



OSOTMG NEWS



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NEXT IN PERSON MEETING IS FEBRUARY 7, 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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TRICARE for Life(65 and older)
1-866-773-0404

BUCKLEY PHARMACY
REFILL 720-847-7455;
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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

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BUCKLEY SPACE FORCE
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OCTOBER 4, 2023 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 SMSgt William Thompson, 140 SFS. He has been in the service for 21 years and started with the Iowa ANG is now an AGR as the Operations Superintendent for the 140 SFS. Trusted Traveler program is from 0630 to 1600 allowing only one person to have a government ID in a car 7 days a week. The 140 Wing is scheduled for a Spring 2024 deployment with the location to be determined. Thirteen Security Forces folks will be returning at the end of October. The Sunday December UTA will have a Wing wide Christmas party. Retirees can get their IDs through the COANG by appointment or the 460th.

Joyce said that the NGACO 2024 state conference is the last weekend of April 2024 at highway 36 and 104th hotel. There is information about EANGUS loans for those in need on their website. Also EANGUS scholarships are available.

John Flowers is on sick call. Taps for CMSgt Bill Seiler, with military honors on 24 October. We will have a celebration of life in at TREA on a Saturday around 18 November. We also lost Mark Lee.

TREA will remain at the current location.

Our Retiree group attended the 100th anniversary of the COANG. Also, we attended the DAV Clyde Seiler 50th anniversary. Then we attended the Retiree Appreciation Day on Buckley with around 24 vendors available. Bonnie attended a large ARMY function at Cherry Creek High school with equipment and helicopters and all of the military recruiters.

Bonnie said that Chaplain BG Franz will retiree on Sunday of UTA.

Veteran's salute checks of 15 dollars should be sent to Paul instead of Jan by October 13 for the October 30 function at the Hyatt Regency so we can have our own tables. DO Neary will be at this function, too.

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.

NOVEMBER 1, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

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

Our guest speaker is LTC Josh Burger 140 MXS CC and has been in the CO-ANG for 23 years started as a crew chief and had a chance to fly around 2005. He was an IP for f-16s until four years ago when he came back to the Maintenance squadron as Commander. CMSgt Tim Bracker accompanied him. Aircraft maintenance is still about 45% of our overall manning. We have more AGRs than Technicians as directed by HQ USAF. We have had the F-16 longer than any other aircraft in COANG history. So, we are trying to obtain newer fighter aircraft. A third of our Wing is currently at Tyndall AFB to certify our combat readiness with Checker Flag exercise with F-35s and F-22s. We are able to fire live ammunition and missiles at aerial and ground targets at the Test facility in Florida for the first time since 2014. Our deployment in the Spring of 2024 will probably be stateside. We are being task with a deployment every two years in the spring with the USAF. Our young Airman 18-23 are highly motivated and become qualified faster than some of us older folks. The future is bright for our unit. A Wing wide Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday December UTA and all are welcome.

Joyce talked about the NGACO state conference at the last weekend of April of 2024. The Veteran's Salute had two folks from WWII in our group including Tony Lucero and there were four others WWII veterans for a total of 6 WWII veterans. DO Neary was present at the Veteran's Salute and many of folks visited with him. Lobby your representatives about our mission so we can get newer airplanes by handwriting a letter to them. Go to your NGACO website for information and links to contact EANGUS for loans for those needing financial help.

The Veteran's salute had 29 attendees out of 35 registered with 17 OSOTMG members in the group picture. The speakers were active folks from each branch of the service from a new person with 18 months to 18 years in the military. If you want to see DO Neary, contact his daughter, Shelley first.

Sick call are Bill Pickens and Peggy Seiler. A celebration of Life for Bill Seiler is being put together by Jan. Taps is Chuck Whitely who put out the best album in the ANG and the best in all of the USAF.

Our next meeting is 1100, Wednesday, December 6, 2024 at TREA 39.

OCTOBER 4, 2023 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

Dan Gay	Shirley Pfister
David Bell	Alan Buck
Robert Nessler	Jan Love
Dewey Hicks	Peggy Seiler
Dan Heinz	Monica Burke
*SMSgt William Thompson	
Paul Turner	
Linda Turner	
Art Bowers	
Joyce Saitta	
John Prewitt Jr	
Bonnie Rought	
Joe Butkovich	

NOVEMBER 1, 2023 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

Paul Turner	Jay Gates
Linda Turner	
Robert Nessler	
Jan Love	
Ken Love	
LTC Josh Burger	
*CMSgt Tim Bracker	
Bonnie Rought	
Joyce Saitta	
Dewey Hicks	
Anna Kobashigawa	
Shirley Pfister	
Joe Butkovich	

DECEMBER 6, 2023 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

Paul Turner
Linda Turner
Dave Moos
Sue Andrews
Dan Gay
Jan Love
Dewey Hicks
*LTC James Edwards
Robert Nessler Sr
Joyce Saitta
Joe Butkivich
Alan Buck
Don Pipkin

Bonnie Rought
Joe Ashby

JANUARY 3, 2024 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

Dan Gay
Art Bowens
Paul Turner
Linda Turner
Jerry Kelsey
Dan Heinz
*TSgt James Madden
Robert Nessler Sr
Bonnie Rought
Dewey Hicks
Anna Kobashigawa
David Bell
Cliff Wagner

Shirley Pfister
Joe Butkovich
Alan Buck

DECEMBER 6, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

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

Our guest speaker is LTC James Edwards (Rags) Director of Operations for the 120 TFS the son of Maj Gen Mike Edwards (Farmer). He has deployed 5 times, Jibuti in 2012, Korea, Kadena, Afghanistan, and Saudi Arabia in 2021. His favorite was Afghanistan because we were very busy flying combat missions. We are still flying the 36 year old F-16s which have been updated with current technology. The F-16s were designed for the threats in Afghanistan for ground and fast threats in the air. Today's threat environment such as China and Russia puts units behind in controlling future threats. We have the capability to deal directly with North Korea but not China. We can fly up to 8 or nine jets out of 25 and can put up a four front or six front for any threat. This is not counting the alert AMX jets that started in 2001 with 48 hrs on and 96 hrs off. The previous standard was 17 out of 25 jets. We have the only block 30 F-16 simulator. The ANG has 3 units with Block 30s and the USAF Reserve has two units with Block 30s. We are currently training 6 AF pilots in addition to the COANG pilots with 55 AF maintainers from the 383rd AF Squadron.

