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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

Howdy Duty Time/Committee Corner

Dear Other Siders,

This month I have chosen to combine these two articles to make more space for last minute Reunion information.

I am so honored to be a part of the Colorado Air National Guard and be involved with this reunion to honor all of our Vets on the 40th anniversary of the '68 Call-Up. I was only sophomore in high school when the COANG was activated. At that age, the furthest thing from my mind was Vietnam or the military in general.

Even though my grandfather served in WWI and WWII and my father served in WWII, it wasn't until my older brother enlisted in the Army in the spring of '69, that I had a clue about the military and what it meant to "serve our country". The reality of war and why someone would "enlist" when the Draft was active, hit me like a slow moving freight train. As relatives of an Army soldier, my family felt abandoned by the Army when my brother

was wounded in Vietnam. Communication was almost non-existent; and other than a telegram, there was no contact by the Army (we waited for letters from my brother to find out the extent of his injuries).

My enlistment in the COANG and my involvement with the State Family Program made me aware of the "Guard Family". Even as retirees, we have a responsibility to teach and preserve our Guard heritage and protect the military family.

I am proud to be associated with the men and women of the Colorado Air National Guard and feel privileged to pay tribute to our Veterans.

As Always,

Jan Love, SMSgt (Ret), COANG

Chairman, Other Side of the Mountain Gang

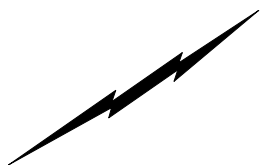
Flash (Hot News)

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.

BIG THANK YOU!!!!

The following people had made a donation in the past month.

Spike Boyle
Ken McGill
William Spesshardt
Herman Trujillo
Robert Wise



Please see the new information on the Reunion (68 Callup) on October 4th on pages 3 & 4.

Attendance

Joe Ashby
Judy Ashby
Cindy Baggett
Elton Baggett
Harold Brewer
Art Bowens
Joe Broom

Sonja Broom
Tony Burczyk
Don Ford
Kenneth Forrest
Woody Glazer
Sy Harjes
Joe Harnke

Myrt Herbst
Robert Herbst
Dewey Hicks
Chuck Hoffman
Jan Love
Mac McCarley
Tom Moermond

Ann Muniz
Bill Pickens
Joan Pickens
Judy Pock
Bob Polski
Lloyd Richards
Dianna Richards

Joyce Saitta
Mike Schnurstein
Susan Schurnstein
Paul Turner
Linda Turner

Sick Call

Bob Van Sciver - had a car accident last week, was in hospital over night for cracked ribs and observation, but is home now and doing better.



Taps



Bill Axton - September 23, 2008

1st Timers

None

GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS

Date Book

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

Dec2nd - Holiday Celebration with a "To Be Announced Gift Exchange"

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

Hats for Heroes

Our total is 1915 hats given out to date.

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Birthdays

Ruth Allen
Ray Beckage
Richard A Bruening
Art Caldwell
Alvin Dorsey
Robin Ecklund
John France
Joy Gates
Dee Hawkins
Dannie Heinz
Cathy Kenworthy



Robert Kenworthy
Connie Moos
Patty Navarette
Chris Perkins
Cindy Rochford
Jim Sanford
Teri Schmied
Bea Van Deest
Helen Vitale
Ellen Williams

'68 Call-Up Reunion Events

Friday, 3 Oct 2008

1700 - ?, Cocktail Party sponsored by Other Side of the Mountain Gang
TREA 39
15821 E. Centretch Circle
Aurora, CO 80011

Saturday, 4 Oct 2008

1200-1400, 140th Wing No Host Open House
Buckley AFB, CO 80011

1830 - ?, Reunion in honor of '68 Call-Up Wings Over the Rockies Museum
7711 E. Academy Blvd
Denver, CO 80230

