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NEXT MEETING WITH BE 7 APRIL 2009, 1100, at TREA 39, 15821 CENTRETECH CIRCLE, AURORA, CO 80011. TREA phone number 303.340.3939. APRIL LUNCH: TACO BAR WITH BEANS & RICE, COST \$6. RSVP TO JAN LOVE AT 303.693.7538 OR E-MAIL OSOTMG@COMCAST.NET, NLT 31 MARCH 2009.



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

I joined the Air Force in September 1963, then attended Basic training and Technical School at Lackland AFB, Texas. My first duty assignment was at Yokota AB, Japan as an Air Policeman. My brother and I were stationed there, together, for 21 months. I was later stationed in Thailand and Spain. I was discharged January 1968 and reenlisted on the day that Martin Luther King, Jr. was killed. I went to Lowry AFB for training and from May 1970 to 1971, I was station at Phang Rhang AB, Vietnam (not knowing that the Colorado ANG had been there prior). I got out of the Air Force in February 1977 as a Staff Sergeant. I joined the COANG in May 1977 and was assigned to the Dining Hall. I have a lot of fond memories of the Dining Hall. I made TSgt that year and the only way to advance in grade was to move out of the Squadron. I served as the First Sergeant for the 140th Combat Support Squadron from 1984 to 1986. From 1986 to 1988, I then was the first Services Technician (AGR) for the base.

I was hired in Clothing Issue Section, in Base Supply, under MSgt Anita Bright. My next position; I applied for and was hired as the Operations Support Branch Supervisor, under LtCol Ed McClanahan. I was promoted to SMSgt and retired from the Air National Guard in July 1993.

The Colorado Air National Guard was a big part of my life. It gave me the opportunity for promotion and travel. During my career I traveled to many places including Turkey, Germany, Italy, Wisconsin, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida. There were a lot of people who helped me during my journey and I would like to give a big shout out to MSgt Joyce Copeland (Johnson) and Col Mike Rowan for all their help.

The former Janet James and I have been married for 40 years. We have two children and two grandchildren.

Artemis (Art) Bowens, SMSgt (Retired)

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.

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

A BIG THANK YOU!!!!

Robert Odle
Donald Leffelbein
Dave & Connie Moos
Ron & Jane Schomber
Steve & Mary Jo Pahs
Angie Balkenbush
BJ Nanney
Larry & Nancy Smith

Ron McHenry for the large quantity of yarn

Attendance February * 1st Timers

Joe & Sonja Broom	Joe Harnke	Stan Minarsky	Michelle Rowan
Art Bowens	Bob Herbst	Dave Moos	Joyce Saitta
Dale Bristol	Mryt Herbst	John Morris	Mike Schnurstein
Tony Burczyk	Dewey Hicks	Newell Moy*	Susan Schnurstein
Judy Cunningham	Harold Jackson	Bill Musslewhite*	Larry Sell
Don Ford	Darrell Koenig	D.O. & Neysa Neary	Steve Spahr
Ken Forrest	Jan Love	Steve Pahs	Jerry Smith
Ralph Evans	Mac McCarley	Judy Pock	Arlo Sorheim
Woody Glaser	Larry Mayo	Lloyd Richards	Doug Teasdale
Mike Haines	James Miskin*	Diana Richards	Paul & Linda Turner
		Mike Rowan	Walt Wilson*

Attendance March

Elton Baggett	Woody Glaser
Joe & Sonja Broom	Sy Harjes
Art Bowens	Bob Herbst
Harold Brewer	Mryt Herbst
Dale Bristol	Vicky Jennings*
Jerry Brooks	(Family Support)
Tony Burczyk	Barry Layton
Judy Cunningham	Jan Love
Don Ford	Ron McHenry*
Ken Forrest	Larry Mayo
Ralph Evans	Maxine Merten

