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EVENT FACT SHEET

A Tribute to General Jim Hall, USAF (Ret.) and Celebration of the Irish Season

Featuring Congressman Mike Coffman & Other Special Guests

WHO: The Spring kick-off cocktail-reception will honor the many personal, political and professional achievements of General Jim Hall, USAF (Ret.) and celebrate the St. Patrick's Day Season. U.S. Congressman Mike Coffman, a long-time friend of General Hall's, will also be honored with a special birthday tribute. World-renowned Tenor Anthony Kearns, founding member of The Irish Tenors, will be the evening's featured entertainer. Mr. Kearns was recently the guest of General Martin Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at a tribute for Medal of Honor recipients. He also was featured in a PBS Special for Veteran's Day with the U.S. Air Force Band. www.anthonykearnsmusic.com. The event will be supported by the Colorado American Legion Network, National Skydiving Museum Hall of Fame, the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes, and others.



Confirmed invited speakers include Congressman Mike Coffman (CO) and former Governor Bill Owens (CO). Honorary co-chairs are Colorado Chief Deputy Attorney General, Cynthia Coffman, General Steve Ritchie and Mr. Steve Schuck.

HOST COMMITTEE: In addition to the VIP members mentioned above, the host committee would include prominent individuals and/or organizations with deep ties to General Hall and the military community. They would be named on the invitation and other event collaterals and would help underwrite the event. (Sponsorships available)

WHAT: In celebration of the Irish season, the cocktail-reception will feature fine Irish spirits and light hors d'oeuvres. (The Denver area is a hub of Irish pride and celebration -- and everyone is a wee bit Irish in March). The official program will be theatre-style seating and will feature special guest speakers as well as a musical performance by Tenor Anthony Kearns, who has performed many times in the Denver area.

The event will also feature a mini-exhibit of General Hall's parachuting memorabilia. We will have a special signing of his book, "Parachuting for Gold in Old Mexico," after the formal program concludes. *NOTE: General Hall's book will be available for purchase for this event.* There will also be an iBOT display, which is a powered wheelchair, at the event.

INVITED GUESTS: The event would include General Hall's extended circle of friends, as well as members of the local VFW, Rocky Mountain USO, distinguished military officers and veterans, Vietnamese community, etc. The event will be supported by the National Skydiving Museum Hall of Fame, and others.

WHEN: Sunday, March 24th from 5:00 p.m. -- 7:30 p.m.

Draft event timeline:

- 5:00 p.m. Cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres (Scattered seating)
- 5:45 p.m. Civil Air Patrol Color Guard / Pledge of allegiance
- 5:48 p.m. Opening remarks and brief program
- 6:15 p.m. Performance by Tenor Anthony Kearns (Theatre-style seating)
- 6:35 p.m. Break
- 6:55 p.m. Second set by Mr. Kearns
- 7:15 p.m. Meet-and-greet with Gen. Hall, Cong. Coffman and Anthony Kearns.

7:30 p.m. Coffee to be served. (Book signing)
Event concludes.

WHERE: Glenmoor Country Club, 110 Glenmoor Dr. Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113
Tel: 303.781.3000

ATTIRE: Business Casual / Business

WHY: General Hall has been a leading citizen in Denver, Colorado for many years and he has had many personal and professional achievements throughout his life. This is an opportunity to celebrate those achievements and get a preview of his upcoming exhibit at the Air Force Academy. See bio below for details.

HOW: Ticketed event. There will be two levels of pricing: Option #1 = \$35 per person (Includes hors d'oeuvres and program); Option #2 = \$50 per person (Includes hors d'oeuvres, program, and signed copy of Gen. Hall's book, "Parachuting for Gold in Old Mexico").

