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* NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6, 2017, SOCIALIZE AT 11 am, MEETING STARTS AT 11:45 AM AT TREA 39, 15821 CENTRETECH CIRCLE, AURORA, CO 80011. MEALS WILL BE CATERED BY GOLDEN SHERMAN. SO COME AND ENJOY REMINISCING WITH YOUR FRIENDS!! THE MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH FOR THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE. *

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AUGUST 1, 2017 MINUTES

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag of The United States of America by Paul and the invocation by Joe Broom.

Chuck Bruen, Veterans Affairs Representative briefed us about current benefits. A) Ft. Logan currently has space for 800 more veterans and just celebrated its 50th anniversary. B) Face to face applications can be scheduled at the Lakewood office at 303-399-8020 X 3808- they see 900+ a year C)

There is an Agent Orange registry for Vietnam Veterans and those who were at Camp Lejume during the Vietnam War. D) You need to lobby congress for continued VA benefits and military retirement. E) You can register your DD-214 with your local county. F) PTSD can be any traumatic military exposure during your military service, not just wartime incidents. G) Medical Evaluation Boards are now done by the VA, not the military.

Allie from the NGACO briefed us about the 2018 NGACO State Conference and Military Ball, the last weekend in April 2018 in Colorado Springs, CO.

Dewey briefed us about the Veteran's Salute at the Wings Museum, November 1, 2017. Tables will be reduced from 10 persons per table to 8 persons per table. Cost is \$20 per person. (continued on page 2)

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(continued from page 1) Jan briefed us about retirements. August Saturday UTA 3 PM will be SMSgt Arthorford and Mark Waibel at 4 PM.

On August UTA there will be a planting of blue spruce trees across the street from Wing Headquarters.

UTA planning will occur on the first Wednesday of the month prior to the UTA.

Birthdays present were Angelo Gurrini, and Golden Sherman.

The next meeting will be September 5, 2017.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 MINUTES

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag of the United States of American followed by the invocation.

Jan briefed us about retirements. UTA Saturday at 4 PM Kathy McCay.

There will be an Assumption of Command on Saturday Ops CC.

On Sunday of UTA there is a Family Day from 1000-1400. Use the security gate between 801 and 909- 2nd gate. There will be games, flying, beef battalion, and displays.

Joyce briefed us about EANGUS conference in Reno, Nevada. Topics covered were Life Insurance, keeping fit, will designations, burial insurance, kids college fund money, Healthnet federal Services, make sure you are registered with Tricare.mil since changes are coming soon around January 2018 under a program called Tricare Direct, and the GI bill is still the same.

No birthday folks were present.

Next meeting is October 3, 2017.

AUGUST 1, 2017 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

Paul Turner	Mona Burkett
Linda Turner	Arlo Sorheim
Golden Sherman	Kevin Dorsey
Dale Bristol	David Bell
Bill Frazien	Chuck Hoffman
Dan Gay	Angelo Gurrini
Dewey Hicks	Jan Love
Larry Sell	Susan Schnurstein
Jack Darveau	Dale Bristol
Dan Heinz	Judy Pock
Jerry Smith	Ken Love
Reed Lutz	Bob Beabout
Tony Burczyk	*Chuck Bruen
Joe Broom	Andy Andrews
Glen Strein	Sue Andrews
Michael Rowan	Allie Bess
Michele Rowan	Robert Nessler
Monroe Mathias	

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

*Mark Covalt
 Dan Heinz
 Judy Pock
 Bill Frazier
 Golden Sherman
 Glen Strein
 David Bell
 Mike Schnurstein
 Susan Schnurstein
 Jan Love
 Chuck Hoffman
 Joe Broom
 Sonja Broom
 Joyce Saitta
 Michael Rowan
 Michele Rowan
 Andy Andrews
 Sue Andrews

Sick Call



Jan Love

Taps



Harold Brewer
Larry Weir
Mark Meyer

William Weller
Mike Valiant

OCTOBER 3, 2017 MINUTES

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag of The United States of America by Paul and Joe gave the invocation.

Dewey said that he will receive the Veteran's Salute tickets in the mail October 11 and will hand them out at the Wings Museum at the Veteran's Salute function. The doors will open at 0900.

Interesting facts: Bob Huffman was in the 1951 atomic bomb test in the desert; and Spike Boyle was a driver for Dwight Eisenhower.

