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* **NEXT MEETING WILL BE 4 FEBRUARY 2014 SOCIALIZE AT 11 am, MEETING STARTS AT 11:45 AM AT TREA 39, 15821 CENTRETECH CIRCLE, AURORA, CO 80011. Please remember to RSVP for the Luncheon to Paul Turner 303-366-6770, cost is \$12.00. LUNCHEONS ARE NOW EVERY MONTH. CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO: [HTTP://WWW.OSOMG.ORG](http://www.osomg.org)** *

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COMMITTEE CORNER

We need your help

In 2013 we ventured into our first fund raising project. It was the 2014 eighteen month calendar representing aviation history on Buckley. The pictures are from the Jim Potter lithos that hang in the Wings over the Rockies museum. It was an ambitious project that required a lot of team work. We completed it with only one typo. Our plan was to sell the remaining calendars at some of the events on Buckley Base in December. Mother Nature had other plans. Events were cancelled and the jets could not fly. We made sure that our membership had enough copies for themselves. I know that you have a calendar of cars, trains, tractors etc., but if you do not have this one please make a check for \$15.00 out to OSOTMG and send to Paul Turner. Remember to add \$2.75 if wish to have the calendar mailed to you. If you do not have \$15.00 let me know and I will make arrangements to get one to you. It is now time to move on to our 2014 fund raising plans and events which include the sale of tee shirts and caps, a possible Camana Club reunion and production of another calendar. Moving forward, an Army aviation representative who purchased a calendar suggested that the next one include the different units on Buckley and highlight the outstanding job being done each year to save lives and property during fires and floods, He has volunteered to help with the details and pictures. As D.O. often says "press on". We look forward to and appreciate your continued support. - Dewey Hicks

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EAGLECREST HIGH SCHOOL VETERAN'S APPRECIATION ON VETERANS DAY 2013

Tony Burczyk, Dewey Hicks, Paul Turner and myself, were invited to a Veterans Appreciation breakfast at Eagle Crest High School. Paul was unable to attend due to previous plans. The three of us rode together to Eagle Crest High School. We were greeted by Chief Master Sergeant Dawn Conroy (retired). Dawn escorted us to the main office where we were introduced to other military members from all services, retired and active. Soon after our arrival the school news reporter and camera person requested we group together for a photo op for their school newspaper. After several photos were taken we were asked to stay in group so we may join the entire school in reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance." over the public access system. It was nice to see the students recite the "Pledge of Allegiance" each morning.

After the "Pledge of Allegiance" the student council and faculty members led us to a continental breakfast buffet and once there we had time to meet with the students and faculty along with the other service members. Tony, Dewey and I sat with several retired Marines and enjoyed telling stories about each of our services. Dewey told us he had been a Marine prior to the COANG. A couple of the students asked Tony Burczyk what he had done while in the Air Force and Air National Guard. It was interesting to hear Tony tell his memories of both. Before the breakfast was over each of us had been asked about our service highlights and what our jobs were. The students seemed genuinely interested in everyone's experiences in the military.

The students and faculty couldn't have been more gracious to everyone, thanking all of us for the service we had given to the United States. The students were very attentive and answered all of our questions to them about school and what they had in mind for their future. They even went to the trouble of putting together gift bags for each of us as we departed. Having had the opportunity to speak with these teens who will one day be leading this country and representing us made the three of us feel a little more secure in the future knowing we have a generation of caring, intelligent young adults being prepared to take the reins.

It was interesting to note how many prior military members made up the faculty of Eagle Crest High School. Dawn Conroy, CMS Retired, Colorado Air National Guard, is a member of the Activities Dept., Charla Rosenberg- Vice Principal at Eagle Crest - retired, COANG, other faculty members who have served in the military are: Martha Chang - school nurse-served 8 yrs., Charlene Harris - Data Entry - 12 yrs. - Air Force, Eric Andersen - Data Analysis- Air Force, Jason Presley - Resource Office - Navy, Cory Ross - Security- Navy 3 yrs., Adina Council- Army, Dave Schlichting - Teacher- Air Force, John Fennel - Teacher-Navy. I am sure their military experience adds to their quality of instruction at Eagle Crest. Recruiters are allowed into Eagle Crest High School to talk to the students about military service and to answer questions the students have about the military branches.

