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NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7 June, 11 am, TREA 39, 15821 CENTRETECH CIRCLE, AURORA, CO



80011. If you are going to eat, you must RSVP to Jan Love at 303.693.7538 or osotmg@comcast.net



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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

CODMVA

303-343-1268

www.colorado.gov

Deputy Director

CODMVA

Mickey Hunt

720-250-1510

303-249-0146(c)

[michael.hunt@](mailto:michael.hunt@dmva.state.gov)

dmva.state.gov

TRICARE (TRIWEST)

1-888-874-9378

TRICARE for Life

1-866-773-0404

Social Security

1-800-772-1213

TREA 39

303-340-3939

HOWDY DUTY by Joe Harnke, MSgt (Ret)

My career started with the Colorado ANG in June 1960 when a T-33 crashed shortly after take-off from Lowry. All jet Aircraft (AC) Transient Services from Lowry AFB was terminated and moved to Buckley (BKF). In 1966, Lowry closed to all AC traffic. As a civilian employee, along with other mechanics, some ANG troops, we were contracted and paid by Lowry AFB to provide transient services. Aircraft from all military bases liked to come to BKF because of our location and excellent turn around services. Aircraft that Remain Over Night (RON) had good times; great nightlife in Aurora and skiing during the winter. During the peak, we averaged 1,000 aircraft a month. A typical weekend, aircraft parked so close, at times, on some, you could not walk between wing tips. Quality Control later enforced the 10-foot rule. In 1963, there was a blessing in disguise; Col Marooney conducted a meeting with all employees to announced that "MAYTAG" submitted a bid to contract Transient Services. The Colonel stated that all employees that were eligible could join the ANG or be terminated. Being ex-Navy, I enlisted in the COANG. I still think it was part of a scheme to increase ANG quotas.

One of many stories...in the summer of 1970, a T-38 from Randolph, TX landed. After being parked, the pilot said he had hit a jackrabbit upon landing. Later on after a thorough cleaning and performing a landing gear retraction check, reports came down; it was an antelope. Damn, how things are bigger in Texas! The Fire Department Crash House grilled antelope burgers.

In 1968, the Vietnam Call-Up, I was stationed at Cannon AFB, NM, T-33 Phase Dock. Transient maintenance slowed in 1978 and I was rifted back to Lowry AFB as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic Foreman. I retired from the ANG in 1981, was reassigned to Buckley ANG Vehicle Maintenance in 1986, and retired from Civil Service in 1994, with 37 years of service.

The Transient Services was awarded the Rex Riley Award for Excellent Services, year after year; another milestone for the COANG, being the best of the best.

I often think about the blessing in disguise and what it means to me now. I am proud to have served with the Colorado ANG. My salute goes forward, especially when the F-16s flyover before the Broncos games.

Committee's Corner

Dear Other Siders,

This will be short (ha, ha) to make room for other articles. We changed the date for the July meeting to the 12th, due to the holiday. In the past when we have the meeting immediately after the 4th, we noticed the attendance is down. By moving it a week we are hoping to enable those who have traveled out of town to recover from their fantastic, fun filled adventures. I made another boo-boo (say it isn't so)...Herman & Peggy Klap, were inadvertently omitted from the list of attendees at the Phoenix Mini-Reunion. They arrived on Thursday and stayed with us for the weekend, from their home in Sahuarita, AZ.

Remember those you love and those who sacrificed for our freedoms. Have a safe and extraordinary Memorial Day weekend!

Best Always, Jan Love

Attendance * 1st Timers

Joe & Sonja Broom
Tony Burczyk
SSgt Meagan Della
Rossa (Airmen & Family
Support)
Randy Dolan

Ralph Evans
Dan Gay
Sy Harjes
Joe & Kay Harnke
Bob & Myrt Herbst
Dewey Hicks

Chuck Hoffman
Vic & Lois Hoops
Jan Love
John Morris
Bill Neuens
Bill & Joan Pickens
Judy Pock
Mike & Shelley Rowan

Joyce Saitta
Larry Sell
Mike & Susan Schnurstein
Jerry Smith
Steve Taylor
Paul Turner
Harry Wales

Sick Call



Diana Parkos (Received 5 May) Diana got her staples out today (52), she did well with the procedure and saw the injury and repair for the first time. Pain medication is a wonderful thing. She will begin with very light physical therapy to start the process of bending the knee again. This is delicate due to the two wire loops that are holding the knee cap in place through the femur and fibula. Still two months of no weight bearing at all, so I got her a bell and bulb horn for her wheelchair. Amazing how they get out of the way...too bad it does not work on the interstate. (that's why I have blue lights on my state car). The prognosis is still holding at being able to walk again assisted. I would bet that Diana will do more than that. We are going to try and sing with the choir this weekend. The group of us have such a beautiful sound together and it means a lot to both of us.

God Bless and have a great evening.

Richard (Dick) Parkos

Sabrina Taylor (Received 15 May 2011) Just an up date on Sabrina, She is home for a week now and doing much better. She even doesn't have to wear Oxygen. She has a visiting nurse in every day and the doctor says that she is doing fine. Thank you for your prayers.

