



OSOTMG NEWS

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NEXT MEETING WILL BE 6 APRIL 2010, 1100, at TREA 39, 15821 CENTRETECH CIRCLE, AURORA, * CO 80011. TREA phone number 303.340.3939. APRIL LUNCH: Chief's Choice, \$7 at the door. *

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

In February of 1958 I decided to join the USAF, Idaho Springs was a big Navy town but I had an aversion to water and swam like a rock!

I left on February 13th and after the first couple of days, you ask yourself did I do the right thing or am I crazy for leaving the sort of life that I had?

My first permanent base at Schilling AFB at Salina, Kansas. It was a very busy place unlike my previous life in Dumont or Idaho Springs.

In 1960 I met and married my sweetie Shirley. After becoming a Flight Engineer, I was on the move all over Europe and Asia hauling supplies and people as we supported NATO. Twice weekly I was flying to 12 airfields in Turkey.

In 1965 we came back to the U.S. and were sent to Shaw AFB in South Carolina. I came back to Colorado in 1966.

Finally I went to work at Buckley in Aurora with the Air National Guard as a technician in Base Flight to fly on their C-540 (4 engine) plane. In 1969 I quit flying and took a job as a supervisor of an engine/propeller shop for 4 aircraft that Lowery AFB had commissioned to the Guard to do maintenance on.

In 1974 I went to the Non-Commissioned Officers Academy in Knoxville, Tennessee, 4 years later I completed the Senior NCO Academy.

The Guard received 2 T-43 (737s) from the California's Mather AFB in 1979. They were used to support the airmanship program for the AF Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado and teach the cadets Navigation. 2 years later we picked up 2 more T-43's. I had retired from the Air Force in 1984. I then started working as a civilian mechanic in Civil Service. We had 4 civilians and the rest of the organization was active guard members. When planes went out of the country, either with cadets or groups, a mechanic and electronics type person had to go. So I got a lot of trips all over the U.S., Central and South America and Europe. In a 10 year period (1979-1989) we received the Air Force Organizational award for never having a flight miss its mission and no accidents.

In 1992 the Guard Bureau had to turn the mission over to the regular Air Force. So I got a job as supervisor with Airfield Management, where I remained until my retirement from Civil Service in 1995.

Larry Sell

A BIG THANK YOU!!!!

Ken Forrest

Judy Pock

Dave & Connie Moos

Ron Carlson

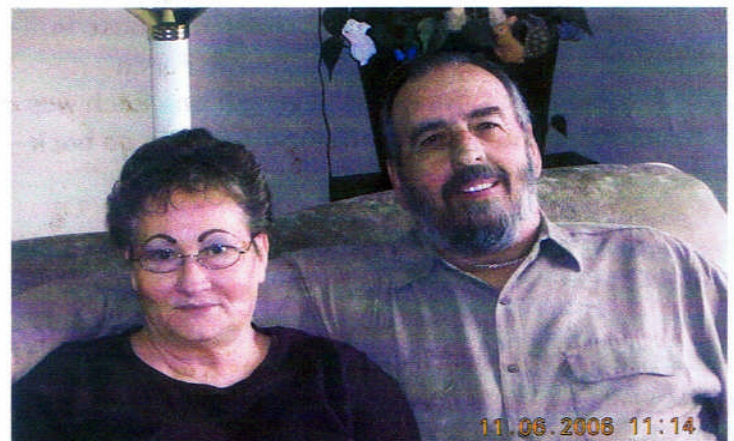
Steve & Mary Jo Pahs

Angie Balkenbush

Angie Minnehan

Dick & Pat Oelkers

Douglas Gill *Checks should be made payable to "OSOTMG" and mailed to 16059 E. Milan Drive, Aurora, CO 80013. Thank you!



Shirley and Larry

Attendance *1st Timers

February

Andy & Sue Andrews
Elton & Cindy Baggett
Dan Bannach
Robert Barker
Dale Bristol
Art Bowens
Joe & Sonja Broom
Tony Burczyk
David Child
Jack Darveau
Kenneth Forrest
Mike Haines

Sy Harjes
Bob & Myrt Herbst
Dewey Hicks
Jan Love
Pat McCabe
Maxine Merten
George Miller
Dave Moos
John Morris
Ann Muniz
Bill Musslewhite
DO & Neysa Neary
Frank Niehaus

Tom Paolillo*
Jim Patsy*
Bill & Joan Pickens
Judy Pock
Mike Popovich
Lloyd & Diana Richards
Mike & Shelly Rowan
Joyce Saitta
Lawrence Schlager
Jerry Smith
Arlo Sorheim
Steve Taylor
Linda & Paul Turner
Harry Wales

March

Dale Bristol
Art Bowens
Tony Burczyk
Ralph Evans
Kenneth Forrest
Woody Glaser
Joe Harnke
Bob & Myrt Herbst
Dewey Hicks
Karen Larsen
Ken Love
Mac McCarley

John Morris
Ann Muniz
Bill Pelletier
Bill & Joan Pickens
Mike Popovich
Lloyd & Diana Richards
Mike & Shelly Rowan
Joyce Saitta
Larry Sell
Arlo Sorheim
Steve & Sabrina Taylor
Doug Teasdale
Linda & Paul Turner
Bob Van Sciver