We just completed Checkered Flag Exercise of 1 1/2 weeks at Tyndall AFB with AIM 120s, AIM9Xs, missiles and 9 mikes that have been around a long time. We flew with F-22s and F-35s to test the integration of an older aircraft with the new aircraft.

Joyce briefed us about NGACO State conference 26-28 April 2024 at the Marriott in Westminster. The website should have registration capability shortly at NGACO.ORG. EANGUS Conference will be in Detroit in 2024 and NGAUS in August 2024. With a lot of folks passing, make sure you have your wills and estate planning done.

Sick Call; Bill Pickens

Taps: John Flowers, Pat McCabe, Larry Murrin, Dick Beaufils, and Paul Ray Miller.

Birthdays present Joe Butkovich, Dewey Hicks.

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 3, 2024, 1100 at TREA 39 and on zoom.

JANUARY 3, 2024 MINUTES

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

Our guest speaker is TSgt James Madden of the 140 Comm Sq who has been in the COANG for nine years and prior 9 years service in the Navy on three different commands on the USS Blueridge. He came to San Diego serving on the USS Princeton and the last 2 years on shore duty in San Diego. He left the Navy and started an appliance business in San Diego for two years. He then moved to Colorado and joined the COANG assigned to the 140 Wing, 140 Comm FLT in 2014. The 140 Comm Flt upsized to the 140 Comm Sq with a manning of 120 folks with 52 assigned and 12 fulltime to Space Base Delta 2 as a cyber squadron. He works with SIPRS, Secure Internet Protocol Routing Network, an Information Network Liaison for all of the base units. He works with the base tenets to secure the vulnerabilities for the 140 Wing. He is located in Bldg 850, where the old A-7 simulator was located. Also he does cyber defense for our squadron. First, there is a team that supports cyber awareness with the Army monitoring such items as election interference. Secondly, a small team is deployed to support the F-16 Agile Deployment function in which the squadron supports a mobilized team that incorporates radio communication, infrastructure and computer integration of the aircraft. For example, we deployed to Thule, Greenland using suitcase size equipment that allows complete communication with our aircraft and ground control. AT&T has contracted with Buckley to handle our ground cyber responsibilities which frees our unit for more concise control of the cyber responsibilities. Our team has been tasked to support the POTUS this spring as a deployed unit securing comms for our team and the President at the same time. Our jets will escort the POTUS and other dignitary planes for this deployment. Also we will work with the Army at the same time.

Sick Call: Bill Nuens, Izzy Delarosa, Bob Enderson, Bill Pickens.

Taps: Jim Sumney

Birthdays present are Joe Ashby, Dan Gay, Shirley Pfister.

Next Meeting is 1100, Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at TREA 39.



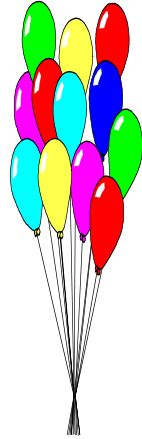
Birthdays

OCTOBER

Don Allen
Jacquelina Aymani
Charles Caballer
Barbara Campbell
Michael Crader
Cindy Cramer
Jim Disney
Gene Eddy
Jeannine Etter
Nancy Glaser
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 Paolino
Becky Paradise
Linda Parker
Carol Paul
Bill Pelletier
Shirley Pittman
Patricia Quinn
Bob Rodekohr
Kenny Rodgers
Jeff Sanford
Wayne Schultz
Jean Sharpley
Steve Steenrod
Dave Stephens
Bob Swanson
David Thacker

NOVEMBER

Joan Alford
Jim Alford
Sandy Barron
Ileen Bernhardt
Tom Bragg
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 Miskan
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



DECEMBER

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 MacLaughlin
Barbara Maldonado
Margaret McGaffin
Jim Mielke

Evan Mitchell
Rosemary Paolino
Larry Peters
Mike Popovich
Diane Richards
Susan
Schnurstein
Greg Short
Dennis Simpson
Brenda Stevens
Rose Suprenant
John Swenson
Martha Taylor
Wayne Taylor
Faye Weickum
Pepper Weimer

JANUARY

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

Sick Call



Taps



Bill Nuens
Izzi Delarosa
Bob Enderson
Bill Pickens
Peggy Seiler
Linda Parker

Jim Sunney
Larry Murrin
Pat McCabe
John Flowers
Paul Miller
DO Neary
Jean Neary
Serge Cossu

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2024

FEBRUARY- 2nd- Groundhog Day
7th- OSOTMG MEETING
14th- Valentines Day
19th- President's Day

MARCH- 6th- OSOTMG MEETING
10th- Daylight Savings Starts
17th- St Patricks Day
25th Medal Of Honor Day
31st Easter Sunday

APRIL- 3rd- OSOTMG MEETING
11th- First Shuttle Flight (Columbia 1991)
15th- Tax Day
19th Revolutionary War Began





VETERAN'S SALUTE OCTOBER 30, 2023 HYATT REGENCY

