PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

GREETINGS!

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and has been able to see family and friends as time has permitted this year. I also hope that everyone is getting ready for our 2024 AMEA reunion next June in Colorado Springs. The AMEA Board has made a preliminary trip Colorado Springs, CO this past June to work out the logistics for the reunion. The hotel will be the Embassy Suites Hotel and we have secured a great daily rate and there are wonderful amenities. Please look on the website and in the newsletters for more detailed information.

Based on my recent visit, I would suggest planning your packing to include some cooler weather clothing, especially if you are interested in going to the top of Pike’s Peak while you are at the reunion. While I was there the temperature at the top of Pike’s Peak was in the mid 30’s.

We will have a large room on the main floor of the hotel as our reception area so lots of room for snacks, a place to gather and share memorabilia with other members. We are planning on having the silent auction at the reunion again in 2024. This time we would like to accomplish the silent auction a bit differently by having a photo of the donated items with descriptions along with a suggested minimum starting bid to include shipping to the winner. This is to accommodate those members who wish to participate in the silent auction but might be flying in and would not be able to take the item home with them.

As we get closer to the reunion time, we will be posting information on the website and in the Fall/Winter 2023 newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact the AMEA Secretary Don Raab and he will assist you.

One last item, as you can see we have an open position on the Board of Directors. So please think about joining our group. You will have first hand knowledge of the planning process and be able to give direct input. Every effort is made to make each reunion better as we receive input from our surveys. An election will be held at the General Meeting, Saturday during the reunion.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Mary Jane Cahill, Col (Ret), USAFR, MSC
AMEA President

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**ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA**

1. **Garden of the Gods**: 6 miles from the hotel. Entrance to the park is free. Hiking trails, information center, wildlife information center, restaurant and gift shop are all available.

2. **Old Colorado Springs**: down from Garden of the Gods, full of restaurants, local artists, shops.

3. **Rodeo Hall of Fame**: 7-10 minutes from the hotel, there is an entrance fee.

4. **The Air Force Academy**: 7 miles from the hotel. You may go through the gate with a military ID, a Veteran’s ID or a driver’s license. A new visitor center is being built at the North Gate, the current one is 6 miles from the gate. Currently the AF Chapel is undergoing a massive upgrade and will be closed until 2027. Visitors are welcome in all areas of the academy except for the student and family housing area.

5. **Olympic and Special Olympic Training sites**: these are nearby and may have an entrance fee.

6. **Pikes Peak**: 45-60 minutes to the base from the hotel. If you choose to drive your car to the top cost is $15.00 per person or $50.00 per car. Or you can take the cog train to the top. Reservations may be needed for the train and prices vary. Definitely bring some warm clothing; it can be 30 degrees at the top.

7. **National WWII Aviation Museum**: Opened in 2012, tells the story of the tremendous technological advances made during the War and the contributions and sacrifices made. Tickets are $13.00 for military/seniors, $15.00 for adults.

8. **Royal Gorge Train Ride**: 45 minutes southwest of Colorado Springs, cost $79.00 coach class.

9. **Dragonman Museum**: $20 per person, Outdoorsman hub with shooting and paintball ranges and military museum.

10. **Iron Springs Chateau**: Melodrama dinner theater, tickets $46.00.

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**FUN IN COLORADO SPRINGS! 2024 Reunion**

**DATES:** JUNE 5 - 9, 2024

**Arrival** Wednesday, June 5, 2024, Registration starts at noon, Icebreaker will be that evening

**Depart** Sunday, June 9, 2024 at your convenience

**SITE:** Embassy Suites by Hilton  
7290 Commerce Center Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80919

**ROOM RATE:** $159.00 per night plus taxes. Includes a huge breakfast buffet with an omelet station and daily two complementary beverages at the bar from 1800—1930. These rates will be honored 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion on a space available basis in case you would like to extend your stay. The hotel offers an on-site restaurant, room service, a fitness center and indoor pool. **Room Registration Deadline: 13 MAY 24**

Contact the hotel directly at (719) 599-9100 and tell them you are with the AeroMed Evac Association to secure your discounted rate.

