



# OSOTMG NEWS

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\* NEXT MEETING WILL BE 1 APRIL 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 IN-  
 FO: [HTTP://WWW.OSOMG.ORG](http://www.osomg.org) \*

### 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

CODMVA  
303-343-1268  
[www.colorado.gov](http://www.colorado.gov)

Deputy Director  
CODMVA

Mickey Hunt  
720-250-1510  
303-249-0146(c)  
[michael.hunt@dmva.state.gov](mailto:michael.hunt@dmva.state.gov)

TRICARE (UNITED  
HEALTHCARE-WEST  
1-877-988-9378

TRICARE for Life  
1-866-773-0404

Social Security  
1-800-772-1213

TREA 39  
303-340-3939

COUGAR TALES:  
[www.140wg.ang.af.mil/cougartales.asp](http://www.140wg.ang.af.mil/cougartales.asp)

### FEBRUARY MINUTES

The meeting was opened with the American Flag ceremony lead by DO Neary.

Folks need to check the Cougar Tales online to find out what is happening at Buckley.

The "SOUNDS OF FREEDOM" 18 month calendar is still available for \$15 and you can send money to Paul Turner listed below.

DO Neary and the Air Heritage Committee will be meeting to work on the 2000 to 2009 Decade Panel.

Col Becky Gervasi is retiring in May 2014.

COANG is deploying again to Afghanistan in near future.

We need to work more closely with COANG on finding out about all retirements is the future.

Howdy Duty stories are forthcoming from Jim Hall and Jack Wilhite. If any Buckley person would like to write a story, please contact Dewey or Paul.

Joyce Saitta talked about the upcoming NGACO State Conference and Military Ball 25-27 April 2014 at the Denver Tech Center Marriott.

Korean Veterans Book still available for Korean Era Veterans at the Buckley Pharmacy.

Future fundraisers of calendars, hats, or t-shirts? Next meeting March 4th.

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\*Contribution Checks should be made payable to "OSOTMG" can be mailed to Paul Turner at 1945 Ensenada St., Aurora, CO 80011-5353.

## MARCH 2014 MINUTES

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Sue Andrews said the prayer.

Our guest speaker was Dave Collela from the Buckley Retiree's Office. He will continue to have monthly meetings at the Base AF Dining Facility on the 2nd Wednesday of the month through May 2014. The June Retiree Appreciation Event is on Flag Day, Saturday, June 14th, 0800-1400 at the Buckley Community Center with 65 booths.

Please follow the changes to prescription fills and refills due to changes in the program. New prescriptions for maintenance medications must be filled at a Military Pharmacy or thru the mail order company-Express Scripts- as of March 14, 2014. Acute medications can be filled at any pharmacy.

The Base does not perform Tax preparation but can recommend filer information. Remember that Base Legal can create wills and powers of attorney for free for all active/reserve military and retirees. Make appointments for any Tuesday and fill out a work sheet they give you before arriving.

March 28th is Casino Night at the Base Community Center.

The Korean Veterans' Book is still available to Korean Era Veterans at the Base Pharmacy. Judy Pock made 25 purses for the Crayola charity project.

The "SOUNDS OF FREEDOM" 18 month calendar is still available from Dewey or Paul. We have sold about 240 calendars so far.

Dewey is pursuing future fundraiser project of a calendar for all Colorado ANG and ARNG events with the help of CAPT Overstreet. Last year's flood and previous forest fires will provide a lot of pictures. If you have any stories or pictures, contact Dewey.

Another area of interest is to have a CAMANA Club Reunion. The TREA 39 manager, Sheri, would allow us to celebrate this event at the TREA facility. If you have any ideas for a history aspect of this reunion or who would be interested in putting together a plan for this event, contact Paul, Jan or any of the OSOTMG Committee members with your ideas.

Dewey will be meeting with "Salute to Veterans" Committee next week to put together another "Veterans Salute" at Wings Over the Rockies Museum next Veteran's Day.

The "All Veteran's Honor Guard" is looking for volunteers. They provide Military Honors at Ft. Logan when the military cannot furnish a team. They can provide a Flag Ceremony with Taps and can include the 21 Gun Volley as requested for free. See the attached flyer.

Joyce Saitta briefed us on the upcoming NGACO State Conference and Military Ball at the Tech Center Marriot 25-27 April. You can pay and reserve your place for the entire conference or just the military ball at: Black Tie at NGACO.ORG or call 720-250-1566. The deadline is April 18th.

Remember that your membership in NGACO, EANGUS AND NGAUS helped stop the COLA decrease for retirees and the TRICARE potential increase in cost.

Joyce also said that the local Boy Scouts of America that she leads is looking for some volunteers.

Sick Call: Sonja Broom is ill and Jim Hall is in Hospice care.

We still need Howdy Duty stories from anyone such as Bob Beabout's ejection over I-70

near Limon and avoiding having his parachute drag him in front of a semi; John Morris's ejection over the Junkyard next to Buckley and so forth.

We might expect Howdy Duty stories from Jack Wilhite, Monroe Mathias and Charles Caballer. I have a short story from Herman Klap. Any one else with a story is really welcome, no matter how short it is.

Jan briefed us about the ANG Bowling Tournament hosted by the HIANG. Colorado had the most participants and won 1st place. Arlo, Jan and Harold were there.

March Birthdays present were: Mona Burkett and Andy Andrews.

Our parting joke was told by Ken Forrest about being Overpaid, Overseas and Overthere in Australia.

Next meeting is on April 1st AT 1100 AT TREA 39. NO FOOLING. SEE YOU THERE!!!

PAUL TURNER

#### FEBRUARY 2014 ATTENDANCE \*1ST TIMER

DO NEARY  
KENNETH FORREST  
PAUL TURNER  
LINDA TURNER  
DAN GAY  
GOLDEN SHERMAN  
JOHN MORRIS  
SY HARJES  
DEWEY HICKS  
MIKE SCHNURSTEIN  
SUSAN SCHNURSTEIN  
ARLO SORHEIM  
JOYCE SAIITA  
DALE BRISTOL  
HARREL LAMBERT  
SUE ANDREWS  
ANDY ANDREWS  
JOE BROOM  
SONJA BROOM  
LARRY MAYO

TRUDY DAUM  
MICHAEL ROWAN  
MICHELLE ROWAN

#### DATE BOOK 2014

##### 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

##### August 2014

2nd- Declaration of Independence Signed  
5th- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON  
5TH- Vietnam War Began

##### September 2014

7th- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON

## Sick Call



Jim Hall  
Sonja Broom  
Wayland(Spike) Boyle

## Taps



Ed Howard  
Janet Lovejoy  
Beatrice VanDeest

### MARCH 2014 ATTENDANCE 1st Timer\*

PAUL TURNER	BILL PELLETIER
LINDA TURNER	MICHAEL ROWAN
ANDY ANDREWS	MICHELLE ROWAN
SUE ANDREWS	JERRY SMITH
STANLEY MINARSKY	DON PIPKIN
TONY BURCZYK	JOE HARNKE
JAN LOVE	ARLO SORHEIM
DEWEY HICKS	BONNIE PHILLIPS
KENNETH FORREST	MIKE SCHNURSTEIN
DO NEARY	SUSAN SCHNURSTEIN
HAROLD BREWER	JUDY POCK
SY HARJES	DALE BRISTOL
REED LUTZ	DAVE COLLELA
JOHN MORRIS	MONA BURKETT
HARRY WALES	JOYCE SAIITA
STEVE PAHS	JACK WILHITE
LARRY SELL	MONROE MATHIAS
GOLDEN SHERMAN	HARREL LAMBERT
CARL JACKSON	HANK KENT

### APRIL 1ST LUNCHEON

The APRIL meeting will be catered by Golden Sherman. The meal is Spaghetti Casserole with side of salad. 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.

### FEBRUARY 2014

LINDA BADEN  
CHUCK BAUM  
GARY BOHN  
PHYLLIS BROOKS  
JOE BROOM  
DOROTHY BRUENING  
LORENE CABALLER  
JANE CARDENAS  
IZZIE DE LA ROSA  
KARMA FIELDS  
LISA FRANZEN  
JAY GATES  
DOROTHY GOTTENBERG  
BONNIE HEINZ  
GLORIA HICKS  
CELESTE LAUFERT  
DEVERNE LEHMAN  
BARBARA LEIGH  
DENISE LINN  
DONNA LUCERO  
LEONARD(VERN) MARSHALL  
ARVEY MASON

RUTH MATHIAS  
MARY MCCLANAHAN  
SALLY MCFARLAND  
JEFFREY MILLER  
NEYSA NEARY  
JIM PATSEY  
DIANNE SANFORD  
JEANNE SCHJODT  
GORDON TERROUS  
FRED WADE  
MASON WHITNEY

## Birthdays



GREGG ADLER  
RON AGUINEGA  
ANDY ANDREWS  
SHANNON BLASUS  
SONJA BROOM  
MONA BURKETT  
JERRY CABLE  
JEAN CARDINAL  
MARLENE CHATMAN  
KARYN CLARK  
RUSS CRAMER  
PHIL ECKLUND  
MIKE EDWARDS  
MIKE HAINES  
SOMCHIT HALES  
MARY ANN HANSON  
KENT KAMLA  
MARCIA KROUPA  
GREG KRYSZAK  
CHERYL LUTZ  
THERESA MCNELLEY  
GORDON MITCHELL  
ELLEN MOORE

