

SCHEDULE PROPOSED ON FEBRUARY 11TH

March 19th

Arrival day, table set up in lobby for book authors & greeting our people with welcome packs & name tags. There will be a sign in book.

Later in afternoon welcome packs & name tags will be in the hospitality room.

We will have a pizza/beer & other refreshments get together for all units, authors, guest speakers if they desire in the hospitality room in the evening around 5-6:00 (tbd). Come & go as you please, purely a time to socialize & meet each other.

March 20th

Morning trip to Ft Carson (busing provided by them) to hopefully witness troops doing actual training exercise on simulators & we are invited to do hands on also.

Tour of remodeled museum

Lunch at base mess hall (each pays for own lunch)

Evening social in Banquet Room at Elegante Hotel. Opening prayer by Ron Conrad B2/7, Slide program presented by Bill Comeau A2/12

Mayor or aid (depending on schedule) will welcome us. Several speakers to talk about the battle, different views & circumstances. Some special speakers have committed to be there to relate to our experience & speak on theirs. We have Jim Downing 103 years old Pearl Harbor survivor (was next to USS Arizona when it blew, he was on the USS West Virginia), Ed Beck in Battle of the Bulge & was a POW, WW2 and went on to the Korean War, a Soldier who was at Hiroshima after the blast (has pics & artifacts to show), Battle Commanders & current day Commanders to speak.

Still waiting on others to respond.

Cash bar & other refreshments will be there. Working on an appropriate snack also. This is not a dinner situation.

Timing to start all events are in planning.

March 21st

Memorial at Ft Carson in morning. We'll post what time to leave hotel (again buses provided by Ft Carson), ceremony to start at 9:30. Protocol to be followed. 21 Cannon salute & reading of the names of fallen.

Trip to PX in Ft Carson buses to buy memorabilia etc. Lunch at Ft Carson mess hall.

Evening Banquet with some more speakers. Still waiting on commitment from actors for their filming schedule.

March 22

Free Day

Shop around Colorado Springs (info in welcome pkg or look at visitcos.com)

Trip to US Air Force Academy for private tour in morning.

Trip to Cripple Creek (old gold mining town turned into gaming town, old buildings haven't been changed) in morning. Bus fees to be posted, there is a package to pay for ride but a refund for ride cost by playing.

OR you could do USAFA tour in morning & Cripple Creek in afternoon 3:00 ish. Need to tighten schedules.

March 23

Still planning on static displays with Ft Carson for morning & rest of day. The troops have been deploying & coming back continually! It's been very difficult to pin down activities!

We're trying hard to make this a reunion to remember.

We are dubbing the Heritage Week as "Freedom Isn't Free". That's why we have brought in our brothers from previous wars all the way to the present Global War on Terrorism soldiers. We have all experienced the same feelings & life issues