



EAGLE CHATTER



ROCKY MOUNTAIN EAGLES CHAPTER

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From the President: Greetings to all of my fellow Rocky Mountain Eagles. I hope everyone had a safe enjoyable Thanksgiving. Christmas is coming faster than I anticipated. I want to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas season.

I wanted to thank everyone who was able to turn out for the Veterans Day Parade in Colorado Springs. I especially want to thank the Heritage Girls for their participation. Also, it was great to have the members of the 82nd Airborne Association joining with us at this event.

After the parade we had a great get together at the Edelweiss Restaurant for a fantastic meal and the enjoyment of being with friends.

Our next event is the Tet/Bastogne Banquet. Tom Beach has done an outstanding job coordinating with the Hotel Eleganté to make this event happen. We've been through a lot over the past couple of years with the COVID pandemic. Now we're facing the challenge of another variant. I hope that it will not interfere with our plans for the banquet. It's been a tough time and it shows with the losses we have incurred within our membership. I ask that everyone get vaccinated and if you're eligible get the booster. We want to have an opportunity to gather and enjoy our companionship with each other.

In the meantime, enjoy the holidays and be safe. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the banquet on January 29th. Please respond to the RSVP and make your reservations.

Passing of a great friend of the Chapter. It was with a sudden rush of great memories on learning of the passing of Past



Past President Jimmie "Doc" Keaton receives his Honorary Air Assault Wings. (Photo Courtesy)

President and Governor Jimmie Keaton on September 1. Jim was probably the best friend this chapter ever had. His continued efforts to serve you and always at the ready when tasked - like when we needed a location for the annual picnic, he came through. Jim was not only a past president of the Chapter but also a past president of the 101st Airborne Division Association and governor for DIVARTY there. Jim was a close personal friend of all members and will surely be missed. He will be honored at our dinner on January 29th.



Veterans Day Parade. A great turnout for our parade in Colorado Springs November 6th. We also had a number of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association join us. We were led by a chapter of The American Heritage Girls that have supported us for a number of years now and we greatly appreciate their support. We learned there that the C130 plane and mockup belonging to those 82nd warriors would not join us due to Bob Burnett's failing health. Sadly, Bob passed very shortly after this and is now interred at Fort Logan.



After the parade we gathered at the Edelweiss German restaurant for some great food and German beer! We had planned a short meeting there but found the environment too noisy due to the group that had been seated next to us. We will discuss those meeting items at the Tet/Bastogne Banquet. Among those (and important to our financial fiduciary obligations) is to enter a discussion on what charities or entities we plan to support with Chapter funds. Be thinking along those lines for January 29th.

The Search is on! Are you creative? We are looking for a Chapter Secretary to take over the newsletter and informational e-mails that go out to the Chapter. This is neither a hard nor a demanding job. The newsletter should be published four times a year and informational e-mails go out as items come in. There are plenty of examples that will be provided plus a color duplexing laser printer that was approved long ago but never purchased. The Secretary also has the discretionary authority to spend up to \$250.00 as needed for supplies and postage without member approval. A Chapter roster, the e-mail group and examples of newsletters will be provided for templates. The newsletter is the Secretary's to upgrade and renew. A full e-mail group will also be provided to e-mail those items. We currently have sixty-six members so the e-mail group should probably be broken into two parts so as not to show as a spammer. There are only three current members that have to be communicated with by postal mail because they do not have an e-mail address. Other than that, the options are yours. Step up and show your creativity. Talk with President Tom Simpson if you are interested. I will remind you that some chapter's wives serve as their Secretary. Let Tom Simpson know your thoughts!

Reunions. Snowbird, February 9 – 12, 2022 in Tampa at the Marriott Tampa Westshore. You can go to <https://screamingeaglefl.org/> to get a schedule of events and the registration form. Make your reservations with the hotel for those dates at (813) 287-2555. If you have a Marriott Bonvoy number, have it handy.

For your Secretary and Miss Penny, we will get to meet two of my nieces that I have never met. They are already grandmothers but times and distances have prevented us from ever meeting. We certainly look forward to this meeting.

