

Cañon City, Colorado, September, 2019



Shown above are, standing: Skip Blanchard, Mary Matsuda, David Burrous, Kay Cathey, Hayley Glover, Dan Feigenbaum, Larry Taylor, Elizabeth Pack, Ron Doughty, John Newman, Ron Matsuda, kneeling: Craig Lowrey, Bill Cathey, Sherif Lepi, Jim Mindak, (Photo by Charlotte Burrous)

A traditional, annual, informal mini-reunion and re-dedication of the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing memorial at the Colonel Leo S. Boston War Memorial Park at Fremont County Airport, Cañon City, Colorado, was held 18-21 September 2019. During the event, activities included visiting various tourist attractions such as the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park, the Skyline Drive, Holy Cross Abbey Winery, Pikes Peak, and the county air show. The group also went to Colorado Springs for a tour of the 557th Flying Training Squadron at the Air Force Academy; a highlight for the group was flying the flight simulators there.

At the memorial re-dedication ceremony, former Association president, Skip Blanchard played “To The Colors” on bugle, followed by the playing of a recording of the “National Anthem.” Remarks were made by Association president Ron Doughty, and vice president John Newman. The names of the 109 12th casualties engraved on the memorial wall were read aloud by Association members Craig Lowrey, Sherif Lepi, John Newman, and Ron Doughty. The ceremony was concluded by Skip Blanchard playing “Taps.”