

Fightin' Fifty-Fifth Faithful, Friends, Family and Followers, In the last PREZGRAM take-off roll, I mentioned our most pressing event at the time was the **2023 55th Wing Birthday Ball** (appropriately themed, ***"The Flame Burns Brighter"***) hosted during the annual Heritage Week tradition. You'll see FAR MORE event coverage in this latest "Max Missive"; but thanks go to all, who made the week successful: Col Kristen (KT) Thompson's involved Wing leadership/staff, Ball committee (Commander's Action Group, Protocol, Public Affairs, Legal, Association Members and active-duty volunteers), Tales of the 55th, Hall of Fame, Excellence Trophy, Museum Open House, Aircraft Static Displays and more. After many years, it was truly, a reunited Wing/Association celebration. What else is now in your Association's 2023's engine wake? In addition to continual Museum additions, three Memorial Day events: Offutt AFB Cemetery (key note: WG/Vice, Col Mark (Chili) Howard, ASSN wreath placement at our Riggs (Bldg. 500) monument and USAF wreath placement at the Omaha National Cemetery (Jim Maloney/John Johnson).

So, what more is in store for our 2023 flight together? Certainly, several activities, though none more exciting nor important as our 2023 Reunion/Rendezvous in Colorado Springs, hosted by Al/Sandy Feldkamp and other "Rockies Alums". Here are planning factors to whet your appetites for Association Autumn Fun:



Please share this link with anyone who needs to book the 55th Wing Association Reunion rates. The group booking link is now ready for use. Simply copy and paste the URL below into your browser to access the exclusive rates available for this group. . Please note, the entire URL must be copied/pasted to work properly.

Booking Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=COSP-DT&groupCode=CDT90G&arrivaldate=2023-10-17&departuredate=2023-10-20&cid=OM>

Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Colorado Springs
Group Name: 55th Wing Association Reunion
Group Code: 90G
Arrival Date: 2023-10-17
Departure Date: 2023-10-23

DoubleTree Colorado Springs
1775 E Cheyenne Mountain Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80906

NOTE: The difference between one or two in the rooms is the difference of an additional breakfast, i.e \$159 for a single person and \$179 for two. Breakfast is included in the rate—full, sit-down breakfast with omelet bar.

Our Rockies Association Mates are not quite ready to advertise all we will do; however, as an “in-progress tease”: The first full day, the 18th is set up. It will be the World War II National Aviation Museum <https://www.worldwariaviation.org/> in the morning. Lunch will be at the Airplane restaurant, a KC-97. Return to hotel and have happy hour at 5 and dinner about 6PM. Presidential Suite will be open after dinner.

The second day plans are TBD due to a Corona (all AF 4 Stars) Conference on-going on at USAFA. There will be a formal dinner the 19th evening.

As mentioned, more to follow from the “Feldkamp Flight” as we get further down the runway. With that promise, “The Sun Never Sets on the *Fightin’ Fifty-fifth*”.

*Videmus Omnia,
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