



OSOTMG NEWS

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Special Interest

Airlift to Andrews AFB, MD will depart 2 Apr 2008 and return 3 Apr 2008, after the service. The Colony South Motel has offered a rate of \$129/night before taxes. Group transportation



Perry Jefferson

will by military bus. Individual car rental will be optional. Those that deployed to Phan Rang will have first priority. If you would like more details or are interested in participating, please contact Jan

Love via the OSOTMG@comcast.net E-Mail account and she will get back with you ASAP.

<http://www.defenselink.mil/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=11569>

Howdy Duty Time

It has been 17 years since I last served as a member of the Colorado Air National Guard. I retired in 1991 as SEA for the Air Guard. At this time of my life, I have had time to reflect on my life experiences, accomplishments and failures. My one true love has been and always will be my association with the men and women of the Colorado Air National Guard. I live outside the South Gate of Buckley and every time those jets fly by, the hair on the back of my neck tingles with pride, knowing that at one time I was part of an organization that took pride in accomplishing the mission.



Seiler & O'Connor

It boggles the mind when you think about all the squadrons and support services needed to support and accomplish the goals of the Wing. All these separate entities working, planning and coordinating are paramount. When our pilots strap into their aircraft, they know that everything humanly possible has been done to insure their personal effects have been taken care of, everything from a good meal, personal affairs, equipment, maintenance, weapons, and ground personnel.

As they fly off on their mission our prayers and thoughts are with them, knowing that whatever the target, they will ac-

complish their goal, and when they return our sense of pride knowing that in some small but meaningful way we all contributed to the overall success of the mission.

The men and woman of the Colorado Air National Guard are a unique group of individuals who strive for perfection in their field of expertise and I can say with pride that I was a member of Colorado Air National Guard.

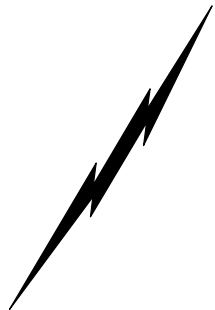
Edward J. O'Connor Jr,
CMSGT, (Retired)
Colorado Air National Guard.
February 2008

Flash (Hot News)

Parking at the commissary is very limited. Soil is being removed and then they will be building the new Pharmacy next to the Commissary.

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.



Attendance

Bill Axton	BG Tru Eyre	Jan Love	Joan Pickens
Dale Bristol	Kenneth Forrest	Monroe Mathias	Diane Richards
Joe Broom	Woody Glaser	Ruth Mathias	Lloyd Richards
Sonja Broom	Capt Hope Griggs	George Miller	Mike Schnurstein
Col Alan Buck	Sy Harjes	John Morris	Eddie Shreeve
Tony Burczyk	Joe Harnke	Ann Muniz	Al Skosie
Col Pete Byrne	Dewey Hicks	D.O. Neary	Paul Turner
BG Edwards	Yolanda Leggett	Neysa Neary	Ellen Williams
Ralph Evans	Andy Love	Bill Pickens	

Sick Call



Sonja Broom - had back surgery, she is home and doing fine.

Taps



None to report

Reunion (1968 CALLUP)



140TFW & 120TFS are included in the 11 ANG units totaling 9,000 people in response to the N Korean seizure of the USS Pueblo. 2,000 Air Guardsmen eventually served in combat.

The 140 Comm Flt & the 120 Weather Flt were also activated.

COANG members were deployed to Greenland, Japan, South Korea, South Vietnam,

Taiwan, and various locations stateside.

The Reunion is set for Saturday, October 4, 2008 at the Wings over the Rockies. More details to come.

Date Book

March 4th - Special speaker from TriWest, Beneficiary Services
Also Yolanda Leggett, VA

March 29th - Third Annual Colorado Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast <http://www.osomg.org/RotaryVeteransBreakfast-Flyer2008TWO.pdf>

Sponsored by: The Rotary Club of Southeast Denver

Location: Wings Over the Rockies
Time: 0900-1100 (9-11 am)

RSVP by 22 March, to: Lou Webb, 720.933.6485 or E-Mail to inablue@aol.com.

April 1 - Chief Golden Sherman Mortuary Affairs

May 6th - Our meeting will be held at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum. It will be a time to remember our friends and comrades that have fallen before us. Lunch will be catered. More details to follow.

June 3rd - Plans in the making

July 8th - Annual BBQ. Wear your red, white and blue to the Newtch's Den. More info to come.

Aug 5th - Haven't gotten that far.

Sep 2nd - Farewell to the Snowbirds (if they're already gone, will have a party without them.)

Oct 4th - COANG Reunion in honor of the 1968, Pueblo Crisis Activation/Deployment. Wings Over the Rockies

Oct 7th - Gossip Talk about who you saw at the Reunion.

Nov 4th - Thanksgiving Dinner-

Dec 2nd - Holiday Celebration with a "To Be Announced Gift Exchange"

Dec UTA - 140th Wing Family Christmas Party, Hangar 801, date & time to be determined

Committee's Corner

(Each month, we will include a few words from a Committee Member, in this section.)

Committee Members: Jan Love, Bill & Joan Pickens, Paul Turner, D.O. & Neysa Neary, Dewey Hicks, and Yolanda Leggett.

The committee met at Jan's home on Monday, 18 Feb 2008. Some of my notes from the meeting are as follows:

We will have a drawing each meeting with/for the group and give away a "Sort of Gift" for just being present - WHAT A DEAL!

We talked about a "Howdy Duty Time" that would provide insight on "one of us" and what we are doing etc so we know— Before your memorial service!!! This is what Bob Flick used to do on Sunday drill

weekend to honor those who serve & recognize their efforts for the unit. (See Eddie O'Connor's letter to the committee and you'll get the idea here!

We ask Yolanda Leggett to join the committee. She is going to talk to the group in March about VA Benefits.

Paul Turner is going to put the Colorado Pride books out on the website for us.

This was a 3 1/2 hour meeting but I've tried to condense it so you don't get too bored - I know - - -

As Ever,
D.O.

Let us hear from you — Thanks

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Birthdays

Phyllis Brooks
Joe Broom
Dot Bruening
Jane Cardenas
Lisa Franzen
Jay Gates
Bonnie Heinz
Gloria Hicks

Barbara Leigh
Arvey Mason
Vern Marshall
Ruth Mathias
Mary McClanahan
Jeffrey Miller
Neysa Neary

Clarence Riemann
Dianne Sanford
Gordon Terroux
Mason Whitney

1st Timers

Andy Love



Hats for Heroes

We gave out 26 hats to some Army troops on Feb 24. That brings our total to 1871 hats given out to date.

GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS