



OSOTMG NEWS



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NEXT IN PERSON MEETING IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026, 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

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;
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-
tion 2

RETIREEES ACTIVITIES
OFFICE
720-847-6693

TREA 39- 303-340-
3939

HEROS- 303-680-
6424

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FEBRUARY 3, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

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

No Guest Speaker.

The Space Force is having an ORI for the next few and your are restricted from coming on base unless your are on duty. Check the Space Force Base on Facebook or check the Base Snow phone line for current information.

No Retiree information at this time.

You should go to the VA Hospital on Colfax and get registered with your DD-214. I received my VA ID card and scheduled an Audiology appointment. This resulted in getting free hearing aids. Disability is a different process that is handled by county Veteran Service Officers.

For VA Disability I recommend a private LLC such as www.usabenifitsforveterans.com, Pamela Kidd, 303-946-2696. This is because the VSOs I talked to in Adams and Arapahoe could not book appointments for months. It does cost \$600 one time cost only if you receive a disability payment. She is constantly calling me with updates and she knows all of the important contacts to speed the process.

Joyce briefed us about NGACO state conference 15-18 April at the Grey Wolf Lodge in Colorado Springs. Take care of using the 5 Wishes, the The Retirees Affair's Log and a fireproof storage for your end of life documents. Check out the NGACO.ORG for a lot of important retiree information.

Sick call: Bob Enderson and Jay Gates

Taps: Chuck Baum, Larry Shlager, Art Sharply, Buck Rennick

Next meeting is March 3, 20261100, at Hero's Pizzeria.

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>; YOUTUBE: Paul Turner COANG

MARCH 3, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

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

No Guest speaker.

First timer is Allie Bess, LTC retired from the COANG Medical

The Space Force is currently having an ORI and the Mississippi is the only gate open. Check out the Space Force page for current entry information.

Use the Retiree Affairs, the Five Wishes and a fireproof box for your end of life documents.

Use the VA Hospital for free hearing aids and glasses after you register with your DD-214.

Joyce Saitta brief us about the NGACO STATE CONFERENCE, 15-18 APRIL at the Grey Wolf Lodge in Colorado Springs. There is a lot of Veteran's parking places. There is a lot of fun for the children. Check out the website NGACO.org for more information.

Sick Call; Bob Enderson, Jay Gates, Joan Pickens, Chuck and Violet Hoffman

Taps; Ricky Tootle, Bob O'hare, Danny Kroupa, Bob Nelson

Next meeting is April 7, 2026 1100 at Hero's Pizzeria.

MEETING MINUTES APRIL 7, 2026

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; Michael Millea from Horan and McConaty. He briefed us about the Distinguished Veteran's Services at Ft Logan Cemetery Live Well and Leave well.

Understand your benefits

We honor our veterans by assisting their families with obtaining all veterans benefits, Social Security benefits and life insurance benefits. There are many misconceptions regarding what benefits are available to veterans. Many veterans think that the Veterans Administration pays for a funeral in total, but this is not the case. Cost for total package can cost around \$3000 and UP depending on your needs with a 3 to 10 year payment plan through Horan McConaty's Partner, Homesteaders Insurance Company. It covers all of the preplanning, funeral costs, cremation or caskets, all the paper work, services. Travel insurance from any place in the world can cost around \$495 extra. This policy covers all cost even if you live 20 years longer with no additional costs from the funeral home. It is portable and belongs to you even if you pass away anywhere in the world. Costs doubles every few years, but this policy locks in the cost for anytime in the future. *Depending on eligibility, benefits may include:*

Memorial U.S. flag, Honor Guard, Honor Bell, Presidential Memorial Certificate, Veterans Administration headstone or marker, Burial at Ft. Logan National Cemetery, Military flag folder and presenter, Full military honors for those who retired from the military, were disabled as a result of military service or died while serving on active duty

A 150th Colorado celebration is being planned by Colorado National Guard in September.

Joyce Saitta brief us about the upcoming NCAGO STATE Conference 15-18 April 2026.

Taps: Homer Johnson, Larry Mayo

Birthdays present; Chief Saitta turning 80 years young.

Next Meeting is 1100, May 5, 2026 at Hero's Pizzeria.

