

# OSOTMG NEWS



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NEXT IN PERSON MEETING IS APRIL 5,2023, 1100 AT TREA 39, 15821 E CENTRE TECH CIRCLE, AURORA, CO. <u>COME AT 1030 TO SO-CIALIZE</u>. WE INTEND TO ALSO INTEGRATE A ZOOM CONNECTION FOR THOSE FOLKS WHO CANNOT BE THERE IN PERSON. CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR ZOOM REQUIREMENTS <u>OR</u> OUR "OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN GANG" FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFO.

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Frequently Used Phone
Numbers

TRICARE PRIME WEST 844-866-9378; EAST 1-800-444-5445 TRICARE for Life(65 and older) 1-866-773-0404

BUCKLEY PHARMACY REFILL 720-847-7455; ACTIVATE RX 720-847-9355 EXPRESS SCRIPTS PHARMACY 1-800-282-

<u>Social Security</u> 1-800-772-1213

<u>VA BENEFITS INFO 24</u> <u>HRS</u> 720-857-5000; <u>ROCKY MTN REGIONAL</u> <u>VA</u> 303-399-8020

<u>DMVA ARCHIVES(for</u> <u>ANG records)</u>720-250-1560

ARPC(for all records requests) 1-800-525-0102

**COANG ID CARDS** 720-847-9296

BUCKLEY SPACE FORCE LEGAL 720-847-644 option 2

RETIREES ACTIVITIES OFFICE 720-847-6693

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#### NOVEMBER 2, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

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

Our guest speaker is SSgt Alex Curry the 140 PA officer. Back in September we had a Wing REV(Agilent Remote Exercise Evaluation) with 700 members participating. We received four valid Yes ratings which the highest ratings possible. The exercises were conducted at two remote locations, Scottsbluff Nebraska with 3 aircraft, Pueblo Colorado with four aircraft and at home Station Buckley. We were the first Wing to conduct this Agilent exercise at two remote locations which 140 Wing Commander, Col Southard was very proud to proclaim. Now we have night flying from the 1st to the 17th of November with the aircraft returning around 10 PM. This weekend, 5 November will will be doing a Veteran's flyover, 2 ship, of Douglas County downtown; then November 11th-12th Fruita, Loveland, Wellington, and Durango. On the 12th the flyover will be the Lincoln Veteran's Memorial (a two minute walk from the Capitol) dedication with Gov Polis present and about 300 people present. Start using the Wing APP with the Cougar newsletter now available on the APP under "Helpful Resources" tab. Also, promotions and retirments will be posted to the APP. The Wing Christmas parties will be on 3 and 4 December with an F-16 with Santa and his helpers. No future deployments are scheduled since we are in a standdown status at this time.

The Veteran's Salute 75th Anniversary of the USAF is November 3rd at the Hyatt Regency on East Colfax. We have around 37 people signed up with four tables. The Colorado Governor's National Guard Military Ball is November 19th at the

Omni Interlocken Hotel in Broomfield.

The Colorado Freedom "Memorial Light My Way" Ceremony Nov 10th- 12th from 5PM to 8PM with 6200 luminaries.

Joyce Saitta briefed us about the NGACO State Conference at Beaver Creek from 29 thru 30 April 2023. Check the NGACO.org for more information. She attend the Vietnam Womens Veterans Conference last month. Next conference in Phoenix in April 2023.

No sick call or taps. Next meeting is 1100, December 7, 2022 at TREA 39.

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.

#### DECEMBER 7, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

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

Our guest speaker is Maj Matthew Friedell of the 138 Space Control Squadron at Peterson AFB which is a part of the 233rd Space Group in Greeley. He was born and raised in Colorado with a degree in Economics. He was in the Marine Corps for 11 years, and then 3 years ago he transferred to the ANG to be with his family more. The unit operates to jam satellites communication. The weapons system is called the counter communications system. It uses two parabolic satellite dishes that are trailered and can be deployed around the world. The United States only has 16 of these systems. We must be deployed to specific locations to jam geostationary enemy satellites that can be seen from that location. No damage is done to the satellites, just rf spectrum disabling of satellites. We just brought back 17 airmen from Africa that were supporting Stanley special operators to jam enemy communication satellites. There are about 100 members in this unit split between operators and maintainers that keep the generators and equipment functioning. We are uniquely the only deployable asset of this kind in the Space Force. All other units are fixed. Two years ago we were in Afghanistan. This fall we are sending out a group to a deployable location somewhere in the world. A lot of the airmen work for Lockheed Martin, Ball Aerospace, General Dynamics, L3 Harris, and Amex. Airman rank names are different in the Space Force with E-5 as Sergeant the only carry over name from Air Force.

Cougar tales is now on the 140 Wing App.

Joyce briefed us about the last weekend in April 2023 for the NGACO State conference. The PACT act is not just for Marines at Camp Lejeune but is for those deployed to areas that had burn pits or other toxic exposure at a military facility here or overseas.

There was a lot of discussion about Traditional Medicare versus Medicare Advantage during this open season. The group agreed that Traditional Medicare is a better deal than Medicare Advantage since there is not a network referral concerns with Traditional Medicare.

Sick call is Chris Perkins, Larry Sell, Mike Edwards and Bill Pickens.

Taps: Trent Bateman, Wendell Ellison, Arvey Mason, Monica Ramirez and Shirley Zimmerman.

Birthdays present were Joe Butkovich, Ken Love and Dewey Hicks.

Next meeting is at TREA 39 at 1100 January 4, 2023.