*** 1st Timers**

Bill Musslewhite	Susan Schnurstein
D.O. & Neysa Neary	Larry Sell
Frank Niehus*	Arlo Sorheim
Ed O'Connor	Bonnie Phillips
Judy Pock	Doug & Jan Teasdale
Lloyd Richards	May Trumble
Diana Richards	Paul & Linda Turner
Mike Rowan	Gloria Walker*
Michelle Rowan	(S. Broom's sister)
Joyce Saitta	Harry Wales
Mike Schnurstein	Deb Wray

May Memorial Lunch at Wings Over the Rockies

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, Potato Salad,

Cheese Biscuits and dessert. Iced Tea, bottled water and coffee is included in the price.

Per person cost is \$15.00 and **must be received NLT 27 April 2009.**

Please make checks payable to: OSOTMG

Mail to: 16059 E. Milan Drive, Aurora, CO 80013

Any questions? Call Jan Love at 303.693.7538

Date Book**April**

7th - OSOTMG Meeting

10th - Good Friday

12th - Easter

22nd - Earth Day

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

12th - Columbus Day

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



February Sick Call

Elton Baggett had Cataract Surgery, doing very well.

Ken Love had Carpel Tunnel Surgery, home recovering.

Bill Pickens had Knee Replacement Surgery, went home after three days; re-admitted for blood clots in the lungs, should be home in a few days.

March

Nancy Glaser had an emergency appendectomy on 15 March, she is recovering at home.

Robert (Huffy) Huffman had a by-pass surgery on 9 March 2009, he is recovering at home.

Bill Pickens was re-admitted to the hospital two times after his knee surgery so that they could break up the scar tissue in his leg, he is doing better and is in outpatient PT now.

Taps



Terry Johnson, LtCol (Ret), died January XX, 2009

Fred Bahmeier, died 17 January 2009. Fred suffered a massive stroke, while out getting his hair cut, on 9 January 2009.

Robert (RIP) Reposa, 84, passed away on 6 March 2009, from heart trouble.

Thank you to Sonja Broom for baking cupcakes (both February and March)!

February

Birthdays

March

Phyllis Brooks
Joseph Broom
Dorothy Bruening
Jane Cardenas
Lisa Franzen
Jay Gates
Bonnie Heinz
Gloria Hicks
DeVerne Lehman
Barbara Leigh
Vern Marshall
Arvey Mason
Ruth Mathias
Mary McClanahan

Jeffrey Miller
Neysa Neary
Clarence Riemann
Dianne Sanford
Jeanne Schjodt
Gordon Terroux
Fred Wade
Mason Whitney



Ros Aguinaga
Jerry Bowling
Sonja Broom
Jerry Cable
Jean Cardinal
Marlene Chatman
Russ Cramer
MG Edwards
Paul Ecklund
Mike Haines
Somchit Hales
Patty Harkins
Marcia Krupa
Greg Krzyzak
Cheryl Lutz

Theresa McNelley
Gordon Mitchell
Ellen Moore
Bob Mueller
Mike Paradise
Dick Parkos
Cecilia Sanford
Sue Schultz
Bill Seiler
Susan Smith
Kathie Simpson
Mike Valiant
Cliff Wagner
Miriam Whitney

Committee's Corner

Well, it's that time again. Time for the National Guard Association of Colorado (NGACO) annual state conference. I would like to take this opportunity to invite all Other Side of the Mountain Guard members, all retirees both Army and Air and any other military retirees who would like to attend. The theme this year is "A Wild West Weekend!" It will be held at the Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort and Spa. April 24-26, 2009. In addition to guest speakers, there will be a casino night, silent auction, door prizes, country music & dancing, Colorado Heritage Reenactors, golf tournament, and more. We have listened to the NGACO membership and we plan to hold a conference that meets or exceeds expectations.

As retirees, we have a voice at the NGACO. Our input goes to assist not only other retirees, but those who still serve in the active area of the Colorado National Guard. Deb Wray, CMSgt (Ret), from the Association addressed the group at the March meeting, stressing the importance of Retiree participation.

