



# OSOTMG NEWS

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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**

**VA**

1-800-827-1000

**TRICARE** (TRIWEST)

1-888-874-9378

**TRICARE for Life**

1-866-773-0404

**Social Security**

1-800-772-1213

## Howdy Duty Time/Committee Corner

Dear Other Siders,

This month I have chosen to combine these two articles to make more space for last minute Reunion information.

I am so honored to be a part of the Colorado Air National Guard and be involved with this reunion to honor all of our Vets on the 40th anniversary of the '68 Call-Up. I was only sophomore in high school when the COANG was activated. At that age, the furthest thing from my mind was Vietnam or the military in general.

Even though my grandfather served in WWI and WWII and my father served in WWII, it wasn't until my older brother enlisted in the Army in the spring of '69, that I had a clue about the military and what it meant to "serve our country". The reality of war and why someone would "enlist" when the Draft was active, hit me like a slow moving freight train. As relatives of an Army soldier, my family felt abandoned by the Army when my brother

was wounded in Vietnam. Communication was almost non-existent; and other than a telegram, there was no contact by the Army (we waited for letters from my brother to find out the extent of his injuries).

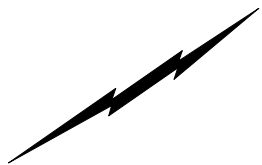
My enlistment in the COANG and my involvement with the State Family Program made me aware of the "Guard Family". Even as retirees, we have a responsibility to teach and preserve our Guard heritage and protect the military family.

I am proud to be associated with the men and women of the Colorado Air National Guard and feel privileged to pay tribute to our Veterans.

As Always,

Jan Love, SMSgt (Ret), COANG

Chairman, Other Side of the Mountain Gang



## Flash (Hot News)

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**Please see the new information on the Reunion (68 Callup) on October 4th on pages 3 & 4.**

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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](mailto:OSOTMG@comcast.net) or our mailing address, OSOTMG, 16059 E. Milan Drive, Aurora, CO 80013.

## BIG THANK YOU!!!!

The following people had made a donation in the past month.

Spike Boyle  
Ken McGill  
William Spesshardt  
Herman Trujillo  
Robert Wise

## Attendance

Joe Ashby  
Judy Ashby  
Cindy Baggett  
Elton Baggett  
Harold Brewer  
Art Bowens  
Joe Broom

Sonja Broom  
Tony Burczyk  
Don Ford  
Kenneth Forrest  
Woody Glazer  
Sy Harjes  
Joe Harnke

Myrt Herbst  
Robert Herbst  
Dewey Hicks  
Chuck Hoffman  
Jan Love  
Mac McCarley  
Tom Moermond

Ann Muniz  
Bill Pickens  
Joan Pickens  
Judy Pock  
Bob Polski  
Lloyd Richards  
Dianna Richards

Joyce Saitta  
Mike Schnurstein  
Susan Schurnstein  
Paul Turner  
Linda Turner

## Sick Call

**Bob Van Sciver** - had a car accident last week, was in hospital over night for cracked ribs and observation, but is home now and doing better.



## Taps



Bill Axton - September 23, 2008

## 1st Timers

None

## GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS

## Date Book

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup>** - COANG Reunion in honor of the 1968, Pueblo Crisis Activation/Deployment. Wings Over the Rockies

**Oct 7<sup>th</sup>** - Gossip Talk about who you saw at the Reunion.

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>** - Thanksgiving Dinner

**Dec2<sup>nd</sup>** - Holiday Celebration with a "To Be Announced Gift Exchange"

**Dec UTA** - 140<sup>th</sup> Wing Family Christmas Party, Hangar 801, date & time to be determined

## Hats for Heroes

Our total is 1915 hats given out to date.

### Committee Members:

**Jan Love**

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**Yolanda Leggett**

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**Dale Bristol**

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## Birthdays

Ruth Allen  
Ray Beckage  
Richard A Bruening  
Art Caldwell  
Alvin Dorsey  
Robin Ecklund  
John France  
Joy Gates  
Dee Hawkins  
Dannie Heinz  
Cathy Kenworthy



Robert Kenworthy  
Connie Moos  
Patty Navarette  
Chris Perkins  
Cindy Rochford  
Jim Sanford  
Teri Schmied  
Bea Van Deest  
Helen Vitale  
Ellen Williams

### '68 Call-Up Reunion Events

#### Friday, 3 Oct 2008

1700 - ?, Cocktail Party sponsored by Other Side of the Mountain Gang  
TREA 39  
15821 E. Centretch Circle  
Aurora, CO 80011

#### Saturday, 4 Oct 2008

1200-1400, 140<sup>th</sup> Wing No Host Open House  
Buckley AFB, CO 80011

1830 - ?, Reunion in honor of '68 Call-Up Wings Over the Rockies Museum  
7711 E. Academy Blvd  
Denver, CO 80230

