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Greetings:

On behalf of the people of the State of Colorado, it is my pleasure to welcome the veterans and families of the WWII Army 104th Timberwolf Infantry Division to their 68th Reunion.

The 104th Timberwolf Infantry Division trained in the Oregon, California and Arizona deserts, and completed their training at Fort Carson, Colorado, before being deployed to Europe in 1944. The Division spent 195 consecutive days in combat on the front lines, reportedly the longest of any infantry unit in the European Theater. Collectively, the 104th Timberwolf Division received two medals of honor, 24 distinguished service crosses, one distinguished service medal, 786 silver stars, six legions of merit, 3623 bronze stars, 54 Air Medals, 24 Soldier Medals, seven Presidential Unit Citations, and 7011 purple hearts.

Our service men and women maintain a special place in our minds and hearts, and it is with great respect that we mark your service to the state and nation. The sacrifices made defending our freedom will never be forgotten. It is our hope that Fort Carson provides the Timberwolf veterans a memorable location for this year's reunion. Thank you for the dedication and loyalty that marked your enlistment. You have my best wishes now and in the years to come.

Sincerely,

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor