



OSOTMG NEWS



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NEXT IN PERSON MEETING IS TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 1100 AT HEROS PIZZERIA, 16070 EAST DARTMOUTH AVE, AURORA, CO. COME AT 1030 TO SOCIALIZE AND EAT FROM A FULL MENU 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.



IMPORTANT Frequently Used Phone Numbers

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

BUCKLEY PHARMACY
REFILL 720-847-7455;
EXPRESS SCRIPTS
PHARMACY 1-800-282-
2881

Social Security
1-800-772-1213

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

DMVA ARCHIVES(for
ANG records)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 op-
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FEBRUARY 2025 MEETING MINUTES

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

Our Guests are Smsgt Alexandria Trempe, senior enlisted leader and retention NCO for 140 Wing and TOP 3 President and Smsgt Leah Fishman, 140 FSS Senior enlisted leader. Smsgt Trempe has 15 years of service with recruiting and supply/logistics background and is a native of Wisconsin. Smsgt Fishman has 21 years of service, is the vice-president of the TOP 3 council, is a native of Iowa and works in the personnel field. We are having a Senior enlisted induction ceremony in November 2025 and we had 400 attendees last year. At our monthly meetings we have folks from each organization brief us on their jobs and mission objectives that allows more collaboration with every unit. This takes place prior to the duty day at 0700 so anyone can attend. Then we are planning an annual awards luncheon to recognize individual and unit excellence. June UTA is our inspections by ACC and resilient training for deployment out of state. Trusted has been revoked for entry to Buckley. So entry requires a DOD ID. Pass and ID is at the Mississippi gate only for visitor passes. New white DOD IDs are required in the near future for all personnel.

Smokey Hill Quilts of Valor Foundation with 99 volunteers started by a nurse, Kathryn Roberts in 2003 whose Marine son was about to deploy to Iraq. She a dream about comforting her son with a quilt before the deployment. Now over 400,000 quilts nationwide have been made to honor all veterans. They are here to honor a veteran, retiree USAF Smsgt Art Bowens who has 30 years of service including Vietnam.

There is an 80th WWII celebration on Memorial Day at the Colorado Freedom Memorial on Saturday, May 24, 2025.

Joyce Saitta briefed us about using the website [NGACO.ORG](https://www.ngaco.org) to register for the State convention on the last weekend of April. There folks going to D.C to brief our legislators. They are still working on getting funds from the state for our dependents. Be sure you have your personal affairs put together in case you pass.

The Social Security Fairness Act passed and will give you money if you are a CSR or PERA retiree in the near future.

Sick: Bob Enderson, Billy Gallimore, John Christopher, Randy Rout, Bob Quinn

Taps: Bill Pickens, Mody Diop, Marshall Allen, Tom Curan, Phyllis Curran, Gary Armentrout, Mark Covalt, Bill McGaffin, Ed Gann, Gordon Terroix

Meet next month at Hero's on Tuesday, March 4, 2025

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. WEBSITE: <https://www.osomg.org>

MARCH 4, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

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

Our Guests are Smsgt Zag Eggman and Smsgt Brent Kelsey from the 140 Wing. The 140 w Wing is taking off today for Red Flag at Nellis AFB for two weeks. In April our units are deploying 150 people across the pond and in June the units are going through an ORE AND ORI. Sometime in November an exercise with our NATO ally Slovenia and Jordan in Colorado. Also we may be partnering with Switzerland in the near future. Col Tucker (Weed) has been promoted to Brigadier General by Ltgen Lowe and works for Space Force now. The USAF is eliminating the Group Command level and all squadrons will report to the Wing level. This process is ongoing.

NGACO Report by Joyce Saitta. The NGACO State convention is the last weekend in April. She is returning as the nominee for Retiree director for the NGACO.

Taps: Dewey Hicks, Billy Gallimore

Sick Call: Bob Enderson, Bob Kenworthy, John Christopher

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 1100 at Hero's Pizzeria.

MEETING MINUTES APRIL 1, 2025

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

No visitor from the COANG.

Joyce briefed us about the state NGACO conference the last weekend in April. Go to the NGACO.ORG website to find out about your membership benefits. Make sure your End Of Life documents are in order. Let the WWII celebration coordinator, Jessica at the Aurora Parks and Recreation if you know of any WWII veterans that are still alive to be recognize at the Memorial Day celebration on May 24, 2025 starting 1000 at the Colorado Freedom Memorial.

Sick Call: Bob Enderson, Bob Kenworthy, John Christopher, Bill Neuens, Bob Quinn

Taps: Billy Gallimore, Mike Sean

Our next meeting is May 6, 2025, 1100 at Hero's Pizzeria.

FEBRUARY 4, 2025 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

Janet Clark
Patti McKenzie
Mac McKenzie
Dan Gay
Paul Turner
Linda Turner
Joan Pickens
Dewey Hicks
Jack Darveau
Jan Love
Janet Bowens
Art Bowens
Dan Heinz
*Smsgt Alexandria Trempe
Paul Lehardy
*Steve Bowens

*Mary Bowens
*Leah Fishman
Pete Hill
Sue Andrews
Joyce Saitta
Alan Buck
Cliff Wagner
Shirley Pfister
Bonnie Rought
*Janice Weber
*Sue Monahan
*Janet Burgeson

MARCH 4, 2025 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

Dan Gay
Joe Butkovich
Mac McKenzie
Pat McKenzie
Jessica Hoffman
Chuck Hoffman
Violet Hoffman
Ervin Kalcits
Paul Turner
Linda Turner
David Bell
Paul Lehardy

Jerry Kelsey
Jan Love
Ken Love
Joyce Saitta
Cliff Wagner
Alan Buck
David Davis

APRIL 1, 2025 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

Mac McKenzie	Anna Kobashigawa
Patti McKenzie	Cliff Wagner
Paul Turner	
Linda Turner	
Mike Paradise	
Jerry Kelsey	
Janet Clark	
Dan Heinz	
Jack Darveau	
Suzanne Andrews	
Joe Butkovich	
Paul LeHardy	
Art Bowens	
Joyce Saitta	
Bonnie Rought	
Ken Love	

MAY 6, 2025 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

Dan Gay	Joe Butkovich
Sue Andrews	Bill Pelletier
Mac McKenzie	*Chris Winkler
Patti McKenzie	*Bgen Myk Bruno
Michael Haines	Cliff Wagner
Ken Love	Alan Buck
Jan Love	
Joan Pickens	
Paul LeHardy	
Robert Nessler	
*Danny Barber	
*Joe Wheeler	
Paul Turner	
Linda Turner	
Joyce Saitta	

MEETING MINUTES MAY 6, 2025

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

Our guests are CMsgt Christopher, 140 comm; Cmsgt Joe Wheeler with 29 years of service, 5 years in the USMC and the rest in the ANG and now in the 140 LRS; Cmsgt Danny Barber, 240 CE Sq . There is a combat Readiness inspection to see how fast the units can get out the door with all of the needed equipment for a deployment in June by the USAF. In early 2026 the 140 Wing will be sending an Aviation package out for deployment overseas. This will be followed up with another deployment 2 years from now. A new bill was signed by Governor Polis that waves all tuition for active Guardsman for Colorado schools. There is a prescription locker in the mall across from the ENT CU to pickup you RXs. Bgen Michael Bruno of The Department of Veterans Affairs on the Colorado Adjutant General Staff was a guest on zoom for questions. He said that tuition assistance for active serving National Guard members will start 1 July 2025.

The WWII 80th Memorial celebration Saturday, May 24, 2025 1000 with USS Arizona artifacts, flyover, speeches, howitzer volleys, wreath laying, pancake breakfast, honoring WWII veterans in attendance, WWII equipment on display.

