

The Other Side of the Mountain Gang

#### OSOMG NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2007 Joe Broom 2142 S. Harlan St, Denver, CO 80227 303-984-1072

Those of you out of state most likely have heard that Denver has been inundated with lots of snow since Christmas. They are forecasting snow again for the seventh week. They predict it will be light flurries rather than the heavy snows we had at Christmas and New Years and the temperatures will be another cold snap. We did have 28 brave members present at our last meeting. It did warm up some that day, but not much thawing and side streets were snow packed with lots of ruts making

driving difficult. Spike Boyle sent me a copy of an article in the Dec Air Force Times that he felt would be of interest to everybody. I have placed it on the reverse of this page.

HISTORICAL DATA NEEDED: General France called and asked if I could let the retirees know that the National Guard Bureau is looking for names of Guardsmen who became members of the Air National Guard in 1947 when the Army Air Force became the United States Air Force. This apparently ties in with the Air Force's search for names of anyone who was a part of the transition. If you have any names, pictures, or information relating to the transition please call Capt Robert Bell at 720 250-1050. We don't have specifics, but these individuals may be recognized as charter members during a future ceremony or program.

**EXERCISE/TRIPS**: Jan Love wants to let everybody know there is a retiree exercise group called Buckley Busters that meets every Tuesday and Thursday 9 A.M. to 10 A. M. at the Wellness Center on base. They have a lot of fun and prizes. Jan also wants to know if the members are interested in taking a particular bus tour or taking the bus up to Central City or Blackhawk. If you have an interest let her know at the Feb 6<sup>th</sup> meeting or give her a call at 303-693-7538.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Don & Neysa Neary 303-695-8940; Betty Buck 303-344-1319; Joe & Sonja Broom 303-984-1072; Dewey & Gloria Hicks; Bill & Jan Axton; Bill & Joan Pickens 303-699-4647.

<u>CARDS/LETTERS</u>: Greetings from John & Margaret Adams, Bill & Linda Doty, Charles & Betty Johnson, Ed & Pauline Morrisey, Bill & Anne Neuens (sent 9 hats from Florida), Steve & Mary Jo Pahs, and Walter Wilson

**BIRTHDAYS**: Joe Ashby, Jan Axton, Harold Brewer, Ralph Evans, Cheryl Harnke, Dan Harnke, Chuck Hoffman, Bob Huffman, John Levan, Marie Linam, Onika McCash, Gerrie Pawley, Bill Peoples, Debbie Popovich, Leon Rittenhouse (92), Eva Shreeve, Jim Thigpen, Bob Zepp.

**SICK CALL**: Neysa Neary had lumpectomy surgery. She is feeling good and things are going well. Joan Pickens will be having surgery on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>. We wish her well. Sonja continues to have back problems. She saw a specialist and she has two cysts, a couple discs off center and loss of fluid in lower back and will have injections. The specialist feels this will alleviate the pain. Ernie Nold is home after his bout with pneumonia and has home therapy. He says hello to everybody and misses coming to the meetings. Bob Talbot is doing better and will come and is at home after spending 3 months in assisted living. He will have home therapy for a while. They hope to attend our next meeting.

"OSOMG HATS FOR HEROES" PROGRAM: For those of you who do not live in Colorado, could you please send Sonja the phone number of the Public Affairs office at the base where you shop. She and a yarn shop owner are trying to start our hats program in other states. A big thank you to the Aurora Knitters. Since mid Dec they have made over 100 hats for our program. On Jan 25 Sonja got a call from a woman in Scottsbluff NE letting us know she is knitting hats and passing the information to others in Scottsbluff. She worked at the Finance Center in the early 1980's and lived in Denver for many years. Our information was passed to her by one of our knitters in Aurora.

**2007 MEETING SCHEDULE**: Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1, Jun 5, Jul 10, Aug 7, Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, and Dec 4.

"Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet may be fighting some kind of battle."

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Listen up.

As the end of the year approaches, it's a good time to take stock of your financial situation to see whether you're generally on track with your goals for saving, investing and getting out

— or staying out — of debt.

While you're at it, it's a good idea to make sure your paperwork and designations on these accounts are in order.

Life insurance is the biggest concern for most people. Is the beneficiary designation up to date? When you were single, you might have designated your not

designated your mother as the beneficiary. But if you are married now, with children, do you still want your insurance payout to go to your mother?

Military units generally help service members with these issues, but sometimes things fall through the cracks.

Everybody needs to think about these matters, including spouses

who make decisions about their beneficiaries.

Beyond life insurance, you also should examine your checking, savings and other financial accounts. If you die, would your

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Raymond Andreno, who lives near Fort Campbell, Ky., warns military families to ask their bank about how to establish this access. Andreno, a former bank executive, recently opened a joint

account with his wife, a retired officer, and later noticed a discrepancy while reading the disclosures pamphlet. He was shocked to find that the bank had automatically signed them up with an account designated as "joint without right of survivorship."

If something happened to him or his wife, their checking account funds would be frozen until the estate was settled in probate.

In many cases, banks or credit unions will ask you about this designation when you set up the account. If you want your spouse

- or another person — to have continued access to the money, you should establish the account as "joint with right of survivorship."