It was a great experience for Tony, Dewey and I. The students and faculty members, I believe, enjoyed the time spent also. It was a thoroughly enjoyable morning and a chance to reflect on what Veteran's Day means to each of us.

Dan Gay, CMSgt, COANG, Retired

EAGLECREST HIGH SCHOOL VETERANS' DAY PICTURES



DECEMBER 2013 MINUTES

DO Neary opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the prayer was said by Joe Broom.

Dave Colella from the Buckley Retiree's Office talked about the BKF Retiree Coffee Social at the AF Dining Hall on December 11. This meeting will have speakers from the VA, Social Security and Tricare offices. This meeting will be on the first Wednesday of every month at 9 AM.

Paul and Linda Turner were presented the Tom Linam-OSOTMG Founder-"Pickle Pig's Feet" award for their service to the OSOTMG group during the last year.

Thanks to Chuck Whitely, Dewey Hicks, and Mrs. Unger for their year long diligent work on the newly published 18 month "SOUNDS OF FREEDOM" calendar. The majority of the pictures were Jim Potter's (now passed) and we thanked the family for the use of them.

The Korean Veterans' Conflict book published by the Korean government in concert with the American government is available for free to Colorado Korean Veterans.

Joyce Saitta reminded us that the Annual NACO conference is the last weekend of April and will include a Military Ball. NAGUS, EANGUS and NACO are still canvassing for members in order to support lobbying and other benefits for ANG active and retired members.

Jan will be selling the calendars at the Sunday UTA Christmas party.

The Air Heritage Committee is still working on the belated 2000 to 2009 Decade panel. Birthday people present were DO Neary, Dewey Hicks, Bob Cherry Jr, and Mike Popovich.

The next meeting will be January 7th, 2014.

DECEMBER 2013 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

DO Neary	Dan Heinz
Tony Burczyk	Sam Lovell
Stanley Minarsky	David Colella
Jan Love	Arlo Sorheim
Doug Teasdale	Ted Ochs
Reed Lutz	Joe Broom
Woody Glaser	Sonja Broom
Harry Wales	Paul Turner
Harold Brewer	Linda Turner
Mike Popovich	Jay Gates
Dewey Hicks	Don Pipkin
Jack Darveau	Art Bowens
Frank Mullins	Joyce Saitta
Andy Andrews	Dale Bristol
Sue Andrews	Monroe Mathias
Bill Frazier	Michael Rowan
Mac McCarley	Michelle Rowan
Joe Harnke	Chuck Whitely
Ken McGill	

DATE BOOK 2014

February 2014

4th-OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON

14th-Valentine's Day

March 2014

4th- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON

17th- St. Patrick's Day

April 2014

1st- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON

20th- Easter Sunday

May 2014

6th- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON

11th- Mother's Day

26th- Memorial Day

June 2014

3rd- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON

6th- D Day

15th- Father's Day

July 2014

4th- Independence Day

8th- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON

JANUARY 2014 MINUTES

Do Neary opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Joe Broom said the prayer. Col Allen Buck was the guest speaker.

The Wing will be deploying for Red Flag to Nellis AFB at the end of the month.

Runway repairs are scheduled and will facilitate moving of the flying operation to DIA in the near future.

The COARNG Engineers helped fix flood damaged roads, ie US 36 between Lyons and Estes Park, in concert with UTARNG, MTANG Red Horse Unit, and KSANG Red Horse Unit. This road was a "Combat Path" 24 feet wide. The Boulder Canyon Road was also repaired with these roads being opened in a record 15 days finishing in late October. Also, the 240 CE provided engineering evaluation of the damaged bridges. The ribbon cutting ceremony was on 6 November instead of the target date of 1 December. This unprecedented cooperation was due to an agreement between several states' Governors to bypass the red tape and coordinate resources when a disaster occurs. Evacuation support was provided by WYARNG with 5 Blackhawk helicopters alongside the Regular Army with helicopters from Ft. Carson. A total of seven military units participated in this disaster. Currently the Colorado Civil Air Patrol is helping with the disaster recovery. Check out the complete story and pictures on the 140 FW webpage: <http://www.140wg.ang.af.mil/>.