Reservations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. (Checks to be received in advance, no ticket sales at door.) RSVP by Friday, March 15 to: RSVPMarch24Tribute@gmail.com or (720) 675-7056. Checks to be made payable to "Glenmoor Country Club" and mailed with completed form on Save the Date to: Andi Allott, 2945 S. Moline Place, Aurora, CO 80014-3033

Proceeds to benefit a special needs trust for Eagle Hall, the son of General Jim Hall and Georgann Hall. Eagle is a Special Olympics athlete involved in basketball and bowling, and often participates in tournaments.

PROMOTION: Kirsten Fedewa, who has spent a lot of time in the Denver area and is also a close personal friend of Gen. Hall's, would be able to assist in event organization, promotion, etc. Andi Allott has offered to blast the invitation to her membership lists (400+), and help with RSVPs. In addition, there are three or four other local and statewide organizations to help get the word out. NOTE: Andi has an important meeting in March and we will design an invitation for distribution at their event.

ABOUT GENERAL HALL: James Hall was born into a coal mining family with 10 children. As the youngest son, he followed in the footsteps of five older brothers and joined the Army during World War II at age 17. He served as an airborne radio operator and flight engineer throughout his service in the Pacific theater. After the war, Gen. Hall re-enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was awarded a direct commission in the newly created United States Air Force. He then received his bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico and became a graduate of the Army Parachute School at Fort Benning, GA, the Advanced School at Fort Bragg, NC, and the U.S. Forest Service Smoke Jumper's School. Throughout his 36 years of military service and in his civilian life, he became a pioneer in the field of parachuting. A Master Parachutist with more than 1,800 jumps, he created the premier parachuting program for the U.S. Air Force Academy, which now trains 600 cadets annually and ranks first in the world. In addition, he created the "Buddy System" for free falling and the "4-line cut" for parachuting emergencies. In 1959, Hall and a partner founded the first professional parachuting firm ever.

Besides breaking ground in the aviation world, Hall was also involved with the hit television show, "Ripcord," which has been noted as starting the modern conception of parachuting as a sport. He was also a technical advisor, writer, and stunt man for the World War II epic television series, "Twelve O'Clock High," based on the Academy Award-winning film of the same name (starring Gregory Peck) about the U.S. Army's Eight Air Force who flew daylight bombing missions against Nazi Germany and occupied France.

Gen. Hall has been honored numerous times, receiving the Air Force Association's (AFA) Medal of Merit, the Citation of Honor for his MIA/POW program, the Exceptional Service Plaque, the AFA Presidential citation, the Air Force Associations' Colorado Man of the Year, The Leo Stevens Parachute Medal (the highest award given annually for achievements in the field of parachuting) and the Colorado Meritorious Service Medal (the highest

award that the state of Colorado can award to a member of the military). As a founding member of Colorado's Wright Brothers Memorial foundation, he was inducted into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame in 1985. Learn more at: <http://parachutingassociates.com/Pages/AboutJim.php>

ABOUT CONG. MIKE COFFMAN: Mike Coffman has served as the U.S. Representative for Colorado's 6th congressional district since 2009. He was previously the Secretary of State of Colorado, and the Colorado State Treasurer. In 1994, Coffman was elected to the State Senate where he was the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. Coffman, who served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps, is the only veteran in the Colorado delegation and one of only two Members of Congress who were in both the first Gulf War and in the Iraq War. Cong. Coffman is a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the Small Business Committee.

ABOUT TENOR ANTHONY KEARNS: Anthony Kearns took the American television audience by storm in 1999 as the youngest member of The Irish Tenors. American critics hailed Kearns as perhaps the most likely of the three (Irish Tenors) to "achieve the level of tenor super stardom now enjoyed by Pavarotti and a handful of other singers." Mr. Kearns is a respected ambassador of Ireland to the world and has presented the music of his homeland across the globe. As a soloist, Kearns' performances draw from a wide variety of opera, folk music, and international favorites. Mr. Kearns frequently performs at charity concerts, on television, and with the finest symphony orchestras and opera houses in Europe and America.

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