Please see me if you have questions or suggestions.
Dewey

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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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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dedication of Air Force Intelligence School Auditorium to Major Perry Jefferson

There will be a dedication ceremony, on April 10th, 2009 at Goodfellow AFB, TX to name the AF Intelligence School Auditorium in memory of Perry Jefferson, MAJ, COANG (Vietnam KIA). The Colorado Air National Guard will be assembling a "shadow box" to be presented with a plaque, in memory of Major Jefferson. Anyone interested in donating items for the shadow box please contact Lt Col Conklin, 140th Operational Support Squadron Commander at 702.847.9031, ASAP.

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!

WING PROJECTS

Deb Eyre (wife of BG Eyre, 140th Wing Commander), attended the January meeting to give us updates for the projects. She explained that even though most of the work (except for Adopt-A- Family), will start after the ORI, you can still sign up by contacting us (OSOTMG) either by phone or e-mail.

Adopt-A-Family

Pre-deployment briefing held 11 January for 140th Security Police Squadron, who are deploying soon. Dale Bristol represented the Other Siders (as I was down with the crud). The main area of responsibility will be during the upcoming overseas deployment, with families matched up and introduced in the coming months. One of the main advantages to Adopt-a-Family is your willingness to share experience and knowledge. Families of current members will receive great benefits when they have someone who has "been there, done that". Retirees and their families can truly understand and empathized with their situation. Volunteers are needed!

Wing History Office and Colorado Pride 3

Starting in mid February, MSgt Rochelle Smith will begin working in the Wing History Office. MSgt Smith, formerly assigned to the OPS Life Support Shop is currently assigned militarily to the Wing Visual Information Section (we used to know this office as Audio Visual or Photo Lab). Rochelle is tasked to update the files and records from the past ten years. She will also be the full-time contact for Colorado Pride "3". She needs volunteer help in both areas; you may leave her a message at 720.847.6948.

Wing Dining Facility Committee

Brig Gen Eyre would like to expand the "heritage" of the COANG, to the walls of the Dining Facility in Bldg 730. With the help of the Wing Visual Information Section (formally called Audio/Visual or the Photo Lab), we would like to display memorable moments in COANG history, centered on the theme of "Colorado Firsts". This project has been temporarily put on hold until after the ORI (May).

LITTLE KNOWN VETERAN'S BENEFIT

You may know someone that needs this information. For spouses of deceased veterans also.

A Benefit for veterans who serve during conflict.

BY PAULA BURKES - Published: February 8, 2009

<http://newsok.com/little-known-benefit-aids-veterans-of-wars/article/3344150>

There is a **little-known veterans' benefit** for long-term-care expenses is available to wartime veterans and their spouses. But the benefit is being overlooked by thousands of families.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/17303445#17303445>

The Special Pension for Veterans' Aid and Attendance pays up to \$1,644 a month, \$19,736 annually, toward assisted living, nursing homes or in-home care for veterans 65 and older who served at least 90 days and one day during wartime - stateside or overseas. Veterans and their spouses can receive up to \$23,396 annually and spouses of deceased veterans, \$12,681.

Yet, an estimated \$22 billion a year goes unclaimed and only 134,000 seniors nationwide received the benefit, which was established in 1952. Hundreds of thousands don't even know about it due to incomplete information, many disqualify themselves on income or assets or find the paperwork too burdensome.

There is help (<http://veteranaid.org/apply.php>) for families to streamline the process and complete the necessary forms, so that approval comes in four to six months. The process is for vets who have memory issues or are blind and widows with medical needs.

Most applicants qualify and payments are retroactive.

The few who are denied on excessive liquid assets can seek financial advice to qualify.

It is regrettable that our government does not do more to disseminate critical information regarding benefits and pensions to those who have proudly served our country and are entitled by their sacrifice and service, so I ask that you please share this information with everyone you know who may be able to benefit.