**REGISTRATION FEE/ACTIVITIES:** $150.00 per person. Registration for the reunion is through Armed Forces Reunions, Inc (AFR). Cost for the reunion includes the IceBreaker on Wednesday and the Banquet on Saturday as well as snacks for the Hospitality Room and a $15.00 per person registration fee through AFR. It also includes the cost of the Memory Book which is designed, printed and mailed to each attendee. **Registration Deadline is 5 May 24** (30 days prior to start of reunion). Mail the enclosed AFR form with your **check payable to AFR at their Norfolk, VA address.**

**ONLINE:** www.events.afr-reg.com/e/AMEA2024

**MEMBERSHIP:** Mail checks payable to AMEA to the **Indianapolis address** along with the form on the last page of this crew alert.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Shuttle service is not available to either the Colorado Springs or Denver airports. Colorado Springs Airport which is 20 minutes away does have taxi or uber/lyft services to the hotel. As you can see by the chart several airlines fly into the Springs: Avelo, American, Delta, Southwest, Sun Country and United. If you choose to fly into Denver, the best option would be to rent a car for the 70 mile drive (approximately 60-90 minutes). It is all highway, the hotel is off of Denver Highway 25.
AMEA CHALLENGE COIN & GAITERS

Below is our challenge coin. Our logo, motto and date of the first reunion are on the front. The back has a picture of the Jenny, the very first aircraft used to move patients in 1918. Coin sales as well as gaiter sales were a great success at the last reunion. If you would like to purchase more coins and gaiters before the our visit to Colorado Springs in 2024, please send $15 for each item to:

AMEA, PO Box 29450, Indianapolis, IN 46229.

The cost covers $10 for the item and $5 for shipping. Items sold at the reunion will not incur shipping so will cost $10 each.

Gaiters are a dark blue with our logo and motto on them (same info that is on the front of the coin).

DONATIONS

Anyone interested in donating to the organization, may do so either by mailing a check to our Treasurer, David Schill (address listed on the last page of the Crew Alert), or by using the donate button on the website. Remember AMEA is designated a non profit 501(c)(19) making all donations tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. Thank you to everyone for your dedication and support of the organization!

AMEA Membership Numbers:

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Words to Live by...

Life is like a coin, you can spend it anyway you want, but you only get to spend it once.
Honor Roll

Gone,
But not forgotten,
Although we are apart,
Your Spirit lives within us,
Forever in our hearts

Lt Col Todd M. Randall

Our prayers go out to every family member, friend and comrade who is suffering the loss of a loved one. Whether it be from a long time ago or just yesterday, their memory lives on; we are blessed to have known them.

As Queen Elizabeth II stated in a condolence message to British families after 9/11…“Grief is the price we pay for love.”

Computer Corner

What were the last two breakthroughs in technology? Laptops and Cell Phones? Right? Maybe you have other ideas as well. Laptops and especially cell phones have changed the way the world works today compared to 20 or 30 years ago. Could you have imagined that someday you would be able to talk to your friends in another state for free? I remember pumping quarters into a pay phone by the bags! Let alone, talking to someone in another country, around the world, and you could not only talk to them but see them in real time would be unbelievable! What’s the next great breakthrough in technology? Will it be good, or will it destroy young minds like Elvis did with Rock and Roll?

Recently an Arizona mom received a phone call from someone claiming to have kidnapped her 15-year-old daughter. The mother could hear her daughter crying in the background and begging for help. The sound of her daughter’s voice was so real, so believable, the mother never doubted for a second that it was her daughter in serious trouble. Yet it was created using Artificial Intelligence or AI. For the full story, click the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJdaOR0j-no

Almost 1,500 technology leaders have signed an open letter asking for a pause in development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) because it’s growing at such a rapid pace that no one, not even the creators themselves, can understand, predict or reliably control the outcome. AI and machine learning are already being used in today’s technology. Many of you have seen TV commercials for cars that park themselves, even cars that can drive themselves with no human interaction other than telling the car where they would like to go. Very soon this technology will be available to the masses. Imagine that you’re older, maybe have vision problems and can no longer drive, you get into your car and tell it to take you to the doctor’s office or to the shopping center and the car will safely drive you there!!! Scary? It’s already possible to some extent today. Can’t go to the drugstore to pick up your prescription, don’t have one of fancy swanky self-driving autonomous cars? No problem, a drone powered by AI can deliver the prescription right to your doorstep. There’s already a long list of other technologies that use AI such as healthcare and ChatBots already being used today. I can even use AI to write computer code in any programming language and can have working code in a matter of seconds!

