

# THE IRONMAN—A DOUBLE ENDER’S NEWSLETTER

## Membership Scorebox

Active	115
Lifetime	22
Snail Mail Addresses Only	251
Email Address	497
Total Shipmates	4,252

## Big Changes to the 2021 Reeves Reunion

Shipmates, we have officially changed the location and dates for the 2021 USS Reeves Association Reunion.

***The NEW LOCATION is in Colorado Springs, CO.  
The NEW DATES are September 23 through 27, 2021.***

### Dues Notice!

Please be sure to check your mailing label or email notation.

If it doesn't say Current or Life above your name at the top of the label, you should renew your annual dues. To reach the greatest number of shipmates, we will publish the complete Association newsletter to any valid email or snail mail address. Your dues payments make this possible.



Here's the story:

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The changes made to both location and date were driven by COVID-10 restrictions that would have greatly limited the activities planned for our San Diego reunion. As you are probably aware, our original plan was to have the 2020 Reeves Western Reunion in San Diego on the first weekend of October 2020. That plan fell apart last spring as COVID-19 restrictions were imposed on the whole country. We contacted the hotel in May '20 when it became increasingly obvious that that our October '20 dates could be in jeopardy. Since April/May is exactly the time when all those other arrangements must be resolved, we were rightly concerned. The hotel confirmed that it was highly unlikely that they would be able to host a reunion, and our intended tour locations would not even return our calls. We decided then that the dates had to be cancelled. A few months later it was confirmed that there was no way possible that we could have held the reunion, so our May concerns were justified. We had the choice to just cancel the hotel contract at that time, but instead elected to stick with the same hotel and move the dates to the first weekend in October 2021. Not that we could have guessed when things would recover, but it seemed to be the best path at the time.

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## The President’s Page



Greetings to The Reeves Association Family,

I’d like to interrupt the roller coaster ride that has been our whole life for way too long now with some news and information that will hopefully give us all something to look forward to. And, that of course will be that the Reeves Association is getting right back into the reunion business. We haven’t met since 2018 in Providence, and we’re currently in our third year of our two-year reunion cycle. It’s truly time to get together and get together and celebrate.

I guess by now you’ve all heard (or at least read) about our decision to relocate our 2021 Reunion from San Diego to Colorado Springs. That’s kind of a radical change to the way we’ve done business in the past, but these are not normal times. We have always been methodical in our approach to the next reunion, and normally have at least 18 to 20 months of time to prep and deliver on the next event.

That was certainly the case for San Diego, as we made the decision to head to San Diego not long after our 2018 reunion in Providence. We were headed west, and south was the next progression for our return to the west coast. At the time we were looking for a Navy oriented location, and there are few locations in the world that can compete with San Diego in that category. We did look at other southern California venues, but the ultimate decision was based on hotel availability, timing, and most importantly..... cost.

We found that most of the southern west coast locations were priced well above what our members can afford. We circulated plenty of Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to a lot of venues (counties, towns, and hotel chains) and most didn’t even respond to us, as they apparently did not want or need our business. We felt we had landed the best deal we could find in San Diego and ran with it.

From there the entire COVID fiasco changed everything we had in mind. When the restrictions became obvious, we had to cancel for 2020, and moved our date rather than re-considering the entire thing. Then in late 2020 and early 21 we started hearing from our shipmates who had concerns about our going to San Diego. These were a combination of health concerns, lock-down concerns, and some wanted nothing to do with California. That is what prompted us to look further into our plans to see if these concerns were founded. What we found convinced us to look elsewhere.

We were able to break the contract with the hotel in San Diego without any penalty. They were very helpful to us and understood exactly why we were making changes.

As stated in the lead article, we were happy with the hotel we found, and we’re excited about all the things we will be able to do while we’re in the neighborhood. This change of venue does compress our timeline to get everything ready to go, but it appears that the hotel and the city are hungry to return to normal. The Springs tourism office has already invited us to sit down with them and discuss all our tour options and have promised to bring along discount coupons for many of the venues. Apparently, they have created a one stop shopping opportunity to book tours, transportation, and the like. They already have all the transportation vendors lined up and priced. That is a huge advantage over what we had to do long distance in Providence. We meet with them next week and are hoping for the best.

