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NEXT IN PERSON MEETING IS FEBRUARY 1, 2023, 1100 AT TREA 39, 15821 E CENTRE TECH CIRCLE, AURORA, CO. COME AT 1030 TO SOCIALIZE. WE INTEND TO ALSO INTEGRATE A ZOOM CONNECTION FOR THOSE FOLKS WHO CANNOT BE THERE IN PERSON. CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR ZOOM REQUIREMENTS OR OUR "OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN GANG" FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFO.

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AUGUST 3, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

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

Our guest speakers were CMSgt Davis from CE and CMSgt Phillips from 140 MSG. Chief Davis deployed for 6 months to Kuwait with a 2 1/2 year home cycle. Our aircraft deploy for 6 months with a 1 1/2 year home rotation. The deployment is the Agile Combat Deployment of aircraft with a rotation of 3 aircraft at a time to three or more remote sites using a hub and spoke concept to keep the enemy off guard about our location. A total of 200 airmen will deploy with 20 to the remote sites. The hub resupplies the remote locations as needed. This September the 140 Wing will do a mock aircraft deployment to 3 locations and the aircraft will all meet in the air for their assigned targets. CE will deploy to Nebraska to support those 26 sorties. The airmen deploying will be cross trained to perform duties outside of their AFSC, such as mechanics doing refueling or security duty. Chief Phillips came over from the 460 space wing from Security Police and now is the 140 Mission Support Group Superintendent He came to introduce himself and provide support for our group with the 140 Wing. We need to get back to interacting with units about who is retiring and attending unit functions in addition to predeployment functions. For an airmen ETS or retiring it is mandatory 12 months from separation to attend the Transition Assistance Program.

Chief Saitta encouraged all airmen to join NGACO and go to NGACO.org for more info. The State Conference is at the end of April 2023 at a location to be announced.

Sick Call: Bill Seiler, Leo Seeba, Dan Candelaria, and Steve Mills.

Taps; Col Kirk Clark and Cookie Clark.

Next meeting at TREA39 at 1100, September 7, 2022.

WE ALWAYS NEED YOUR DONATIONS; Contribution Checks should be made payable to "OSOTMG" can be mailed to Paul Turner at 1945 Ensenada St., Aurora, CO 80011-5353.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

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

Our guest speakers in order are SSgt Alex Curray, 140 PA, Col Michael Bruno Deput Director DMVA and Chief of Joint Staff for CONG, and Mr John Rohrer 140 PA. SSg Curray briefed us about the REV, Readiness Exercise Validation for 4 days, 24 hrs a day at Buckley, Scottsbluff Nebraska, and Pueblo, simulating the 140 Wings capability for deployment. There will be a lot of flying, chem gear practice and deployment exercises from September 22-25. The three parts of the DMVA is the Civil Air Patrol doing STEM training, Search and Rescue missions, and Flying PPE, vaccines to small airports for COVID support. The second part DMVA supports the County Veteran's Service office acting as a liaison with the VA for veterans benefits. DMVA runs the State's only Veteran's Cemetery at Grand Junction with 6 employees. The third part of DMVA is the oversight of all Colorado Air and Army Guardsman. The two issues are first the status of the Space National Guard which is in the House NDAA bill but not yet in the Senate SAF bill. Four hundred members of the 233rd Grp, COANG are doing Space National Guard functions, but are orphaned and assigned to the 140 Wing as a part of the ANG Nationally. The Space Force is still supported logistically by the USAF for areas such as Medical, Supply, Security, Transport and so forth like the Marine Corps is to the Navy. The other issue is the recapitalization of our 40 year old F-16s to a newer aircraft. The Adjutant General's Strategic Guidance Plan emphasizing People, Readiness and Modernization is available on the CONG website.

The Veteran's Salute 75th USAF Anniversary, November 3, 2022 at 0900 with luncheon at 1100 at The Hyatt Regency on Colfax across from Anschutz, for \$10 per person by check to the Other Side of the Mountain Gang, starting at 0900. Jan Love is the POC and send the money to her or let her know through OSOTMG@comcast.net. The Governor's Ball Dining Out on November 19, at the Omini Interlocken Hotel raising funds for the National Guard Relief Fund.