#### NOVEMBER 2, 2022 ATTENDANCE \*1ST TIMER

Paul Turner
Linda Turner
Jan Love
Robert Nessler
SSgt Alex Curry
Jerry Kelsey
Sue Andrews
Roderick Williams
Dewey Hicks
Joyce Saitta
Anna Kobishigawa
Joe Butkovich

Wendy Stedman

Bonnie Rought

Shirley Pfister Alan Buck Cliff Wagner

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Jan Love

Michael Poynter

Robert Nessler

Sue Andrews
Paul Turner
Linda Turner
Dan Gay
Joyce Saitta
Roderick Williams
Robert Nessler
Dale Brown
Leo Seeba
Dewey Hicks
David Bell
Joe Butkovich
Anna Kobishigawa
\*Maj Matthew Friedell

#### JANUARY 4, 2023 ATTENDANCE \*1ST TIMER

Paul Turner
Linda Turner
Art Bowens
Jerry Kelsey
Dan Heinz
Robert Nessler
David Bell
Wendy Stedman
Joe Butkovich
Ken Love
Jan Lover
Alan Buck
Shirley Pfister
\*Maj Charissa Kopecko

Bonnie Rought Michael Poynter



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Our guest speaker is Maj Charissa Kopecko from the 140 LRS started last October. We just had our Readiness Inspection and finished that at the end of September. We are planning for multiple ACE(Agile Combat Employment) movements with the F-16s and the multiple capable airmen to several locations at once. We will be supporting Hill AFB and Savannah in addition to Buckley. Then we have a exercise with the 233rd Space Group, Global Lightning US Stratcom exercise with mobile airlift. Then we are looking for our next AEF deployment organizing the Wing for this downrange assignment in the next couple of years with a couple of other ANG units overseas.

Col Michael Bruno will have a promotion ceremony to Brigadier General this Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 1400 at the Wing Auditorium Bldg 700. He started as an E-1 38 years ago which is really phenomenal. Everyone is invited.

There is a change of authority for Air Adjutant General, General Ryan giving the stick over to General Fessler. Change of command 1400 Sunday will be in Hangar 909. General Ryan is formally retiring in March 2023.

If there is a base closure due to snow or adverse weather, you can check the 460th facebook page or call 720 847 SNOW or the Wing app.

Cougar tales on the Wing App.

Sick call: Joan Pickens, Teresa Boden

Taps: Rod Williams, Janice Axton, Shirley Zimmerman Next meeting is 1100, February 1, 2023 at TREA 39

#### NOVEMBER 2022 BIRTHDAYS

Joan Alford Jim Alford Sandy Barron Ileen Bernhardt Tom Bragg Twana Bridaman 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 Misken Eric Moe

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

# Sick Call



Taps



Chris Perkins Larry Sell Bill Pickens Teresa Bodin Joan Pickens Brian Heinz

Trent Bateman Wendell Ellison Arvey Mason Rod Williams Shirley Zimmerman Monica Ramirez

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2023**

JANUARY 2023

April 2023- 5th OSOTMG MEETING
9th Easter
17th Tax Day

May 2023- 3rd OSOTMG MEETING
7th COANG FAMILY
14th Mother's Day
29th Memorial Day

June 2023-7th OSOTMG MEETING
18th Father's Day
19th Junteenth

## <u>DECEMBER 2022</u>

Joann Barber Bettina Bledsoe Lee Braun Jon Bridgman Joe Butkovich 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

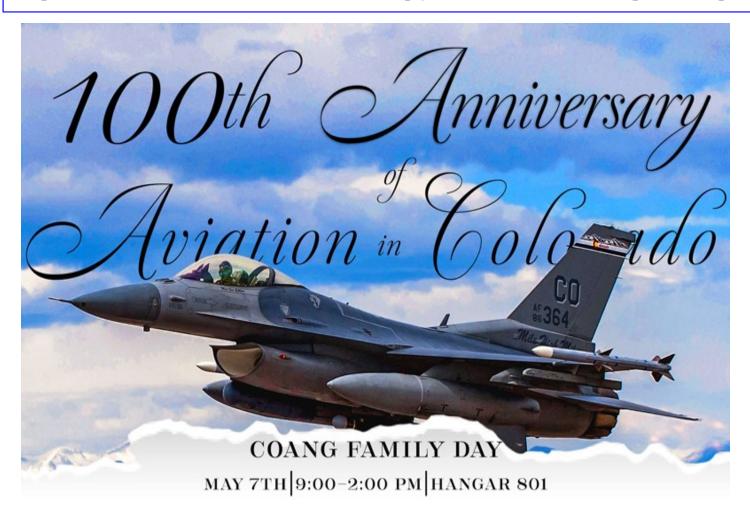
Andy Love Ken Love Don Lovisone Ken Lucero Dee MacLauglin Barbara Maldonado Margaret McGaffin Jim Mielke Evan Mitchell Don Neary Rosemary Paolilo Larry Peters Mike Popovich Diane Richards Susan Schnurstein Greg Short Dennis Simpson Brenda Stevens Rose Suprenant John Swenson Martha Ann Taylor Wayne Taylor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

# Birthdays



Suzanne Andrews Joe Ashby Bonnie Asher Ralph Bernhardt Allie Bess Bill Blumberg James Chappell 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



SHINE & SHOW- CAR SHOW
COANG TAIL/JET WRAP DESIGN
WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES BOOTH
CIVIL AIR PATROL & BOY SCOUTS BOOTH
LIVE MUSIC BY HIP POCKET

FACE PAINTING, BOUNCY HOUSE, CORNHOLE & MORE! STATIC AIRCRAFT DISPLAY EOD EXPLOSIVES ROBOT FOOD & DRINKS

#### IN ATTENDANCE



#### VETERAN'S SALUTE NOVEMBER 3, 2022 AT HYATT REGENCY







### COL MICHAEL BRUNO PROMOTION TO BRIGADIER GENERAL, JANUARY 7, 2023