So far, we have sent out news of the location and time changes to the DLG/CG-24 and CG-24 Facebook pages and some  
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All comments, suggestions, submissions and criticism are welcome. My email is always open..

### Life Memberships

At the 2014 reunion in Portland, shipmates voted for a Life Membership. After researching various Associations, it was decided that the US Navy Cruiser Sailor Association’s plan was best for the USS Reeves Association. Monies for life membership are placed in an interest-bearing account and not mixed with operating funds.

The schedule is simple:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Under 50	\$500
Under 60	\$400
Under 70	\$300
Under 80	\$200
80 or older	\$100

We already have 22 life members.

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emails to the group of shipmates who attended the 2018 reunion, and the feedback has been positive. We've had some questions about the lack of a naval base, an ocean, and some concerns about things to do. We're quite sure we can fix the "to do" list in fine order.

If anything, I think we'll probably have trouble narrowing down the choices to the time we have available. Turns out there are way too many choices for things-to-do during our brief reunion stay. We meet with the Colorado Springs Tourism folks this week to get pricing on tour packages and transportation. I don't foresee a problem other than having a reunion registration form attached to this newsletter. So, we will have a quick turnaround for the next newsletter, which will include both the reunion registration form, complete with banquet menu selections and tour selections. Sorry to not have those items available now, but we have to resolve the whole "too many choices" problem to get our best selections.

We were also surprised when we spoke with the hotel that there are other Navy reunions going on at the hotel while we are there. We assumed The Springs to be an Army and Air Force town due to the proximity of Fort Carson and about six AF bases. Not so, the USS Glacier (AGB-4) and the USS Talladega (APA-208) will be at the hotel while we're there. Then we were even more surprised to find out that the USS Oklahoma City (CLG-5) starts their reunion the same day we check out. I guess we have more than a few Reeves Shipmates that could also attend the Okie Boat Reunion. The combination should make for a Westpac kinda week at the Elegante.

The last order of business is the participation costs for our reunion stay. The rooms, as usual, are the responsibility of each attendee. We have our normal agreement with the hotel for reunion pricing three days before and after our reunion times. The discount prices are good for up to 30 days before the reunion, so it's a good deal to make those reservations. The participant costs are those which each attendee pays in addition to the room fees. Those fees cover all the other stuff that makes the reunion worthwhile. They cover the incidental costs like event insurance, the Friday night reception, the cost for your banquet meals, event ballcaps, reunion bling, and most importantly.... keeping the hospitality room stocked with all your favorite snacks and adult beverages. We always try to keep that cost as low as possible, but it normally ends up being about the same as the cost for one room night. We normally don't understand all the cost when we select that number, but in the past, it has worked out. I just want to make sure you understand what the participant fee is all about, and its importance to us at least breaking even on the reunion.

We really need to make every effort to get our dues paid-up to afford this game. We are normally very cyclic in our collection of dues, and it has ended up being more of a catch-up program. We have annual dues, but biennial reunions. That means that we are always behind the curve on dues. Given that we don't really make any profit on anything we sell or do, the dues are our main source of income. There's always the ships store, but keep in mind that is purposely run on a very thin profit line to hold down product costs to our members. There's just enough made to allow us to stock a little more product than we sell, but it's no money-maker. Bottom line is that we really need to get caught up on our dues.

That's all I have for now. We have a lot of stuff to compress into a smaller time than planned, but I think it is entirely doable. In the meantime I thought it important to get a newsletter out to fully explain the move to COS and to give you an idea of what to expect. We wanted to get everyone thinking about joining us in Colorado Springs. Call that shipmate you have been meaning to contact for years and let them know that you'd like to see them in September. It's sooner than you think!

Here's wishing you Fair Winds and Following Seas

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Tom Bailey BT2 (SW) 84-87

## Big Changes to the 2021 Reeves Reunion (cont)

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Well..... since then, like the rest of the world, we have been monitoring progress towards “return to normal” to see just what we could expect for our San Diego plans. We didn’t want to end up 10 feet apart in our hospitality suite or have similar restrictions on tours, so we started asking around. What we found is that the restrictions in California are not progressing back to the type of normal that would allow us to meet comfortably during our reunion or to attend the tours we had in mind. A check with several of our intended tour locations provided the same information. The 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Naval Base has cancelled all external tour groups, so there went one of the things that most shipmates wanted to see. It appears at this point that California will not be back to normal by October 2021. Over the last few months, we have also heard from several shipmates that were concerned about flying into southern California, where COVID numbers are greater than the national average.

