



# OSOTMG NEWS

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**NEXT MEETING WILL BE 1 February, 11 am, TREA 39, 15821 CENTRETECH CIR-**

**\* CLE, AURORA, CO 80011. If you are going to eat, *you must RSVP* to Jan Love at 303.693.7538 or [osotmg@comcast.net](mailto:osotmg@comcast.net) *NLT 26 January.* More on page 3**



## 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

**CODMVA**

303-343-1268

[www.colorado.gov](http://www.colorado.gov)

**Deputy Director**

**CODMVA**

**Mickey Hunt**

720-250-1510

303-249-0146(c)

[michael.hunt@dmva.state.gov](mailto:michael.hunt@dmva.state.gov)

[dmva.state.gov](http://dmva.state.gov)

**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

We really need your input for "Howdy Duty". A short note to say what you have been doing since retirement, a special project you are working on or a memory from your days with the COANG. We just want to hear from you (please). **Correction to last month's on pg 3**

## Committee's Corner

Dear Other Siders,

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Veterans Salute put on by the City of Aurora was another success. The event took place on November 10, 2010. It was held at the Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum. Over 850 guests attended, including 150 WWII veterans. It took 25 planners under the leadership of Sheila Anthony from the Aurora Center for Active Adults, City of Aurora Parks, Recreation and Open Space, eleven months to bring the project to fruition. One hundred and thirty volunteers served, included Jan Teasdale, Violet Hoffman, a host of others from the Center for Active

Adults, as well as Starbucks associates and military personnel. Rick Crandall of KEZW was the MC and Brigadier General Hudson was the keynote speaker. MSG Rochelle Smith worked tirelessly to bring the event to life with her knowledge of the audio-visual side of the planning. Local television and media services were on hand to record the "Salute" and gather pictures and histories from our Greatest Generation guests.

AFJROTC CO-21<sup>st</sup> cadets provided the precision drill, while others from the Squadron assisted with a variety of assignments. The Squadron includes cadets from Central and Hinkley High School. Cadets from AFJROTC

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## A BIG THANK YOU!!!!

Gary Brison

Don & Marty Chambers

Bill & Bea Van Deest

Homer Johnson

Ed & Pauline Morrissey

Ken McGill

Larry & Nancy Smith

Ron & Jane Schomber

**\*Checks should be made payable to "OSOTMG" and mailed to 16059 E Milan Drive, Aurora, CO 80018.  
Thank You**

## LIFE CHANGES

**James Tipton** will NOT be moving to Maryland.

**MG & Miriam Whitney** bought a vacation home in Alabama. They are not permanently moving to Alabama.

**Bill Swedell** (from his e-mail 28 December 2010) We have moved to Imperial, Nebraska in the last few months and really like it here...Don't even have a traffic light.

## December Attendance \* 1st Timers

CPT Liz Agresti	Don Ford	Stan Minarsky	Larry Schlager
Dale Bristol	Kenneth Forrest	D.O. & Neysa Neary	Larry Sell
Joe & Sonja Broom	Woody Glaser	Steve Pahs	Jerry Smith
Tony Burczyk	Sy Harjes	Dennis Pepple	Arlo Sorheim
John Candelaria	Chuck Hoffman	Bill & Joan Pickens	SSgt Jennifer Theurer (Family Support)
Ralph Evans	Jim & Patti Jesser	Lloyd & Diana Richards	Paul & Linda Turner
BG Trulan Eyre	Jan & Ken Love	Joyce Saitta	Harry Wales
	Maxine Merten	Mike & Susan Schnurstein	

## January

Andy & Sue Andrews	Woody Glaser	George Miller	Leo Seeba
Robert Barker	Sy Harjes	Stan Minarsky	Doug Teasdale
Harold Brewer	Bob & Myrt Herbst	John Morris	SSgt Jennifer Theurer (Family Support)
Dale Bristol	Dewey Hicks	D.O. & Neysa Neary	Paul & Linda Turner
Art Bowens	Vic & Lois Hoops	Gerrie Pawley	Steve & Sabrina Taylor (& daughter)
Tony Burczyk	Jan & Ken Love	Bill & Joan Pickens	Harry Wales
Kenneth Forrest	Pat & Helen McCabe	Mike Schnurstein	
	Ken McGill	Susan Schnurstein	

## Sick Call



**Larry Cavener** had brain surgery for a tumor on his pituitary gland 2 December 2010. (Received from Larry, 20 JAN) Thanks for your concern. I'm not out of the woods but the surgery was successful. They removed all of the tumor. The healing process is slow but I expect a full recovery. I hope to return to work the first of next month. And you are correct; I'm climbing the walls for something to do. Angela is definitely ready for me to return to work. Please thank those that send e-mails and words of encouragement.