LIFE CHANGES

(none that we know of)

A BIG THANK YOU!!!!

Dan Gay
Joe & Kay Harnke
Herman & Peggy Klap
William Snyder
Ted Wise

Bettie & Carl Pannell
Judy Pock
Joyce Saitta
Fred & Charlene Wade

*Checks should be made payable to "OSOTMG" and mailed to 16059 E Milan Drive, Aurora, CO 80018. Thank You

Taps



Ranger Curran, Sr., Col (Ret) COANG, 92, made his final landing on April 19, 2011. He was born in Boston, Mass. on June 18, 1918, the son of Arthur M. and Helen Ranger Curran. He was a World War II fighter pilot, logging 340 combat hours, and won the Distinguished Flying Cross, among other medals. In 2002, he was inducted into the Air National Guard Hall of Fame for his participation on the nation's first jet precision acrobatic team, The Minute Men. He is survived by his wife, Celia, 10 children, 25 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and countless 'shirt-tail' relatives. Col Curran's obituary was quite extensive. Please check the following publication for a complete copy: **Published in Athens Banner-Herald on April 22, 2011**

Robert J. Zepp We were informed at the May meeting that Bob Zepp past away in October 1, 2010. He was buried at Ft Logan National Cemetery.

Ronald Schomber, SMSgt (Ret) Memorial services will be held on Sat. May 28, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery with full military honors.

Subject: Ron is rejoicing in Heaven

Hi friends,

I haven't been in contact with you for some time. Ron has been in the hospital more than out. Thursday May 19 he went home to be with Jesus. The Lord God Almighty gave him relief from pain. Ron was witnessing in devotions and sharing Jesus with many people in the hospital and nursing home. He was standing up for Jesus in his power chair. I need your prayers because after nearly 52 years this is hard. But God will see Della, Christine and I through. Ron started journaling so I have many sweet memories to reflect on. God Bless you all.

EVENTS

COLORADO AIR NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY DAY

5 June 2011, at the ball fields on Buckley.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

0900: Inaugural COANG 5K - Steamboat and Vail

0945: Inaugural COANG Kid's Race - At the track

1000: SHOWTIME

1015: Welcoming Remarks by Brig Gen Eyre

1030: Kid's Cake Walk (Ages 3-8) - Kid's Softball Field

1030: Softball Tournament Starts - Softball Fields

1030-1430: Dunk Tank!! - Bring \$\$ to dunk your co-workers

1100-1400: Lunch is Served

1330: Relay Races (All Ages) - Kid's Softball Field

OPEN 1030-1500

Car Show

JUNE LUNCH Con't from pg 1

Annual Memorial Luncheon, 7 June 2011, 1100, at TREA. Beef Stroganoff Dinner, \$10 per person, please RSVP to Jan Love (303.693.7538 or OSOTMG@comcast.net) NLT 1 June.

JULY LUNCH - Burn Your Own... 12 July 2011, 1030, at TREA. Side dishes will be provided for \$5 per person. TREA will provide the grill, you bring whatever else you want to eat (no PB & Js!).

NOTE FROM DAVE BELL

All,
I would like to thank everyone for the outstanding turnout Monday, February 28th at Fort Logan for Ann. Our family was truly overwhelmed. The thoughts and prayers from you all have helped get us through this trying time. The COANG is truly our extended family.

Thanks,
David Bell & Family

Date Book

June

7th - OSOTMG

July

12th - OSOTMG

August

2nd - OSOTMG

September

6th - OSOTMG

October

4th - OSOTMG

November

1st - OSOTMG

December

6th - OSOTMG

NEWSLETTERS RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE

Newsletters addressed to the following individuals have been returned as undeliverable. Please contact us if anyone has any information.

Father (Catholic Priest) John Frary, Greeley, CO

Craig Iverson, Bountiful, UT

Sammie Hunter, 120FS Pilot

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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 or our mailing address, OSOTMG, 16059 E. Milan Drive, Aurora, CO 80013.

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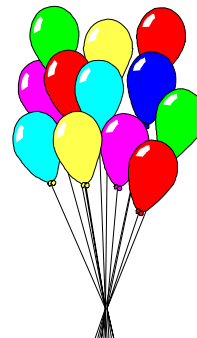
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Dale Bristol

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Birthdays

Buzz Allen
Paul Barcroft
Marilyn Beckage
Cheryl Bohn
Dale Bristol
Janet Bowens
Dudley Butler
Sharie Butler
Claud Dutro
Ann Eddy
Beverly Elmore
Monty Faber
Woody Glaser
Bob Goetz
Bob Hales
Barney Jensen



Harrel Lambert
Mary-Lou Lane
Scott MacLaughlin
Marty Martinez
Monroe Mathias
Curtis McCauley
Newell Moy
Jerry Navarette
Helen Nold
Joanna Perkins
Lorene Reposa
Arlo Sorheim
Carol Upton
Jim Vitale
Flo Wilhelm