The combination of these factors, and the travel concerns of our shipmates, sent us on a mission to investigate alternatives for our 2021 Western US gathering. What we found were a few alternatives that provided a better alternative in a setting that was showing true progress towards normalization, and in an area with lower COVID-19 incidence rates. Time was also a factor, as it can take quite a while to find a suitable location that will meet our needs.

We are always getting offers from various cities and hotel venues that want military reunion business, and one recent post caught our attention. The Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs, CO. is a very popular location for reunion groups, and has a great reputation for price and service. We were familiar with this location because my Brother-in-Law’s Vietnam Veterans Group held a reunion there, and they loved it. So, I worked with board members Gerry Hines and Kurt Stuvengen on the decision to proceed. We were all in agreement that #1, we wanted to have a 2021 reunion, #2, that San Diego was not on course to recover in time to support our activities, and #3, that we should see what Colorado Springs had to offer. Off we went.

As a result, we updated our Request-For-Proposal (RFP), and sent it off to the Hotel Elegante. The hotel responded the very next day with a proposal that met all our demands, and a per-night price that is consistent with the last three reunion locations. My wife Mary and I then travelled to the Springs to meet with the events manager and to tour the hotel. We were totally impressed with the hotel, staff, restaurant, and accommodations. We could easily see that this venue met all our expectations, and that you all would be quite comfortable there.

Unfortunately, our normal reunion dates in the first week of October were not available, so we advanced the calendar by one week to the last weekend in September.



King Standard Room



Double Queen Standard Room

Price wise, the Hotel Elegante came in at \$120.00 per night, which is only one dollar more per night than San Diego. The deal features free airport transportation from the Colorado Springs Airport (COS), which we did not have in San Diego. Remember, that airport rides were going to cost us \$12.00 per person, each way. All the other perks we like in our reunion routine are there; like free breakfast every day, free wi-fi, free local transportation, and a 20% hotel food discount are all in place. The hotel features a restaurant and bar, a coffee and sweet shop, indoor and outdoor pools, an indoor children’s playground, a dog run, and plenty of free parking.

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Hospitality Suite / Main Room

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We got a chance to see the hospitality suite that we will be using in October, and it's easily the best suite we've ever had. It consists of two rooms, the main room was about the size of the room in San Antonio, and the adjoining room about the size of the room in Providence. The smaller room is equipped with a conference table, nice living room style furniture, large screen TV, and a kitchenette. Since we'll spend most of our time there, the hospitality room is an important component. Next, we got to see the Banquet Room, and it was nothing short of amazing, with windows lining the entire front wall, and a great view of the mountains. The reports we have received from other groups are that their banquet menu offerings were excellent.

Late September in Colorado Springs is normally the most beautiful time of the year for the region, and the weather is about perfect. The average high temp is 75<sup>0</sup> F, and the low is 50<sup>0</sup>, and all with a comfortable relative humidity of just 37%. There's very little chance of rain in September, and very rarely does it snow. The area has numerous attractions for us to consider for tours and visits. Being right in the shadow of very beautiful mountains offers many spectacular views right from the hotel.

We're already considering a few venues for tours. It's very easy with having Pikes Peak as a neighbor. Within an easy drive of the hotel; there's the Garden of the Gods park, the Manitou Cliff Dwellings, The Manitou Incline, The Cog Railroad to Pikes Peak, and The Colorado Springs Zoo. Then there's always the Pikes Peak Highway that you can drive yourself to the 14k foot summit of Americas Mountain. It's an awesome drive to the top where the view is nothing short of spectacular. The summit is normally about 40 degrees cooler than the bottom of the mountain, and there's not much oxygen in the air.

A little further west is the gold mining town of Cripple Creek, with many casinos to visit, and the Molly Kathleen Gold Mine. Going a little further south of the Springs, there's The Royal Gorge Bridge and Park, which is always an exciting place to visit. There's also an excellent WW II aircraft museum in the Springs. Right now, we can't get any word on tours of the US Air Force Academy, but we'll continue to see if they have a date for re-opening. We'll have much more information on some of those options once we speak with the tourism bureau, which has already been in contact with us.

