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11TH OS & AS REUNION 25-29 September 2022 DENVER, CO

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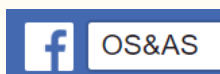
Denver Tech Center Doubletree,
7801 E Orchard Rd, Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Registration Form: https://os-as.com/?page_id=1547

Registration Deadline: August 15, 2022



<http://os-as.com/>





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Plan Of The Week

Rocky Mountain Colorado 2022 OS&AS Reunion

Sunday, September 25:

Denver Tech Center Doubletree
Arrive and Registration
Hospitality Suite
Reception with heavy pupus

Monday, September 26:

Bus tour to Georgetown (historic mining town dating from 1859)
Lunch on your own in Idaho Springs and shopping in town
Narrow gauge Railroad trip up to Silver Plume
Dinner on your own

Tuesday, September 27:

Bus tour to Colorado Springs
US Air Force Grounds and Visitor Center with lunch at the Falcon (Officer's) Club
Garden of the Gods
Dinner on your own

Wednesday, September 28:

Business breakfast and business/director's meetings
Tour Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum at Lowry with Optional Box Lunch
Command Brief and Tour of new JRIC Denver at Buckley Space Force Base
Reception and Reunion Banquet featuring **Stephen Coonts** as our Guest Speaker

Thursday, September 29:

Depart



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A message from your President:

Greetings to everyone as we pack our sea bags for the 11th Old Salts and Assorted Spies reunion in Denver and the Rocky Mountain countryside during peak aspen season. Tim Katha and his planning committee have covered all the bases to ensure a grand time and an enhanced venue for our oft repeated and ever embellished sea stories. For those of you who haven't already, read on, register and come to Denver! <http://os-as.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-DENVER-REUNION-DETAILS.pdf> Remember, the registration deadline is August 15th.

On Wednesday, throughout the day and at the evening banquet, we'll be joined by many local RIA-5 alumni who will reconnect with each other and listen to former local area drilling reservist and best-selling author, CDR Stephen Counts, following the Doubletree's Mile High Buffet. For those who'd like to do some pre-reunion prep, Tim's two book recommendations start with Stephen's instant best-selling classic, Flight of the Intruder, and follows Lieutenant Jake "Cool Hand" Grafton as he advances to Admiral Jack Grafton, head of the CIA in The Russia Account.

Our next reunion will be somewhere familiar on the east coast in the spring of 2024 and announced in Denver. As the OS&AS Board looks forward, there's always an opportunity to showcase your own locale. No Navy waterfront or experience required. Contact any board member.

Remember that a portion of everyone's contributions goes toward financial footprints in all of our reunion cities. It's a wonderful opportunity to help our veteran brothers and sisters in need. You can donate to the general fund on your reunion registration form or send a check directly to our Treasurer, Rick Martinez, as indicated in this newsletter. Veteran charities are thoroughly vetted by the reunion committee and awarded at our Wednesday evening banquet.

Bill Anderson



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A message from your Chairman:

The last OS&AS reunion in Fredericksburg seems like just a few months ago but we are now just a few weeks away from our next one in Denver. Tim Kathka and his crew are working diligently preparing for another exceptional reunion experience for us all. There are several shipmates from the old Denver based RIA 5 who plan to attend this reunion. Mike Halbig is planning another superb reunion to be held in Annapolis in 2024. We are fortunate to have dedicated shipmates who continue to plan our reunions.

With our 14 year old granddaughter, Addy, playing select softball we have been blessed with surviving arduous heat and travel to watch her and her team play. Addy was selected to play on a world softball team and went with her mother, Heather, to play in Germany, Austria and Italy which was a wonderful learning experience for both. Her team battled hard to place second in the state championships.





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A message from your Chairman (Continued):

Jan and I recently went to New Orleans for a few days with our son and daughter-in-law where we enjoyed the local dining treats. While there we helped the tourist industry by going on an air boat ride in the swamps to see alligators. The guide fed them marshmallows, which he called swamp crack.



We are saddened by the loss of our dear friend and shipmate, Russ Dyer a few months ago. Russ and his wife, Carol have been delightful friends and tour guides through the years. We continue to send prayers for Carol and family.