Chief Saitta, our NGACO retiree director spoke about the 51st conference for EANGUS. The Tri-care contractor might be Humana in the future. Check out EANGUS website for enlisted financial help and other concerns. The NGACO conference is the last weekend in April 2023 with the location to be announced. Check out life membership in EANGUS and NGACO.

Sick call: Bill Pickens

Taps: Angelo Gurrini, Salvatore Villano, Dale Brown

Birthdays present: Dannie Heinz, Bonnie Rought

Next meeting is October 5, 2022 at Trea 39, 1100.

AUGUST 3, 2022 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

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| Paul Turner | Susan Schnurstein |
| Linda Turner | Robert Nessler |
| Jan Love | Bonnie Rought |
| Jerry Kelsey | Dale Brown |
| Roderick Williams | Dan Heinz |
| Dewey Hicks | Shirley Pfister |
| David Bell | Anna Kobashigawa |
| Joyce Saitta | Harrel Lambert |
| Byron Phillips | *CMSgt Davis |
| Christopher Davis | *CMSgt Phillips |
| Mike Schnurstein | |

SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

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| Jan Love | Bonnie Rought |
| Roderick Williams | Robert Nessler |
| Dan Gay | *Michael Bruno |
| Paul Turner | Anna Kobashigawa |
| Linda Turner | Shirley Pfister |
| Dewey Hicks | Cliff Wagner |
| Dave Bell | Joe Butkovich |
| John Rohrer | Allie Bess |
| Alex Cury | Joyce Saitta |
| Dan Heinz | Sue Andrews |

OCTOBER 5, 2022 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

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| Roderick Williams | Joyce Saitta |
| Paul Turner | Dan Gay |
| Linda Turner | Anna Kobashigawa |
| Dewey Hicks | Shirley Pfister |
| Jim Buckner | Joe Butkovich |
| Art Bowens | Bonnie Rought |
| David Bell | * CMSgt Tim Buckner |
| Mike Schnurstein | |
| Susan Schnurstein | |
| Jan Love | |

OCTOBER 5, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

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

Our guest speaker is CMSgt Tim Buckner, 140 Maint Grp. The Chief was Avionics in the USAF on F-117s and had a ten year break in service. He joined the COANG around 9-11 as a traditional Guardsman and was activated after 3 UTAs for Operation Iraqi Freedom. After that tour he was hired as a Technician since 2003 in the Avionics shop. The recent REV(ORI) Readiness exercise using the Agile Combat Deployment Exercise with 6 aircraft at Buckley as the Hub. The spokes were at Pueblo with 3 aircraft and at Scotts Bluff Nebraska with 3 aircraft. This ACE was from January thru April and Hub and the exercise went well. Last summer we deployed to MCAS Miramar and exercised with the F-18s. The units are looking at future Green Flag to Savannah or Red Flag deployments. This is required before going downrange. Futures deployments are changing from Rainbowing with other units to going back to deploying the entire 140 Wing downrange. This will be challenging with using all airmen including the traditional Guardsmen for an extended periods of time. Our aircraft are aging dramatically and the hope is for F-35s. The problem is with the increased noise level and logistical and community support for this aircraft. Our sister unit in Wisconsin received their F-35s recently. The annual Christmas party is Sunday UTA December 3 in the Hangar. On 22 October the Wing is having a Senior induction ceremony for new Master Sergeants. There is a change of Command Ceremony during October UTA with Col Noyer to MSG to Col Piper to MSG. Chief Scott is retiring October UTA. Tragically a traditional status airman, SRA Daniel Willmoth, a private pilot instructor, died in a tragic mid air collision a few days ago. He worked in the Weapons shop and was applying for a commission and become an F-16 pilot.

Veteran's Salute November 3 at the Hyatt Regency and money must be turned in by October 14 to Jan Love. Eight signed up so far.

The Colorado National Guard Governors Military Ball at the Omni Interlocken Hotel in Broomfield on November 19th.

Chief Saitta briefed on the upcoming NGACO conference 28 thru 30 April 2023 at Beaver Creek Resort, so check on the NGACO.org website to register. Also, become a member for better benefit support.

Sick Call: Chris Perkins, Bill Seiler had a house fire.

Taps: Gordon Mitchell, Sy Harjes, George Miller

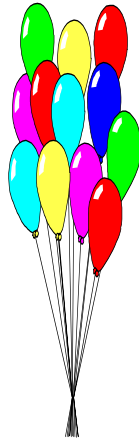
CMSgt Kevin Mills is retiring after 41 years in Hangar 801, Oct 16th at 1500.

Next meeting is Wednesday 1100, November 2, 2022 at Trea 39.

AUGUST 2022 BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Baggett
Ginny Barcroft
Bill Bates
Tom Burlace
Brenda Burns
Nadine Caldwell
Larry Cavener
Maria Clark
Kevin Corns
Michael Dodd
Tammy Dudley
Wendall Elmore
Eileen Fagen
Karen Fisher
Steve Flanagan
Danny Fouts
Paula Greene
Angelo Gurrini
Sue Ann Hatch
Myrt Herbst
Larry Housley
Pauline Jaouen
Tony Lucero

Lynn Miller
Barbara Minarsky
Eric Moffitt
John Mullin
Joe O'Neil
Thomas Ortega
Greg Parker
Diana Parkos
John Paul
Rona Pierce
John Prentiss
Dinah Rodgers
Jim Sandman
June Sheehan
Golden Sherman
Ron Silvrants
Gloria Swenson
Terry Thompson
Peter Triolo
Orlando Valdez

**Sick Call****Taps**

Chris Perkins
Leo Seeba
Dan Candelaria
Steve Mills
Bill Pickens

Monica Rameriz Kirk Clark
Trent Bateman Cookie Clark
Wendell Ellison George Miller
Shirley Zimmerman
Arvey Mason
Janice Axton
Rod Williams

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2023Feb 2023- 1st OSOTMG MEETING

14th Valentines Day
20th Presidents Day

Mar 2023- 1st OSOTMG MEETING

12th Daylight Savings Starts
17th St Patrick's Day

April 2023- 5th OSOTMG MEETING

9th Easter
17th Tax Day

SEPTEMBER 2022

Ruth Allen
Judy Ashby
Ray Beckage
Kathy Blackwell
Theresa Blumberg
Anita Brown
Rita Buck
Ray Carter
Larry Catlin
Cindy Disney
Alvin Dorsey
Robin Ecklund
Ken Elliott
Judy Gay
Dee Hawkins
Dannie Heinz
Vanessa Irvin
Irwin Kalcits
Cathy Kenworthy
Robert Kenworthy
Dave Kidston
Steven Linn

Larry Mathay
Connie Moos
Patty Navarette
Natalia North
Bill Neuens
Chris Perkins
Michael Pfister
Cindy Rochford
Bonnie Rought
Jim Sanford
Terri Schmied
Leo Seeba
Sabrina Taylor
Bill Thomas
Helen Vitale
Ellen Williams

**Birthdays**OCTOBER 2022

DON ALLEN
JACQUELINA AYMANI
JEAN BRADLEY
CHARLES CABALLER
BARBARA CAMPBELL
MICHAEL CRADER
CINDY CRAMER
JIM DISNEY
GENE EDDY
JEANNINE ETTER
NANCY GLASER
VICTOR HOOPS
DICK JONES
SHARON JONES
KAREN KAMLA
DEANNA KIRKPATRICK
HERMAN KLAPP
RON KROUPA
CHRIS LEE
JANIE LITCHTFUSS
DAVE MCDONALD
DAVE MOOS
MARTHA MUELLER
KAROL MUSSLEWHITE

JOE MUZY
DAN NORTH
PATRICIA OELKERS
KIM ORTEGA
TOM PAOLILO
BECKY PARADISE
LINDA PARKER
CAROL PAUL
BILL PELLETIER
SHIRLEY PITTMAN
PATRICIA QUINN
BOB RODEKOH
KENNY ROGERS
JEFF SANFORD
WAYNE SCHULTZ
JEAN SHARPLEY
STEVE STEENROD
DAVE STEPHENS
BOB SWANSON
DAVID THACKER

