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ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER

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The "All Airborne" Fraternity

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February 2025 Chris Mirowski, Editor

We're back, baby!!!

We're leaner, but not a bit meaner.

New blood has stepped into leadership positions, giving the RMC new life.

At the December Airborne Dinner and Annual Business Meeting, the membership was presented three options regarding the status of the Chapter – do we continue to exist as a chapter or do we dissolve? Choosing to remain an active chapter only left us with two options:

Option 1: The RMC rolls into the Colorado Springs 101ST Assn chapter and we combine officers and assets. Option 2: Three dedicated RMC members step up into the ranks of officers, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer; the three critical positions to run a chapter.

Success! RMC members Don Schultz, Ron Mitchell, and Bob Williams volunteered and were subsequently voted as Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer respectively. Art Gallegos, Mike Marsh, and Tom Lopez were all nominated and voted in as Trustees, and I moved into the Judge Advocate position.

We are not out of the woods yet. At best, our volunteers have extended us out three years. We still need additional volunteers in order to form a robust success plan. But, for now, the RMC is still kicking, and we still find opportunities for Airborne Fellowship. AATW!

Chris Mirowski
Editor, *Paratrooper*

Airborne *LUNCH* – *FIRESTONE*
Saturday, March 8, 2025
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From the Chairman

My name is Don Schultz. I served from 72-74 H/H company 1/ 325.

I'm hoping to start this new year with a bigger footprint for the Rocky Mountain Chapter. I would like to see if we can do volunteer work around the community. I volunteer at the VA hospital and would like to take some of us to walk the wards and talk to veterans. I have done it with other groups.
and I have a few more ideas to help us grow.

We will talk about this more as it comes up in our meetings. Also, I have 4 kids, and 9 grandkids

Airborne, All the Way!

Don Schultz
Chairman, RMC

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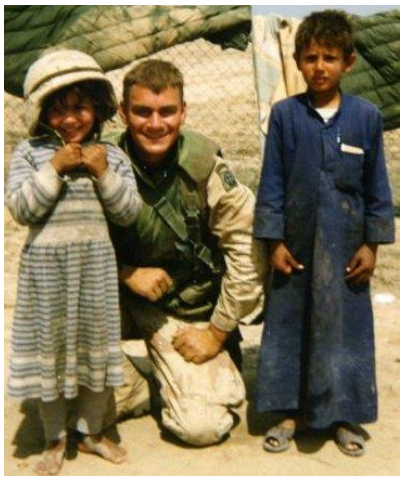
From the Editor



Hello, RMC! As the front-page headline says, we are back in business. I wasn't sure what the fate of our chapter would be going into the meeting, but I am very happy about the outcome. I believe that Chairman Schultz, Secretary Mitchell, and Treasurer Williams will bring new life ideas for the future of the RMC, and I give them my full support.

I've had some time to reflect since the RMC elections. This was my second term as Chairman and this one was four years. Thinking about what 2020 - 2024 looked like, I came up with calling it my "spaghetti western time; The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly.

The Good:

- **The membership**. I believe that there is no better position in the RMC to form and cultivate relationships like the Chairman's. Being able to connect with Airborne brothers and sisters has meant so much so much to me.

- **The Officers**. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to work with legit professionals. That's not hyperbole. At the risk of missing someone, I want to name names and thank officers like Chris Cummings and Alan Jenkins. Secretary and Treasurer are the most difficult and critical positions in the RMC. It's hard work and Alan and Chris made it look easy only because they did it so well. Trustees Art Gallegos, Pat Kleckner, Tom Lopez, Ron Mitchell and Vice Chairman John McGuire did more than just give us a needed quorum, they brought insight, wisdom, and good company.

  Bob Barnet and Jack Phillips were with me when I started my second term, but they didn't see me end it. Bob was a mentor to me and a historian for the Chapter and Jack Phillips was my Encourager Emeritus. After I posted each newsletter, I knew I would get a call from Jack telling me that, "It's the best newsletter yet!" Of course, if my wife answered my phone he would ask, "Hey Beautiful, can I talk to Ugly?" Trust me, Jack really was encouraging.

  And I can't express my appreciation enough for Trustee Mike Marsh. He has been my confidant and bastion of wisdom. Although Mike is squarely a "tell it like it is" guy, he told it to me in a real positive way and I can't thank him enough for it.

The Bad:

- **Geography.** Things have changed a lot in the last year. Unfortunately for most of the aforementioned names, they have either moved or are getting ready to move because Colorado isn't quite what it used to be for them.

