “last minute details” meeting

9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon: Annual Business Meeting. All currently paid up members are encouraged to attend the meeting. Membership cards will be checked at the door. Anyone not current will be permitted to renew his membership at the door. Support Group members are invited to “sit-in” the meeting but will not be able to vote. There is no charge for CIAssoc or Support Group members to attend the meeting. Business meeting agenda will be distributed at the meeting. After the general membership business meeting has conducted, the CIAssoc activities will continue with a slide show for the 2020 convention (Anaheim, CA is being considered as the convention location) and a Membership Seminar. If necessary, a lunch break will be taken, and the meeting will resume at 1:00 PM. Every members’ input is valuable, so you are encouraged (and expected) to be present for all sessions

\\Once the entire meeting is over, the remainder of the afternoon is free.

Hospitality Room will open after all sessions of the meeting are finished.

6:00 PM: Photo session and Social Hour. Individual, couples, and group photos will be taken for historical purposes and for possible inclusion in the 2020 Convention Book.

7:00 PM: The Combat Infantrymen’s Association Banquet. Enjoy tonight in a more formal setting. Coat and tie recommended for the gentlemen and corresponding dress for the ladies, or if you can still wear a complete and correct uniform, please do so. With exception of the “Special Guests” table, there will be open seating, sit where you like, with whom you like. Barring something unexpected, we will have a Color Guard from Ft Carson to post and retire the National Colors. These will be infantry soldiers, most if not all, also CIB holders. Make them feel welcome. The CIAssoc Memorial Service will be part of the banquet program. *Cost of the Banquet is included in the All-Inclusive Option. Please note that to receive the excellent room rates, we do have a food and beverage sales minimum therefore, to help meet our obligations everyone needs to participate in all meals. (you are going to eat somewhere, why not with the group?)*

Sunday August 25

6:30 –?? AM: Breakfast will be in the hotel restaurant – with breakfast coupons provided. Eat at your leisure during the restaurant’s normal breakfast serving hours. *The cost of breakfast is included in the room rate.*

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Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit (or full payment) on or before July 22, 2019

Make your check out to "Combat Infantrymen's Association"

Mail to: Combat Infantrymen's Association Convention Manager, PO Box 11044, Hickory, NC 28603

Phone: 828-490-9303 (Leave message)

Attendee Info

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Spouse or Guest Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Primary Phone (home or cell): (_____) _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Info

If there should be an emergency during the Convention and we need to contact a member of your family, who should it be?

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name Tag Info

The all-Inclusive Option contains a Colorado Springs city tag. If this is your first Combat Infantrymen's convention or if your nametag walked away during the years you are encouraged to order a new one. Name tags are \$7.75 each and not included in the convention cost. Don't forget to add the cost to your balance on the reverse side of this form. The name tag is sturdy white plastic engraved with your name, rank, a CIB, and the years served. Spouse or guest name tag will have the guest's name only. **IF YOU COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW - YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR AND RECEIVE A NAME TAG.** To insure name tag accuracy, please print legibly the following information:

Name for your nametag: _____ Name for guest name tag: _____

Highest rank while a Combat Infantryman: _____ Years served: _____

****Cancellation Policy - READ CAREFULLY -Cancellation Policy****

By submitting this registration form, I understand and agree that I am making my own lodging reservations and the Colorado Springs Marriott hotel cancellation policy will apply. For the tours, cancellations received **August 1, 2019** or later cannot be honored (tour company policy, not ours). For hotel provided functions (food and beverages) cancellations will be honored until **August 16, 2019** except if guaranteed numbers have been provided to the vendor or payment already made. There will be **NO REFUNDS - FOR ANY REASON** - for cancellation requests received after **the above deadlines.** *For your protection so you do not lose your investment, Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent. The CIAssoc does not offer this service.*

Signature Required: _____

Special Needs

When you call the Marriott to make your room reservations, be sure to mention any special room requirements that you may have.

Please list any dietary requirements: _____

2019 Combat Infantrymen's Association Convention Worksheet

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE PAGE BEFORE FILLING OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW AND THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS RESERVATION FORM.

The All-Inclusive option does not include lodging. You will need to make your room reservations separately by calling the hotel direct at **1-719-268-4218** or the National toll-free number **1-800-932-2151**. When calling either number be sure to tell the person taking the reservation that you are with the **Combat Infantrymen's Association Convention**. Or you can make your reservation on line by clicking on the link below. (Press the "Control Key and click") FYI, phone-in reservations are easier.

[Book your group rate for Combat Infantrymen's Association 2019 Reunion](#)

You can use your credit card for your room reservation and/or the All-Inclusive Option. Room rate is at the Marriott \$131.00 plus tax. Rate includes breakfast for two persons. Be sure you are making a reservation at the right hotel – Colorado Springs Marriott located at 5580 Tech Center Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919. To avoid any booking issues, please have all reservations made by **July 22, 2019**. Register Early. Group rate may not be available after July 22nd. **Cost is only \$245.00 PER PERSON or \$490.00 PER COUPLE.** If it fits your budget better, installments will be accepted so long as the full amount is received on or before July 22, 2019

The All-Inclusive package contains the following activities for each person

- a) Thursday evening welcome reception/chili and potato buffet; b) Friday USAF Academy, Garden of the Gods tour with lunch included; c) Friday Pikes Peak BBQ dinner buffet; d) Saturday banquet; e) Colorado Springs city tag; f) **Pro-rated cost of postage, printing, hospitality room items, gratuities, bartender fees and miscellaneous admin expenses.** Items below highlighted in yellow are not deductible.
- b) Persons living in the area or special guests who will arrive after 5:00 PM on Saturday August 24, 2019 may call for a special banquet only rate.

DO NOT USE THIS BLOCK TO CALCULATE YOUR CONVENTION COST! USE IT TO DEDUCT ACTIVITIES ONLY

Thursday, Aug 22: Welcome Recept w/ Chili and potato buffet:	@ \$27.50 pp X # persons _____	... = \$ _____
Friday, Aug 23: USAF Academy GOG Tour with lunch:	@ \$82.00 pp X # persons _____	.. = \$ _____
Friday, Aug 23: Pikes Peak BBQ Dinner Buffet:	@ \$39.00 pp X # persons _____	... = \$ _____
Saturday, Aug 24: Banquet dinner (Prime Rib):	@ \$40.00 pp X # persons _____ = \$ _____
Colorado Springs City tag	@ \$4.75 per tag X # tags _____	... = \$ _____
Printing and Postage	@ \$5.00 per person:	This item is not deductible
Hospitality Items, clean-up, set-up fees, bartender fee, and other administrative expenses	@ \$45.00 per person:	This item is not deductible

Total deductions \$ _____

Subtract deductions from your selected option of \$245.00 or \$490.00 for your option cost \$ _____

Add nametag (not included in All Inclusive Option) @ \$7.75 per tag X # _____ tags \$ _____

A \$100.00 per person (or full payment) must accompany this application. Full balance is due on or before **July 22, 2019**

Payment Method: Make Checks Payable to: *Combat Infantrymen's Association*

Personal Check # _____ Money Order _____ Amex _____ Discover _____ MasterCard _____ Visa _____

The Combat Infantrymen's Association is authorized to bill the below listed credit card in the amount of \$ _____

Name as it appears on Credit Card: _____

Billing Address if different than address above: _____

Account #: _____ Exp Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____ (required)

Check here if you want us to automatically bill your remaining balance to this same account on: July 22, 2019 _____