The Colorado Springs Airport (COS) is within a few miles of the hotel, and hotel transportation is free. An alternative is to fly into Denver, but that gives you a two-hour drive time to the hotel, and some of the road projects that are ongoing between the Springs and Denver can make that drive aggravating. Another new perk for travel to COS is that Southwest Airlines will start regular service to the airport in March 2021, and they are currently advertising some nice rates to get their new location noticed. United, Delta, American, Frontier, Alaska, and Allegiant also fly into the COS airport, so there are some decent options to consider.

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## Big Changes to the 2021 Reeves Reunion (cont)

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The only concern for travel to Colorado Springs is that the mean elevation is 6,035 feet. That could present a medical problem for some of our shipmates that have breathing problems at higher elevations. Please consider this in your travel plans.

The COVID restrictions are being reduced at a reasonable rate in Colorado, and we fully expect that it will be very close to normal by summer.

After discussing all the information, we decided that our best alternative for a 2021 reunion was to relocate to Colorado Springs. This is the first iteration of the information, and we promise that there will be a lot more reunion information in the next few newsletters. For now, we just wanted to let everyone know that we are on for 2021. It's time to get things moving so you can be a part of the "Best Reeves Reunion" you've ever been to.



Here's the hotel information:

Hotel Elegante Conference and Event Center  
2886 South Circle Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906  
Phone: (719) 576-5900  
Fax: (719) 576-7695  
Web: <http://www.hotelegante.com/>

Here's a link to the hotel for reservations:

<https://www.reseze.net/servlet/SendPage?hotelid=1410&skipfirstpage=true&page=2856489>

## On the subject of “Things to do in the Springs”

We have been collecting a few suggestions for things-to-do during our reunion stay. The following pages are a brief listing of the more popular attractions that are available for us in the area. While there are many places to see, and much to do, we realize that there’s no way you can see it all. We are planning a larger group tour for Saturday, like the group bus tours we did in both San Antonio and Providence.

That still leaves time throughout the weekend to explore any number places with shorter self-guided trips. While not everyone is interested in driving Pikes Peak, and you sure don’t want a bus trip up that hill, there are many other attractions close to the hotel that are well worth the trouble. Keep in mind that many of our shipmates will drive to the Springs for the reunion, so you fly-in folks can plan with the drive-in crowd for ride-sharing to some of the local stuff... even if you don’t have a car. The number of places to see near the hotel is impressive, but there are still a few other sites that we are still considering, but don’t yet have information. For instance; the Air Force Academy and some of the USAF Aircraft Museums are not currently hosting tours due to COVID restriction, but we fully expect them to be back in business by September. So, for now, they are not included in the mix. We’ll update that information as soon as we get it.

We are also looking into a special Sunday Late-Morning tour for the Reeves Ladies, who always seem to be interested in escaping our business meeting. So, Mary is looking into something that the ladies may consider more fun than waiting out a business meeting.

What is missing in this mix is the Reunion Registration Forms that normally accompany this edition of the Newsletter. That form is on hold until we can run-down our best deals on a group tour. We will have another edition of the Ironman within the next month with the finalized tour information. That issue will include the reunion registration form with banquet meal selections and an opportunity to sign-up for the group tour. Until then, please consider the following venues in with your decision to join us.

### COLORADO SPRINGS AREA ATTRACTIONS



#### PIKES PEAK

Pikes Peak is the highest summit of the southern Front Range of the Rocky Mountains, in North America. The ultra-prominent 14,115-foot fourteener is in the Pike National Forest, 12.0 miles west by south of downtown Colorado Springs, Colorado. The mountain is named in honor of American explorer Zebulon Pike, who

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## COLORADO SPRINGS AREA ATTRACTIONS (CONT)

