

**USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION  
19TH NATIONAL REUNION  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 10—THURSDAY OCTOBER 12, 2017  
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO**

Colorado Springs, CO  
October 10-12 (Tue, Wed, Thu), 2017  
Hotel Elegante Conference & Event Center  
2886 S Circle Dr., Colorado Springs, CO, 80906

The Hotel Elegante Conference & Event Center was the hotel chosen by the inspection team of Darlene & Jack Foster and George Overman. We inspected different hotels and based on input from our members on ranking hotel features and using the inspection matrix the Hotel Elegante came out on top.



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1. The easiest way to book a room is to go to the Cogswell dedicated hotel website page by clicking on the following link <https://www.reseze.net/servlet/SendPage?hotelid=1410&skipfirstpage=true&page=1619542> or you may have to cut & paste into the web browser . Put in the dates for next year and other information required then click on “book now” to select the type of room you want to reserve. Although the standard rooms do not show they are equipped with refrigerator and microwave, they will be by the time we arrive.
2. If you cannot access the web or if you have a special request such as adjoining rooms  
Phone: (719) 576-5900. \*To book a Loft Suite ask to speak to Lennea Mason, the Reservations Coordinator.
3. Room rates for standard rooms: \$100 per night plus tax (for up to 4 people in double queen or for up to 2 people in king room) or, a Loft Suite – for \$150 per night plus tax.\* (See room descriptions and pictures on hotel web site) ***We only have 25 rooms booked on October 09, and 45 rooms on October 10, 11 & 12. Any additional room requests above this block are subject to space and rate availability***



4. The hotel will make every attempt to book us in rooms on the 2nd floor for better access to the elevator in order to get to our hospitality room on the 3rd floor.
5. For those staying in the hotel, a full buffet breakfast ***for two people per day*** is included with each room reserved and will be served in Rustler’s Café . (Opens 6 AM)
6. Parking is complimentary.
7. Free airport shuttle service to/from Colorado Springs airport.



COLORADO SPRINGS REUNION  
PLAN OF THE DAY  
(Subject to change)

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

- 0930 USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION reunion registration begins in hospitality room (Rampart on the 3rd floor.)
- 1100 Snack service begins in hospitality room (snack mix, soft drinks, coffee & tea)
- 1400 Beer & wine available
- 1700 **Reunion welcome gathering with Hors D'oeuvres**
- 1730 Remarks from our Association President Frank Wille, Pam Sherfese from the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Michele Williams from the hotel, and possibly others.
- 1800 An overview of the scheduled tours and the other activities during the reunion.
- 1815 (Approximate) Cogswell Association business meeting and election of new committee members
- 1830 Reception continues and the sea stories begin

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

- 0600 **Rustler's Cafe open for breakfast**
- 0830 *Sharp*—Tour bus leaves hotel
- 1100 Snack service begins in hospitality room (snack mix, soft drinks, coffee & tea)
- 1400 Beer and wine available in the hospitality room
- 1530 (Approximate) Tour bus returns to hotel
- 1600 Meet in the hospitality room for refreshments and more sea stories

Thursday, October 12, 2017

- 0600 **Rustler's Cafe open for breakfast**
- 0745 *Sharp*—Tour bus leaves hotel
- 1100 Snack service begins in hospitality room (snack mix, soft drinks, coffee & tea)
- 1300 (Approximate) Tour bus returns to hotel
- 1400 Beer and wine available in hospitality room
- 1700 Photo taking begins in designated area (all hands on deck, purchase of photo book optional)
- 1715 Banquet room opens—full cash bar available
- 1800 Banquet program begins with announcements from Association President Frank Wille
- 1815 Invocation, and Necrology
- 1830 Food service
- 1900 Guest speaker(s) / Entertainment / Drawing for survey completion prizes
- 2100 Benediction
- 2100 Hospitality room remains open for more sea stories

Friday, October 13, 2017

- 0600 **Rustler's Cafe open for breakfast**  
Final farewells as the USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION REUNION IS CLOSED and we look forward to our next reunion in the Central Time Zone.

# Wednesday Tour

## October 11, 2017

Reservations Required

On Wednesday morning we will be leaving the hotel as scheduled in the POD. The first stop on our trip will be to the Pikes Peak Cog Railway.