Sunday, 5 Oct 2008

0830-1030, Breakfast, sponsored by Other Side of the Mountain Gang
TREA 39

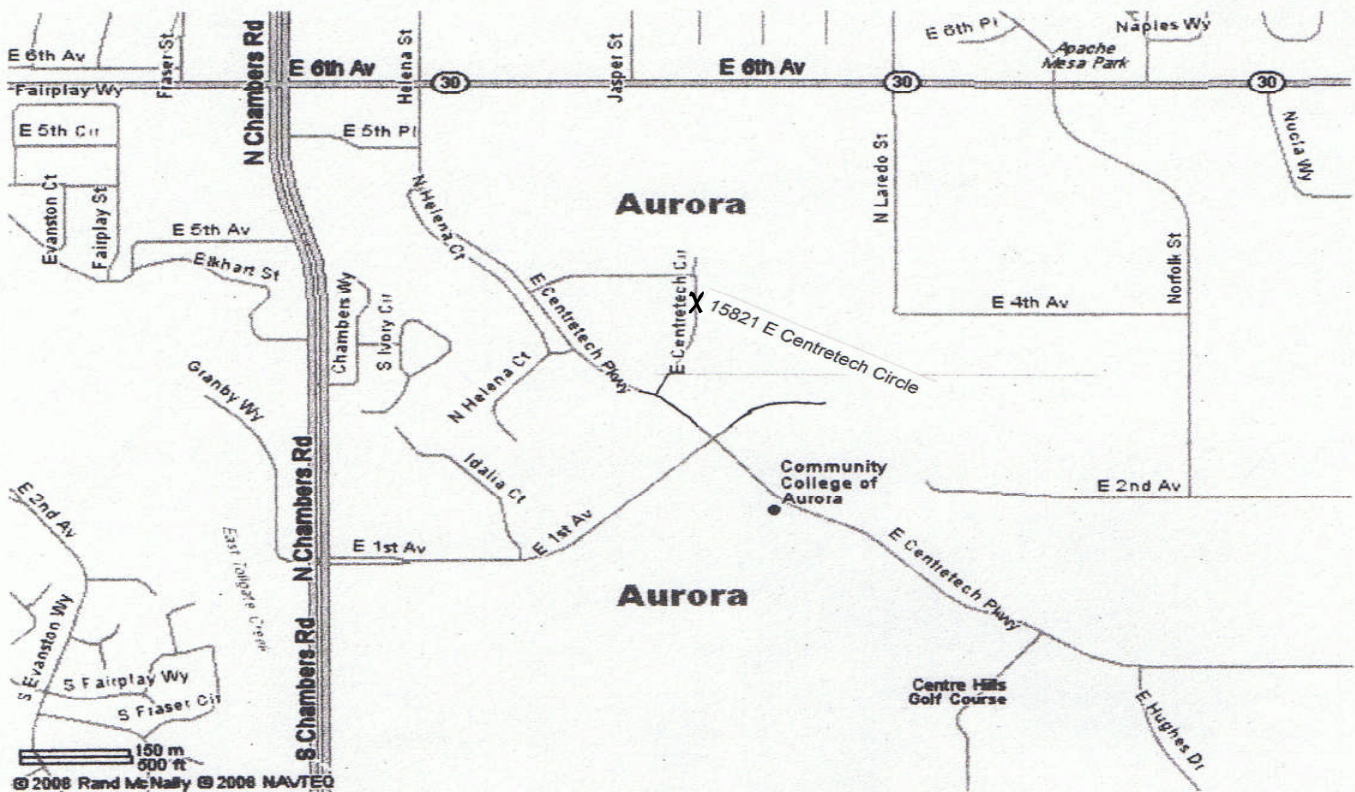
*'68 Call Up
Open House*

140th Wing
No-Host Open House

Saturday, 4 October
from 12:00 to 2:00
Take Offs: 12:30
Landings: 1:30

Feel free to visit your former work areas!

Must have military ID for base access





**COLORADO AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS 140TH WING
BUCKLEY AIR FORCE BASE, AURORA, COLORADO**

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3 Oct 08

Dear 140th Wing Member,

Welcome back to Colorado, and thank you for making the trip to be here for the 140th Wing '68 Call-up Anniversary Recognition and Reunion. As a member of the 140th Wing, I am sure you have many memories of your years spent serving the Colorado Air National Guard and are anxious to see old friends and familiar faces.

I would like to personally thank you for your years of service and dedication to the COANG, our great State and our beloved country. Your Wing remains in good hands dedicated to the ideals you have so proudly established. Depending on how long you have been away from the 140th, there are some different roles our Wing plays today than in years past to include being the first Air Guard unit in Space with our 137th Space Warning Squadron, as well as being an Active Air Defense Unit in support of NORAD with our 24/7 F-16 alert operations. In addition, your Wing continues its support of the Global War on Terror with our 3rd scheduled F-16 rotation to Iraq in May of next year. Also, last month the COANG played an active role in support of our domestic mission as well during the Democratic National Convention held here in Denver; a mission somewhat out of character for an Air Guard Unit. Finally, our 200th C-21 Airlift Squadron and Airburst Range continue their world class operations as well.

As a reminder, on Saturday, 4 October, duty stations will be open from 12 noon to 2 p.m. for you to visit and see first hand what is happening where you used to work. The men and women in those areas will be excited to visit with you and hear how it "used to be!" At 1:30 p.m., our F-16's will be returning from a training mission and I have asked them to burn up the pattern a bit so you can see our pride and joy in the air. As a note, please have a DoD card member in your group for access to the base.

The main event on Saturday night is sure to be a memorable one, and I look forward to seeing all of you at Wings over the Rockies. Enjoy the weekend and know how excited we are to host you as we honor our great '68 Call-up veterans, and all who have so proudly served in this Wing.

Sincerely,

TRULAN A. EYRE, Brig Gen, COANG
Commander