#### Sunday, 5 Oct 2008

0830-1030, Breakfast, sponsored by Other Side of the Mountain Gang  
TREA 39

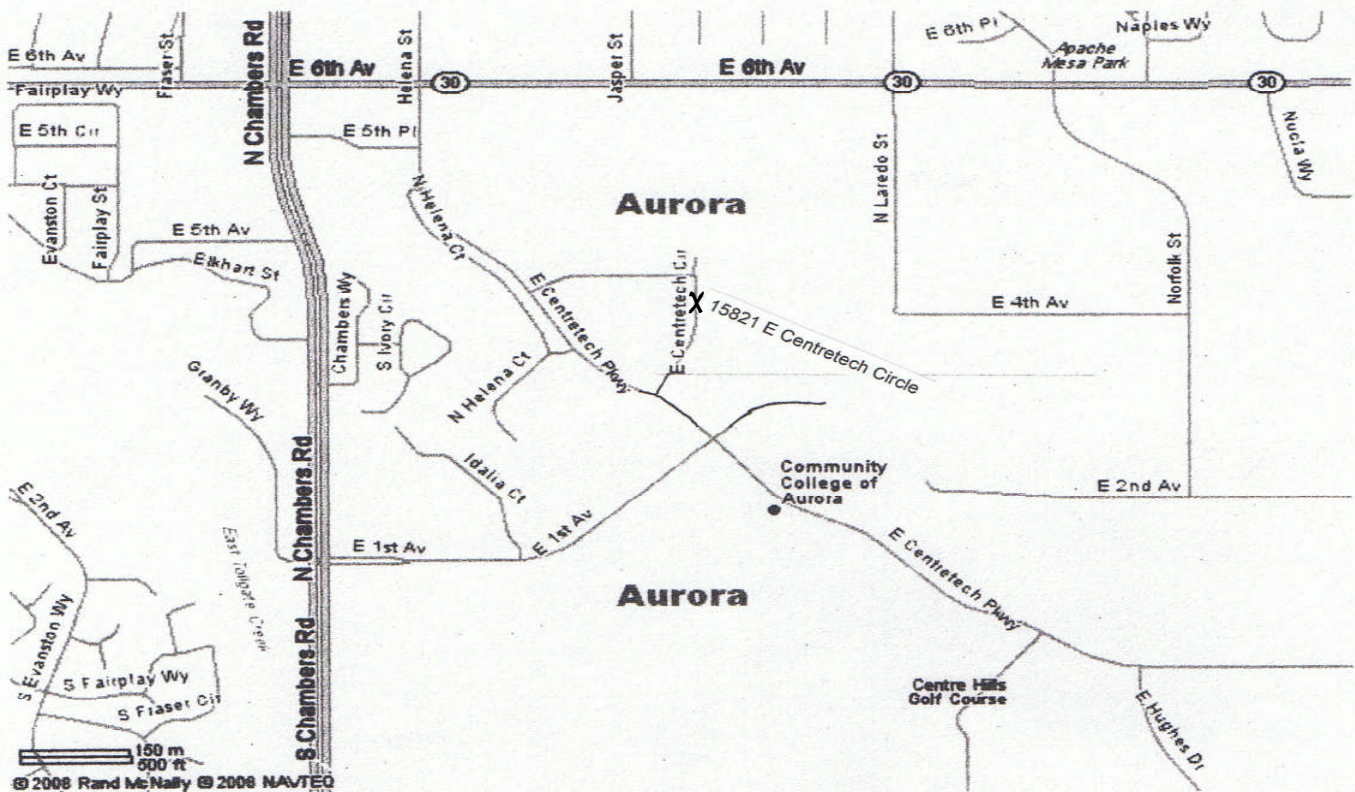
*'68 Call-Up  
Open House*

140<sup>th</sup> Wing  
No-Host Open House

Saturday, 4 October  
from 12:00 to 2:00  
Take Offs: 12:30  
Landings: 1:30

Feel free to visit your former work areas!

*Must have military ID for base access*







**COLORADO AIR NATIONAL GUARD  
HEADQUARTERS 140TH WING  
BUCKLEY AIR FORCE BASE, AURORA, COLORADO**

Brig Gen Trulan A. Eyre  
Commander, 140<sup>th</sup> Wing  
Colorado Air National Guard  
Buckley AFB, CO 80011

3 Oct 08

Dear 140<sup>th</sup> Wing Member,

Welcome back to Colorado, and thank you for making the trip to be here for the 140<sup>th</sup> Wing '68 Call-up Anniversary Recognition and Reunion. As a member of the 140<sup>th</sup> Wing, I am sure you have many memories of your years spent serving the Colorado Air National Guard and are anxious to see old friends and familiar faces.

I would like to personally thank you for your years of service and dedication to the COANG, our great State and our beloved country. Your Wing remains in good hands dedicated to the ideals you have so proudly established. Depending on how long you have been away from the 140<sup>th</sup>, there are some different roles our Wing plays today than in years past to include being the first Air Guard unit in Space with our 137<sup>th</sup> Space Warning Squadron, as well as being an Active Air Defense Unit in support of NORAD with our 24/7 F-16 alert operations. In addition, your Wing continues its support of the Global War on Terror with our 3rd scheduled F-16 rotation to Iraq in May of next year. Also, last month the COANG played an active role in support of our domestic mission as well during the Democratic National Convention held here in Denver; a mission somewhat out of character for an Air Guard Unit. Finally, our 200<sup>th</sup> C-21 Airlift Squadron and Airburst Range continue their world class operations as well.

As a reminder, on Saturday, 4 October, duty stations will be open from 12 noon to 2 p.m. for you to visit and see first hand what is happening where you used to work. The men and women in those areas will be excited to visit with you and hear how it "used to be!" At 1:30 p.m., our F-16's will be returning from a training mission and I have asked them to burn up the pattern a bit so you can see our pride and joy in the air. As a note, please have a DoD card member in your group for access to the base.

The main event on Saturday night is sure to be a memorable one, and I look forward to seeing all of you at Wings over the Rockies. Enjoy the weekend and know how excited we are to host you as we honor our great '68 Call-up veterans, and all who have so proudly served in this Wing.

Sincerely,

TRULAN A. EYRE, Brig Gen, COANG  
Commander