Chuck Hoffman said that Mike Valiant is in a nursing home at 81 and not doing well.

Taps for Harold Brewer and Larry Weir.

Mike Paradise got a ride in an F-100 recently; Chuck Hoffman got a Tail Hook and Main gear for an f-100 and it was good to see Flick and Linda Guerrina at the meeting.

Our meetings will now be on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of the month since they only open early on Wednesday, not Tuesdays.

No birthdays present today. Next meeting will be Wednesday November 8, 2017 because of the Veteran's Salute on Wednesday November 1, 2017.

AUGUST 2017

Cindy Baggett
Ginny Barcroft
Bill Bates
Tom Burlace
Brenda Burns
Nadine Caldwell
Larry Cavener
Maria Clark
Kevin Corns
Michael Dodd
Tammy Dudley
Wendall Elmore
Eileen Fagen
Karen Fisher
Steve Flanagan
Danny Fouts
Paula Greene
Angelo Gurrini
Sue Ann Hatch
Myrt Herbst
Larry Housley
Pauline Jaouen
Lynn Miller
Barbara Jean Minarsky
Ken McGill

Eric Moffitt
John Mullin
Joe O'Neil
Thomas Ortega
Greg Parker
Diana Parkos
John Paul
Rona Pierce
John Prentiss
Dinah Rodgers
Jim Sandman
June Sheehan
Golden Sherman
Ron Silvrants
Gloria Swenson
Doug Teasdale
Terry Thompson
Peter Triolo
Orlando Valdez

Birthdays



Judy Ashby
Ray Beckage
Kathy Blackwell
Theresa Blumberg
Ray Carter
Larry Catlin
Cindy Disney
Alvin Dorsey
Robin Ecklund
Ken Elliott
Judy Gay
Dee Hawkins
Dannie Heinz
Vanessa Irvin
Irwin Kalcits
Cathy Kenworthy
Robert Kenworthy
Dave Kidston
Steven Linn
Larry Mathay
Connie Moos

SEPTEMBER 2017

Patty Navarette
Natalia North
Bill Neuens
Chris Perkins
Michael Pfister
Cindy Rochford
Bonnie Rought
Jim Sanford
Terri Schmied
Leo Seeba
Sabrina Taylor
Bill Thomas
Beatrice VanDeest
Helen Vitale
Ellen William

NOVEMBER 8, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting opened with The Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag of The United States of America by Paul and invocation by Joe.

Joyce briefed us about the 2018 NGACO State Conference the last weekend of April 2018 at the Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs, CO. See the NGACO.ORG website for more information. Congress is still trying to require Tricare For Life enrollees to pay a yearly fee, so join NGACO, EANGUS OR NGAUS to have a voice on Capitol Hill. A NGACO newsletter will start up and will be once a quarter.

Jan for sickcall.

Birthday present: Linda Turner

The December 6, 2017 meeting will be catered by Golden Sherman. The lunch will be \$12 per person. Please come and enjoy the luncheon. If we are to continue to having these meals, we need at least 20 folks participate. Our attendee numbers are dwindling to around 17 people a month. Thanks

OCTOBER 3, 2017 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMERS

Bill Frazier
Flick Guerrina
Linda Guerrina
Larry Sell
Jerry Smith
Reed Lutz
Dan Gay
Sy Harjes
David Bell
Arlo Sorheim
Sonja Broom
Joe Broom
Jan Love
Anthony Burczyk
Jack Darveau
Dewey Hicks
Dan Heinz
Susan Schnurstein
Chris Perkins
Paul Turner
Linda Turner
Mike Paradise
Chuck Hoffman

Judy Pock
Bonnie Rought
Bob Beabout
Kevin Dorsey
Sue Andrews
Bill Pelletier

OCTOBER 2017

DON ALLEN
JACQUELINA AYMANI
JEAN BRADLEY
CHARLES CABALLER
BARBARA CAMPBELL
MICHAEL CRADER
CINDY CRAMER
JIM DISNEY
GENE EDDY
JEANNINE ETTER
MARVIN ETTER
NANCY GLASER
JOHN HOEKSTRA
VICTOR HOOPS
DICK JONES
SHARON JONES
KAREN KAMLA
DEANNA KIRKPATRICK
HERMAN KLAPP
RON KROUPA
KEN KRUMPELMANN
CHRIS LEE
JANIE LITCHTFUSS