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may require a phone call or a trip
to the bank

There are other reasons service members should be aware of these joint account designations, said Les Ketzer, a wills attorney who focuse on preventing and resolving inla ritance battles.

It could p esent inheritance problems for you if your sibling has a joint count with a parent for example. Chances are you're not living in the same town as your parents, but a sister or brother may be.

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one can pay his bills if he is inca pacitated. The problem, Kotzer said, is that "when Dad dies, the sister owns it... That joint account

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that "when Dad dies, the sister owns it. ... That joint account [with right of survivorship] overrides the will."

If your sibling has a joint bank

account with your parent
Active advises asking
your parent about the
designation. "Ask
your father: Are yo
aware that if you
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her?" he said.

This applies not just to bank accounts but to other assets as well, such as houses.

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## OSOMG NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2007 Joe Broom 2142 S. Harlan St, Denver, CO 80227 303-984-1072

The February meeting was very interesting. Kimberly Hoskins, a high school student, came out and did an outstanding presentation on "What it Means To Be An American" from the point of view of Jessica Lynch. General Edwards briefed on the 140<sup>th</sup> Wing upcoming activities and events, preparing for ORI's and inspections. General Clark talked to us about the National Guard Association's upcoming conference, Military Ball, encouraging retirees to remain members of the Association and life time

membership. Lt. Col Barbara J. Wilkham talked about gathering information on history of those who were in the Guard during the transition from Army Air Force to the United States Air Force.

STAYING CONNECTED: In a previous newsletter I mentioned I was asked what our group is about and what we do. My reply was staying connected and in touch with those with whom we served. Your COANG Historical Society and OSOMG Committee selected "Staying Connected" as a theme for the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum. This always brings out a large attendance and will be an opportunity to see the changes to COANG Museum Room. There will be a catered lunch. We're in the planning stages, so mark your calendars and more information will be in future newsletters.

MEETING PLACE: The AF High Frontier Dining Hall has been re-opened as the Newtch's Lounge. No food service is available at this time. Some asked about the possibility of our group meeting there. Sonja and I visited the facility and will report our findings at the March meeting.

**HISTORICAL DATA NEEDED**: The National Guard Bureau is looking for names of Guardsmen who became members of the Air National Guard in 1947 when the Army Air Force became the United States Air Force. Please call Capt Robert Bell at 720 250-1050. We don't have specifics, but these individuals may be recognized as charter members during a future ceremony or program.

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MILITARY BALL: March 27, 2007, at Doubletree Hotel, Stapleton, South of I-70 on Quebec. It will be an enjoyable evening. There will be a farewell for Gov. Bill Owens, a welcome to Gov Bill Ritter, and a retirement ceremony for MG Mason Whitney, Adjunct General. Music will be provided by the Air Force Academy Falconaires (big band music), and a DJ for contemporary dance music. Photo sitting and first photo is free. Retirees pay at their retirement rank. For information/tickets contact Janelle Darnell at 720-250-1500 or janelle darnell@dms.stape.co.us.

NGACO CONFERENCE: National Guard Association of Colorado annual conference will be 20-22 April 2007 at the Marriott Mountain Resort and Spa. There's a golf tournament on Friday morning and lots of other amenities. For more information contact Deb Wray at 720-250-1566.

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<u>CARDS/LETTERS</u>: Dan & Sharon Banach, Ron & Colleen Carlson, Angie Minnehan, Dennis & Kathie Simpson, and Mike & Ginger Sorenson.

BIRTHDAYS: Dan Banach, Joe Broom, Felipe Carraseo, DeWayne Ebertowski, Jay Gates, Neil Hewitt, Gloria Hicks, Ken Hollenbeck, John Kirkpatrick, George McGraw, Arvey Mason, Neysa Neary, Jack Pierce, Larry Schlager, Nancy Spahr, Gordon Terroux, and Toby Tobias

SICK CALL: Joan Pickens had some complications and had more surgery-still in the hospital and latest news she's sitting up and eating light food. Jan Axton has some problems with her foot brace. She hopes to be at the next meeting. Ken Forrest had knee surgery on 23 Feb.

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#### OSOMG NEWSLETTER **MARCH 2007** Joe Broom 2142 S. Harlan St, Denver, CO 80227 303-984-1072

This has been a busy month. The Military Ball was an enjoyable evening with an impressive ceremony of MG Mason Whitney relinquishing his command as The Adjunct General of the Colorado National Guard and BG Michael Edwards accepting the command as The Adjunct General. Southeast Denver Rotary Club had a Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast and invited Sonja and I to talk about our group and hats program. There were several who were interested in helping with the hats program. Spring time is here and the grass is really green and growing. I had to get the lawn mower out to cut the grass and it's too soon for lawn mowing.