Joyce Saitta briefed us on the NGACO state conference last month in Colorado Springs at the Great Wolf lodge. We are still trying to keep the Space Force in the ANG. Check the NGACO website, NGACO.ORG. Joyce was reelected as the Retiree Director for the NGACO. The date for 2026 state convention may not be on the same date as this year.

Sick Call: Bob Enderson, Bob Kenworthy, John Christopher, Bill Neuens

Taps: Monroe Mathias, Bill Frazier, Bill McGaffin

Our next meeting is Tuesday June 3, 2025, 1100 at Hero's Pizzeria.

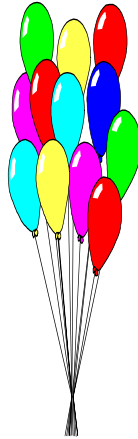
Birthdays

FEBRUARY

LINDA BADEN
CHUCK BAUM
BEN BENEDICT
GARY BOHN
PHYLLIS BROOKS
JOE BROOM
DALE BROWN
DOROTHY BRUENING
LORENE CABALLER
JANE CARDENAS
IZZIE DE LA ROSA
KARMA FIELDS
LISA FRANZEN
JAY GATES
JAMES GILMORE
DOROTHY GOTTENBERG
BONNIE HEINZ
JOLENE HICKEY
GLORIA HICKS
CELESTE LAUFERT
DEVERNE LEHMAN
BARBARA LEIGH
DENISE LINN
DONNA LUCERO
LEONARD(VERN) MAR-
SHALL
RUTH MATHIAS
MARY MCCLANAHAN
RUSS MCFARLAND
SALLY MCFARLAND
JEFFREY MILLE
THOMAS NEFE
JIM PATSEY
DIANNE SANFORD
JEANNE SCHJODT
GORDON TERROUS
FRED WADE
MASON WHITNEY
JULIE WILSON
LARRY WILSON

MARCH

GREGG ADLER
RON AGUINEGA
SHANNON BLASUS
JUDY BRAUN
SONJA BROOM
MONA BURKETT
JERRY CABLE
JEAN CARDINAL
MARLENE CHATMAN
KARYN CLARK
PHIL ECKLUND
MIKE EDWARDS
LINDA GUERRINA
MIKE HAINES
SOMCHIT HALES
MARY ANN HANSON
KENT KAMLA
MARCIA KROUPA
GREG KRSYZAK
CHERYL LUTZ
THERESA MCNELLEY
ELLEN MOORE
MIKE PARADISE
DICK PARKOS
DAVID PAUL SANCEZ
BOB SANDER
CECILIA SANFORD
JEFF SCHJODT
KATHY SIMPSON
SUSAN SMITH
LARRY SUBERVI
CHARLENE WADE
CLIFF WAGNER
MIRIAM WHITNEY



APRIL

JOE AGUINEGA
LANCE BARBER
ART BOWENS
TONY BURCZYK
JANET CLARK
DAWN CONROY
SHANNON DELAROSA
KAREN DUTRO
RICHARD FISHER
ROB HARKINS
STEVE JAOVEN
LINDA KELSEY
DARLENE LOVISONE
HELEN MCCABE
PAT MCCABE
BRUCE MEY
MARY LYNNE PETERS
NANCY PRENTISS
MICHELLE ROWAN
RONALD RUTTER
PAUL SHINGLEDECKER
KAY SILVRANTS
CAROL SMITH
DARLENE SQUIRE
JOYCE SAITTA
JULIE THOMAS

MAY

Hope Shrader
Buzz Allen
Paul Barcroft
Marilyn Beckage
Cheryl Bohn
Janet Bowens
Alan Buck
Sharie Butler
Kathryn Carter
Claude Dutro
Ann Eddy
Beverly Elmore
Monty Faber
Bob Goetz
Bob Hales
Charlie Heinle
Barney Jensen
Harrel Lambert
Mary-Lou Lane
Cheryln Markus
Scott McLaughlin
Marty Martinez
Monroe Mathias
Newell Moy
Jerry Navarette
Helen Nold
Joanna Perkins
Kim Pipkin
Walter Seymour
Cliff Sherman
Carol Upton