Pat



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A message from your Rocky Mountain Colorado 2022 OS&AS Reunion Chairman:

Greetings from the Mile High City, home of the Rocky Mountain Colorado 2022 OS&AS Reunion. The reunion dates of September 25-29 are fast approaching and registration closes in less than a month. The Colorado planning team is now working on the final details and looks forward to seeing you here. We have over forty registrations and some of the tours are beginning to fill up. Take a look at the confirmed registration list at www.os-as.com to see the list of your registered shipmates.

Not to be missed is our tour of the mining towns of Idaho Springs and Georgetown. We will first stop in



Idaho Springs for site seeing, lunch and shopping. Margie's looks like an interesting place. Then it is on to Georgetown for a trip on the famous Georgetown Loop narrow gauge railroad or a stroll through this old silver mining town.

Tuesday will find us in Colorado Springs for a tour and lunch at the Air Force Academy as well as a visit to the beautiful red rocks park, Garden of the Gods, where you can travel back in time to see just how these 300 foot red rocks came to be.

After Wednesday's business meetings we will visit the new Lowry, with a stop at Wings over the Rockies Air and Space Museum as well as a tour through the brand new Denver JRIC at Buckley Space Force Base. Finally, Wednesday evening we will be enjoying our buffet banquet, featuring our guest speaker, Stephen Coonts. Also, please remember to bring your books as Stephen has offered to sign them.

Come early! There is much to see and do in the Denver area at the end of September, with the 25th being a particularly active day. If you are an NFL fan, the Broncos host the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday Night Football. For baseball fans, the Colorado Rockies complete their home season against the San Diego Padres in the afternoon. The Denver OKTOBERFEST celebration, one of the country's largest, also wraps up on the afternoon of the 25th. All of this down here on the plains, while in the mountains we expect the aspen will be putting on their own colorful show.

Tim Kathka



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TREASURER'S REPORT June 30, 2022 OS&AS Operating Fund:

2020 Financial Activity

Beginning Balance 1-1-2020		\$11,690.34
Donations	\$ 1,869.00	
2022 Reunion Advance	\$ (2,500.00)	
Ending Balance 12-31-2020		\$11,059.34

2021 Financial Activity

Beginning Balance 1-1-2021		\$11,059.34
Donations	\$ 1,100.00	
2021 Reunion Reimbursement	\$ 1,993.03	
2021 Reunion Donations	\$ 1,413.00	
Merchandise Sales	\$ 20.00	
Wounded Warriors At Nebo	\$ (2,500.00)	
Admiral Nimitz Foundation	\$ (225.00)	
Ending Balance 12-31-2021		\$12,860.37

2022 Financial Activity

Beginning Balance 1-1-2022		\$12,860.37
Donations	\$ 1,105.00	
2022 Reunion Second Advance	\$ 2,100.00)	
2023 Reunion Advance	\$ 3,000.00)	
Ending Balance 6-30-2022		\$ 8,865.37



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A LOOK AT LOWRY

By Tim Kathka

A number of our Old Salts and Assorted Spies spent some time training at Lowry Air Force Base back in the day. My time training there greatly influenced our decision to return to Denver after leaving active duty. As part of the upcoming Rocky Mountain Colorado OS&AS Reunion to be held in Denver, 25-29 September, we are planning a trip to modern day Lowry, an enclave of Denver which has been successfully redeveloped into a nice residential and commercial neighborhood. The highlight of that trip to Lowry will be a tour through Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum, located in what was once Hangar 2, redesignated as Hangar 1 in 1966..

On a recent scouting trip to the museum, I discovered that Hangar 1's next door neighbor, now named Hangar 2, has also been redeveloped into a vibrant new part of the Lowry Community. I began thinking that some of our veterans might not want to visit the Wings Museum again. Our lunch and tour timeline is tight, commencing with the tour bus arrival at 1130 and departure at 1330. If there are some of us (me included) that would rather have a more leisurely lunch and stroll around Hangar 2 during this two-hour period, lunch on your own is certainly an option. See below for some historical photos of Lowry Hangars 1 & 2.



