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Chris Mirowski, Editor

## RMC mourns the passing of our brother



Photo courtesy of Chris Cummings

Jack Phillips standing next to the model C130 at the 2023 Loveland Veterans Day Parade.

Sergeant at Arms Jack Phillips passed away on December 15, 2023. He was a long time Rocky Mountain Chapter member and a fixture at all of our events. A proud Rakkasan, Jack was a Korean War veteran serving with the 187<sup>th</sup> Airborne Regimental Combat Team.

He was buried with ceremonial honors at Fort Logan National Cemetery. The RMC had a contingent there that served as a adjunct to the Honor Guard assigned to Fort Logan.

Jack's obituary appears on page 3 of this edition of The Paratrooper.

Airborne Dinner – **RETURN TO ARVADA**

Saturday, February 17, 2024

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## From the Chairman



Hello RMC,

As you saw on the cover, Jack Phillips passed away. As I'm writing this, I realize that I won't receive a congratulatory phone call after posting this newsletter with praise that, "This is the best newsletter yet!" something that I could set my watch to. The Chapter's First Lady will not answer a phone call that starts with, "Hey Beautiful, can I talk to Ugly?"

Our members learned about Jack's passing at our December Airborne Dinner just before our meal. We had heavy hearts knowing that Jack passed away the day before our get-together.

My heart isn't heavy now. It is beaming with pride. The RMC sent an honor guard contingent to Jack's funeral at Fort Logan. Alan Jenkins, Chris Cummings, Mike Marsh, Ron Mitchell, Tom Lopez, and I worked alongside the honor guards from the American Legion and the National Guard's assigned to Fort Logan. I am proud of how our collective posture was a little tighter, our stance more rigid, our moves from attention to parade rest and back to attention were crisper, and our salutes were a little higher because we wanted to do well by our brother.

At the end of the service, I had the honor of saying some words eulogizing Jack. They were impromptu. I concluded by saluting Jack, stating, "Well done, good and faithful paratrooper, you will be missed."

I'm running out of space, but when you look at the calendar, you will see that we added a February Dinner, and it will be at the Arvada American Legion. We heard the membership loud and clear. We need to have events in the Metro and South Metro areas. Our preferred location for the October dinner is Castle Rock. We want an event closer to our brothers and sisters in the Springs. If you can help us secure a restaurant or facility in that area, please let Chris Cummings or me know ASAP.

AATW!

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# Obituary: Harvey John “Jack” Phillips Jr

**November 9, 1930 – December 15, 2023**

Harvey John “Jack” Phillips Jr died on December 15th, 2023. He was born in Rensselaer, Indiana on November 9th, 1930. He was preceded in death also by brother Knight A. Phillips of Rensselaer and former wife Nancy Roberts Chamberlin. Jack graduated from Rensselaer High School in 1948. He attended Butler University and was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. He enlisted in the US Army early in 1951 and served in combat in Korea as a paratrooper with the 187th Airborne RCT. He returned to Butler in 1954.

He married Nancy B Roberts in April 1955, and they had 3 children. They divorced in 1993. Jack managed a Hotel in Saginaw, MI, and was Director of Census in that Congressional District in 1960.

He became a manufacturer’s representative until moving to Waukegan, IL in 1964 to work for Luxor Corp as Sales Manager and later VP of Marketing and Sales. In 1976 he moved to Greeley, CO and bought Brown Bookbinding Co, renamed it Mt Plains Bookbinding, serving a 5-state area. After selling the company in 1989, he became an independent broker of life and health insurance, with many clients in northern Colorado and Eagle, Summit Counties. He was actively involved until shortly before his death. He was known for the personal attention he devoted to his clients. His son, John Phillips, will continue to serve those clients. Jack traveled in every state in the US, and world-wide, usually with his best friend and companion Allison Wright of Vail, CO. He was a fly-fishing enthusiast and until injuring his back, a skier and tennis player. He is survived by his daughter, Pamela A. Ash of Onalaska, TX, son John D. Phillips of Littleton, daughter Patricia R. Standley and husband Mike of Beaumont, TX, grandson Richard S. Karr, US Navy, San Diego. His sister-in-law, Nancy K. Phillips, lives in Rensselaer, IN, as well as nephews, Bob, Jeff, Jim, and Steve and their families, and niece Linda Hall of Remington, IN. Jack loved his country passionately and was active in Veteran’s organizations; a life member of the 82nd Airborne Association, 187th ABN RCT, and the VFW of Minturn and Northern Colorado. He supported many outdoor groups and was a member of Trout Unlimited since 1959. He particularly loved Yellowstone National Park and visited nearly every year. He was a member St Mary’s Church and was an usher for 25 years. He also attended St Patrick’s in Minturn. He was a proud, long-time member of Alcoholics Anonymous. He was cremated with a part of his remains scattered in his favorite fishing streams and the remainder rest at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, CO.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17th, 2023, starting at 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Adamson Life Celebration Funeral Home, 2000 47th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80634. In lieu of flowers donations may be made Honor Flight of Northern Colorado.