**Ron Schomber** had hernia surgery in September and because of complications returned home 21 December. Jane said he was in rehab most of the time and it was great to get him home for Christmas. (Received from Jane, 18 JAN) Ron got home from the Tucson hospitals after 3 months. He is going to have to have extensive outpatient therapy. We appreciate your concerns and prayers; keep the prayers coming.

**Bea Van Deest** is at home recovering from abdominal surgery she had in December. This was the third abdominal surgery since June 2009. Bill hopes this time she will heal within the next 30 days.

## Taps



**Lilli Littlefield**, CIV, passed away 29 October 2010 in Yuma AZ. She was the secretary in Base Safety, working with Don Shields, Pat Young and Bill Littlefield. Bill and Lilli were married after retiring from the COANG. Lilli was preceded in death by Bill. (Received 12 December 2010)

**Armin Lichtfuss**, Col (Ret) passed away 1 December 2010. Services were held on 10 December in Loveland, CO. Condolences may be sent to Jane Lichtfuss, 2212 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Loveland, CO 80543.

**Lloyd Richards**, LtCol (Ret), 82, passed away 26 December 2010. Services were held on 3 January 2011, with burial at Ft. Logan National Cemetery. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Diana and his four daughters, many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**Betty Buck**, NCO & CIV, 77, passed away 5 January 2011 from lung cancer. Services were held 15 January 2011, with inurnment at Ft. Logan Cemetery. She was a military member of the CONG and the COANG, last serving in the 154TCG. Betty retired from civil service in 1992 after 30 years. Husband, Wally, preceded her in death. She is survived by her five children, 13 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

**Chuck Bradley**, LtCol (Ret), former F-100 pilot, passed away 17 January 2011 from pneumonia and many other complications, in Grand Junction, CO. His funeral service was held at the Veteran's Cemetery in Grand Junction on 24 January 2011. There will be a memorial service in Denver, in June. Details to follow. His wife Jean is in the same nursing home and not doing well.

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CO-861<sup>st</sup> assisted with a variety of volunteer assignments as well. These cadets attend either Gateway or Rangeview High Schools. Grandview High provided and outstanding jazz choir and jazz band. A special tribute was given to the WWII veteran members of the All Veterans Honor Guard. The men were recognized by General Hudson and each was presented with a commanders coin.

I would like to thank SMS John Rohr (Air) and Captain Adam Morgan (Army) for their contribution of histories and pictures for the keepsake program. Bill Pickens (Comm Flight - Ret) who provided transportation for myself to Buckley and archived data for future use.

Dewey Hicks

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](mailto:OSOTMG@comcast.net) or our mailing address, OSOTMG, 16059 E. Milan Drive, Aurora, CO 80013.

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## STATE VETERANS HOME AT RIFLE NOT CLOSING

(Released 29 December 2010, by the State of Colorado)

In response to recent news reports, the Colorado Department of Human Services has confirmed that the State Veterans Home at Rifle is not at risk of closure. Several media outlets around the state had reported that the veterans home could be forced to close because of financial losses. "The Department has no intention - now or in the future - of closing the State Veterans Home at Rifle," said Colorado Department of Human Services Executive Director Karen L. Beye. "The Rifle home has had some financial losses and administrative challenges over the past two years, but major changes have been made in the home's operations, resulting in a profit of more than \$165,000 for the first four months of this fiscal year."

## DBIDS

11/23/2010 - **BUCKLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Colo.**, -- All common access (I.D.) cardholders should register their cards with the Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) before March 1, in order to continue to gain entry to the base.

DBIDS is a Department of Defense owned and operated system used as a force protection program to identify personnel attempting access at DoD installations using barcode and biometric identification. DBIDS uses all current DoD cards for access. Cards without bar codes must be replaced prior to registration.

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The meeting in February will be Tuesday, 1 February 2011, 1100, at The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA). The available meal will be **soup & sandwich for \$7**. Please **RSVP** to Jan Love (303.693.7538 or [OSOTMG@comcast.net](mailto:OSOTMG@comcast.net)) **NLT 26 January**.