MSgt Chris Roybal, COANG Top 3 advisor, spoke about working with our retirees' group to assist retirees in helping with any needs they may have such as home repairs.

This group is currently sponsoring "Girls on the Run" which is a middle school organization. This is a place where the COANG can be a positive role model for these girls.

Joyce Saitta briefed the group about the State NACO convention and military ball on the last weekend of April.

Also, they are lobbying to reinstate the COLA cuts to retirees which is a top priority for all of us. So, please support them through your membership dues and contributions.

Look at pharmacy changes for retirees in the numerous e-mails that have been sent out.

The year long project, 18 month calendars, "SOUNDS OF FREEDOM", are still available for \$15 with shipping cost of \$2.75. Please support your OSOTMG by purchasing a calendar.

Col Jesser said Hi!

1099Rs for tax purposes for military and civilians are available by internet only this year.

Jan is going in for surgery on 9 January.

Taps for Herman Trujillo.

Chuck Hoffman mentioned that the USO at DIA is available for free with a VA card or active/retired military ID card. There is free coffee and donuts located at the what was the Continental Airlines lounge.

Birthdays folks attending the meeting were: Chuck Hoffman, Sue Andrews and Dan Gay.

Next meeting will be 4 February 2014.

Sick Call



Jan Love

Taps



Herman Trujillo

JANUARY 2014 ATTENDANCE 1st Timer*

Paul Turner
Linda Turner
Sue Andrews
Andy Andrews
DO Neary
Dan Gay
Frank Mullins
John Morris
Larry Mayo
Jack Darveau
Christopher Roybal
Henry McCarley
Sy Harjes
Randy Dolan
Joe Harnke
Dewey Hicks
Chuck Hoffman

Dan Heinz
Sonja Broom
Joe Broom
Michael Rowan
Michelle Rowan
Arlo Sorheim
Art Bowens
Dave Moos
Andy J Buck
Carl Jackson
Dale Bristol
Monroe Mathias
Joyce Saitta

FEBRUARY 4TH LUNCHEON

The FEBRUARY meeting will be catered by Golden Sherman. The meal is Ham with the trimmings. COSTS \$12.00 per person. No dessert will be served. Bring a dessert to share for the group.

RSVP with your check or cash at the meeting or mail your check made payable to "OSOTMG" and send it to Paul Turner, 1945 Ensenada St., Aurora, CO 80011-5353.

DECEMBER 2013

Joann Barber
Bettina Bledsoe
Pat Bowling
Jon Bridgman
Angela Cavener
Bob Cherry Jr
John Conroy
Jack Darveau
Donald Goe
Russ Gottenbor
David Hatch
Terry Hatchett
Nancy Heinle
Dewey Hicks
Lois Hoops
Bryan Jordan
Beverly Kalcits
Estring Kidston
Peggy Klapp
Craig Laufert
Yolanda Leggett
Andy Love
Don Lovisone

Dee MacLaughlin
Barbara Maldonado
Margaret McGaffin
Jim Mielce
Evan Mitchell
Don Neary
Rosemary Paolilo
Larry Peters
Diana Pohanic
Mike Popovich
Diane Richards
Susan Schnurstein
Greg Short
Dennis Simpson
Brenda Stevens
Rose Suprenant
John Swenson
Martha Ann Taylor
Faye Weickum
Pepper Weimer

Birthdays



Suzanne Andrews
Joe Ashby
Bonnie Asher
Ralph Bernhardt
Bill Blumberg
John Christopher
Linda Coble
Charlotte Farmer
Smokey Fields
Dan Gay
Darrell Hanson
Kay Harnke
Chuck Hoffman
Ben Irvin
Mai Jordan
Karen Kyritz
John Le Van
Verlene Lee
Reed Lutz
Jo McDonald
William McGaffin
Ron McHenry
Sandy Overfield