The Lowry Beer Garden is the closest venue to the museum and has a variety of bar food and drink at reasonable prices. Indoor and outdoor seating is available. You can find their menu at www.lowrybeergarden.com

If you are in the mood for Italian food and a little more upscale environment, you may want to try Café Mercato at the southwest corner of the Hangar 2 property. Mercato's light and airy atmosphere and design permeates throughout the modern space. The menu at Café Mercato is based on Southern Italian fare with a lighter approach. You can find their menu at

www.cafemercato.com





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Transportation to/from the DoubleTree DTC

The distance from Denver International Airport (DIA) to the reunion site, the DoubleTree by Hilton, Denver Tech Center is approximately 28 miles, all on “Interstate” highway. The hotel does not offer shuttle transportation so here are some options:

1. **RIDE APP SERVICE LIKE UBER OR LYFT:** Basic service runs approximately \$35-\$50 and will take approximately 30-40 minutes. Costs per person can come down if you can ride share. Ride App services at DIA are accessed on Level 5, Island 5. Reserve through your app first.
2. **DENVER RTD LIGHT RAIL:** Clearly, this is the most economical ride. Look for signs for the DEN Transit Center, which is located just steps from the train on Level 1 below the Westin Denver International Airport Hotel. Purchase the Senior Full Day Regional Pass for \$8.50/person. Then you will board the “A” Line train headed for downtown Denver. You will get off at the 3rd stop, Peoria Station, and change for the RTD “R” Line, which will take you to the Orchard Street Station, approximately 300 yards from the DoubleTree DTC Hotel. Call the hotel at 303-779-6161 and request the hotel shuttle. The train ride will take approximately 60-90 minutes. The transfer at Peoria Station is an ADA accessible walk of approximately 100 yards.
3. **CAR RENTAL:** At the time of publication, car rentals at DIA start at approximately \$40/day for compact and sub-compact cars. You must take a shuttle from the airport to the nearby rental car lots. The RTD is a great option for venturing into the city from the hotel if you wish. The DoubleTree provides a shuttle to access restaurants and shopping within a 5 mile radius of the hotel, which will provide ample dining options. Car rentals for local travel during the reunion week are likely not needed.
4. **TAXI:** \$75-\$90, 30-40 minutes

Please note that the Denver Broncos play the San Francisco 49ers at home on Sunday night football in Denver. This will undoubtedly raise the rental car prices and affect availability. Suggest an early arrival would be helpful with all forms of airport transportation.



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PAUL & JUDY PAPPENHEIM'S TRIP TO FRANCE AND IRELAND

In April, 2022 Paul and Judy Pappenheim traveled to France and Ireland with a group of friends.

When in France, spend several days touring Paris. Included were: a Hop on Hop off tour of Paris during the day, visited the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower. Enjoyed an evening Bateaux Parisiens Dinner Cruise down the Seine River. Saw specular views of the city of Paris lit up at night including the beautiful Eiffel Tower. Traveled to the city of Bayeux, France where we spend 3 days and 2 nights in the beautiful Villa Lara Boutique Hotel located in the heart of the historic district of Bayeux.

A nice quaint city where we walked on cobblestone streets, enjoyed the restaurants, shops and visited with the locals. Viewed the 11th Century Cathedral that is so beautifully illuminated at night.



Our Normandy itinerary was organized by Chocolatine, a travel expert in France. With our driver/guide Christophe, we enjoyed 2 full day driving tours and visited the Normandy D-Day sites. The 2 long days were very interesting and moving. We visited Utah Beach and Omaha Beach, two of the five beaches of Normandy where three airborne divisions were dropped, while 5000 ships, 135,000 men and nearly 20,000 vehicles approached the five landing beaches along a 50 mile stretch of coastline.



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DAY ONE TOUR: Sainte-Mere-Eglise hailed as one of the Elise first towns to be liberated in France and made famous by the paratrooper John Steel and by the film "The Longest Day". The Batterie De Crisbeco, a German artillery Battery and bunkers that guarded Utah Beach.