The 77th Annual 101st Airborne Division Association reunion is planned for Grand Rapids, MI, August 1 – 6, 2022. Primary information is here: <https://www.rmeagles.org/2021-reunion/>. If you registered for the 75th reunion in Grand Rapids that was cancelled, you are still registered for the 2022 reunion. Your monies have been maintained by the Treasurer, Mike Tilden, for that purpose.

Tet/Bastogne Banquet

January 29, 2022

Hotel Elegenté

2886 South Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Phone for reservations: 719-576-5900- Military discount: \$89 Per Night.

RSVP BY JANUARY 15TH.

1800-1900 - Chapter meeting – dining room.

1745-2030 –cash bar available.

1845-1900 – Missing Man Table services and toasts

1900-1930 - Meal of choice is served

2030-2115 - Guest speaker – Scott Southworth, Assistant VP for Employer and Scholarship Alumni Relations, The Daniels Fund

2115-2400 - Drawings for door prizes, 50/50 drawing and MORE...

WHEN: Saturday, January 29, 2022

(Chapter meeting begins at 6:00 pm/1800 Hours, in our dining room) Please be a little early.

WHERE: Hotel Elegenté, 2886 South Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Reservations: Single/Double: \$89.00 plus taxes.

MEAL RESERVATION TO SECRETARY CUTOFF: JANUARY 15, 2022 (Make yours early!)

NOTE: Make check payable to “Rocky Mountain Eagles Chapter.” You may include the amounts for dinner and the 50/50 drawing all in one check. (See next page.)

Let’s all attend this event. SEE YOU THERE!

BRING AN INEXPENSIVE DOOR PRIZE TO MAKE THE EVENING MORE ENJOYABLE!

Reminder: Don’t forget your camera!

*For agenda and complete details please read ALL announcements in your e-mails & newsletter.

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Please mention any allergies _____

R S V P MEAL COST: \$42.00 per person!

Member Name _____ Spouse _____

Guest _____ Guest _____

Guest _____ Guest _____

A cash bar will be available for wine or liquor. (# - **PLEASE INDICATE NUMBER OF MEALS**)

Chicken Chardonnay w/ Mushroom Rice & Crème Fraiche # _____

Grilled Angus Steak w/ Peppercorn Demi # _____

All served with Chef’s selection of Starch and Seasonal Vegetable. A salad of mixed greens, shaved carrots, dried cranberries and toasted almonds w/ creamy Ranch or Balsamic Vinaigrette will start the meal. It will end with NY Cheesecake with Chantilly Cream and Fresh Berries for dessert.

Payment is # Meals X \$42.00 = \$ _____

Please send your check for the dinner & 50/50 drawing made payable to “Rocky Mountain Eagles.” Mail to Rocky Mountain Eagles, 5512 South Telluride Court, Centennial, CO 80015-2645 **in order to arrive by January 15, 2022.**

50/50 DRAWING

Fund Raiser

What is a 50/50? A 50/50 drawing means that the total pot is split into two parts - one part for the **winner** and one part for the Chapter.

Tickets

50/50 Tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00 and may be purchased now through the beginning of the Tet/Bastogne Dinner.

50/50 Tickets can be purchased by mail even if you are unable to make the Tet/Bastogne Dinner. You need not be present to win! Your ticket numbers are recorded after purchase. This record may be obtained by e-mail only on request.

Who Can Play You must be 18 years of age or older to purchase tickets!

50/50 Drawings Official drawing is at the completion of the dinner. The winner is announced then.

Drawing Rules

Winners need not be present to win

Winning ticket will be drawn at random

Tickets must be purchased prior to the beginning of the Tet/Bastogne Dinner

The winner will be notified by mail if not present at the drawing and the winner will be posted in the following newsletter

Winners will receive their winnings by Rocky Mountain Eagles check.

RETURN TO: RME, 5512 South Telluride Court, Centennial, CO 80015-2645

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NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUESTED: _____

PAYMENT BY CHECK # _____ *(include meals costs) Make check payable to "Rocky Mountain Eagles Chapter."*

NAME on ticket(s) - (PLEASE PRINT):

Address correction (if changed):