JANUARY 2014

Geraldine Pawley
Anne Neuens
Ellen Nishiki
Shirley Pfister
Deb Popovich
Tom Rochford
Val Rodekahr
Hazel Rutter
Eva Shreve
Dianna Seiler
Hal Smethills
Jerry Smith
Curt Squire
Carol Swanson
James Tipton
Tamsen Thistlehawk-Ranck
James Weickum
Deb Wray

HOWDY DUTY BY RICH GUERRERO**HOW I MET NEIL B. BURKE**

By A3C GUERRERO, RICHARD, AF26 257 483

15 June 1954. We were at war!! Men and equipment had to be sent to Natrona County Airport, (SFTS) Summer Field Training Site, Casper Wyoming. Equipment had to be transported by truck convoy. 0500 hours, trucks were loaded and ready to depart Buckley Naval Air Station Colorado. Traveling along the old US 85/87 North. 25 trucks lumbering along at convoy speeds of 45 MPH maximum. Convoy commanders were Tsgt George Fisher and Msgt Gordon Frey. We arrived at the famous Johnson's Corner at about 0800, Fisher and Frey had to have the giant cinnamon bun and coffee. After filling our selves with food we depart for Cheyenne Wyoming Airport where the Wyoming Air National Guard was stationed. We refueled and headed North again. We arrived at Natrona County Airport SFTS around midnight. All equipment had to be offloaded and readied for operation next day. 0300, hit the sack. 0700 roll-call and assignment of duties. As it turned out 4 of my buddies from Boulder worked in the vehicle maintenance shop across the street from my work area. Our ritual was to take a coffee break around 0900 every morning. And here is where my curiosity peaked!! Every morning there was a light blue 1951 Buick, with civilian license plates, parked along side the maintenance building. I walked over to the car and saw the sign painted on the wall of the building, "RESERVERD: Tsgt N.B.BURKE". OK, that did not do much for me, however, the next day when my buddy Roland Schramm and I were walking around trying to get out work, we walked by the Fire House, and I saw it again, "RESERVED: N.B.BURKE". I asked Rollie, is this the same N.B.BURKE that parks along the building? He say, yeah, he is my boss in fire truck maintenance, he lives at the fire house with his wife and two kids. I asked why does he drive to work. If he lives here, he can walk out of his back door to the shop!! Well, this was too much for a 17 year and 7 month old to let go. I had to find out what gives here. Next day Rollie and I were escaping again and I asked do you have a tape measure in your tool box? He said no but I can get one from the tool crib. We were going to measure the distance between the back door of Tsgt N.B. Burke's house and the maintenance shop side door. Good thought, however, he had 2 big brown Boxer dogs in the back yard that looked like they ate antelopes for breakfast every day. Plan B. Measure the outside of the fence, then from the gate to the maintenance shop. Success!! We concluded the distance was 82 feet. After laughing so hard that we thought we had hernias, we went to work. However, there was a little guy dressed in red on my right shoulder telling me, DO IT! DO IT! and a little guy dressed in white telling me, YOU WILL FRY IF YOU DO!!! Well you know who won that battle. Very early next morning I got up and hurried to my work area and got the keys to a big truck and parked it in the 'RESERVED: Tsgt N.B.BURKE' parking spot, locked it and went to early chow at the mess hall. We did not have dining facilities in those days, we had mess halls or chow halls. You ate breakfast, dinner, supper and if you worked late you ate midnight chow. After breakfast I went to my work area and found a little Banty Rooster shouting at the top of his lungs. He wanted to know who the (expletive deleted)(from here on Expletive Deleted will be used as ED) parked the ED truck in his parking spot. When he finds this ED he will make sure he loses some stripes. He had been screaming at a young Sgt from the Wyoming Air National Guard who did not know an who did not know anything about the situation. At this point I thought I had better let him know that it was me that parked the truck in his parking spot. It seemed like he changed three different shades of color at this disclosure, and screamed you ED, can't read? I said, yes sir, I can read very well. Then why in ED did you park there? My opportunity to show my Military knowledge to this guy. I said, the way I saw the situation was that this is a Military Facility, that is GOB (Government Owned Building), the truck is a POV (Private Owned Vehicle) and GOV (Government Owned Vehicle) and the light blue vehicle