# US Army artillery gets a lift during training in Romania

Pfc. Aiden O'Marra  
US Army.mil, January 5, 2024

MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU AIR  
BASE, Romania

Sgt. 1st Class Lewis Goins, Platoon  
Sergeant from Charlie Battery, 3-320th  
FAR, spoke to the importance of this  
training and how it adds to the potency of  
his Artillery Soldier's capability.

"This gives us the ability to build combat  
power," said Goins. "It's just adding one  
more step to our proficiency and allowing our hookup teams to be able to safely get underneath an  
aircraft and hookup a triple 7 (M777 Howitzer) so that we can do long-range air assault missions, or  
an air assault raid."

The Artillery Soldiers of the 3-320th FAR completed the elevator drills using two different aircraft over  
the two-day exercise; UH-60 Black Hawks from 3rd Attack Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment  
on Jan. 4, and CH-47 Chinooks from 2nd Support Helicopter Battalion on Jan. 5.

First Lt. Teddy Evans, platoon leader for "Bone Crusher" Battery, added to the importance of  
demonstrating the unit's readiness.

Task Force 82, from the 82d Airborne Division, leads critical aspects of the US military to assure  
Allies and partners, deter adversaries, and reinforces NATO security force assistance in the Black  
Sea region.



*Photo by PFC Aiden O'Marra, US Army*  
**Soldiers from Bravo Battery, 3-320th AFAR, 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Division conduct sling-load operations and elevator drills on Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania.**





## DINNER: February 17, 2024

**3:00 – 5:00pm**

# American Legion Post 161

**6230 W. 60<sup>TH</sup> Av., ARVADA**

**(between Wadsworth and Sheridan)**

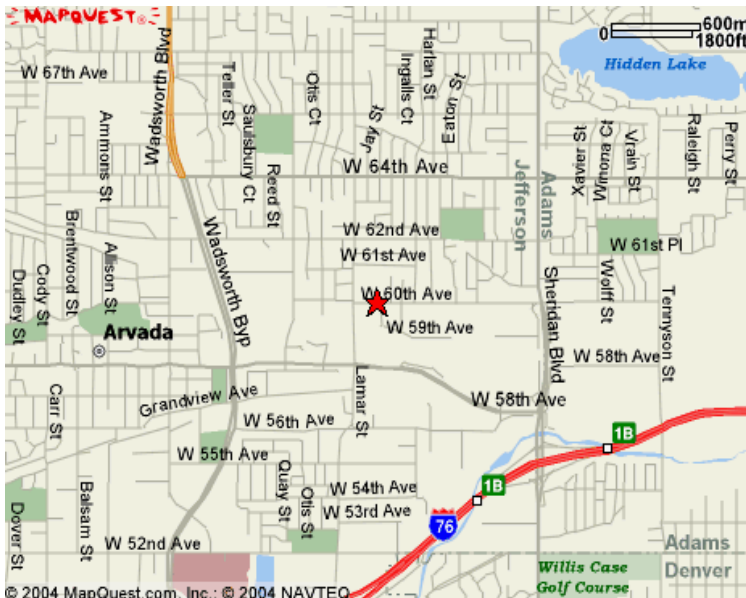
**MENU: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, and dessert**

**PRICE: \$20.00 all inclusive ...per meal**

**The price is right and the company is good. Don't miss this opportunity to fellowship with your fellow paratroopers.**

**To make reservations, call Chris Cummings at 720-418-0022 by:  
Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Editor's note: Don't let the price of the dinner keep you from coming. If you are on a fixed income, experiencing hard times, or just can't afford the meal this month. Please let us know. The Chapter can cover your dinner.**



## Directions

1. From I-25, merge onto I-76 heading west toward Grand Junction
2. Take exit #1B towards Sheridan Blvd/CO-95
3. Turn right on Sheridan Blvd.
4. Turn left on W. 60<sup>th</sup> Ave.
5. Continue to 6230 West 60th Ave



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## Rocky Mountain Chapter 2024 Calendar of Events

### February

17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Dinner  
American Legion  
Arvada

### March

16<sup>th</sup> Officers Meeting  
Northglenn IHOP

### April

6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Dinner  
American Legion  
Firestone

### June

1<sup>st</sup> Officers Meeting  
Northglenn IHOP  
  
22<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Picnic

### August

3<sup>rd</sup> Officer's meeting (IHOP)  
24<sup>th</sup> Airborne Dinner  
American Legion  
Firestone

### October

7<sup>th</sup> Officers meeting (IHOP)  
26<sup>th</sup> Airborne Dinner  
TBA – South Metro

### November

11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Parade  
Loveland  
  
TBA Colorado Springs  
Veterans Day Parade  
  
18<sup>th</sup> Officers meeting  
(IHOP)

### December

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting &  
Airborne Dinner  
American Legion  
Arvada