On to Utah Beach, the first of two American landing zones. Roosevelt was the only General on D-Day to land by sea with the wave of troops. He was the oldest man in the invasion and the one whose son also landed that day.

Stopped in St Marie du Mont, the first village liberated during the invasion and visited Dead Man's Corner a highly symbolic battle site.





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DAY TWO TOUR: Visited the remarkable site, the remains of Mulberry Harbour in Arromanches known as Port Winston and Batterie De Longues.

On to Omaha Beach, where the first assault wave landed, Pointe de Hoc the 100 foot high cliffs rising from the Channel between Utah and Omaha Beaches and a stop at the Normandy American Cemetery and its beautiful Memorial.

While 2 days of driving and touring with our driver/guide, we enjoyed some beautiful and picturesque countryside in France.





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IRELAND HIGHLIGHTS

Our driver/guide Eric with us 24/7 was so knowledgeable and showed us a fantastic tour.

DUBLIN, IRELAND: Dublin City Tour, Christ Church Cathedral, Trinity College including The Book of Kells. Was so fun to eat at the various Pubs.

CORK, IRELAND: House of Waterford Crystal Tour and Blarney Castle. No, we did not kiss the Blarney Stone.

KILLARNEY, KERRY IRELAND: Stayed at and experienced the beautiful Muckross Park Hotel and Spa. Then traveled to Dingle Peninsula and Dingle Village.





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LCDR Jon Vincent Caples
October 14, 1953 - April 3, 2022

Jon passed away April 3, 2022, at Sky Ridge Medical Center in Lone Tree CO after a lengthy illness. He was 68.

A native of Brunswick, Georgia, Jon earned two bachelor's degrees - Electrical Engineering Technology from Savannah State University (1976), General Studies from Roosevelt University (1985) - and a masters' degree in Computer Systems Management from the University of Southern California (1987). After Naval ROTC at Savannah State, Jon was commissioned in the U.S. Navy in 1976.

He served at posts in Florida, California, Alaska, and Hawaii specializing in anti-submarine warfare and intelligence. While in the Naval Reserve in Denver, Jon provided intelligence analysis to the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Space Command, during Operation Desert Storm. He retired from the Navy in 1998 with the rank of Lt. Commander.

Jon washed airplanes as a teenager to pay for flying lessons. He also joined the Civil Air Patrol, earning several national awards as a cadet, and later served as Standards and Evaluation Officer for CAP's Colorado Wing. Jon moved to Colorado in 1985 and was an engineer at Martin Marietta, now Lockheed Martin Corp. He joined United Airlines Flight Center in Denver in 1991 as an Academic Instructor for the B-757/767 fleet. He also maintained aircrew training materials for the DC-10 fleet and revised software for the B-757 computer-based training.

In 1997, Jon earned his ATP rating and was hired by Mesa Air Group Inc., where he was First Officer and Captain on the Beechcraft 1900. In 2001, he moved to Air Wisconsin Airlines as pilot of the Dornier 328. As an aircraft performance engineer, Jon worked at Jeppesen Corp., his own company and Jordan Aviation in Amman, Jordan.

He enjoyed flight instructing and was named Aviation Safety Counselor of the Year FAA Northwest Region in 1995. He was a volunteer docent with the Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum's Exploration of Flight Center.

Jon is survived by his wife Jeanie Stokes and his dog Scooter, three sisters, nieces and nephews in Georgia. He has two daughters, Amanda Duffendack (Jeff) of Parker CO and Karyn Smith (Jared) in Cheyenne WY, and five grandchildren.

The Full Obituary: <https://www.horancares.com/obituary/Jon-Caples>



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CAPT Robert Francis DiPalma

August 26, 1935 - May 31, 2022

Born in Middleboro, MA on August 26, 1935 to Italian immigrant Rocco DiPalma and his wife Sophie DiPalma, née Inglese, Bob attended elementary and high school in Middleboro, MA. Following high school, Bob studied at Providence College in Rhode Island where he earned a degree in political science.