DAVE MCDONALD
DAVE MOOS
MARTHA MUELLER
KAROL MUSSLEWHITE
JOE MUZY
DAN NORTH
PATRICIA OELKERS
KIM ORTEGA
TOM PAOLILO
BECKY PARADISE
LINDA PARKER
CAROL PAUL
BILL PELLETIER
SHIRLEY PITTMAN
PATRICIA QUINN
BOB RODEKOHR
KENNY ROGERS
JEFF SANFORD
WAYNE SCHULTZ
JEAN SHARPLEY
STEVE STEENROD
DAVE STEPHENS
BOB SWANSON
DAVID THACKER

**Birthdays**

JOAN ALFORD
JIM ALFORD
SANDY BARRON
ILEEN BERNHARDT
TWANA BRIDGMAN
DEBBIE CABLE
RICHARD CARDENAS
WILLIAM CARDINAL
GEORGE CLARK
PAT COLALILLO
SUE DAVIS
ANDREA FITZGERALD
COLLEEN GUNNING
BARBARA HOESKTRA
HAROLD JACKSON
SALLY JENSEN
JERRY JONES SR.
JUDIE LEHMAN
DON MANDONADO
MINDY MATHAY
DIANA MCGRAW
CHUCK MCNELLEY
DIANE MILLER
JIM MISKEN
ERIC MOE
DAN MOORE

NOVEMBER 2017

BILL MUSSLEWHITE
FAITH MUZY
ROBERT QUINN
ELIZABETH ROBERT
RANDY ROUGHT
DELLES SCHNEIDER
EDDIE SHREEVE
KEITH SMITH
MICHELLE STEFFEY
TOM SUPRENANT
STEVE TAYLOR
MAY TRUMBLE
PATRICIA THURMOND
LINDA TURNER
BETTY VALIANT
JIM WILHOIT
JIM WINDERS

NOVEMBER 8, 2017 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMERS

Dewey Hicks
 Mark Covalt
 Glen Strein
 Jerry Smith
 Bill Pelletier
 Sonja Broom
 Joe Broom
 Michael Rowan
 Michele Rowan
 Mike Paradise
 Charles Caballer
 Dale Bristol
 Paul Turner
 Linda Turner
 Joyce Saitta
 Monroe Mathias
 Golden Sherman

DATE BOOK 2017/2018December 2017

6th- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON
 25TH- Christmas Day

January 2018

1st- New Year's Day
 3rd- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON

February 2018

7th- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON
 14th- Valentines Day

March 2018

7th- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON
April 2018

1st- Easter

4th- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON
May 2018

2nd- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON
 19th- Mother's Day
 28th- Memorial Day

HOWDY DUTY BY LARRY SELL (Part 1 of 3)

I was sent from Schilling AFB (SAC) in Kansas to Cigli Air Base near Izmir in July 1962. I was assigned to base flight & flew as a Flight Engineer on C-47, T-29, and C-131 aircraft. I was an E-4 with over 4 years active duty. At the time I could not bring my wife and children with me as the base was just forming. Later, my family was able to join me and we had a son born there. Left in Feb. 1964, to Shaw AFB, SC.

I came from a small town about 35 miles west of Denver, CO. I went to a one-room school house through the 8th grade, then on to high school at a town 5 miles away. Going to the high school was a culture shock back then, as in many of the grade school years I was only one in that my grade, and then I was thrown into a class of 30 kids I didn't know. Anyway, it was a good 4 years and I graduated in 1957. My folks were poor and I knew they could not afford to send me to college so I enlisted in the Air Force.

Idaho Springs has grown some from when I was there! I have an old map dated 1990 and it shows the population of the town as 1834 residents. It's a pretty little town nestled in the mountains with Mt. Evans to the south, and has one of the highest roads going to it in this country. Idaho Springs was named after a Ute Indian Chief whose tribe was said to use the natural hot springs there. Was mainly a mining town way back and mining was what brought my Dad out from Nebraska in late 30's to work in the mines with his brother.