Sick Call



Bob Enderson
Bob Kenworthy
John Christopher
Jay Gates
Randy Rout

Taps



Bill Neuens
Don Bianiz
Robert Quinn
Amelia Lucero
Monroe Mathias
Bill Frazier
Bill McGaffin
Mody Diop
Marshall Allen
Gary Armentrout

Gordon Terroix
Mark Covalt
Ed Gann
Tom Curan
Phyllis Curan

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2025

SEPT- 1ST Labor Day
2nd OSOTMG MEETING
8th USAF Birthday (1947)

OCT- 7th OSOTMG MEETING
13th Columbus Day
31st Halloween

NOV- 4th OSOTMG MEETING
10th USMC Birthday (1775)
11th Veteran's Day
13th VETERAN'S SALUTE, HYATT REGENCY
27th Thanksgiving Day

FOUR CORNERS MEMORIAL DAY MAY 24, 2025



MEMORIAL DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY WWII CELEBRATION AT THE COLORADO FREEDOM MEMORIAL PARK MAY 24, 2025



Welcome!

On behalf of the Colorado Freedom Memorial Foundation, it is my true pleasure to welcome you to Memorial Park for the 12th Anniversary of the Colorado Freedom Memorial. Today, we commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the end of WWII. We are honored to have members of the Greatest Generation in attendance with us today, including WWII veterans who defended freedom on two fronts and then returned home where they continued to push America forward. We hope you take this opportunity to let them know just how grateful we are as a community for their service and the future they built for us all upon their return.

While our ceremony today is dedicated to the 80th Anniversary of WWII's end, our hearts are also with the men and women who served in Southeast Asia. Fifty years ago, Saigon fell and the war in Vietnam ended, but many who served there continue to carry visible and invisible wounds from their service. No tickertape parades awaited them, no "Thank you for your service" signs greeted their return. They simply blended in, went back to school and work, didn't speak of where they'd been and what they'd seen. After 50 years, the words they most wanted to hear then are the best apology we have now: welcome home.

Today, we also celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the event that led to the creation of the Colorado Freedom Memorial. May 29th, 2000, the morning radio show on AM 1430, KEZW, was broadcast from the Normandy American

Cemetery above Omaha Beach. At some point during that broadcast, an idea was planted to create a tribute to Colorado veterans killed in military action beginning with the Spanish-American War and continuing through today. Thirteen years after that broadcast, we dedicated the Colorado Freedom Memorial and today, 25 years later, we will be unveiling a stone memorial containing 140 names of Coloradans that were discovered after our initial dedication that will one day be added to the glass panels of the Freedom Memorial. The Transition Stone brings them closer to those they served with and helps us fulfill our pledge to never forget.

Thank all of you for being part of this short yet greatly impactful history of the Colorado Freedom Memorial. Our next chapter is soon to be written with the building of the Visitor and Education Center at the Colorado Freedom Memorial that will redefine the way we honor and remember the fallen. It's going to take all of us to make this wonderful facility a reality, but for today, let's remember those who gave all and honor their sacrifice.

Rick Crandall

**Colorado Freedom Memorial Foundation,
CEO/Founder**



COLORADO REMEMBERS

The Greatest Generation
Saturday, May 24, 2025

(Please be advised that a cannon will be fired during the ceremony)

