



THE COLORADO STATE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

Cordially invites you and your guest

to the

2017 Colorado AFA State Convention

Saturday, August 5, 2017 Convention and Awards Banquet

and

Sunday, August 6, 2017 Business Meeting

Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum

31001 Magnuson Avenue

Pueblo, CO 81001

1:00 – 11:00 PM

RSVP due not later than

July 28, 2017

Margaret Eichman

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Attire – Business Casual



The Mel Harmon Chapter of the Air Force Association

We cordially invite you to join us for our great August 5th & 6th, 2017 Colorado AFA State Convention patriotic and social events. If you haven't been to downtown Pueblo for some time, you'll be amazed by the beautiful and historic venues along Pueblo's Riverwalk, including the Veterans Bridge and Walk of Valor. The late afternoon events and evening banquet will be at the Weisbrod Aircraft Museum. These locations will provide for several very special and memorable events that will be presented just for you and your guests. Plan to stay overnight and attend the Business Meeting on Sunday morning, August 6th from 9:00 – 12:00 in the Weisbrod Aircraft Museum. This meeting is essential, as we elect 2018 Colorado State AFA Officers and select Colorado AFA Delegates to the National Convention.

Pueblo, "The Home of Heroes" will roll out the red carpet and welcome you to a variety of outstanding restaurants on the Riverwalk, all within one easy block of the incredible Center for American Values (CAV), where we will begin your afternoon of exciting and inspirational adventure. Ample parking is available in the parking structure just east of the CAV on Main Street.

The visionary and co-founder of the CAV is Medal of Honor Recipient, Drew Dix, a native of Pueblo whose deep commitment to America led to an enduring mission statement: "To honor the extreme sacrifices made to help sustain America's values and to ensure these extraordinary actions are preserved...forever." Program Director Tanya Quintana will take us through a fast pace program and Gallery of Heroes tour customized for our attendees. This fantastic facility will be the focal point of the September 11th – 16th, 2017 reunion of all living Medal of Honor Recipients.

The late afternoon and evening events at the Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum, featuring the Buffalo Soldiers of the American West Mounted Drill Team, Omawari Folkloric Dancers, and USAFA Band Ensemble will lead into the centerpiece Colorado AFA State Awards Banquet—recognizing outstanding contributors within the Air Force and Colorado Air National Guard and Air Force Association Chapters. We could not be prouder to announce our honored keynote speaker, noted Astronaut, Major General (Retired) USAF, author and highly recognized educator, Ronald M. Sega—a true Renaissance Man of enormous talents and contributions to our Nation.

Get your registration in early for the Saturday events and remember that all the day's events are included in the \$70.00 fee. We've blocked rooms in three local hotels for your convenience. See more details and contact information attached.

Sincerely,

Margaret Eichman

Margaret M. Eichman, President
Mel Harmon Chapter #128



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Air Force Association State Convention 2017

Program of Afternoon Events

Saturday, August 5, 2017

Make your reservations early to stay at **Courtyard by Marriott** in Downtown Pueblo (719-542-3200), **La Quinta Inn** (719-542-3500), and **The Ramada Pueblo** (719-544-4700). Make sure that you identify yourselves with The Air Force Association for reduced rates. Come down early and enjoy lunch “On Your Own” at the Historic River Walk in downtown Pueblo. There is ample “Free Parking” available in the parking structure just east of the Center for American Values (CAV) building on Main Street. There are several great restaurants to choose from on the Riverwalk including Angelo’s Pizza, Graham’s Grill, and The Place. These restaurants are conveniently located near the CAV.

13:00 CENTER FOR AMERICAN VALUES

Program Director Tanya Quintana, Center for American Values

(Hosted by Drew Dix, Chairman of the Board and Medal of Honor Recipient)

Welcome: Margaret Eichman, AFA Mel Harmon Chapter President

Welcome: Ed Brown, Pueblo City Councilman

Program by CAV

14:00 WALK OF VALOR TO THE VETERANS BRIDGE – MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTE CEREMONY

Pueblo Riverwalk Authority will provide two Riverboats for transportation to the Veterans Bridge.