FEBRUARY 3, 2026 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

Dan Gay	Shirley Pfister
Paul Turner	David Davis
Linda Turner	Joe Butkovitch
Mac McKensie	Joseph Ashley
Pat McMckensie	Alan Buck
Robert Nessler Sr	Ted Stults
Walt Obrecht	
Bob Kenworthy	
Paul LeHardy	
Jack Darveau	
Janet Clark	
Jarry Kelsey	
Connie Moos	
David Moos	
Joyce Saitta	

MARCH 3, 2026 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

Paul Turner	Jack Darveau
Linda Turner	Joyce Saitta
Dan Gay	Allie Bess
Suzanne Andrews	Anna Kobashigawa
Mac McKensie	Robert Nessler Sr
Pat McKensie	Joe Butkovitch
Erwin Kalcsits	Dave Daise
Wendy Stedman	Alan Buck
Janet Clark	
Art Bowens	
Chuck Hoffman	
Jessica Hoffman	
Stephen Melco	
Janice Love	
Dan Heinz	

APRIL 7, 2026 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

Mac McKensie	Ronald Morris
Pat McKensie	Peggy Seiler
Paul Turner	Kalyn Nelson
Linda Turner	Anna Kobashigawa
Jack Darveau	Shirley Pfister
Dan Gay	John Christopher
Suzanne Andrews	
Janet Clark	
Joyce Saitta	
Wendy Stedman	
Dan Heinz	
Joe Butkovich	
Robert Nessler Sr	
Jan Love	
*Mike Millea	

MAY 5, 2026 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

Mac McKensie	Suzanne Andrews
Pat McKensie	Joy Saitta
Janet Clark	Kalyn Nelson
Jack Darveau	Anna Kobashagawa
Jerry Kelsey	Shirley Pfister
Paul Turner	Joe Ashby
Linda Turner	Alan Buck
Jan Love	* CMSgt Jerrod McClure
Joan Pickens	
Robin Zamarripa	
Wendy Miller	
Jan Weber	
Ken Love	
*CMSgt Zak Eggeman	
Robert Nessler Sr	

MEETING MINUTES MAY 5 2026

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

Our Guests were CMSgt Zak Eggemen, CMSgt Jerrod McClure, Wendy Miller Quilts of Valor, Jan Weber Quilts of Valor.

The first presentation was the Quilts of Valor It was started by Kathryn Roberts in 2003 when she had a dream that her son who joined the Marines who was nervous. She saw her son in Iraq visibly shaken. In the dream he was covered with a quilt that calmed him down. It represented safety, security, it smelled like mom and felt like mom and represented home. It started in 2003 as The International Quilts of Valor and 443,000 quilts have been presented to military individuals for their valorous service since then. Only 1 percent of Americans serve in the military today. There 105 ladies and two men that are a part of this local group. Janet Clark of our retiree group makes 90% of the quilts taking 40 to 60 hours for one quilt. Wendy Miller is a part of our award team. There have been 32 presentations of 108 quilts so far this years starting in September until next September. Our honoree today is Mr. Lester McKensie who was in the USAF from September 7, 1973 to 31 October 1994. He served as a Flight Facilities repairman maintaining equipment at Buckley ANG Base. He was sent to Korea to maintain the LORAN. He was then sent back to Lowry and Buckley to maintain ATC equipment as QA. He retired from the USAF and hired as a civilian to work in the tower at Buckley to maintain ATC equipment.

Chief McClure of the 140 Operations Group, Wing Chiefs President. Our 140 group is in Kadena in Japan for 6 months and hopefully will be home in June 2026. Our F-16s date back to 1980 and need replaced. The 25 fighter units will be satisfied with any updated airframe, not just the F 35. Also, Buckley is being looked at for a small nuclear reactor power plant for the Space Mission.

Chief Eggman said that the ASAC realignment eliminating the Group level has been scrapped and back to what we are all familiar with ie Squadron, Group then Wing level. Nothing is definitive on the 233rd reassignment of personnel. They are talking about creating a 400 person Red Horse CE unit at Buckley but the equipment requirement is difficult. The runway resurfacing is on track for 2028.

The Memorial Day Celebration at the Colorado Freedom Memorial is on track for May 23rd at 8 AM celebrating America's 250th founding and Colorado's 150th founding with two flyovers with the Army helicopter and COANG F 16s followed by the Army Howitzer.

Joyce briefed us about the state NGACO conference.

Jan Love told us that Jay Gates is moving to Florida.

Sick Call: Bob Enderson, Jay Gates, Paula Everhart, Pete Triolo

Our next meeting is June 2, 2026, 1100 at Herios Pizzeria.