Howdy Duty 1st Lt. John Harold Buckley

Editor: Dewey Hicks, COANG Master Sergeant (ret)

Sources: Air Force & Space Force magazine August 2022, American Legion Post 32 website, Longmontleader.com, Longmont Colorado museum, COANG Public Affairs, Buckley Space Force Base Public Affairs, National museum of the Air Force

An article in the August 2022 edition of the Air Force & Space Force magazine featured an article about 1st Lt. John Harold Buckley. As many of us know, the current Buckley Space Force Base, has its name rooted in history. Prior to the Space Force emerging on Buckley. The base had been taken over on 01 October. 2000 by the active duty Air Force. It was the 460th Air Base Wing. The Air Force took the base over from the Colorado Air National Guard. The Air National Guard acquired the base in 1947. It was home to the 120th Fighter Squadron as well as the 140th Fighter Wing (activated in 1950). From 1946 to 1947, the base was Naval Air Station Denver.

During World War II, the Army Air Corps acquired the property that the base now sits on. They named it Buckley Field. This was to commemorate 1st Lieutenant John Harold Buckley, a Longmont Colorado native who served as a pilot during WWI. At the time, Longmont's population was 5,500. Of that number, 79 served overseas and 430 served both stateside and overseas. Many engineers and artillerymen were lost in the war.

John Harold "Buck" Buckley was born 8 July 1895. His parents were Robert Howard Buckley and Grace Buckley Carter Stapp. His sibling was Albert Howard Buckley. "Buck" was very athletic and ran track and played basketball in high school. He attended the University of Colorado - Boulder. In March of 1916, he joined the National Guard. In April of 1917, his unit was federalized. One month before graduation, John Buckley transferred to the Air Service, United States Army. (It was renamed the Army Air Corps in 1926). The Air Service was the beginning of what we know as Command and Control. John Harold Buckley took officer training and was commissioned at Fort Riley Kansas. His pilot training took place at Chanute Field, Illinois. Advanced flight training was completed at Chanute Field, La. By late 1917, his unit was deployed to France.

In France, 1st Lt John Harold Buckley flew the SPAD XIII built by the French aircraft company Societ Pour l'Aviation et ses Derives. It had a v-8 Hispano-Suiza engine rated at 220-hp. The top speed was 135 mph. Two .303 cal. Vickers machine guns were mounted above the engine. Each gun had 400 rounds of ammunition. The Spad XIII had a wingspan of 26'11". Length was 20'8". Height 7'11". Weight 1,815 lbs. The United States did not have a combat fighter of its own. We had to purchase fighters from our allies. The Germans had developed a new generation of fighters. However, the United States and its allies were able to maintain air superiority over the Western Front. The U.S. had several ace pilots. Probably the most well known is Captain Edward Rickenbacker.

12 Sept 1918 - 15 Sept 1918 saw the St. Mihiel Offensive. It was the largest U.S. led offensive of the war. 1st Lieutenant John Harold "Buck" Buckley flew his SPAD XIII At low altitude to drop "hand Bombs" on German ground forces. During a commemorative event held at the Longmont museum, Denver 7 reported that 1st Lt. Buckley and a friend shot down eight aircraft between them. 27 Sept 1918 turned out to be a fateful day for

1st Lt. John Harold "Buck" Buckley. It was the third day of the Meuse-Argonne offensive. The day was rainy, thick clouds prevailed. Lt. Buckley and five other SPAD XIIIIs took off and flew in a pattern waiting for two more pilots. A SPAD flown by 1st Lt. Kenneth Bell was seen flying head on towards 1st Lt. Buckley. Both planes dived and turned away, but the left wing of each plane struck, the wings were torn away, and they both went into a death spiral. Both planes crashed and exploded. Both pilots were killed. The legacy of Lt. John Harold "Buck" Buckley lives on.



John H. Buckley

