



YANCEY MEMORIES

COORDINATORS MESSAGE

Today is the first day of Summer and it is going to be 100 degrees in the Chicago area and I believe the rest of the country is going through hot spells as well. Good thing the reunion is In October it should be cooler by then especially in Colorado.

You donated over \$1,500 during our fundraiser so we are in good shape for continued newsletters. The biggest problem is getting stories to include. Ric is good at finding articles and information to enable us to get a newsletter out but personal stories are by far better.

Thus far we have 7 shipmates signed up for the reunion, myself, Jeff Amundsen, Russ Gleason, John Karlis, Duane Malme, Phil Messer and Paul Smith Jr.. The reunion itinerary is included in this issue. I hear that Colorado Springs is a great place to visit so it's not to late if you care to join us. Deadlines are August 28th for the reunion with no late fee and September 8th for the Hotel. I hope you all have a great and safe Summer.

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THE 2022 REUNION ITINERARY OCTOBER 9 thru 13, 2022



SUNDAY OCTOBER 9th

Welcome Reception at 6 pm in the Atrium with complimentary drinks at 7 pm we move to the Ballroom for a buffet featuring Chardonnay Chicken and London Broil.

MONDAY OCTOBER 10th 9AM—2PM

Colorado Springs is 7,163 feet above sea level. We start the day with a narrated riding tour of the Visitor Center at The Air Force Academy and a ride through the 300 foot tall rock formations at the Garden of the Gods.



Lunch will be on your own at the outdoor pavilion of the oldest and largest Trading Post in Colorado.

After lunch we will finish the day with a narrated City tour including streets lined with Miners Mansions from the 1880's Gold Rush.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 11th 9AM –4PM

Our motorcoach will 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. There is a Gift Shop Restaurants, Bathrooms and an amazing view.





IF TUESDAY TRIP TO PIKES PEAK ISN'T ON YOUR TO DO LIST, you may opt for a guided tour of the areas two most historic and unique attractions, Old Colorado City and Manitou Springs. Learn the fascination history of each before having time to explore over 100 boutiques, one-of-a-kind shops, and cafés. 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 in the Springs, before returning to the hotel.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12 9AM—2PM

The National Museum of World War II Aviation creates a unique opportunity to remember our veterans who made victory in World War II possible. Enjoy a guided, walking tour, conducted by ex-veterans, anxious to answer your questions.



AS A WEDNESDAY ALTERNATIVE There is something for everyone at Dragonmans eclectic emporium. Mel “Dragon Man” Bernstein, takes pride in showing his \$10M collection of armament to the public. This place is like none you have ever seen. The amazing feature is the sheer volume of military weapons and equipment from WWI to the Vietnam War. There are also many items of unique memorabilia from the 50’s and 60’s including Hot Rods and an Elvis Presley exhibit featuring unique collectibles

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IT’S THE BANQUET DINNER We will begin in the Atrium of our hotel at 1800 for 2 complimentary drinks before dinner at 1900.

If you would like more information go to www.ussyancey.com

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GERALD LEONARD STEIN by his son Rob Stein

My dad served on the Yancey around 1945 for a couple of years. They were heading to Japan to invade along with a million other men on ships, when President Truman dropped the bomb. My dad was in charge of the radio and ship communications. He told me they received a message that Japan surrendered. They didn't believe it, they were days away from the invasion. My dad told his assistant to wake the captain the other sailor said no way, I'm not waking the captain!! But they did and the captain had to send some secret messages to confirm the news....It was true. They could turn the ship around and head back to Brooklyn. The captain opened a secret cabinet that had lots of alcohol in it (my dad told me he was friends with the captain and he was a nice guy, both my dad and the captain were Jewish. I'm pretty sure). He hold me it was a fun cruise back home. They went through the Panama Canal both ways. He became an engineer and went into the HVAC business in the New York, Long Island area. My mom was an army Air Force nurse stationed at Brooke Army medical in Texas and ran the burn unit at the end of the war and for a little time after. My dad passed April 5 2018, he was 93, he was a great, funny, smart father.. We all miss him a lot.