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was unable to reach the summit. The mountain is also the inspiration for “America the Beautiful.” The summit is higher than any point in the United States east of its longitude. Beautifully nestled in the Rocky Mountains, the snow-covered peak features modern visitor centers accessible by car and train, as well as world-class hiking. Not surprisingly, it ranks as one of the top attractions in Colorado Springs. This is a great drive that takes about 2.5 hours to reach the summit. Admission to the park is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children, with a carload rate of \$35.00 for (5 passengers). They warn you to have at least ½ tank of fuel before you begin the ascent, since there are no fuel services on the ascent road. The view from the top is magnificent, but the air up there is kinda thin and the temps lose about 40<sup>0</sup> on the climb, so don’t plan on much activity and take a jacket. The summit house was completely rebuilt in 2020 and features a new a gift shop and light fare restaurant. More info at <https://www.pikes-peak.com/> The travel distance from the Hotel is 32 miles

### Charitable/Educational Objectives

The USS Reeves Association is an educational, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization registered with the Internal Revenue Service, FEIN 86-1163983. For that purpose at the 2010 business meeting, it was recommended that future excess funds be used for donations and scholarships as determined at business meetings starting in 2012.

### Shift Colors

To receive the Navy’s Shift Colors newsletter via email send the following information to [Mill\\_ShiftColors@navy.mil](mailto:Mill_ShiftColors@navy.mil) -- First name; Last name; E-mail address; Title (Mr., Mrs., rank, etc.); and Military affiliation (retiree, surviving spouse, veteran, other). There is no longer any funding for hard copies to be printed and mailed. To receive Shift Colors it does not matter whether or not you’re retired, active duty, a veteran, a surviving spouse, or just someone who’s interested in receiving the newsletter.



### GARDEN OF THE GODS

Explore Colorado Springs' paradise in one magical stop. Garden of the Gods Park is a registered National Natural Landmark. Imagine dramatic views, 300' towering sandstone rock formations against a backdrop of snow-capped Pikes Peak and brilliant blue skies. This world-class Visitor & Nature Center and museum is the most visited attraction in the region with all new interactive exhibits. Learn how

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# Ship's Store

## USS Reeves Association – Ship's Store Order Form



Photo #1 - 1967 USS Reeves DLG-24



Photo#2 – 1972 USS Reeves DLG-24



Photo#3 – 1986 USS Reeves CG-24

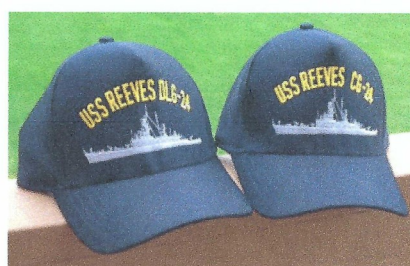
11" X 17" Photos are \$10.00 each plus s/h



Embroidered Golf Shirts  
\$20.00 each (2X & 3X add \$2.00)



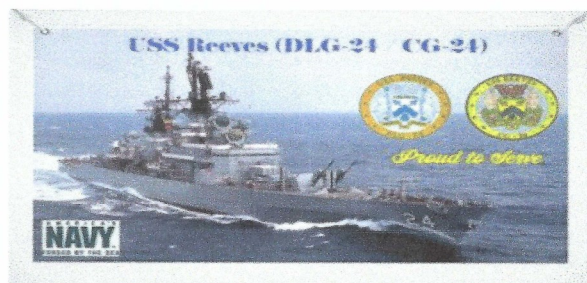
Embroidered Tee Shirts  
\$15.00 each (2X & 3X add \$2.00)



DLG or CG Ballcaps - \$12.00 each + s/h



USS Reeves Challenge Coins – \$14.00 each + \$3.50 s/h  
Beautiful acrylic coated custom coins, 2" dia. (limit of 3)



USS Reeves HD Vinyl Banner \$30.00 each + \$14.00 s/h  
Great looking 30" X 48" banner with grommets

To order items, please fill in the information and mail to Kurt Stuvengen (address below). Check or Money order only.

