



*The Honorary Trustees
of the
Shrine of Remembrance Veterans Honor Court
Cordially invite you
to the
Commemoration Ceremony of the
50th Anniversary of World War II
and the
Dedication of the Anniversary Bronze Memorial
by
Major General Thomas A. Schwartz
United States Army
at the
Veterans Honor Court
on the Memorial Day Holiday
Monday, May 30th, 1994
at 1:00 in the afternoon
1730 East Fountain Boulevard
Colorado Springs, Colorado*

*Inclement Weather: Shrine of Remembrance
America the Beautiful Chapel of Roses*

*Open House with
"The World in Flames"
Art Poster Display*

*Refreshments
Military Displays*



INTERPRETATION OF THE WWII 50TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL

The World War II 50th Anniversary Memorial portrays how World War II inflamed Europe, Asia, North Africa and the seas of both the Atlantic and Pacific, in the Allies confrontation against Axis tyranny. The plaque was commissioned by Costas Rombos, President of the Shrine of Remembrance. The renowned artist John Hancock of Matthews Bronze International, Pittsburgh, PA was the designer and sculptor.

The raised relief bronze plaque with gold, red, white and blue highlights depicts the poignant warfare and personal involvement that affected the 12 million Americans who put on the military uniform. It also portrays the millions on the homefront who contributed to the war effort that consumed the entire nation, serving both at home and overseas.

The commemorative memorial illustrates the June 6th, 1944, American forces crossing of the English Channel and landing on the beaches of Normandy which was the turning point of the war in Europe. The mighty USS MISSOURI battleship is firing its 16 inch guns in one of the many naval battles in the South Pacific. A B-24 "Liberator" Bomber, one of thousands that bombed Axis enemy targets in Europe, is banking right over a target at Ploesti, Romania, while behind it a German Me109 fighter plane is going down in flames. A M-4 Sherman tank is shown advancing across the deserts of North Africa, while the conflict in the Italian Alps is depicted by the mountains. A machine gun nest of American soldiers, on the Solomon Islands in the Pacific, and a C-47 flying the Burma Hump, in the Burma-China-India Theater with Americans parachuting into the interior of China is also shown.

The countless millions of American mothers, wives and sweethearts that went to work in war factories across the homefront is portrayed by "Polly the Riveter".

The triumphant scene of U.S. Marines raising the American flag on the Iwo Jima hilltop graces the memorial plaque indicating that freedom has been restored by the heroism and toil of America's young sons and daughters.

The memorial quotes General Claude M. Kicklighter who retired from the U.S. Army in 1991, after serving as Commanding General of the U.S. Army, Pacific. He is the chairman of the World War II Anniversary Committee on behalf of the Department of Defense.

Memorial Day Program

Monday, May 30, 1994 — 1:00 p.m.

"A Grateful Nation Remembers"

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II — "D — DAY"

Military aircraft flyover	Colorado Air National Guard
Musical Prelude	4th Infantry Division Band, CWO3 Donald M. Simpson, Commander
	Bugle Call to Order
Opening and Welcome	Col. (Ret.) Jim Rix, Director of Military & Veterans Affairs, Shrine of Remembrance
Invocation	Chaplain (Col. Ret.) Harold Shoemaker, Founding Chaplain, U.S. Air Force Academy
Posting of the Colors	Color Guard, 21st Space Wing
The National Anthem	Fort Carson Band
The Pledge of Allegiance	Vice Mayor Leon Young
Introduction of the Master of Ceremonies, RADM. Clinton W. Taylor, U.S. Navy, Ret.	Colonel Rix
Posting of the flags of the U.S. Military	Chapter 1, The Retired Enlisted Association
Medley of anthems of the U.S. Armed Forces	Fort Carson Band
Remembering "D" Day June 6, 1944	RADM. Clinton W. Taylor, President, Pikes Peak Chapter, The Retired Officers Assoc. RADM. Taylor
Recognition of Veterans who were in the liberation of Europe, Asia, and Africa and served on the homefront in World War II	
Raising of the American Flag in Honor of all Veterans	Honor Guard, District 5, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Posts 101, 3917, 4051
Unveiling and raising of the WW II Anniversary flag "A Grateful Nation Remembers"	Military Order of the Purple Heart
Raising of the Prisoner of War — Missing in Action Flag "Lest we Forget"	Rocky Mt. Chapter American Ex-POWs
Placing of wreath at the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Memorial	WW II and POW Veterans: BGen. David Winn, USAF Ret., Chairman Board of Regents, University of Colorado Col. William Fertig, USAF Ret. MSgt Ed Beck, U.S. Army, Ret. RADM. Taylor
Recognition of Distinguished Guests and Senior Military Representatives	
Resolution from El Paso County	Jeri Howells, Chairperson, El Paso County Board of Commissioners
Resolution from Colorado Senate	Senator Mary Anne Tebedo
THE HONORED SPEAKER "A Grateful Nation Remembers" and dedication of the Memorial	Major General Thomas A. Schwartz, Commanding General of the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), and of Fort Carson
Unveiling of the World War II 50th Anniversary Bronze Memorial and Placement of the Memorial Wreath	General Schwartz with MSgt. William Crawford, recipient of the Medal of Honor
Honoring the Holocaust victims	Cantor Chere Campbell, Temple Salom Synagogue
The .75mm Cannon Salute	4th Infantry Div (Mech), Cannon Salute Battery
TAPS	Army Buglers
Musical Selection "The White Cliffs of Dover"	SSG Michael Sorg, Vocalist with the Band
Presentation of the Fired Cannon Shells	Cannon Battery Commander
Retirement of the Military Flags	Chapter 1, The Retired Enlisted Association
The Closing Prayer	Chaplain Shoemaker
Gathering of World War II Veterans at the Anniversary Memorial with the Honored Speakers and Color Guard to receive WWII memento and for group photographs.	
Ushers — High Frontier Chapter Non-Commissioned Officers Association	
Static Display of Military Equipment and WWII items from Fort Carson and the Peterson AFB Museum.	
WWII Historic Poster display, "A World in Flames" from the National Archives in Washington, D.C.	



Major General Thomas A. Schwartz, United States Army, is the Commanding General of the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and of Fort Carson. He is a 1967 graduate of the United States Military Academy.



RADM Clinton W. Taylor, USN, (Ret), is President of the Pikes Peak Chapter of The Retired Officers Association. He is former Commander South Atlantic Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.



Costas Rombocos, a native of Athens, Greece, is President and owner of the Shrine of Remembrance Mausoleums and Funeral Home. Long ago he recognized the real need of a special and visible veterans memorial program in Colorado Springs, the home of many active duty military and veteran families.



Colonel Jim Rix was the founding Director of Administration of Space Command prior to retiring in 1986 when he joined the Shrine of Remembrance as head of military and veterans affairs.



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