



# OSOTMG NEWS

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NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020. WE SOCIALIZE AT 11 AM. THE MEETING STARTS AT 11:45 AM AT THE PANTHER'S DEN WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE AF DINING FACILITY ON BUCKLEY AFB. THERE ARE 35 PANTHER'S DEN PARKING SPOTS AND YOU CAN EAT AT THE DINING FACILITY. THERE IS A OPEN BAR IN THE ROOM. SO, COME AND ENJOY REMINISCING WITH YOUR FRIENDS!!

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## NOVEMBER 7, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Invocation by Paul Turner.

Our first timer was Gary Philips from Avionics.

Our guest speaker was LTC Acosta from the 140 Comm Flt who has spent 20 years at Buckley starting out as an enlisted person. The Comm Flt is taking on a new mission, Cyber Mission Defense. The traditional ground communication is being eliminated for this unit. Cyber Mission Defense is designed to protect our F-16 fleet for interfering Cyber communications inside the aircraft. The unit will analyze computer traffic, determine its IPS origin, block interference with the aircraft preventing bad actors from compromising the aircrafts operation. Buckley will be the first unit to test new advanced programs and will have a 5G site installed by the Unisys Corp. and work with the Active Duty USAF folks on the base. No positions are being lost. It will require over 200 hours of training to transition the unit to this new mission.

The December Christmas 140 Wing wide party with Santa Claus and the F-16 has been eliminated this year since so many folks are downrange. Their will be individual unit potluck get together at 1300 on December Sunday UTA. All previous members are invited.

Hope will have 1250 FREE Military Night Stock Show and General admission Tickets for January 21, 2020 at the January 2020 OSOTMG meeting.

Get your portraits for PRIDE III Album, and purchase the album by the end of December.

Dewey said that we had 60 Folks paid for at the Veterans Salute. The 2020 Veterans Salute will celebrate 75 years of the end of WWII.

Joyce said that the 2020 NGACO State Conference will be last weekend in April 2020 and will include a Military Ball. Location to be determined. Last Saturday, November 2, NGACO had its first quarterly event at the FOE Eagles. Life memberships are available at a reduced rate and can be set up on a monthly payment basis. Joyce will run again for Retiree Director for NGACO in 2020.

Sick Call were Pete Triolo and a Jan Love. Taps were John Hoekstra and Elaine Adair/Stackhouse.

Janet Clark said that there is a USAF Craft Fair on Friday, December 6, 1100-1800 at the Leadership Development Center.

Next meeting will be December 4, 2019 at the Panthers Den/Community Center bldg. 630.

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HEALTHCARE-WEST

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#### **TRICARE for Life**

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#### **TREA 39**

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#### **COANG INFO**

140 WG Phone App

DECEMBER 4, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Invocation by Paul Turner.

Our guest speaker was LTC Hope Shrader. She talked about the National Western Stock Show Military night, January 21, 2020. She has FREE tickets for distribution and retirees are eligible. Also, the tickets can be made available at the Stock Show Will Call by Hope Shrader. It also, includes all day free admission. The COANG will be returning to Volk Field in the summer of 2020. There will be about 600 folks deployed with an ORI including Gas Mask practice and other remote standalone practices that has been neglected on downrange deployments. The UTA Christmas party is at the individual units with a potluck at 1300 on Sunday. Technician Christmas party is on 20 December, 1100 at the COANG Dining Facility. It is a lot different that years previous and has a "Onsie" contest(wear your adult Onsie), food and cookies and a lot of other fun things to do. All are welcome, but no kids.

Dewey talked about the Veteran's Salute which we had 60 paid folks at the celebration. See the photos on the last page. Next year the theme will be a celebration of 75 years of the end of WWII.

Retirement is TSG Ty Shrader.

Janet Clark said that there is a Craft Show at the USAF Community Center, Friday, 6 December, 1100-1600.

Taps: John Bond

Birthdays present: Dewey Hicks

The Colorado Pride III will be rapped up by the end of December, so order your copy now.

Joyce briefed us about the NGACO Conference 24-26 April 2020. The theme is the "Roaring 20s". There will be a military spouse function, Education seminar, Vendors, and guest speakers. The military ball is on Saturday, 25 April 2020. The probable location is the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs.

Folks need to become life members of the National organizations to lobby for causes such as continued FREE Tricare for Life.

Next meeting is Wednesday, JANUARY 8, 2020 since the AF Dining Facility/Community Center

NOVEMBER 7, 2019 ATTENDANCE \*1ST TIMER

Dewey Hicks	Roderick Williams
Paul Turner	*Edgar Acosta
Linda Turner	Janet Clark
Judy Pock	
Hope Shrader	
Robert Nessler	
Chuck Hoffman	
Herman Klap	
Peggy Klap	
*Gary Philips	
Joe Butkovich	
Dan Heinz	
Tom Ortega	
Joyce Saitta	
Mike Paradise	
Jan Love	
James Gilmore	

DECEMBER 4, 2019 ATTENDANCE \*1ST TIMER

Dewey Hicks	Jerry Kelsey
Joyce Saitta	
Joe Butkovich	
Janet Clark	
Dan Gay	
Harry Wales	
Paul Turner	
Linda Turner	
Angelo Gurrini	
Hope Shrader	
Art Bowens	
Dan Heinz	
Robert Nessler	
Roderick Williams	
James Gilmore	
Dee Hawkins	
Bonnie Rought	

JANUARY 8, 2020 ATTENDANCE \*1ST TIMER

Janet Clark	Art Bowens
Dewey Hicks	Leo Seeba
Gary Philips	* Art Deberard
Harry Wales	Shirley Pfister
Art Bowens	Dan Gay
Lisa Perry	Paul Turner
Robert Nessler	Linda Turner
James Gilmore	Tom Schultz
Rod Williams	Dan Heinz
Dale Bristol	Jerry Kelsey
Bill Frazier	Dee Hawkins
Bonnie Rought	Mike Bruno
Hope Shrader	

JANUARY 8, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag of The United States of America and the invocation by Paul Turner.

Our guest speaker was Col Mike Bruno, 233rd Space Group Commander. He briefed us about the newly stood up branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, The Space Force. 14th AF will become first MajCom -Space Operations Command, "SPOCK" and the second MajCom in Colorado called the "STAR" Command. The first 4 star General will be General Raymond and will have a seat on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. There are 16,000 personnel in the USAF that will be transferred to The Space Force. The Space Force will be assigned to the Secretary of The Air Force Under the Department of The Air Force, but not directly under the command of the Air Force. It is like the Marines are to the Navy with their own 4 star on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Buckley AFB will be renamed Buckley Space Force Base, along with Shriver AFB etc. The new Director of Space National Guard is our former COANG member, BGen Gregory White will be the first National Guard Space Director as a 2 or 3 star General under the General Lengyel, the Director of the National Guard Bureau. The only "wrinkle" is that Congress forgot to create a Space National Guard. So, this is being discussed at the highest level for FY 2021. And there are 1100 folks in 10 states that need to be assigned to the Space National Guard. The Space National Guard will include both Army National Guard and Air National Guard personnel. The Colorado Space National Guard will fall directly under the Space National Guard, not like it was under the 140 Wing. At the state level, they will be directly assigned to the The Adjutant General of each state and will probably have an Assistant Adjutant General for Space for each state. Currently the COANG makes up 40% of the presence of space operations in the ANG nationwide and the COARNNG makes up 80% of the space operations in the National Guard nationwide. The current 233rd Space Group is one of the first units to pioneer the Air National Guard in Space operations and will probably be the lead in future operations. The rumored name for military members is "Guardians", but this is not firm at this time. And the uniforms and other accouterments are still being fleshed out. The 140 Wing is still on target to receive F-35s and it is not a matter of "if" but "when" this will happen. With the forward planning of Buckley's Noise buffer zone, the noisier F-35s will be safe to locate at our Buckley Airfield instead of a new site in Colorado. Other units such as Alabama are ahead of us. We will also require new alert hangers since ours are over twenty years old.

Command Chief Perry briefed us about COANG operations. The COANG is currently home from deployments and is working with our allied partners from Slovenia and Jordan here at Buckley. In 2019, the 140 Med Grp deployed to New York and performed a humanitarian mission to two small towns serving 1100 folks with a 1.1 million dollar spent with 161 personnel along with other units. The 140 Wing AEF deployed to Korea with the AF for a long mission utilizing 12 F-16s. At Buckley, the 140 Wing flew 2500 training flying hours meeting all mission goals. 140 CE deployed to Guam and performed bomb damaged rapid runway repairs in under 90 minutes. The new AGE building broke ground with completion in 2021. There were two Group Command changes and one Wing command change in the summer of 2019. In 2020, the COANG will have a Capstone UEI Compliance Inspection, 11-16 June and will deploy 700 folks to Volk Field 19 July-4 Aug for a phase II inspection including actual NBC training- only 30% of current COANG members have trained in this area of combat scenarios. Future trips to Slovenia and Jordan are planned in 2020. The Technician to AGR conversion is 60% AGR, 30% Technician and 10% Title 5. Conversions are slowing down for 2020 to accommodate long serving Technicians staying in position.

The NGACO State Conference will be held in DENVER 24-26 APRIL 2020, NOT COLORADO SPRINGS, LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED. Stock show tickets are available for 21 January 2020 for Rodeo and General Admission from Hope.

The Veterans Salute for 2020 at the Wings Museum will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII.