### MARCH 2014

ROBERT MUELLER  
MIKE PARADISE  
DICK PARKOS  
DAVID PAUL SANCEZ  
BOB SANDER  
CECILIA SANFORD  
JEFF SCHJODT  
SUE SCHULTZ  
BILL SEILER  
KATHY SIMPSON  
SUSAN SMITH  
DIANA THEBADO  
BRENDA TIPTON  
MIKE VALIANT  
CHARLENE WADE  
CLIFF WAGNER  
MIRIAM WHITNEY

## INTERVIEW WITH IRVIN "MAC" McLAUGHLIN

By way of introduction, my name is Irvin "Mac" McLaughlin. I was born in Canada and served in the Royal Navy. I have followed the Other Side of the Mountain Gang for many years and was declared an "adopted member" by Mr. Joseph Broom. Things have changed over the years and out of necessity, the newsletter has been computerized. I must admit that I am still on your snail mail list.

My Howdy Duty may be of interest to some, and not so much to others, but here it goes. I joined the Royal Navy at age 17. I was not allowed to draw my ration of grog aboard ships until I was 18. I served for 25 years. Initially, I was an aircraft mechanic. I served aboard the Canadian Light Aircraft Carriers HMCS (Her Majesty's Canadian Ship) Warrior (Colossus Class), HMCS Magnificent (CVL 21 Majestic Class), and HMCS Bonaventure (CVL 22 Majestic Class), HMCS Asbestos (K3581) a Flower-class Corvette. She served as a convoy escort. She was named for Asbestos Quebec. To this day I think of asbestos as the material used on many naval vessels, I remember being below deck in my bunk and have dust from the ceiling come down when there was activity on the main deck. The dust was asbestos. Also, I served on the Royal Navy Battleship HMS Anson. I was on board the HMCS Algonquin when she was hit by a torpedo. I was knocked overboard. The ship and I survived. All of my identification and other papers that I had in my pockets were water logged. I was most upset about my grog card getting wet. The grog card was how you got your ration of grog. From that point on I carried my things in plastic bags. To this day, all of my identification and important cards are in a zip bag. As a point of interest, sailors used to carry their identification and important papers in a Prince Albert tobacco tin.

One of my additional duties was to transport aircraft. I flew the Fairy Swordfish. It was a bi-wing aerial torpedo bomber. It is best remembered as the plane that crippled the Bismarck during WWII. A torpedo from the plane damaged the rudders which allowed the eventual sinking of the ship. Imagine that, a little old bi-wing plane bringing down a goliath of the seas. Wish I could have seen that. Another plane was the Fairy Barracuda. It was a dive bomber. It was part of the British Royal Navy's FAA (Fleet Air Arm). Another of my planes was the Fairy Firefly. It was a carrier based fighter. The McDonnell Banshee was on loan to Canada from the U.S., The Curtiss Helldiver was launched from aircraft carriers. The Douglas Dakota sometimes known as the DC-3 was probably the best transport aircraft of its time. It held a crew of two and was pretty fast and reliable. I guess that with ships being built in Ireland, Aircraft from the Brits and bombers being purchased from the United States for \$1.00, it was a war winning combination.

Things were not always quiet for me. I had a bit of a temper in my younger days. While in Northern Ireland with the Navy, I stopped in a pub for a pint of ale. There was a loud mouth gentleman in there. One thing led to another and he challenged me to step outside. I followed him and during the exchange of fists, I bashed his nose in. Blood was everywhere. He was not so loud after that. The whole incident earned me the nickname of "Bash". I was never fond of that name and kept it quiet not telling anyone about it for many years.

My travels took me to Nova Scotia where I met my beautiful wife Debbie. She can sing Irish folk songs and performed with dance troupes. She takes an interest in the aircraft that I have flown and the ships that I have served aboard. With the beautiful landscape of Nova

## "MAC" HOWDY DUTY CONTINUED

Scotia and Debbie, I fell in love.

Here in the United States, I have been an aviation consultant with Boeing and Frontier airlines. I worked on the Boeing 737 and Boeing 747. Boeing sent me all over the world including Turkey and China. When in China, I had an interpreter and an assistant. Before class would start, he would beat the wall with a stick. Sounds crazy, but there were snakes in the wall. I taught power plants and academics. I have trained pilots in simulators. I remember climbing into the cockpit of a plane and seeing one of the pilots that I had trained. I noticed that the plane was starting to roll towards a cliff. I asked the pilot if he had set the brakes. Insulted that anyone would question a pilot, he said "I certainly did". I reached across and set the brake which stopped the roll. He didn't say anything but he pouted.

I am retired from both. My love of planes continues and I am a member of the U.S. Air Force Museum. Maintaining the heritage of aviation is important to me and so I am also a member of the Shearwater Aviation Museum Foundation - Nova Scotia. I keep up with the evolving technology of flying with subscriptions to Ingersoll-Rand's "Compressed Air" Who can ask for anything more than a loving wife and an extended career in aviation.