Idaho Springs was a big Navy town during WWII and many classmates held with the tradition of joining the Navy. But I couldn't swim a lick so I figured that was out. So here I was over 4 years later in Izmir, Turkey, on flight status and on the 1st day I learned I had to do WATER SURVIVAL TRAINING! So we were put on a Turkish boat in Karshiaki which took us out into bay. The trainers put Water-Wings on us, and put us into a life raft, which left the boat. We were told to jump feet first and when we hit the water to pull on the lanyards attached to the wings and they would inflate--MAYBE? IF not, pull out the small tube to blow into and that would inflate it. Yeah Right! I waited until everyone else had jumped and then I jumped. All I could think of was this water has to be pretty deep, more than my 6 feet in height, and I could probably not be able to touch bottom without drowning. After I finally jumped, I hit water and one side of the wings didn't inflate, so I came up sideways. The Captain with us was yelling, "Blow up that side." I yelled back, "The Hell with you", as all I wanted was to get back to that raft. For what I said he laughed so hard that he never reprimanded me for it.

When I got there, we had very few luxuries. There was a new dorm, a small snack bar, and an unfinished hangar. The dorm was really nice and I had 2 roommates. If the base had any aircraft there when I arrived, they were at Izmir civilian airport as we had no runway or finished hanger yet. Parking was of PSP (perforated steel planking). Other mechanics and I were sent to Base Supply to help unload and set up supply on base.

I always wondered why I was originally assigned to Det. 117, which was a Supply Detachment, when I had an Aircraft Mechanic AFSC! Guess they needed manpower in Supply at the time and just used people where they needed them. Anyway I enjoyed working there. I had a Turkish Driver and we used to deliver parts, mostly radio equipment, to some of the various missile sites that were around Izmir at that time. After a short time I was re-assigned to Base Flight Operations and worked on the Flight Line to handle transient aircraft.

At the time, I was going to do a one-year unaccompanied tour, but my wife decided she would like to come over, so I got the paperwork started. I went to my Commander and got permission to rent an apartment in Izmir, as the quarters on base were filled, due to lots of dependents coming over. About the time she was to leave the U.S., my NCOIC called me in to ask me if I would like to go on Flight Status as a Flight Engineer. So I had to get a physical in order to cross-train into that Career Field. I flew to Weisbaden AB in Germany to go thru Altitude and Ejection Seat training. I flew to Germany on the base's C-47 and we hit a bad hail storm over France. I remember a full Colonel on board with me. The plane was all over, and up and down. I was flat scared. I looked at him and said, "Pretty rough, huh, Sir!" He looked at me with a cigar in his mouth and said calmly, "Not too Bad" I thought this is the bravest man I ever saw or a complete fool! We had to land in France to patch some of holes in the flight surfaces of the plane.

I started out flying on the base's C-47s. The C-47 was a great old airplane, but really slow and had heaters on them like the old Volkswagen (didn't work well), so you had to put on extra clothing in cold weather. In January, 1963, I got on a crew to ferry one from Chateauroux Air Station in France, to Davis-Monthan AFB in Arizona. They were taking it to the Bone Yard there. What a trip that was, as anyone who has ever flown on the old recip/prop jobs in extreme cold weather can relate to. We flew from France; to Scotland; to Iceland; to Greenland; to Labrador, Canada; to Loring AFB, Maine; to Pease AFB, New Hampshire; to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; to Austin, Texas; and then on to Arizona. On the return trip, I flew Pan Am from California back to Istanbul, after a delay in route to Denver to see my folks. Hitched a ride with MATS from Istanbul to Izmir. I was gone one whole month on that one!

So I settled into flying. I was on a busy schedule, as we not only flew VIPs to different bases in Turkey, but twice weekly we took passengers or cargo to other bases in Turkey. I remember one trip to Anwar AB in southern Turkey. In the cargo were cases of fly swatters and we wondered why until we landed there. We opened the door of the aircraft and swarms of flies came on board! Needless to say we took off with some borrowed swatters and were busy killing the critters for quite a while!

I just had a recollection of one evening right before quitting time, about 3 or 4 of us GIs were sitting outside the hanger next to the parking ramp. One of guys said he must be coming down with something as he felt strange, I thought I must be getting same thing because I felt same way. About that time the steel planking we parked planes on began to ripple and make clanking noises. I heard someone in the hanger yell, "Earthquake - everyone out of the hanger!" I looked back to see all overhead lights in the hanger swaying as if in a violent wind storm. We experienced a few other mild shakes while we were there! Just wondered if anyone else remembered these when they were there?