**STAYING CONNECTED**: Our yearly event, in conjunction with the COANG Air Heritage Committee, at the Wings over the Rockies Museum will be Tuesday, 10:45 A.M, May 1, 2007. A catered lunch will be served at 11:15 A.M. The food will be catered by Bennett's BBQ. The menu is BBQ beef and chicken, BBQ beans, potato salad, coleslaw, bread, cookies, and brownies. Drinks are ice tea, lemonade, and coffee. Cost per person is \$15. RSVP by Apr 24th to Joe or Sonja at 303-984-1072. Make check payable to OSOMG and mail to Joe Broom 2142 So. Harlan St Denver, CO 80227. Several are working to make this an enjoyable event. Contact someone to come with you and join others in staying connected. MEETING PLACE: From comments at our meeting all indications are that by our August meeting we will be meeting at the AF Dining Hall on base that has been converted into the Newtchs Club. We may be able to have catered food. More information and location will be provided when finalized. **CALL FOR ARTIFACTS**: We are seeking artifacts for display at JFHQ Revere Parkway Centennial

Colorado. We need items from WWII thru Desert Storm. No weapons. Items can be anything from a menu obtained in a foreign land to a uniform. POC-David Schmidt-Heritage Director. 720-250-1131. "OSOMG HATS FOR HEROES PROGRAM": During the March UTA (17-18 Mar) we delivered nearly 300 hats to Air Guard Troops that had served in the war and had returned. We have now delivered/sent nearly 700 hats to both Army and Air Guard troops. We will continue with the program as more troops from both Army and Air National Guard will be deploying in 2007.

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FIRST TIMERS: Ken Bristol, David Rubeck, Henry & Linda Wales, and Jeff & Elnora Williams. **BIRTHDAYS**: Sonja Broom, Barry Brown, Billy Gallimore, Donald Garrison, Neil Jordan, Greg Krzyzak, H.H. McCalley, Ione Miles, Burke Mosely, Vee Reid, Sandy Sanchez, Katie Simpson, Ken Smith, Shirley Sutton, Dianna Thebado, and Mary Kay Wray.

**CARDS/LETTERS:** Greetings from Mark & Jane Bashaw, Larry & Jan Engel, Armin & Jane Lichtfuss, Ken Mc Gill, Chris & Jeanna Perkins, David Rubeck, and Tom & Vivian Schultz.

**SICK CALL**: Jan Axton is having slow progress, but things are getting better. Ken Forrest had a knee replacement with good results and is in therapy. Joan Pickens is improving but still feels tired and hopes to be back soon. Shirley Sutton has had hip surgery and progress is slow but she is getting better. Judy Pock (a new member) had both knees replaced March 19<sup>th</sup>.

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JOE & SONJA'S 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: You're invited to our open house to celebrate our 25 years together on Saturday, 7 April, from 1-4 P.M. The address is 9227 West Dartmouth Place, Lakewood CO. Please RSVP to us by 4 April at 303-984-1072 for directions to the celebration. **2007 MEETING SCHEDULE**: Apr 3, May 1, Jun 5, Jul 10, Aug 7, Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4.

Words of Wisdom: "You can never tell about women, and if you can, you shouldn't."

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Baseball is in the air, and the Colorado Rockies season has started. I read about a husband who was glued to the TV. It looked like the pitcher would throw a no hitter. His wife, who thinks baseball is boring, was walking through the room asked why the crowd was so excited. "It's a perfect game," he answered and asked if she knew what that is. "Yeah, that's when the game is over," she replied.

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NEW MEETING PLACE: Randy Henline gave an update on the Newtch's Lounge at our April meeting. They will be able to provide a limited menu and will have a daily special. Members present voted to meet there at our June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The building is the old AF Dining Facility located just east of the entrance to the AF Space Complex restricted area. We will provide more details in next newsletter. "OSOMG HATS FOR HEROES PROGRAM": We've received several thanks for the hats and will be giving out some more on April 22, 2007 to troops who will be going to Iraq. Neysa & Don Neary, Joan & Bill Pickens, and Sonja & Joe Broom appreciate those who have made hats, donated yarn or money, making the hats program a success. If you would like to help, we will let you know what is needed. FIRST TIMERS: Welcome to Mary-Lou Lone and Roderick Λ. Williams.

**BIRTHDAYS**: Sharon Banach, Ron Barron, Art Bowens, John Candelaria, Jeanie Gallimore, Jim Hazel, Bob Herbst, Elaine Lambert, Helen & Pat McCabe, Ernie Nold, Nichele Rowan, Carole Smith, and Janice Teasdale.

<u>CARDS/LETTERS</u>: Mark & Janet Bashaw, Larry & Jan Engel, George Fisher, Armin & Jane Lichtfuss, Bill Pelletier, Chris & Jeanna Perkins, Dave Rubeck, Tom & Vivian Schultz, and Bill Snyder.

<u>SICK CALL</u>: I haven't received any new information. It was great having Bill & Joan Pickens, Bob & Shirley Talbot, Bill & Jan Axton, and Ken Forrest in attendance again.

<u>TAPS</u>: Leon C. Rittenhouse, who was 95 years old. He retired from the Navy and Civil Service at Lowry. He enjoyed our group and was a faithful attendee until he injured his back and couldn't drive. **2007 MEETING SCHEDULE**: May 1, Jun 5, Jul 10, Aug 7, Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, and Dec 4.

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