*Travel on the World's Highest cog train, ascending Pikes Peak in all seasons. Enjoy the invigorating grandeur! Climb to 14,115 feet and experience the magnificent panoramas that inspired the song America the Beautiful. (<http://www.cograilway.com/>)*

This 3 hour and 10 minute trip spans over 8.9 miles of track. The train will leave the depot in Manitou Springs at 9:20 AM and return at 12:30 PM. This includes approximately 30 minutes on the peak. An optional brown bag lunch\* (by Miss Alice) will be available for purchase with registration. This brown bag lunch may be consumed while on the peak or on train on the way back down. Just remember to dispose of ALL trash in the bags provided. The next opportunity for food will be the Garden of the Gods Trading Post which will be approximately 1:45 PM. Also keep in mind that there are NO restrooms on the train, only at the base station and at the top of the peak. So what do you do in-between? Depends.



After returning to the base station in Manitou Springs, we will head for Garden of the Gods and take a bus tour through of the park. This should last approximately 45 minutes with stops for picture taking. After driving through the park the last stop before returning to the hotel will be the Garden of the Gods Trading Post.

*"Garden of the Gods Park in Colorado is owned by the City of Colorado Springs. Annually, visitors from all 50 states and more than 60 countries discover the beauty and history of the 1,367-acre Garden of the Gods Park, which has been designated as a National Natural Landmark. The Park is a unique biological melting pot where the grasslands of the Great Plains meet the pinon-juniper woodlands characteristic of the American Southwest, and merge with the mountain forest of the 14,115-foot Pikes Peak - America's Mountain. The 300 million years of geological history of the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs reveal one of the most extensive pictures of earth history found anywhere in the United States. It is a true geological wonder.*



*Local Indian Trader, Charles E. Strausenback, built the Garden of the Gods Trading Post, in the early 1900s. The trading post was designed to resemble a traditional Pueblo Indian home. Mr. Strausenback believed that visitors to the Southwest should have the opportunity to explore Native American culture through art, architecture, and crafts.*

*The Garden of the Gods Trading Post offers one of a kind gift shop, you'll find something for everyone on your list. Browse through our vast array of collectible hand made jewelry, books, and souvenirs, toys for kids, apparel, as well as Home Decor items. Today, our Art Gallery features unique Colorado Artist, International artwork, Contemporary jewelry, as well as a magnificent collection of Native American Art.*

*While hiking or simply sightseeing at the Garden of the Gods, stop in at the Balanced Rock Cafe for lunch or a light dinner. The Cafe offers a diverse variety of delicious meals including our Famous Buffalo Burgers, a selection of tantalizing wraps, hot soups mad daily, a choice of unique salads, and lighter fares as well. Guests may enjoy creek side dining in the Balanced Rock Cafe Patio garden, sheltered by Aspens and hundred year old Cottonwoods."* (<http://www.visitcos.com/garden-gods-colorado-springs>)



*\*Brown bag lunch consists of Ham & Cheese sandwich, chips, cookie & water.*

# Thursday Tour

## October 12, 2017

Reservations Required

On Thursday morning we will be leaving the hotel as scheduled in the POD. (Early departure) The trip to the Santa Fe Depot in Canon City where the Royal Gorge Railway departs, will take approximately an hour or could be longer depending on traffic. We need to arrive no later than 9:00 AM in order to get tickets and board the train for the 9:30 AM departure. We will be traveling in coach class, but will access to an open car for picture taking.

There are some rules that are strictly enforced. We cannot bring any food or drink onto the train. No backpacks are allowed, and all other bags will be searched before boarding the train. As for seating; "Specific seats are not guaranteed, unless chartering a car or the entire train. Due to number of seats reserved for your group, seating is limited to those designated seats therefore, guests must fill every seat. Non-reserved group seats will be made available for sale to the public unless the entire car or train has been chartered."

Although we cannot bring food on the train, they do have food available for purchase. Also, you may select the brown bag lunch\* (by Miss Alice) when registering. This food may be eaten on the bus during the return trip to the hotel which will take about one hour.

