



## **B-26 MARAUDER HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2018 REUNION - COLORADO SPRINGS August 1-4, 2018**

Old acquaintances, new friends, fascinating talks, and sites you cannot see anywhere else—that's what you will experience at this year's MHS Reunion! Second generation member Nick Cressy has put together three days of not-to-be-forgotten events. Plus, there are pre- and post-reunion options to go along with one of the country's most attractive and exciting settings. Extend your stay to see all that Colorado Springs has to offer.

We will tour the United States Air Force Academy, from its architecturally-stunning chapel to the memorial cemetery with monuments dedicated to Marauder units. We dine at the swank Falcon Club. During our excursion, you'll drive through the amazing Garden of the Gods—rock formations unlike any you have ever seen.

Keeping up our reunion tradition of outstanding museum experiences, this year we will have an expert tour of the National Museum of WWII Aviation, where Nick is a docent. We begin prior to public opening, providing an uncrowded and exclusive opportunity. The museum features an aircraft collection, exhibits, interactive displays, telling the story of our nation's tremendous technological advancements during the War, and describing the lasting social and economic changes that were essential to the success of the Allied war effort.

Nick has also arranged for a tour of the next-door Westpac Restorations operation—a bonus in that the facility offers no public visits. Westpac is a full service aircraft restoration and maintenance facility that prides itself as one of the most efficient restoration facilities in the U.S. The Westpac team has helped to restore a B-26, an AD-6, a P-38, a P-51, a P-47, an F4U-4 and an F-7. As a bonus, we'll hear a presentation on propellers, including those used on the Marauder.

The 2018 lineup of speakers, panels, and discussions is first class! Once again, the headline event is our first generation panel. Hear from those who were there about life with the B-26 Marauder. For the first time, we expect a 3rd generation member in our "descendants" panel. Ron Bolesta will present his research on B-26 POWs. We'll have a restoration update, perhaps the largest ever! And there's more, including Reunion chair Nick Cressy on the 1st Tactical Air Force, and an address from the President of the Museum of WWII Aviation.

# COLORADO SPRINGS REUNION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## **Tuesday, 31 July -- Pre-Reunion optional presentation**

- 6:00 pm Presentation on the Battle of Midway by MHS President Marshall Magruder to the National Museum of WWII Aviation; \$10 admission
- 7:15 pm No-host Early Arrivers' dinner at a fun local restaurant

## **Wednesday, 1 August -- Renewing Acquaintances Day**

- 9:00 am MHS Board of Directors Meeting
- 11:00 am Registration Desk opens
- 1:00 pm Hospitality/Display Room opens  
Bomb Groups and Squadrons Meetings
- 5:30 Welcome Reception at the Marriott

## **Thursday, 2 August -- Education Day at the Hotel**

- Hospitality/Display Room open all day
- 8:15 am Call to order and program start
- Nick Cressy - 1st Tactical Air Force – Nick Cressy  
National Museum of WWII Aviation – Bill Klears, President  
Restoration/Preservation Panel – Dave Pawski, Pat Rodgers, Smithsonian  
Mike McGrath – Vietnam POW  
Marauder POW's – Ron Bolesta
- Lunch in Hospitality/Display Room
- First Generation Panel  
Third Generation speaker – Grandson of a Marauder Man  
Second/Third Generation Panel – Nick Cressy, David Moore, Tim Greer, Chris Orlick

## **Friday, 3 August -- US Air Force Academy Visit**

- 8:00 am Bus leaves for USAFA (advance registration required; see your reunion registration confirmation)
- Cemetery visit and ceremony
- Tour of the world-famous chapel, the most-visited man-made attraction in Colorado
- Lunch at the Falcon Club
- Visitor Center and Gift Shop
- Exhibits                      Movie                      Nature Trail
- Drive-through tour of the renown Garden of the Gods
- 4:00 pm Hospitality/Display Room reopens upon our return to the Marriott



## Saturday, 4 August -- Museum of WWII Aviation and Westpac Restorations Visit

- 8:00 am Bus leaves for Museum  
Docent-led tour of museum and gift shop  
Special attention to the 1/8 scale B-26 model donated by MHS  
Escorted tour of WestPac Restorations  
See aircraft currently being restored  
Hear a briefing on propellers, including those for the Marauder  
Lunch at The Airplane Restaurant, surrounding and inside a KC-97 tanker
- 2:00 pm Hospitality/Display Room reopens upon return to the Marriott and is open after the banquet
- 5:30 pm Banquet  
Reception  
Honor Guard  
Missing Man Ceremony  
Raffle  
Auction  
Keynote speaker