Item	Description / Size	Qty	Price	Shipping	Total
Photo			\$10.00 each	\$2.00 each	
Ball Cap			\$12.00 each	\$5.00 each	
Vinyl Banners			\$30.00 each	\$14.00 each	
Challenge Coins (limit three)			\$14.00 each	\$3.50 for 1st \$.50 for each add'l	
Golf Shirt			\$20.00 each	\$6.00 each	
T-Shirt			\$15.00 each	\$6.00 each	
				Total	

### Checks Only.

Please make payable to:  
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Cell#(608) 921-5586

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ F-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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the amazing red rocks got there with the NEW Geo-Trekker theater experience, shown every 20 minutes. Delight in one of Colorado's most photographed views while eating in our glass-enclosed café or from our terrace overlooking Pikes Peak and Garden of the Gods. Where else can you eat inside a postcard? There are more than a few options to **explore the park on your own or take one of the free guided walks from the Garden of the Gods Visitor & Nature Center.** You might also enjoy their [Self-Guided Hiking Program](#) or our [Guided Nature Walks](#), or just do a drive through to check out all the sights **For really active folks who love hiking, there are 21 miles of trails to explore in the park.** Admission is free, and the distance from the Hotel: 8.9 miles



## MANITOU SPRINGS

Manitou Springs is just outside Colorado Springs. It's not far from the Garden of the Gods and is right on the way to Pikes Peak. It's known for its mineral springs and mountain landscapes, dominated by soaring Pikes Peak. The town itself is an eclectic collection of art galleries, unique shops, and restaurants. Right in the center of town is the train station for the Pikes Peak Cog Railway, which can take you comfortably right up to the summit of Pikes Peak. More information at <https://www.cograilway.com/>. The area is also home to the Manitou Incline, which is one of the most popular hiking trails in Colorado. The incline is steep (really STEEP), as it gains over 2,000 feet of elevation in less than one mile. The base of the incline is right across the street from the Cog Railroad Station. More information can be found at: <https://www.pikes-peak.com/manitou-incline-hike/> The other popular attraction right outside of Manitou is the Manitou Cliff Dwellings. Explore the fascinating architecture of the ancient Anasazi and browse through two museums featuring cultural displays. More info: <https://www.cliffdwellingsmuseum.com/>

Distance from the Hotel: 8.8 miles

## COLORADO SPRINGS AREA ATTRACTIONS (CONT)



### CRIPPLE CREEK

Cripple Creek is the Statutory City that is the county seat of Teller County, Colorado and is a former gold mining camp located 44 miles southwest of Colorado Springs, on the western slope of Pikes Peak. From gaming, interesting gold mining history, scenic drives and fun attractions - it offers a plethora of things to do. With nine casinos all within walking distance along historic Bennett Avenue, there's plenty of unique and exciting games and slot machines, unique clothing and gift shops, restaurants, and a few drinking establishments. The old mining town is still very much intact in the shadow of a newer and very much in production open-pit Gold Mine. There are a few mining museums and a touristy train ride to show you some of the now abandoned mining sites. Just north of town is the famed Molly Kathleen Gold Mine, which conducts tours a thousand feet down inside the mountain. It's really an interesting adventure. More info at: <http://www.goldminetours.com/>. Distance from the Hotel is 47.4 miles, and we'll probably be planning a bus tour.

## COLORADO SPRINGS AREA ATTRACTIONS (CONT)



### **Royal Gorge Bridge and Park**

Take your Colorado adventure to the highest and most famous suspension bridge in America, which standing 956 feet above the wild Arkansas River. This incredible engineering feat is a wonder to behold and a fitting addition to the amazing beauty of the Royal Gorge Region of Colorado. Constructed in 1929, the bridge was built for people to take in the timeless beauty of this geological phenomena and is not part of a road or state highway system. The bridge was designed to hold more than 2,000,000 pounds with 100 tons of steel supporting the deck. In 1982, the bridge was refurbished with installation of new anchor cables, replacement of bridge abutments, and the addition of a wind cable system designed to allow the bridge to withstand up to 125 mph winds. It's amazing to walk across the bridge and stare down at the Arkansas River and the railroad track which are 956' below. There are some zip line rides available across the gorge for those with plenty of nerve. More information can be found at <https://royalgorgebridge.com/rides-attractions/royal-gorge-bridge/>

## COLORADO SPRINGS AREA ATTRACTIONS (CONT)



### **The Royal Gorge Route Railroad**

The Royal Gorge Route Railroad is a tourism train line runs right through Colorado's grandest canyon, with unmatched Colorado scenery and the most amazing section of railroad track in the country. The train operates through the Arkansas River gorge in Canon City, passing under the Royal Gorge Bridge by a mere 956 feet. The railroad features stunning 1950s renovated engines and rail cars, vista-observation cars, and open cab observation cars. All with first-class food, and exceptional service. The rides start at their beautifully restored train station in Canon City, then travels 12 miles along the Arkansas River, before reversing course back to Canon City. With only enough room for one right-of-way, the original Santa Fe RR engineers conceived a breathtaking railroad hugging the walls of the Royal Gorge. The splendor of what they had created would be fully appreciated for decades. Given the region's stunning geography the railroad now draws more than 100,000 visitors annually and hosts a wide range of excursions.