**"Mac"**

## PHARMACY UPDATE

In 2013, Congress passed a law creating a pilot program that requires TRICARE For Life (TFL) beneficiaries to use TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery or a military pharmacy to fill select maintenance medications.

The pilot only applies to TFL beneficiaries who fill select maintenance medications at a network retail pharmacy. Maintenance medications are those for chronic, long-term conditions that you take on a regular, recurring basis. This doesn't include medications taken for a sudden illness or infection, such as antibiotics or short term pain relief. If you fill these prescriptions at a retail pharmacy, this new pilot will help you save money - and it's more convenient for you. If the pilot applies to you, you should have received a letter from the Department of Defense in February. You may also call Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303 to see if the pilot applies to any of your prescriptions.

**What Are My Options?** If you have a prescription covered by the pilot, you will be able to choose where to fill it. You can choose any of the following options:

**Option 1:** Transfer your prescription from a retail pharmacy to safe, convenient TRICARE Home Delivery and pay less money out-of-pocket! A typical cost for a 90-day retail supply of brand name medication is \$51, but only \$13 through Home Delivery.

**Option 2:** Transfer your prescription from a retail pharmacy to a military pharmacy. Call your local military pharmacy to see if they can fill your prescription.

**Option 3:** Ask your doctor about using a low-cost generic medication that is not affected by the pilot. You can still fill these medications at a retail pharmacy for \$5.

**Option 4:** Continue to get your prescription filled at a retail pharmacy and pay 100% of the cost, starting with your third fill.

If you refill select maintenance medications at a retail pharmacy after March 14, 2014, you'll receive a letter reminding you about the pilot. Remember, starting with your third fill after

March 14, you'll be responsible for the entire cost of the medications if you get them from a retail pharmacy.

If you have other health insurance with a prescription benefit, you aren't part of the pilot. In some cases of personal need or hardship, emergency, or other special circumstances (such as living in a nursing home) you will be able to request a waiver.

We encourage you to consider your options carefully. If you're ready to make the switch to Home Delivery, call 1-877-882-3335 now to get started!

**How Will I Be Notified?** In February, the Department of Defense will send you a letter explaining the pilot, and telling you that if you continue filling select maintenance medications at retail pharmacies, you must pay the full cost, starting with the third fill after March 14, 2014.

The two courtesy fills at a retail pharmacy give you time choose where to fill your prescription. The letter will clearly explain your options, and give you easy instructions on how to switch to Home Delivery. You may also call Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303 to see if the pilot applies to any of your prescriptions.

**Notification Letters:** Starting after March 14, 2014, Express Scripts will send you a letter after you fill your first prescription at a retail pharmacy. The same letter is sent if you fill your prescription a second time at a retail pharmacy. If you do not utilize a military pharmacy or enroll in TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery by their third fill, you will pay full price at a retail pharmacy.

**Follow Up Letter:** If you exceed your two courtesy fills and continue to use a retail pharmacy and pay full price for your prescription, Express Scripts will mail you a follow up letter about converting to Home Delivery.

You can opt out of the pilot after using Home Delivery for at least a year. In some cases, you may be able to get a waiver.

**What Are The Benefits Of TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery?**

**Convenient** - With TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery, picking up your prescriptions is as easy as picking up your mail. Prescriptions are delivered to your home—eliminating trips to a retail or military pharmacy. Sign up for Worry-Free Fills® and your prescription will be sent to you when it's time for a refill. You can also request refills by phone, or online 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Effective** - TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery is your most cost-effective option when not using a military pharmacy. You get significant savings compared to a retail pharmacy with a 90-day supply of your prescription. You pay nothing for shipping and handling, plus you save your valuable time and the cost of gas.

**Safe** - Your prescriptions are filled using an automated dispensing system ensuring a high degree of accuracy. A registered pharmacist checks your medication history for possibly harmful interactions. For your protection, medications are delivered in a plain, secure weather-resistant pouch.

It is well-documented that people are more likely to take their medication as directed by their doctor when they use Home Delivery. You can also sign up for Worry-Free Fills and manage your prescriptions through the enhanced [Express Scripts Mobile App](#). The savings and convenience of TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery contribute to improved compliance and better health.



# All Veterans Honor Guard

**Looking for another way to serve your country?**

**Would you like to honor those who have given so much?**

**Do you want to continue to serve, knowing you helped families and friends send off their veteran with military honors?**

**We are veterans who volunteer our time to recognize our departed veterans and retirees with military honors at Fort Logan National Cemetery and other cemeteries**

**Come honor your military brothers and sisters!**

**Join our team!**

**(Must be an honorably discharged veteran/retiree available weekdays)**

**Contact: Kathy Kraski, Team Leader**

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