I remembered a couple of other times that I had my pants about scared off while on or around a C-47! Once, while landing at Athens during a bad storm, we had almost a direct cross-wind where the pilot and co-pilot both had to man the controls to keep the aircraft level. We touched down on one wheel first, then the second, which jerked us straight. We taxied to park, with 55 gallon barrels rolling across the ramp. The crew held the controls and brakes until I could get out to put chocks and flight control locks on. Another time I was checking out a replacement for me and we had landed at Naples, Italy, to fuel for the trip back to Ciğli. He was a 3-striper like me, so I told him I would go get some flight lunches while he did the refueling. I came back and he had finished refueling and the fuel truck was gone. We took off and flew home. The next day I was called to Base Ops where I was told that Naples had called and said our aircraft was fueled with jet fuel instead of Av-gas. The engines ran all right, as we must have had enough gas that it mixed with the jet fuel. I asked my replacement, "You couldn't smell the difference!" I learned to never assume that other people, even if the same rank or experience, could be trusted.

I remember the day we flew on the Base C-47 from Ciğli to Adana, then on to Ankara, where we dropped off the passengers we had. On the return trip, we took off, and during the Climb-Power an engine started acting up so we shut it down & "feathered the propeller" so it wouldn't windmill. The pilot called the tower to declare an emergency so we could land again. Everything worked out and we examined the engine to discover we had blown a cylinder. The crew called Ciğli to have them send parts and engine mechanics to fix the

plane. We were told to catch a ride back. The officers went into Ankara Base Operations and returned to tell us they had secured a ride back, but there was no room for the radio operator or myself. So we set there for a while until we found out there was an Air Force C-118 ready to take off. The plane had an AF General and his Staff on board. I talked with the Flight Engineer on board to find out they were going to Ciğli. He said he could hide us on board. So we hid under the General's bunk for the flight to Ciğli. It was a good thing we were young and didn't have to use the bathroom! We landed at Ciğli, the General and his party got off, and we crawled out. We thanked the Flight Engineer and left the aircraft. I often wondered what that General would have said if he knew he had STOW-AWAYS! Good thing security wasn't as tight in those days.

One day we were notified by Base Operations, that the next day we were to haul our Base Commander (Col.) to Ankara, remain overnight at a hotel so he could attend a meeting, and then return to Ciğli. We made trip and upon landing we all went to the hotel to check in at the desk. As usual, we two enlisted troops were assigned one room, with the officers in their own rooms. So in this situation the Col. had a private room, with the pilot and co-pilot sharing a room. After we two enlisteds got our key, the pilot (Captain) caught us in the hallway and said after we get settled into the rooms, he would come get us so the crew could eat dinner together. We rode the elevator up to our floor and got off to go to the room. We unlocked the door and stepped in. My roommate said he never had this nice a room in Turkey. We unpacked and heard a knock at the door. We opened the door and let the Captain in. He looked our room over and said, "You should see the room the hotel gave the Col.!" He called the desk to discover they had mixed up our room with the Colonel's. He said, "If you guys don't say anything I won't! We had a good laugh from the room mix up.

Upon returning to Ciğli one evening after flying some General Officers on a mission, I was dressed in my Class A uniform, which I had just gotten out of the cleaners the day before. So I took the blouse off to pull on my flight suit to refuel and post-flight the aircraft. I got finished at dusk and decided I didn't want to wad up my blouse to put in small wooden box I had installed on back of my scooter and maybe get it dirty, so I slipped it on over my coveralls for the trip to base housing. I got all the way to the trailer, and as I pulled in to park, a car came skidding in to a halt with a young 2nd Lt. in it. He jumped out to call me to ATTENTION to reprimand me for wearing a mixed uniform. As I stood facing him I could see his wife sitting in car laughing. I realized I was in the wrong for what I had done, but his way of showing off to her made me realize Ciğli was indeed getting too BIG! We were finally becoming what state-side bases were, where some officers didn't have enough to keep them busy and they did things like this to prove their superiority. Most of the officers I flew with were good troops and we never got to point of fraternization, but we had a mutual respect for each other.

To be continued with part 2 of 3 IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

T-29/C131 TOP AND C-47 BOTTOM



VETERAN'S SALUTE 2017