Birthdays

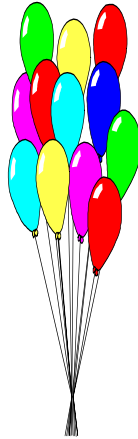
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FEBRUARY

LINDA BADEN
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) MARSHALL
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
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



Sick Call



Bob Enderson
Jay Gates
Randy Rought
Joan Pickens
Pete Triolo
Paula Everhart
Bob Hales
Bob Henderson
Chuck Hoffman
Violet Hoffman

Taps



Bev Findley
Cliff Sherman
Bonnie Heinz
Luisa Flores

FUTURE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2026

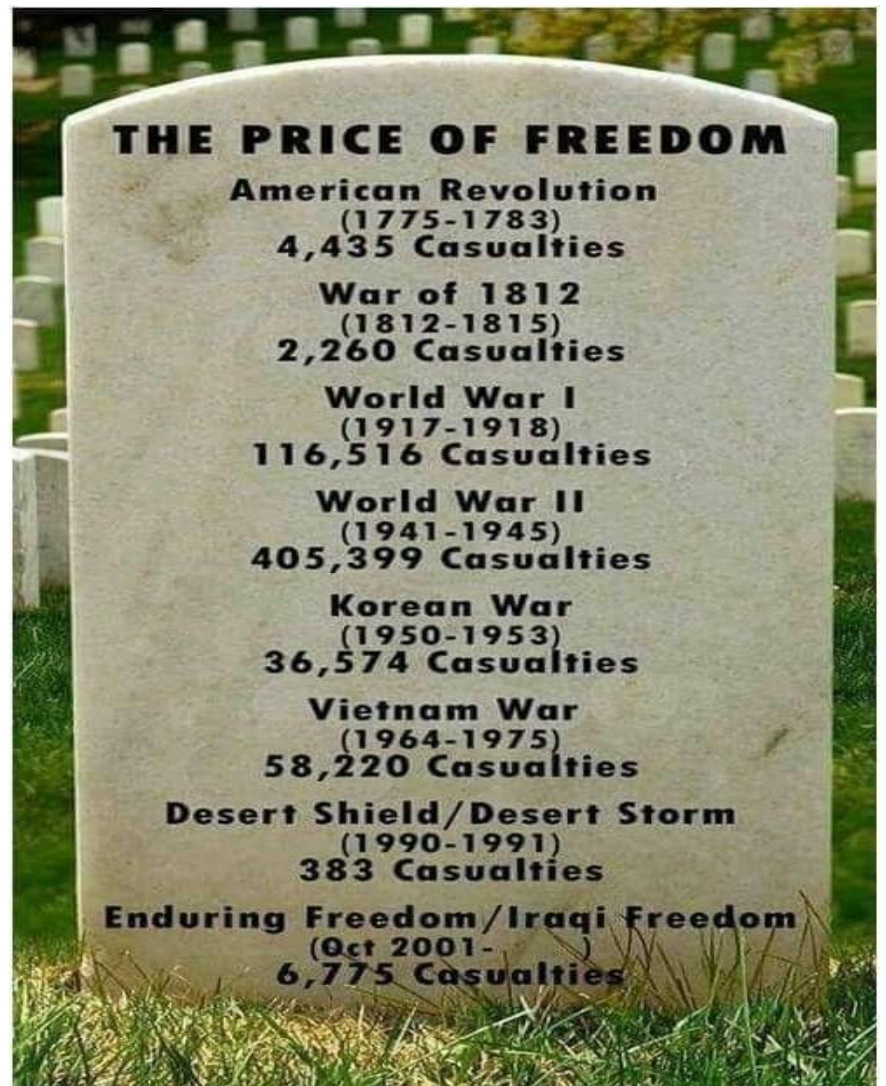
JUNE 2026- 2ND OSOTMG MEETING
6TH D DAY(1944)
21ST FATHERS DAY
JULY 2026- 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY AND
250TH ANNIVERSARY U.S.
7TH OSOTMG MEETING
AUG 2026- 4TH OSOTMG MEETING
SEP 2026- 1ST OSOTMG MEETING
VJ DAY (1945)
7TH LABOR DAY
8TH AF BIRTHDAY(1947)

APRIL

Joe Aguinaga
Lance Barber
Art Bowens
Tony Burczyk
Janet Clark
Dawn Conroy
Shannon DeLarosa
Karen Dutro
Richard Fisher
Rob Harkins
Steve Jaouen
Linda Kelsey
Darlene Lovisone
Helen McCabe
Pat McCabe
Bruce Mey
Mary Lynne Peters
Nancy Prentiss
Michelle Rowan
Ronald Rutter
Paul Shingledecker
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



MEMORIAL DAY MAY 23, 2026 AT COLORADIO FREEDOM MEMORIAL



U.S.S. ARIZONA BB 39 1916-1941 METAL
FRAGMENT FROM PEARL HARBOR HI



MEMORIAL DAY MAY 23, 2026 AT COLORADO FREEDOM MEMORIAL



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