Sick Call were Peggy Seiler and Sally Howard. Taps: Jan Love's daughter Sarah at age 26.

Retirement is LTC Neff, 140 Maint, 1430 Saturday UTA.

Birthday present was Dan Gay.

Next meeting will be 1100, February 5, 2020 at the Panthers Den with the guest speaker, our new 140 Wing Commander, Col "Zeus" Fesler.

**NOVEMBER 2019 BIRTHDAYS**

Joan Alford  
 Jim Alford  
 Sandy Barron  
 Ileen Bernhardt  
 Twana Bridgman  
 Debbie Cable  
 Richard Cardenas  
 William Cardinal  
 George Clark  
 Pat Colalillo  
 Sue Davis  
 Andrea Fitzgerald  
 Colleen Gunning  
 Barbara Hoesktra  
 Violet Hoffman  
 Sally Jensen  
 Jerry Jones Sr.  
 Judie Lehman  
 Don Mandonado  
 Mindy Mathay  
 Diana Mcgraw  
 Chuck Mcnelley  
 Diane Miller  
 Jim Miskien  
 Eric Moe  
 Dan Moore  
 Bill Musslewhite

Faith Muzy  
 Robert Quinn  
 Elizabeth Robert  
 Randy Rought  
 Delles Schneider  
 Eddie Shreeve  
 Keith Smith  
 Michelle Steffey  
 Steve Taylor  
 May Trumble  
 Patricia Thurmond  
 Linda Turner  
 Betty Valiant  
 Jim Wilhoit  
 Jim Winders

**Sick Call****Taps**

Jan Love  
 Bob Huffman  
 Pete Triolo  
 Peggy Seiler  
 Sally Howard

Chris Cheney  
 Dave Micklewright  
 John Hoesktra  
 Elaine Adair/Stackhouse  
 John Bond  
 Sarah Love

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2019/2020****March**

4th OSOTMG MEETING  
 8th Daylight Savings Begins  
 17th St. Patricks' Day  
 1st OSOTMG MEETING  
 12th Easter

**April****May****June****July**

6th OSOTMG MEETING  
 10th Mother's Day  
 16th Armed Forces Day  
 3rd OSOTMG MEETING  
 20th 1st day of summer  
 21 Fathers Day  
 1st OSOTMG MEETING  
 4th Independence Day

**DECEMBER 2019**

Joann Barber  
 Joe Butkovitch  
 Bettina Bledsoe  
 Lee Braun  
 Jon Bridgman  
 Angela Cavener  
 Bob Cherry  
 John Conroy  
 Mark Covalt  
 Jack Darveau  
 David Davis  
 Kevin Dorsey  
 Donald Goe  
 Russ Gottenbor  
 David Hatch  
 Terry Hatchett  
 Nancy Heinle  
 Dewey Hicks  
 Lois Hoops  
 Bryan Jordan  
 Beverly Kalcits  
 Estring Kidston  
 Peggy Klapp  
 Craig Laufert  
 Yolanda Leggett

Andy Love  
 Ken Love  
 Don Lovisone  
 Ken Lucero  
 Dee MacLaughlin  
 Barbara Maldonado  
 Margaret McGaffin  
 Jim Mielke  
 Evan Mitchell  
 Don Neary  
 Rosemary Paolilo  
 Larry Peters  
 Mike Popovich  
 Diane Richards  
 Susan Schnurstein  
 Greg Short  
 Dennis Simpson  
 Brenda Stevens  
 Rose Suprenant  
 Martha Ann Taylor  
 Wayne Taylor  
 Faye Weickum  
 Pepper Weimer

**Birthdays****JANUARY 2020**

Suzanne Andrews  
 Joe Ashby  
 Jan Axton  
 Bonnie Asher  
 Ralph Bernhardt  
 Bill Blumberg  
 Linda Coble  
 LouAnn Covalt  
 John Christopher  
 Charlotte Farmer  
 Smokey Fields  
 Dan Gay  
 Darrell Hanson  
 Kay Harnke  
 John Hickey  
 Ben Irvin  
 Mai Jordan  
 Karen Kyritz  
 John Le Van  
 Verlene Lee  
 Reed Lutz  
 Jo McDonald  
 William McGaffin

Ron McHenry  
 Sandy Overfield  
 Geraldine Pawley  
 Ellen Nishiki  
 Shirley Pfister  
 Deb Popovich  
 Tom Rochford  
 Val Rodekohr  
 Hazel Rutter  
 Eva Shreve  
 Dianna Seiler  
 Hal Smethills  
 Jerry Smith  
 Curt Squire  
 James Weickum  
 Deb Wray  
 Tamsen Thistlehawk-  
 Ranck  
 James Tipton



VETERANS SALUTE AT WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES MUSEUM 6 NOV 2019