**January**

Bonnie Asher  
 Ralph Bernhardt  
 Harold Brewer  
 John Christopher  
 Linda Coble  
 Dan Gay  
 Karen Kyritz  
 John LeVan  
 Verlene Lee  
 Lowell Leigh  
 Reed Lutz  
 Jo McDonald  
 William McGaffin  
 Anne Neuens

Sandy Overfield  
 Gerrie Pawley  
 Tom Rochford  
 Hazel Rutter  
 Eva Shreeve  
 Hal Smethills  
 Jerry Smith  
 James Weickum  
 Deb Wray

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**December**

Joann Barber  
 Pat Bowling  
 Bettina Bledsoe  
 Angela Cavener  
 Bob Cherry  
 Donald K Goe  
 David Hatch  
 Terry Hatchett  
 Dewey Hicks  
 Lois Hoops  
 Beverly Kalcits  
 Peggy Klapp  
 Yolanda Leggett  
 Ken Love  
 Andy Love

Don Lovisone  
 Dee MacLaughlin  
 Margaret McGaffin  
 Barbara Mandonado  
 Jim Mielke  
 Evan Mitchell  
 Don Neary  
 Larry Peters  
 Mike Popovich  
 Dianna Richards  
 Susan Schnurstein  
 Dennis Simpson  
 Rose Surprenant  
 John Swenson  
 Faye Weickum

**BOOKS FOR RONALD MC DONALD HOUSE**

Again, this year we collected books for the two Ronald McDonald Houses in the Denver area. We will be delivering 32 books and \$20 cash donations. Thank you to all who contributed.

**Correction to Herman Klap's Howdy Duty**

*Than you for putting in my Howdy Duty, however, there is a correction. In the 4th paragraph where states that "Our primary mission was converting from multiengine to fighter aircraft" should read "Our primary mission was retraining multiengine pilots and converting these individuals to fighter pilots. Thank you.*

*Herman Klap*

**Date Book**

**February**

1<sup>st</sup> - OSOTMG  
 14<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day

**March**

1<sup>st</sup> - OSOTMG

**April**

5<sup>th</sup> - OSOTMG

**May**

3<sup>rd</sup> - OSOTMG

**June**

7<sup>th</sup> - OSOTMG

**July**

5<sup>th</sup> - OSOTMG

**August**

2<sup>nd</sup> - OSOTMG

**September**

6<sup>th</sup> - OSOTMG

**October**

4<sup>th</sup> - OSOTMG

**November**

1<sup>st</sup> - OSOTMG

**December**

6<sup>th</sup> - OSOTMG

**Please check these dates, the ones for July, and September in particular. If there is a consensus to change the dates we can. Thank You**

**MEETINGS**

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

We would like your opinion on conducting an *additional* meeting on a weeknight or on a weekend for those who cannot attend the monthly Tuesday meeting. We did not receive any responses after the November Newsletter and would love to hear from those of you who are still working for a living. Please contact any Committee Member, as we would like to include as many as possible. (You might even enjoy yourself or find a long lost Guardsman.)

## MINI REUNION IN PHOENIX, AZ (Jan Love, SMSgt (Ret), COANG)

We will be in Phoenix for the ANG Western Regional Bowling Tournament, 17-20 February 2011. The tournament is being hosted by the AZANG. The host hotel is the Hampton Inn, 1429 N. Scottsdale Road, Tempe, AZ 85281, 480.675.9799. The hotel has a special rate of \$75/night for a double queen or king suite. I advise you make reservations by calling (instead of on-line) to get the "34<sup>th</sup> Annual Military Bowling Tournament "rate". Most of us will arrive on the 17<sup>th</sup> & depart on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Friday the 18 Feb, 0800, will be golfing (Best Ball Tournament) at Luke AFB. Cost is \$60 per person. If you are interested, please let me know ASAP. 1500-1700, COANG Happy Hour at San Felipe's Cantina Tempe Marketplace, 2000 E. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ 85281, 480.736.8226 (Thank you, Tammy Dudley!)

We will be bowling Saturday & Sunday, more details to follow. Please come and join us. We had a great time last year visiting with members of the COANG that currently live in AZ.



Mr. & Mrs. Claus at the 140th wing Christmas party held on 5 Dec 2010.

## VOLUNTEERS/INFO NEEDED (Dale Bristol, MSgt (Ret) COANG)

The Air Heritage Committee presents the history of the COANG at the Wings over the Rockies Air & Space Museum. The committee leadership is looking for retired persons who might like to contribute to the 2000-2009 Decade Panel. This will include the 140th Wing, 137th Space Warning Squadron, 200th Airlift Squadron & the 240th Civil Engineering Squadron; people and the missions performed. You can contribute by sending photographs with a short description or you can be a project volunteer. Please e-mail me at: [dale.bristol@yahoo.com](mailto:dale.bristol@yahoo.com) or call Jan for my phone number.