## Sunday, 5 August -- Post-Reunion optional trip to Wings Over the Rockies

Morning Car pool trip to a major aviation experience near Denver; \$12 admission



### 2018 Colorado Springs – B-26 MHS Reunion Registration Form – August 1-4, 2018

Please use this registration form for up to TWO attendees. Make copies of this form to register additional individuals.  
Members may bring one guest at the member rate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MHS Member? Y N First or Nick Name for Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MHS Member? Y N First or Nick Name for Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Bomb Group \_\_\_\_\_ Bomb Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ Wheelchair or Special Assistance? Y N (describe on separate page)  
Please bring necessary mobility assistance.

Please list guest contact information (address/phone/email) below if different from what is listed above:

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Events  
included  
with full  
registration

*Registration fee includes: full access to the Hospitality Suite, Welcome Reception, Lunch Thursday, Friday and Saturday, access to all scheduled Lectures and Panel Sessions, the Banquet, and Transportation and Admissions for the US Air Force Academy visit and the trip to the Museum of WWII Aviation/Westpac Restorations.*

## **Transportation and Housing**

The host hotel for the 2018 Reunion is the Colorado Springs Marriott, a convenient, full-service hotel with beautiful mountain views. It is located at 5580 Tech Center Drive, 719-260-1800. There is a full-service restaurant, a swimming pool, a workout room, and a lounge in the hotel. In-room Wi-Fi is free, and parking is free. MHS has arranged for a discount rate of \$12+tax per person for the daily, extensive breakfast buffet for all guests attending our reunion.

To make your hotel room reservation at the Colorado Springs Marriott, go online to [www.goo.gl/C4ctTh](http://www.goo.gl/C4ctTh) (case-sensitive) or call, 800-932-2151 and mention you would like a room in the B-26 MHS room block to take advantage of the special Reunion rates. Rates are: \$129 per night for single, double, triple or quad occupancy. *The group rate is available after July 2, 2018 only upon hotel determination of availability.* The hotel will honor our group room rate beginning July 29 and extending to August 6, if space is available.

The airport nearest to the Marriott is Colorado Springs (COS), with Denver International (DEN) within 75 minutes. The Society has arranged with United Airlines to provide a 2%-10% discount on regular economy, business and 1st class fares. Use promo offer code Z EJ9645248 with your travel agent or enter that code at [www.united.com/ual/en/us/flight-search/book-a-flight](http://www.united.com/ual/en/us/flight-search/book-a-flight). Not only will you receive the discount, but MHS may also earn a United benefit.

Call a cab, Uber, Lyft or rent-a-car from COS to the Marriott. Split the cost with another reunion attendee.



### **Early Discounted Registration!**

**(Must be received at MHS office by 5/31/18)**

**You** \$295 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Guest** \$295 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are not a member of the B-26 Marauder Historical Society add \$25*

*and we will give you a membership for the remainder of 2018. This allows you to bring one guest at the reduced member rate.* **Non-Member please add \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Attendees staying in our Marriott room block receive discounted registration! If you are not staying in the MHS block at least two nights, please add the non-host-hotel surcharge, per person. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet-only tickets: Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$48 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(This option is for **non-registered individuals** who want to **attend the Banquet only**)*

**REUNION GRAND TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### Method of Payment

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

personal/business check

**A 5% surcharge will be added to your Reunion Grand Total if paying by credit card**



\_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_



Signature authorizing MHS to charge your card for registration and options selected for which you are eligible.

- I am interested in attending Marshall Magruder's talk at the Museum of WWII Aviation on Tue, Jul 31, 5pm (\$10 payable at the door)
- I am interested in visiting Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum on Sun, Aug 5 (admission payable at the door)
- I am interested in joining in the no-host "early-arrivers" dinner on Tue, Jul 31, 7:15pm

### **REGISTRATION CANCELLATION POLICY**

**Prior to May 25 - Full Refund**

**May 26-July 12 - refund less \$75 per registrant**

**Sorry, no refunds after July 12**

**Send Registration to: MHS, 3900 E Timrod St., Tucson, AZ 85711**  
**fax: 520-322-6778 email: [admin@B-26MHS.org](mailto:admin@B-26MHS.org)**