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## Special Interest

## Perry Jefferson

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Arthur Ecklund's remains were interned in Galesburg, IL. (His jaw bone had been found in the Philippines.) DNA results showed more of Ecklund's remains were discovered with Major Perry Jefferson's and could not be separated, hence the joint services.

Meyer. Jefferson Caisson Internment with Full Honors (by Air Force). F-16 Fly-By, by the COANG

Please let me know if you are interested. Our cut-off is 14 March. We are having a non-mandatory meeting on Tuesday, 11 March, 1900 at the VFW (Tower Rd & Colfax). This is meeting to cover any unanswered questions or concerns, gather manifest and EAL info.

1 April, 1800-2000, Ecklund and Jefferson "Viewing" at local Robert J. Murphy Funeral Home. (Speculation is that both caskets will be closed.)  
2 April, 1045, Ecklund Memorial Service, Old Post Chapel, Ft Meyer. (Both caskets will be present.) Ecklund Caisson and Interment with Full Honors (by Army) to follow service.  
3 April, 1245, Memorial Service for Perry Jefferson, presided by Chaplain Hoops, Old Post Chapel, Ft

Presently we are scheduled to fly Mil Air round trip, Buckley to Andrews, 2 - 3 April. The Colony South Inn, Clinton, MD is holding 80 rooms at a rate of \$129 (does not include taxes, etc.). Call the hotel directly at 800-537-1147 and use the group code CNG4208, NLT 19 March 2008. Ground transportation will be military vehicles. Car rental is an option, at your own expense. We are planning a visit to the Vietnam Memorial on the night of 2 April. We have invited both the Ecklund and Jefferson families to join us.

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## Howdy Duty Time

A poem by Paul E. Turner, SMSgt, Retired, COANG

Life is a Cascade of Memories  
Some Good, some Bad,  
Some Inspiring, Some Sad,  
Remember Deployments,  
Remember Summer Camps,  
They were Fun, They were Vamps,  
Remember, Volk Field, Gulfport,  
Red Flag, Silver Flag, Top Gun were our Camps.  
Remember, Merzifon, Gilze-Rijen, Eskishir and Display  
Determination,  
They were our Deployments.  
We performed these with Awe and no Recrimination  
We would leave Home with many expectations  
And return with many Reflections.  
In the Morning it was Coffee and Gruel,

And during the Day we would launch Planes  
And play War Games by the Rules.  
And at the end of the Day we would celebrate with  
Comradery and Revelry creating Lasting Friendships.  
Life in the COANG cemented these Experiences to  
Date and  
We can now Reminisce and be Thankful  
But not Berate these Cascade of Memories.

Merzifon, Turkey



## Attendance

June Aldrich	Cpt Mike Bruno	Dewey Hicks	John Morris	Susan Schnurstein
Cindy Baggett	Tony Burczyk	Barney Jensen	Ann Muniz	Larry Sell
Elton Baggett	Ralph Evans	Yolanda Leggett	DO Neary	Ed Shreeve
Dan Bannach	Don Ford	Jan Love	Neysa Neary	Al Skorie
Bob Barker	Kenneth Forrest	Sam Lovell	Steve Pahs	Doug Teasdale
Art Bowens	Woody Glaser	Ken McGill	Bill Pickens	Peter Triolo
Dale Bristol	Cpt Hope Griggs	George Miller	Joan Pickens	Paul Turner
Joe Broom	Sy Harjes	Tom Moermond	Judy Pock	
Sonja Broom	Joe Harnke	Dave Moos	Mike Schnurstein	

## Sick Call



Dick Parkos, recovering from hand surgery

Jackie Tobias, recovering from abdominal surgery

Bill Seiler fell off a ladder he shouldn't have been on in the first place.

## Taps

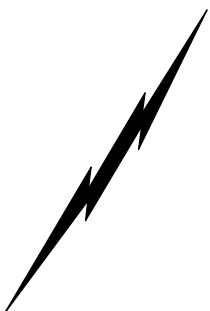


None to report

## 1st Timers

Tom Moermond  
Pete Triolo

## Flash (Hot News)



Our May 6th meeting is going to be at The Wings over the Rockies. We need everyone who is planning on coming to please sign up now. We need to get a good count to give to the caterer. Please call Jan Love or use our E-Mail address [OSOTMG@comcast.net](mailto:OSOTMG@comcast.net) to

RSVP. You will pay at the door and be given a ticket. You will need a ticket to get your food.

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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.

## Date Book

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** - 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](mailto:inablue@aol.com).

**April 1** - Chief Golden Sherman Mortuary Affairs

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** - 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 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Plans in the making

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

**Aug 5<sup>th</sup>** - Haven't gotten that far.

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

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

**Oct 7<sup>th</sup>** - Gossip Talk about who you saw at the Reunion.

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>** - Thanksgiving Dinner-

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Holiday Celebration with a "To Be Announced Gift Exchange"

**Dec UTA** - 140<sup>th</sup> Wing Family Christmas Party, Hangar 801, date & time to be determined

# Committee's Corner

These are proud and exciting times for our group. I have had an opportunity to observe other active duty and retiree groups. Without a doubt, we are second to none.

Information is available to us on a timely basis, we honor and remember our past through the newly formed "Howdy Duty", we all have a voice in our operations, and our current commanders brief us on relevant events.

Jan has asked speakers to address us periodically.

We have many ideas for future activities.

One of which is a trip to the National Guard Association of Colorado annual conference in 2009.

This year it is being held in Vail Colorado.

They always kick it off with a golfing event. Lodging is very comfortable. The meetings are geared to military matters within the National Guard and our input would be welcomed. You can attend them or just hang out.

If you are interested in attending or would like to help, please let us know.

We will begin to look into things such as bus transportation and other details beginning this May. (It's never too early to start).

Dewey

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[OSOTMG@comcast.net](mailto: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.

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

## 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.

This reunion is for all COANG member current and retired

The Reunion is set for Saturday, October 4, 2008, 6-9pm at the Wings over the Rockies. More details to come.



**Birthdays**



- Ros Aguinagua
- Jerry Bowling
- Sonja Broom
- Jerry Cable
- Jean Cardinal
- Marlene Chatman
- Russ Cramer
- Phil Ecklund
- Mike Haines
- Somchit Hales
- Patty Harkins
- Marcia Kroupa

- Greg Krzyzak
- Cheryl Lutz
- Theresa McNelley
- Gordon Mitchell
- Ellen Moore
- Robert Mueller
- Mike Paradise
- Dick Parkos
- Cecilia Sanford
- Sue Schultz
- Kathie Simpson

- Susan Smith
- Mike Valiant
- Cliff Wagner
- Miriam Whitney

## Hats for Heroes

Our total is 1871 hats given out to date.