More information can be found at: <https://royalgorgeroute.com/>



## The Flying W Ranch

The Pikes Peak region has always been home to ranches, cowboys and other accouterments of the wild, wild west. Before 1953, the Flying W Ranch was an honest-to-goodness cattle ranch, but it would find its purpose shifting in the second half of the 20th century. While it kept its cowboy heart, the ranch began to serve tourists who flocked to Colorado Springs to enjoy the western flair, purple mountains majesty and quirky local culture. It has been locally owned by the Wolfe family since 1953 and the beloved patriarch of the family and founder of the attraction we have enjoyed for so long. The Flying W Ranch is famous for its chuckwagon suppers, served in the great outdoors in the style of the cattle drives of old. Home-cooked barbeque, baked beans, biscuits — it's the epitome of hearty pioneer food and tasty as all get-out. You can find yourself at one of these meals from late spring all the way into fall, but don't fret if you can't find your way there (you should definitely find your way there). The winter brings visitors to the Picketwire Bar, an indoor destination with amazing food, a 20' x 10' LED Screen. More information can be found at: <https://www.pikes-peak.com/attractions/flying-w-ranch/>



## U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum

The 60,000-square foot U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum in Colorado Springs is dedicated to America's greatest athletes and their compelling stories, with the artifacts, media and technology behind the athletes who make the United States proud. The Museum focuses on the core values of the Olympic and Paralympic movements: friendship, respect and excellence; determination, equality, inspiration and courage. The Museum has been selected the country's **Best New Attraction in 2020** by USA TODAY's 10Best Readers' Choice Awards. The Museum boasts 12 galleries and lots of great artifacts and interactive exhibits, making it one of the best new things to do in Colorado. The Museum experience begins with an elevator ride to the top floor. From there, a ramped path winds progressively downward to the main floor, creating a parallel visit experience for guests of all abilities as they venture through the interactive galleries. Some of the universal design technologies include open captions, audio-description tracks, assisted listening, universal keypads, RFID-triggered customizations, accessible exhibit spaces with ramped experiences and more. Team USA athletes were involved and consulted throughout the project to ensure an authentic experience with universal design. Distance from hotel is 4.1 miles.



## DOWNTOWN COLORADO SPRINGS

Downtown is a buzzing hub of indie boutiques, peaceful parks, and global eateries. The area is a designated creative district with sculptures dotting its leafy streets. The Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum chronicles local history, while the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center is known for American art. A lively nightlife scene encompasses breweries, wine bars, and dance clubs, plus concerts at the Pikes Peak Center. Distance from the Hotel: 4.7 miles



## Old Colorado City

The other “downtown” is Old Colorado City, which is the perfect blend of small town charm, historic character, and all the good times and excitement visitors have come to expect from a top Colorado destination. With over 100 unique businesses perfect for strolling the day away down the beautiful, brick, tree-lined sidewalks. Fine galleries, specialty shops, eclectic boutiques, award-winning restaurants, charming local art galleries and other services offer hours of entertainment. During the evening, enjoy live music and performances from some of the pubs and restaurants as well as some of the country’s best local beer, wine and spirits.

More info: <https://shopoldcoloradocity.com/> OCC is 5.6 miles from the hotel, and is close to Garden of the Gods and Manitou Springs



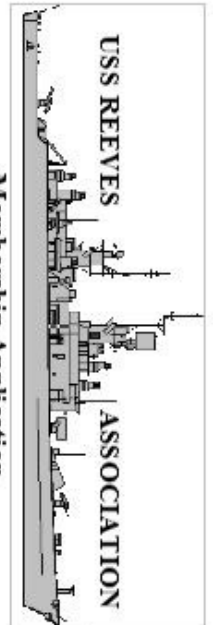
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Dues Per Year: \$20.00

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