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* **NEXT MEETING WILL BE 3 NOVEMBER 2009, 1100, at TREA 39, 15821 CENTRETECH CIRCLE, AURORA, CO 80011. TREA phone number 303.340.3939. NOVEMBER LUNCH: Traditional, Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, \$8 at the door. If you are going to eat, *you must RSVP* to Jan Love at 303.693.7538 or E-MAIL OSOTMG@COMCAST.NET, *NLT 27 October*** *

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

TREA 39

303-340-3939

Howdy Duty Time

It seems I have been at Buckley most of my life.

As a young boy, I came here with a houseguest, Harold Ridle. It was during WWII and Buckley was alive with training activity for the Army Air Corps. The sight of a P-40 Curtiss Warhawk complete with Snarling teeth war paint still sticks in my mind. I also came here for an open house & crawled on every TBM, TBF or Fury that was open to my curious eyes.

Then following a kiddy-cruise stint with the Navy, I was assigned to Patrol Squadron 881 and had my monthly drills flying P-2V's at Buckley - that is until our squadron was moved to Olathe NAS in Kansas. We started our weekend drill each month by flying from Lowry to Olathe on Friday evening and returning to Denver after training was completed on Sunday.

My next experiences with Buckley came after I switched from the Navy to the Colorado Air Guard. While I was attached to the

138th Tactical Control Flight in Greeley, our group HQ (154th) was located in the old Bldg 25 at Buckley. Transferring to the 154th, I had many more years of intimate Buckley experiences. How things were changing! Personnel, buildings, aircraft, and missions.

Being appointed Senior Enlisted Advisor, I was at State HQ, but never far from Buckley. My last assignment prior to retirement took me back to Buckley & the 154th TCG.

While living a fair distance from Buckley in Larkspur, or our winter home in CA, I return to Buckley when I can and marvel at the changes, from US Army Air Corps Base to Naval Air Station to Air National Guard Base & now a US Air Force Base. It's nice that some things remain when all around me is changing.

Joe Ashby, CMSGT, Ret

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2010 Military Ball

On behalf of Major General H. Michael Edwards, The Adjutant General of Colorado, and the Soldiers and Airmen of the Colorado National Guard, we extend an invitation to join us for the 150th Birthday Celebration of the Colorado National Guard on Saturday, 23 January 2010. We will begin our 150th Celebration Year with our "Colorado Minuteman Birthday Ball."

Please mark your calendars for 23 January 2010! More information to follow, stay tuned!

A BIG THANK YOU!!!!

Ted Wise
Larry Catlin
Henry & Tess McCarley

*Checks should be made payable to "OSOTMG" and mailed to 16059 E. Milan Drive, Aurora, CO 80013. Thank you!

Attendance*** 1st Timers**

Joe Ashby
Robert Barker
Harold Brewer
Dale Bristol
Jerry Brooks
Dudley Butler
Col Pete Byrne
Jack Darveau
BG Tru Eyre

Kenneth Forrest
Woody Glaser
Cpt Kristin Haley
Sy Harjes
Bob & Myrt Herbst
Dewey Hicks
Chuck Hoffman
Vicky Jennings
Jan Love

Pat & Helen McCabe
Mac McCarley
Ken McGill
Maxine Merten
George Miller
Frank Mullins
DO & Neysa Neary
Frank Niehus
Bill Pelletier

Bill & Joan Pickens
Judy Pock
Lloyd & Diana Richards
Mike & Shelly Rowan
Joyce Saitta
Mike & Susan Schnurstein
Arlo Sorheim
Doug Teasdale
Linda & Paul Turner
Harry Wales

Taps

None to report

Birthdays

Don Allen
Jacuelina Aymani
Jerry Brooks
Barbara Campbell
Cindy Cramer
Gene Eddy
Jeannine Etter
Marvin Etter
Nancy Glaser
Fran Goe
Pamela Gress
John Hoekstra
Victor Hoops
Dick Jones
Sharon Jones
Herman Klapp
Ron Kroupa



Kenneth Krumpelmann
Chris Lee
Janie Lichtfuss
Dave McDonald
Dave Moos
Martha Mueller
Karol Musslewhite
Ed O'Connor
Patricia Oelkers
Kim Ortega
Becky Paradise
Carol Paul
Bill Pelletier
Patricia Quinn
Kenny Rogers
Jeff Sanford
Wayne Schultz

Sick Call

BJ Nanney had aneurism surgery, in Houston, on 29 September. He was kept in a drug induced comma for several weeks. Since being taken off the medication he has opened his eyes but has not spoken. Due to many complications, one being they had to collapse his left lung to get to the aneurism, he has high blood pressure and pulse, low blood oxygen level and infection problems. He is still being ventilated via a trachea. He had a neurological evaluation but they are unsure if there is any permanent damage. He is still at Houston Medical Center but Kaiser is debating whether to move him to a long term care facility in Texas or bring him home. His brother Ron, stayed with him as long as possible but needed to get back here (Colorado), to get back to work. Ron has been great, communicating twice a day with e-mail updates. Since his surgery, I have received 43 e-mails. Please keep BJ in your thoughts and prayers; he is far from being out of the woods.

Ed O'Connor had prostate surgery on 12 October. I just got off the phone with him. When I asked how are you? He responded, "Good, good, good." He is in the recovery mode at home.

Date Book**November**

1st - Daylight Saving Time Ends
3rd - OSOTMG Meeting
4th - 15th Annual Aurora Veterans Salute
11th - Veteran's Day
26th - Thanksgiving

December

1st - OSOTMG Meeting

6th - 140th Wing Christmas Party
12th - Hanukah begins
21st - First day of Winter
25th - Christmas
26th - Kwanzaa begins

2010**January**

5th - OSOTMG
23rd - Military Ball

February

2nd - OSOTMG

March

2nd - OSOTMG

April

6th - OSOTMG

May

4th - OSOTMG

June

1st - OSOTMG

July

6th - OSOTMG

August

3rd - OSOTMG

September

7th - OSOTMG

October

5th - OSOTMG

November

2nd - OSOTMG

December

7th - OSOTMG

Committee's Corner by Dale Bristol

***Referencing the September meeting. Jan was ill and not able to attend so Dale conducted the meeting and managed the sign-in table.**

I don't care. Proper addressing of a group should be inclusive, but, I want you all to know I'm proud to be associated with you folks. (Both good and bad.)

From what I saw in the "charity box"/"poor box", donations were good (some what) for some but not all expenses that Jan (aka JLo) brought to our attention. Since I M.C.'d September's meeting (that was fun!), it is my hope I'll skip out on jokes owed. You folks held the floor pretty good for a closer!

See ya!
Dale

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.

Due to the increase in Identity Theft and compliance with The Privacy Act of 1974, we will not longer be publishing signatures or personal information on the electronic version, on the website.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

It was suggested (several months ago) that instead of having a "White Elephant" exchange we collect and donate toys to be distributed at Christmas. We agreed at this month's meeting (by the attendees), that we would collect/donate new children's books to the Ronald McDonald House, in Aurora.

We will be collecting books at the November and December meetings. Anyone who would like to make a monetary donation can make checks or money orders payable to "The Ronald McDonald House" and we will take the gifts to the house in early December.