Click the link below to my ExtraHelp.us website to read two articles/titles called ‘Exploring the Pros and Cons of Artificial Intelligence’ and ‘Unveiling the Next New Life-Changing Technology Breakthrough’

https://www.extrahelp.us/technologies/

The AMEA Crew Alert doesn’t have enough space to publish all this information so I’m providing the link above. HIDDEN SECRET!!! I didn’t write the two articles. I simply instructed AI to write them for me using a few of my own words and in a matter of seconds, they were finished. AMAZING and well written!

Steve Davis, AMEA Webmaster
AERO MED EVAC ASSOCIATION REUNION – JUNE 5-9, 2024

Listed below are registration and meal costs for the reunion. Send the total amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order, your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a $35 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.events.afr-reg.com/e/AMEA2024 (3.5% will be added for credit card charges). All forms and payments must be received by May 5, 2024. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: AMEA Association

CUT-OFF DATE IS 05/05/24

ITINERARY

Wednesday 5 June:
• Arrival - Check in at hotel AND Check in for reunion 1200 – 2100
• Ice Breaker event at hotel, 2 hours, evening timeframe

Thursday and Friday 6-7 June
• Explore the local area on your own
• Stop in at Hospitality Suite at your leisure

Saturday 8 June 2024
• General Meeting and Board Meeting in the morning
• Banquet and guest speaker in the evening
• Hospitality Suite at your leisure

REGISTRATION FEE

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Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. $ |

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAMETAG

FIRST ___________________________ LAST ___________________________

SPOUSE (IF ATTENDING) ___________________________

GUEST(S) NAME(S) ___________________________

STREET ADDRESS __________________________________________________________

CITY_______________________ STATE ________________ ZIP_____________________

PH. NUMBER (______) _______ - _______ EMAIL ADDRESS ________________________@

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS __________________________________________

(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)

Registrations received after the cut-off date will still be accepted on a space available basis, we will contact you immediately with any restrictions. CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays). Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Cancellations prior to May 5, 2024 will receive a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee ($15 per person). After May 5, please contact the association directly for refunds.

REGISTER ONLINE AT www.events.afr-reg.com/e/AMEA2024
REGISTRATION FOR THE REUNION

NEW PROCESS

1. MEMBERSHIP: Be sure it is current, only members can register. If you need to renew, use the form below and send your check payable to AMEA to the Indianapolis address listed.

2. REUNION REGISTRATION: Use the Armed Forces Reunions, Inc form included in this Crew Alert to register. They will collect money and do any refunds in case of cancellations. There are two options.
   A. Use the form and mail in a check payable to AFR as listed
   OR
   B. Use the website address to register online:

   www.events.afr-reg.com/e/AMEA2024

CUT OFF DATE for registration: May 5, 2024

AMEA MEMBERSHIP FORM:
To apply for membership in the AeroMed Evac Association (AMEA) complete the online application at www.amea.us or complete this form (at least bold face items).

Enclosed is my biennial payment of $__________ ($25 for 2 years)
I request Life Membership and enclose a check for $100.00 (or $__________ partial payment towards full amount to be paid within one year)

Name of Member: ____________________________ Nickname: _______________ Known by Maiden Name: _____________
Name of Spouse: ____________________________ Is spouse an aeromedical member? ______ If so, what position? ____________
Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
On-line Address (if available): E-Mail __________________________________________________________
Phone numbers: (Home) (______) _______________________ Mobile (_______) ______________________________

May we post your address on the AMEA’s Webpage (info available only to other AMEA members)? OK ______ Not OK ______
Post your phone number on AMEA’s Web page (info available only to other AMEA members)? OK ______ Not OK ______
Membership: New ________________ Renewal ________________ Re-Join ________________

Branch of Service (Air Force, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, etc.): ________________________________
Status: Retired ______ Active Duty ______ Reserve/Nat’lGuard ______ Former Military ______ Other ______ Dependent ______
New Member History: List AirEvac units, Locations, Dates assigned and Aircraft flown: ____________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
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Circle or write in your AE Duty Position (Commander, Pilot, Flight Nurse, AET, CCATT, Flight Mech/Engineer, Administrative, Logistical Support, MSC Officer, Aeromedical Staging Facility Personnel, Other): ____________________________________________

How did you hear about AMEA?

Make checks payable to: AMEA and Mail To ——>
AeroMed Evac Assn.
P.O. Box 29450
Indianapolis, IN 46229-9998
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