- **COVID.** Not much more to say. We lost members and a bit of what made us, us due to it.

The Ugly:

- **Volunteerism (or lack thereof).** The Bad we can change or affect. There's not much we can do about The Ugly. For 20 years volunteerism has been a problem and we're feeling its cascading effects even more so now.

Ultimately, it's been a privilege to serve as your Chairman. I wish I could say that I left it better than I found it, but Barnet set a pretty high bar. I feel good about leaving it kinder.

-Chris Mirowski

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER "ALL AIRBORNE"

LUNCH

March 8, 2023

1:00 – 3:00pm

MENU: Chicken breast with mushroom sauce, vegetables, roll, desert

PRICE: $15.00 all inclusive …per meal

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

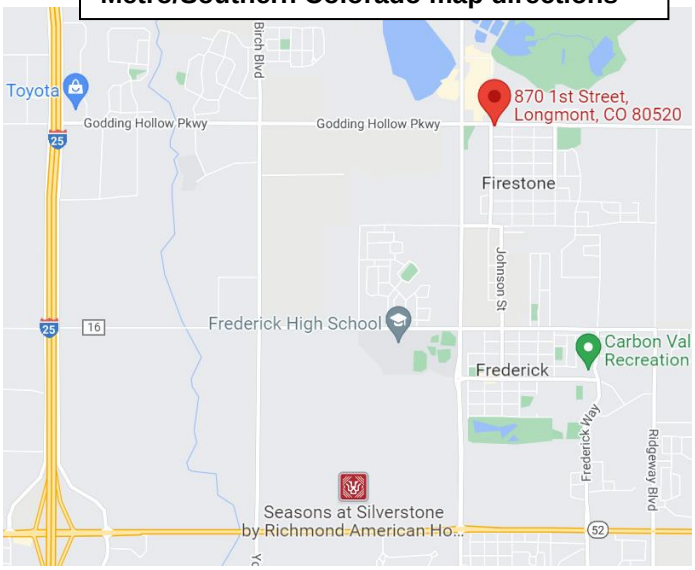
Please RSVP Bob at 303-416-0726 by Thursday, March 6th.

Directions

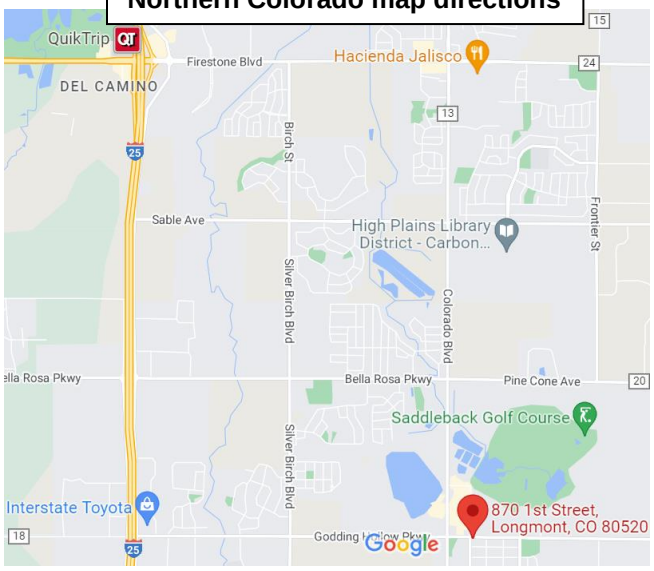
(South of Firestone) Take 1-25 north to Highway 52 (exit 235). Travel eastbound to Colorado Blvd and turn left. Continue northbound to Grant Ave and take an immediate right on 1st Ave and you're there.

(North of Firestone) Take I-25 south to Highway 119 (exit 240 - Firestone Blvd). Travel eastbound to Colorado Blvd and turn right. Continue southbound to Grant Ave and take an immediate right on 1st Ave and you're there.

Metro/Southern Colorado map directions



Northern Colorado map directions



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Rocky Mountain Chapter 2024 Calendar of Events

March
8th Airborne ***LUNCH***
American Legion
Firestone

April
6th Airborne Dinner
American Legion
Firestone

May
3rd Airborne Dinner
American Legion
Firestone

June
22nd Airborne Picnic

October
4th Officers meeting (IHOP)
25th Airborne Dinner
Firestone

November
11th Veterans Day Parade
Loveland
TBA Colorado Springs
Veterans Day Parade
22nd Officers meeting (IHOP)

December
13th Annual Business Meeting &
Airborne Dinner
American Legion
Arvada