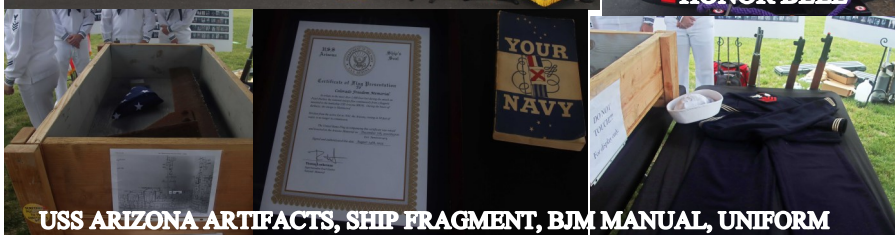
Welcome	Rick Crandall
The City of Aurora Honors WWII Veterans	Mayor Coffman
Present the Colors	NICO Colorado Color Guard
National Anthem	Victory Three
Invocation	Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dave Nagel, COARNG
Introduction of WWII Veterans	Rick Crandall
F-16 Flyover	140th Wing COANG
The State of Colorado Honors WWII Veterans	Rick Crandall
Remarks	Prominent Guests
Colorado Flag Presentation	Colorado Civil Air Patrol
Remarks	Prominent Guests
Howitzer Firing	Colorado Army National Guard
Transition Stone Unveiling	Rick Crandall and Colorado Civil Air Patrol
God Bless America	Bianca Herbert
Remarks	Rick Crandall
Stories of Our Fallen	Various Speakers
Tolling the Honor Bell	Rick Crandall and the Honor Bell Foundation
Wreath Laying Ceremony	Prominent Guests
Amazing Grace	Victory Three
TAPS	All American Big Band
Benediction	Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dave Nagel
Closing Remarks	Rick Crandall
America the Beautiful	Bianca Herbert



SEVEN WWII VETERANS 99- 101 Y/O



HONOR BELL



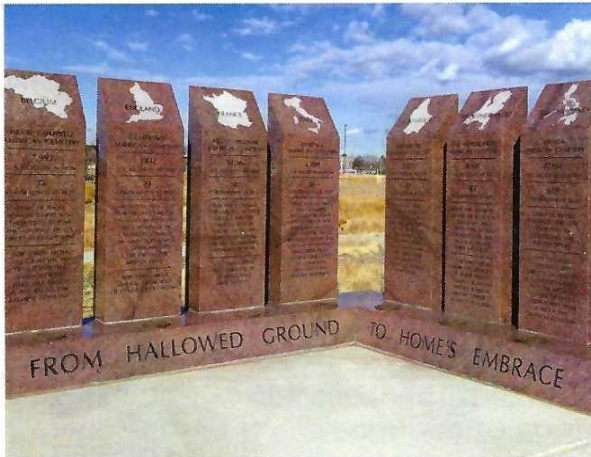
USS ARIZONA ARTIFACTS, SHIP FRAGMENT, B-1 MANUAL, UNIFORM





THE COLORADO FREEDOM MEMORIAL

Dedicated May 26, 2013, it took 13 years to raise the one million dollars of funding needed to build the Colorado Freedom Memorial. While etching may have been cheaper, the two-sheet printing method used on the wall provides a stronger structure with less opportunity for breakage. The sharp peaks at the top represent the Rocky Mountains, while the water feature at the base of the wall represents the oceans they crossed to serve. Flags are permanently at half-staff here, as a sign of respect for the fallen.



HOME'S EMBRACE

Adjacent to the Colorado Freedom Memorial, you will find eight Colorado Rose Red granite pillars standing almost as if at attention. Each pillar represents an American cemetery overseas where Colorado veterans of WWI and WWII lay at rest. At the base of each pillar is a bronze cap, and under that cap is soil from Colorado, and soil from the cemetery named on the pillar above it. The story of the cemetery and the soil is told on the pillar. This exquisite monument, and the soil it contains, is meant to bring us closer to our fallen.



GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT

As important as it is that we never forget Colorado's fallen who answered their country's call to duty, it is equally as important we never forget the families they leave behind. This monument was the brainchild of WWII Medal of Honor Recipient Herschel "Woody" Williams, who received the medal for actions on Iwo Jima. After the war, Woody returned home and continued a life of service working for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and during that time, came up with the idea of honoring the families of the fallen with this memorial he had designed. We are proud to have the first GSFMM in Colorado and equally proud of its position, standing parallel to the Colorado Freedom Memorial.