In 1957, Bob graduated from Providence College and enrolled in the Naval Flight Officer Candidate Program in the Naval Flight

Officer Candidate Program at NAS Pensacola, FL, where he earned his wings as a Naval Flight Officer and was commissioned in 1958 as an Ensign. His first duty station was at NAS Glynco, Georgia for training on the Lockheed WV-2 Super Constellation, where he met and soon married Anne Cochran, a nurse studying at St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville, FL. Their first duty station together was NAS Agaña, Guam, where Bob flew with Airborne Early Warning Squadrons 1 and 3.

Following his deployment as a flight instructor at NAS Pensacola, FL and as Intelligence Officer aboard the USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, Bob left flight service in 1966 and was stationed with the newly stood-up Fleet Intelligence Center, Pacific (FICPAC), where he received specialized training in the fledgling field of digital satellite imagery. His additional tours included IOIC Officer aboard the USS INDEPENDENCE; Executive and Commanding Officer of the Naval Investigative Office (later renamed NCIS) HQ, Norfolk; Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence at Naval Surface Forces, Atlantic (SURFLANT); Intelligence Officer for Commander, Carrier Group 8 (COMCARGRU 8); and with the Director of Tactical Intelligence/Surveillance Advisory Group at D.I.A. He returned to FICPAC, this time to serve as its Commanding Officer and revisited the Washington, DC area where he served on the Staff of the Secretary of Defense as Intelligence Officer for Tactical Intelligence Systems until he retired in 1986.

During his 29-years of service, Bob's achievements in the Navy included the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and he was twice awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal.

The Full Obituary:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/washingtonpost/name/robert-dipalma-obituary?id=35134467>



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CAPT James Russell Dyer **June 6, 1947 – December 9, 2021**

Russ was a long time active participant in the Old Salts & Assorted Spies. He and his wife Carol organized and hosted the 2014 OS&AS Reunion in Las Vegas.

Russ was born in Chickasha, OK and grew up in Oklahoma City. Following his graduation from Rice University with a degree in Geology in 1971 he served on active duty in the U. S. Navy from 1971-1976 including serving with several personnel who became flag officers and national leaders. After release from active duty he joined the Naval Reserve Intelligence Program serving from 1976-2000. He held eight Reserve command positions including Reserve Intelligence Area Coordinator (RIAC) Area Six at NAS Dallas.

In 1983 he earned a PhD in Geology from Stanford University. Russ often discussed his opportunity to accomplish the first official mapping of Arches National Park while working on his PhD. From 1982-1988 he was Assistant Professor of Geology at University of Texas El Paso. Russ had many adventures while leading UTEP students on primitive field trips in the deserts of Mexico to provide optimum learning opportunities. From 1988 until his retirement in 2009 he held various senior management positions at the U. S. Department of Energy Yucca Mountain Project in Las Vegas, a program to develop a geologic repository for the permanent disposal of high-level nuclear waste and spent nuclear fuel often meeting with Russian officials to develop a process for assisting in recovery and proper disposal of their nuclear waste. He was twice recognized with a Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award. Throughout his professional career he authored over 100 professional papers, reports, abstracts, and presentations.

Russ loved the outdoors and after retirement he and Carol spent time fly fishing, camping, and traveling with their fifth wheel trailer. In 2106 they moved from Las Vegas to Washoe Valley, NV to be closer to their daughters.



Russ had a calm and calculated demeanor and always considered pros and cons of all parties before commenting or making decisions. He did not always follow the expected norm because that was the way things were always done. He considered the thoughts and wishes of everyone. He was an exceptionally intelligent person with distinguished leadership abilities.

He is survived by his wife Carol and three daughters.





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CAPT Melvyn Alfred RODELLI

October 9, 1942 – July 22, 2022

A memorial service for Melvyn will be held Sunday, July 31, 2022 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Hardage-Giddens Oaklawn Chapel, 4801 SAN JOSE BLVD, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207

The Obituary: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/jacksonville-fl/melvyn-rodelli-10859728>



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City, State, Zip: _____

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RIA/NRIC of Retirement: _____ Year: _____ Rank/Rate: _____

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A yearly donation of \$25.00 is suggested for the Operating Fund. More or less is appreciated, too.

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