



OSOTMG NEWS

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* NEXT MEETING WITH BE 5 MAY 2009, 1100, at WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES. *

Important
Frequently Used
Phone Numbers

140th Phone #'s

Casualty Assist

720-847-6946

Family Support

720-847-9116

460th Phone #'s

RAO (Retired Activities
Office)

720-847-6693

Legal

720-847-6444

Other Phone #'s

VA

1-800-827-1000

TRICARE (TRIWEST)

1-888-874-9378

TRICARE for Life

1-866-773-0404

Social Security

1-800-772-1213

TREA 39

303-340-3939

Howdy Duty Time

We really need all of you send us your memories of your time at Buckley for the Howdy Duty. I don't have one for this month so you are stuck with me.

I joined the Air Force to see the world but all I saw was Texas, Ill, and one somewhat exciting place Guam. My daughter was born there. I joined the Air National Guard in Iowa and my unit was kind of close but not like the Comm Flt here in CO. The 140thComm Flt was and still is family. The whole Guard was family back then. I saw more of the world with the guard then I did with the Air Force. After a tour at the Air National Guard Support Center at

Andrews AFB, MD. I worked as a technician in the computer room, with Maj Mitchell & Joanie, when it was in Bldg 801 on the 2nd floor. I hurt my back, during the fitness walk/run, which causing my leg to go numb. I was medically discharged after 15 years so I never got to retire from the guard.

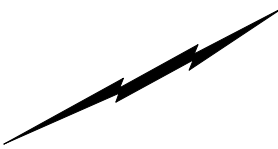
I keep busy with the newsletter and making hats for the Hats for Heroes Program.

Joan Pickens

**A BIG
THANK YOU!!!!**

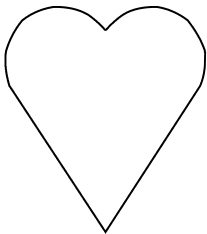
Larry & Nancy Smith
Dan & Sharon Banach
Ralph & Charlotte Rausch
Jose & Ros Aguinaga
Pat Haggerty
Vern Marshall

Flash (Hot News)



LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE

If you would like more information or find out if you are eligible for the "Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program", call 1-800-582-3337.



Please forgive Jan Love and Joan Pickens for the content of this month's newsletter. We were both a little under the weather and due to medication couldn't seem to get it together this month.

Joan Pickens

Attendance April

Elton Baggett	Beatrice VanDeest
Cindy Baggett	Trulan Eyre
Dan Banach	Kenneth Forrest
Bob Barker	Woody Glaser
Harold Brewer	L. Griffith
Dale Bristol	Kristin Haley
Art Bowens	Sy Harjes
Joe Broom	Joe Harnke
Sonja Broom	Dewey Hicks
Jerry Brooks	Vicky Jennings
Tony Burczyk	(Family Support)
Bill VanDeest	Jan Love

*** 1st Timers**

Tony Lucero	Bill Pickens	Larry Sell
Helen McCabe	Joan Pickens	Arlo Sorheim
Pat McCabe	Judy Pock	Steven Spahr
Maxie Merten	Diana Richards	Harold Taylor
Dave Moos	Lloyd Richards	Doug Teasdale
John Morris	Michelle Rowan	Linda Turner
Bill Musslewhite	Michael Rowan	Paul Turner
D O Neary	Joyce Saitta	Harry Wales
Neysa Neary	Larry Schlager	Harold Zimmerman
Kalyn Nelson	Mike Schnurstein	
Gerrie Pawley	Susan Schnurstein	
Bonnie Phillips	Leo Seeba *	

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: May Memorial Lunch at Wings Over the Rockies**2010 Military Ball**

On behalf of Major General H. Michael Edwards, The Adjutant General of Colorado, and the Soldiers and Airmen of the Colorado National Guard, we extend an invitation to join us for the 150th Birthday Celebration of the Colorado National Guard on Saturday, 23 January 2010. We will begin our 150th Celebration Year with our "Colorado Minuteman Birthday Ball."

Please mark your calendars for 23 January 2010! More information to follow, stay tuned!