MC Remarks—Ray Brown, Mel Harmon Chapter Executive Vice President

Presentation of Colors – Pueblo Ritual Team

National Anthem (Ms. Praxedes Quintana) and Pledge of Allegiance

History & Meaning of the Veterans Bridge – Gus Sandstrom

Tribute to AFA and Veterans – Brigadier General Paul Maye (Retired) USAF, and Ray Brown

Doss Initial Flight Training Flyover – Narration Chief Pilot, Colonel Mark (Yak) Maryak (Retired) USAF

21 Gun Salute by the Pueblo Veteran’s Ritual Team

Invitation to Buffalo Soldier Performance and Museum Tour at Weisbrod Aircraft Museum– Ray Brown

CONTINUE WALK OF VALOR TO MEDAL OF HONOR MEMORIAL HERO’S PLAZA

16:00 – 17:00 Mounted Cavalry Drills (1870 – 1890) presented by **The Buffalo Soldiers of the American West.**

Located in the East Airpark adjacent to the Weisbrod Aircraft Museum.

Note: Air Museum has facilities available if you need to make a change of clothes before the banquet – Business Casual Dress.



Colorado Air Force Association Awards Banquet 2017

Program of Evening Events

Saturday, August 5th, 2017

18:00 Welcome – Colonel Linda Aldrich (Retired) USAF, Air Force Association State President
– Special Music and Cash Bar

18:05 -18:35 Nationally recognized **Omawari Mexican Folkloric Dance Group** will showcase several traditional Mexican Regions in dance.

18:45 – **Air Force Academy Band Ensemble** will perform.

19:00- Master of Ceremonies – Colonel Jeff Chostner (Retired) USAF, Pueblo District Attorney

Invocation – Father Vigil

Presentation of Colors – Civil Air Patrol

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem

POW-MIA Ceremony

Dinner

Keynote Speaker – Major General Ron Segal (Retired) USAF, Graduate of the Air Force Academy, Astronaut, Noted Author, and Educator

Military Awards Presentations

National & State AFA Awards

Singing of “God Bless America”

Benediction

Closing Remarks – Colonel Linda Aldrich, State AFA President

Sunday, August 6th, 2017

9:00 – 12:00 AFA State Business Meeting (Weisbrod Aircraft Museum)



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Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum
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1300 Hours - Center for American Values Program, Walk of Valor Memorial and Tribute Ceremony at the Veterans Bridge, Pueblo Historic Riverwalk

1600 Hours – Buffalo Soldiers of the American West Mounted Cavalry Drill Team, Weisbrod Aircraft Museum

1800 Hours – Banquet Reception with Open Bar, and Omawari Mexican Folkloric Dance Group

1900 Hours – AFA State Banquet

Sunday, August 6, 2017

0900 – 1200 Hours – AFA State Business Meeting, Weisbrod Aircraft Museum

Online registration for the Convention is available at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-colorado-afa-state-convention-tickets-35583788068>

If you are unable to register online, send in the form below with payment.

_____ I will attend All Saturday Events, Pueblo Riverwalk and Weisbrod Aircraft Museum

_____ I will attend the Banquet

_____ I am bringing a guest(s) to the Banquet

_____ I will attend the Sunday morning Business Meeting

_____ Total number of Reservations @ \$70.00 each (Includes all Saturday Afternoon & Evening Events)

\$ _____ Total Payment – Please make check to AFA Mel Harmon Chapter 128

2 Payment options _____ Cash _____ Check

We would appreciate it if you would mail your check along with your reservation.

(Note: There are no ATM's available on the premises.)

Printed Name _____

Address _____

Organization/Chapter _____

Email _____ Phone # _____

CONVENTION RESERVATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY: July 28th (Please cancel reservations by July 28th otherwise you will be responsible for payment.) Make your reservations early to stay at **Courtyard by Marriott** in Downtown Pueblo (719-542-3200), **La Quinta Inn** (719-542-3500), and **The Ramada Pueblo** (719-544-4700). Make sure that you identify yourselves with The Air Force Association for reduced rates. Reserve by July 15th.

Please mail this form with payment to:

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