HOWDY DUTY BY RICH GUERRERO continued

that was parked there is a POV (Private Owned Vehicle) and therefore was not authorized to be parked next to a GOB. That of course did not set well with TSGT N.B. Burke. You smart ED, if you do not move that truck from my parking spot I will see that you lose that stripe you have on your arm. Well, since I had just gotten my stripe in May of that year and was just getting used to heavy weight it carried, I decided to move the truck and make peace with Tsgt N.B. Burke. I parked the truck and was walking back to put the keys away when I noticed that he was still standing, with his hands on his hips, in the middle of the gate to my work area. I thought, what the heck, apologize. I went to him and said Sgt Burke, I am sorry for the prank, I did it just to see what kind of reaction I would get from whom ever was TSgt Burke. I am sorry and will never do it again. I stuck out hand. Surprise, he shook it and left. Later that morning I went to the maintenance shop to get my buddies for coffee. There he was. He greeted me, Hey ED, come over here. I went and he asked, you drink? Well, some I guess (I am 17+7 months). Meet me at the NCO club after work, i'll buy you a beer. He then told me about how full time employees have a privilege to park where they want. I met him at the NCO club, he signed me in since I was not allowed to enter by myself. We walk in and my heart stopped!! My boss, now Msgt George Fisher, Msgt Gordon Frey, Msgt Edward (Pappy) Yourell. What are you doing in here? Sgt Burke answers, I signed him in, he is OK to stay. Fisher says ,first time guests have to buy the first round, you got any money? Well, after a few rounds things changed. It was hey Fisher, hey Frey, hey Burke and so on. After drinking with the big boys I excused myself because I had to get up early for KP. As I knee walked to my barracks, I made a few stops to get rid of my breakfast, coffee and donuts, dinner and whatever else was hidden inside. We got to be pretty good friends to the point that he would invite me to join him at some of the night spots in town. We went to a place called THE SAND BAR, a real cowboy joint. And as usual, things had a way of getting out hand. We wound up with swollen lips and bloody noses, but laugh a lot, until the Deputy Sheriff took us to his car. We told him that we were with the Air National Guard at Natrona County AirPort SFTS and we had to get back before 2400 hours. He said you are lucky that I don't lock you both up. I want you to get in your car and get out here now!! We obeyed. Laughed all the way to the base. Next morning I had to hide my face because my lower lip was covering my chin. We had to go see Msgt Frey and Msgt Fisher right away. Bad news. Burke said we are ED. After the royal reaming, Msgt Frey said we were restricted to the base. We could not go out the main gate. Not a problem for Burke, he lived on base!! Msgt Fisher said, did you here what Msgt Frey said? You can not go out the MAIN GATE!!! Wink, Wink!! The street by Burke's Quarters went to the air terminal and the main road to town!! Well, that was the war at Natrona County SFTS Casper, Wyoming. I lost track of Burke for awhile until August of 1961. I was a full time employee at now Buckley Air National Guard Base. I was working for now CWO4 Gordon W. Frey. Msgt Fisher was now Captain Fisher and was moving on to bigger and better heights. Out nowhere, here comes now Msgt N.B. Burke. Hey ED, what the ED are you doing here? I work here ED. What are doing here? I work here to. That was the real start of a great friendship and working relationship anyone could ever have. We had our differences, sometimes very heated. However, around 1500 hours my phone would ring or his would ring, Hey ED, you stopping at the club? Yeah, you? Yeah. See you there, its your turn to buy!! If a man can say he misses another man for what he is or was, I guess that is what I have to say. I miss you, TSgt Burke!!! Chief, I know where you have gone, so all I can say is: SHAKE AND RATTLE THEM BONES.

Your friend, A3C Guerrero, Richard, AF 26257 483.