May 5th, 2009, 1100 - ?

Guest Speaker: Major General Mike Edwards, CO TAG

Lunch will be provided by: Jim 'n Nick's Bar-B-Q.

The menu will be: BBQ Chicken (each serving is a 1/4 of a chicken) and Pulled Pork BBQ. Baked Beans Creamy Cole slaw, Cheese Biscuits and dessert. Iced Tea, bottled water and coffee is included in the price.

Taps

Larry D. Hubner - 7 Apr 09
Clarence M. "Mel" Riemann - 17 Apr 09

**Sick Call****Date Book****May**

5th - OSOTMG Meeting (**Memorial Lunch at Wings Over the Rockies**)
10th - Mother's Day
16th - Armed Forces Day
25th - Memorial Day

June

2nd - OSOTMG Meeting
14th - Flag Day
21st - Father's Day

July

4th - Independence Day
7th - OSOTMG Meeting & BBQ

August

1st - Colorado Day
4th - OSOTMG Meeting

September

7th - Labor Day
8th - OSOTMG Meeting

October

6th - OSOTMG Meeting
31st - Halloween

November

3rd - OSOTMG Meeting
26th - Thanksgiving

December

1st - OSOTMG Meeting
12th - Hanukah begins
21st - First day of Winter
25th - Christmas
26th - Kwanzaa begins

Committee's Corner

As most of you know I had a knee replacement in January 2009. Here are some things the Drs don't tell you before surgery. The operation itself takes about one hour and a half. I was in the hospital for three days after surgery, and then I was home and setting up all the in home care that was needed. I had talked to the visiting nurse, the PT and then OT came on Sunday to show us how I should take a bath and dress myself. That was when all the fun started.

She didn't like the looks of my leg and had Joan (my wife) call 911. After 6 hours in the ER and because of allergies they put me back in the hospital so they could do a CT scan of my lungs on Monday. They did the scan at 3pm Monday and 4:30pm the Dr told me that I had two blood clots in my lungs, and I would have to take shots of blood thinners & pills to dissolve the clots. At this point you have one Dr telling you not to move and another one wanting you to move so your legs doesn't get stiff. The Dr sent me home three days later and said that it would take about six weeks before the clots would be completely gone. The PT came to the house and we started to work on my range of motion. After a week it was not getting any better so she and the Dr put me back on the hospital so they could break up the scar tissue in my knee. Three more days in the hospital, then back home again. Two days later and I hyper extended my knee so back to the hospital again. This time they broke up scar tissue with a nerve block in my leg and for two days I used a CPM machine set to 120 degree for range of motion.

Since the last hospital stay things have gotten better each day and the leg gets stronger and range is in the mid to high 90's.

Bill Pickens

If you know of **any** past members of the Colorado Air National Guard we haven't reached, please pass along our E-Mail address, OSOTMG@comcast.net or our mailing address, OSOTMG, 16059 E. Milan Drive, Aurora, CO 80013.

Due to the increase in Identity Theft and compliance with The Privacy Act of 1974, we will not longer be publishing signatures or personal information on the electronic version, on the website.

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Birthdays

Joe Aguinaga
Lance Barber
Ron Barron
Art Bowens
Tony Burczyk
Janet Clark
Karen Dutro
Richard Fisher
Sy Harjes
Rob Harkins
Bob Herbst
Steve Jaouen



Darlene Lovisone
Helen McCabe
Pat McCabe
Nancy Prentiss
Michelle Rowan
Ronald Rutter
Joyce Saitta
Ron Schomber
Kay Silvrants
Carole Smith
Janice Teasdale

Hats for Heroes

Just a short note about the weekend of 17, 18, & 19 Apr 09. Sonja & Joseph Broom, Joan & Bill Pickens, Dewey Hicks, & Susanna Swank (Joan's Mom) gave out hats to the Army, Navy, & the 140th Wing. The numbers are still being tabulated, so I will report them with the pictures that were taken in next month's newsletter. It was a very busy weekend, but was enjoyable to see all the little ones come get their hats.

Joan Pickens