*"Thanks to 3 million years of unrelenting flow by the once meager – now mighty Arkansas River, those living in the new millennium can experience the soaring cliffs of the Royal Gorge. These granite wonders tower more than 1,000 feet above the rushing Arkansas down below. More than 300 days of sun, a dry and dreamy climate and the protection of this narrow, winding, dramatic canyon draws some of Colorado's most majestic wildlife, like big horn sheep, bald eagles and Blue Herons.*

*Adventure seekers and in-the-know travelers are also drawn to the Royal Gorge region for its beauty, warmth and southern Colorado charm. In some spots, you can't even get a phone signal and visitors view that as a good thing. Could the Royal Gorge be the last place in Colorado where you simply have to unplug?*

*Up until 1999, the only way to experience the Royal Gorge, was by raft or to catch a glimpse from the City's Royal Gorge Bridge. Then, in 1999, the Royal Gorge Route Railroad was resurrected by the same family that ran the famous Georgetown Loop Railroad until 2004.*



*The Royal Gorge Route Railroad ran its first passenger train through the Royal Gorge in May of 1999 with just 5 passenger cars and a cooler, which carried cold drinks for passengers. The train quickly grew, with added classes of service, first class cars, dining cars, and the addition of full-length dome cars. Classes of service expanded quickly from coach class, to vista dome, gourmet lunch & dinners, murder mysteries, 5-course wine dinners, along with our successful Santa Express Trains. They were the first scenic railroad in Colorado to lead*

*the way in defining what "first-class" means, winning awards for their exquisite 3-course lunch and dinner trains. The Royal Gorge Route is run by a Colorado Company passionate about quality."*  
*(<https://royalgorgeroute.com/royal-gorge-region/>)*

*\*Brown bag lunch consists of Ham & Cheese sandwich, chips, cookie & water.*



# Special Military Reunion Banquet Menu

## Three-Course Plated Dinner

Garden Fresh Greens with Ranch and Herb Vinaigrette Dressings  
Starch and Bouquet of Vegetables, Assorted Dinner Rolls & Butter  
Dessert & Beverage Service

Flat Iron Steak – Grilled Flat Iron Steak with a Forest Blended  
Mushroom Demi Glaze Served with Potato Soufflé, Green Beans  
and Roasted Red Peppers

Chicken Chasseur – A-Line Chicken Breast topped with a Hearty  
Hunter’s Sauce of Tomatoes, Mushroom and Pearl Onions served  
with Blended Wild Rice, Green Beans, and Roasted Red Peppers

Vegetable Ravioli – Large Ravioli Shells Stuffed with Assorted  
Seasonal Vegetables and Served with Mariana Sauce

Chefs Choice Dessert



# USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION

## REUNION REGISTRATION – OCTOBER 10-12, 2017

\*\*\*RETURN NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, SEPT 09, 2017 (TO GUARANTEE TOUR AVAILABILITY)\*\*\*

*(Please print clearly and sign on the bottom of the form)*

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile # \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ (Continue of back if necessary)

We plan to arrive on: \_\_\_\_\_

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Are you staying at the Elegante?	_____	_____	Have you made reservations	_____	_____

Room reservations must be made directly with the hotel.

	Cost ( <i>per person</i> )	# of people	Total
Wednesday Oct 11 Tour	\$58	_____	_____
Optional brown bag lunch	\$5	_____	_____

*Tour cost includes bus transportation, driver gratuity, and Pikes Peak train ticket. The bus will hold 55 passengers. Once this number is reached we will put new registrants on standby.*

Thursday Oct 12 Tour	\$55	_____	_____
Optional brown bag lunch	\$5	_____	_____

*Tour cost includes bus transportation, driver gratuity, and Royal Gorge train ticket. The bus will hold 55 passengers. Once this number is reached we will put new registrants on standby.*

		Cost ( <i>per person</i> )		# of people		Total
Banquet	Flat Iron Steak	\$33	X	_____	=	_____
	Chicken Chasseur	\$33	X	_____	=	_____
	Vegetable Ravioli	\$33	X	_____	=	_____
Registration Fee (under 18 free)	\$20		X	_____	=	_____
Photo Book	\$22/ea includes postage			_____		_____
Grand Total						_____

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to:

USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION

Mail to:

USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION

PO BOX 6098

OCEANSIDE CA 92052-6098

The Cogswell Association will provide beer & wine to Association members over the age of 21. There will be no charge for this beer. The Cogswell Association will be providing snacks in the hospitality room. No food or snacks of any kind may be brought into the room by other individuals. In addition, the USS Cogswell DD-651 Association executive committee does not accept responsibility or liability whatsoever for any incident involving the consumption of any food items or alcoholic beverages.

I have read and agree to the above restrictions on alcoholic beverages and food items at the reunion.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Must be signed in order to participate in reunion activities)*



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