February

Phyllis Brooks
Joseph Broom
Dorothy Bruening
Jane Cardenas
Karma Fields
Lisa Franzen
Jay Gates
Bonnie Heinz
Gloria Hicks
DeVerne Lehman
Barbara Leigh
Leonard (Vern)
Marshall
Avery Mason
Ruth Mathias
Mary McClanahan
Jeffrey Miller
Neysa Neary
Dianne Sanford
Jeanne Schjodt
Gordon Terroux
Fred Wade
Mason Whitney

March

Ros Aguinaga
Jerry Bowling
Sonja Broom
Jerry Cable
Jean Cardinal
Marlene Chatman
Russ Cramer
Phil Ecklund
Mike Edwards
Mike Haines
Somchit Hales
Marcia Kroupa
Greg Krzyzak
Cheryl Lutz
Theresa McNelley
Gordon Mitchell
Ellen Moore
Robert Mueller
Mike Paradise
Dick Parkos
David Paul Sanchez - Son
Sandy Sanchez
Cecilia Sanford
Jeff Schjodt
Sue Schultz
Bill Seiler
Katie Simpson
Susan Smith
Dianna Thebado
Mike Valiant
Charlene Wade
Cliff Wagner
Miriam Whitney

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Taps



Don Lucke, SMSgt, (Ret) passed away on 16 February 2010 from cancer. There was a "Celebration of Life" held on 6 March, at the Lakewood Elks Lodge.

Tom Barfoot, Col, (Ret) passed away on 25 February 2010. We were informed on 1 March (after the funeral).

Sick Call



Lois Hoops - We have not heard any thing about her condition since her bicycle accident in June. If anyone has information, please contact Jan Love.

Joseph Broom - on 12 Feb he & Sonja took the Valentines to the VA Hospital. At that time Joseph injured his right shoulder (because he was being careful with his left arm). He had rotator cuff surgery on 12 Mar on his right shoulder. He hasn't recovered yet from the October surgery (left shoulder) and is still in physical therapy. This time will be worse because he is right handed.

LIFE CHANGES

Richard Burch, CMSgt, (Ret) called, he has moved to the Life Care Center of Aurora, Room 324. He is still bowling with HB and Arlo but would be happy to have visitors.

LAP ROBES

We are looking for a Veteran's organization to donate "lap" robes/blankets. Don Ford brought some in to be donated and we need suggestions or a contact. Please contact Jan Love.

MILITARY BALL 23 JANUARY 2010



Laury Edwards, MG Mike Edwards, HRH Prince Faisal, BG Tru Eyre



BG Tru Eyre, Deb Eyre, BG Bud Sittig, Fran Sittig



Carole France, MG John France



Dewey Hicks, Gloria Hicks, Bill Pickens, Bill Seiler, Ken Love
Joan Pickens, Jan Love, Terri Schmidt, Angela Neeno, Ed O'Connor



BG Stu Pike, Col Jack Wilhite

ANG BOWLING TOURNAMENT & MINI REUNION -

We had a great time in Phoenix. The 1st Place Team this year was Harold Brewer, Jan Love, Arlo Sorheim & John St George. All are members of the OSOTMG except for John (he is a current member of the COANG).

We had great fun and got to see a few of the retirees that live in Arizona. Tammy Dudley arranged for us to meet for Happy Hour on 11 Feb, then we continued at the "Social Quarters" at the hotel on the 12th and 13th, and at the bowling alley on the 13th & 14th. Monty Faber put together a golf outing for us at the Falcon Dunes Golf Club at Luke AFB. Thank you!



The hospitality was marvelous and visiting with old friends was great! Thank you to everyone who came to see us:

Herman & Peggy Klapp (from Tucson, stayed 11-14 Feb)
Rich and Arliss Guerrero (from Denver, stayed 12-14 Feb)
Jim & Diana Sanford
Moe & Jeannine Etter
John Swenson (Bowler)
Chuck & Violet Hoffman





Committee's Corner

Dear Other Siders,

It has been an eventful three months! The CONG 150th Anniversary Military Ball, a trip to Phoenix (Bowling Tournament) and to Chicago for a family funeral. Also, our grandson, Caleb was born on 5 March. And for some reason every time I came home, I ended up under the weather for a week.

I owe apologies for lack of 2010 newsletters, not making it to the Credit Union to deposit checks in a timely manner and not to sending out a Taps Notice for Col (Ret) Tom Barfoot. On 1 March, I received the e-mail notification (this was the evening before we left for Chicago), unfortunately, Col Barfoot's funeral services had already been held. We have posted the biography written and sent to the OSOTMG web site by his daughter "Tiger".

We have added a new section titled "Life Changes". If you have any information (i.e. changing residences, retiring for the 2nd or 3rd time, taking up a new hobby) you would like us to pass on to the group, please contact one of the Committee Members.

One last thought...life is to short for regret, resentment, grudges and boredom. Make the best of out of each day and remember to say I love you.

Hope to see you soon!

Jan Love

P.S. We need "Howdy Duty" articles! (Please!)

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 publish personal information on the website without permission of individual.

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Date Book

April

6th - OSOTMG

22nd - Earth Day

30th - Arbor Day

May

4th - OSOTMG

June

1st - OSOTMG

July

4th - Independence Day

6th - OSOTMG

August

3rd - OSOTMG

September

7th - OSOTMG

October

5th - OSOTMG

November

2nd - OSOTMG

11th - Veteran's Day

December

7th - OSOTMG

MINUTE MAN WEB SITE

Bob Cherry (son of deceased Col Robert Cherry, former 120th TFS Commander) is in the process of building a web site dedicated to the Minute Man.

www.theminuteman.us is the web site. If you have information, pictures, or other documents you may contact Bob through the web site or call Jan Love.