



OSOTMG NEWS

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NEXT MEETING WILL BE 4 June 2013, SOCIALIZE AT 11 am, MEETING * STARTS AT 11:45 AM AT TREA 39, 15821 CENTRETECH CIRCLE, * AURORA, CO 80011. Please remember to RSVP for the July 2 Barbecue Lucheon NLT June 27 to Paul Turner 303-366-6770, cost is \$12.00. Send checks payable to "OSOTMG" to 1945 Ensenada St, Aurora, CO 80011-5353.

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Family Support
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Office)

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Legal

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TRICARE for Life

1-866-773-0404

Social Security

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TREA 39

303-340-3939

APRIL 2013 MINUTES

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by D.O. Neary and the prayer by Sue Andrews.

BGen Williams will have a Brick dedication at Wings Over The Rockies Museum, May 26 at Noon and will read: " General Walt Williams, RedEye 1".

BGen Eyre was introduced and gave a briefing about COANG activities:

The Wing just returned from Djibouti in the Horn of Africa from a mission against the Al Qaeda . The 120th F-16s participated in a "Rainbow" deployment with Wisconsin and Vermont along with RPAs(UAVs) using "Hellfire" missiles across the Red Sea to Yemen from a French Base- a first for F-16s.

All folks are invited to BGen Eyre's retirement from the COANG-25 years and 6 years as 140 Wing Commander at the weekend April UTA with Friday as his last flight at 1400 at Buckley AFB. Change of Command will be Sunday UTA at 1300 in Hangar 801. He will then move on and receive his second star as the advisor to 8th AF at Tyndall AFB. He sends his heartfelt thanks to our group and Godspeed. (continued on page 2)

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He commented about the change of operation at Buckley since 9-11. Mainly the loss of the CAMANA Club, the Air Force taking ownership of the Base resulting in lower expenses for the COANG such as Roads and Grounds upkeep. The COANG is less like a "Flying Club" and more of an "Operational Air Defense" posture making commradery less likely and less fun as it was in the past.

A piece of trivia concerning the BGen Stars worn on the flight suit by each active COANG 140 Wing Commander is that they originally belonged to BGen Williams and are transferred to each new Wing Commander.

There will be a celebration of the 90th Anniversary of COANG Aviation in Colorado this year with commemorations at City Park, Rocky Mtn Airshow and at Wings Museum- from Jennies to Jets. Also, remembering the start of the CO National Guard founded in 1860 and the first battle of Glorietta Pass near Raton in 1862 stopping the Confederates entering Colorado.

There will be changes in the structure of the COANG in Greeley. First, the 137th will become a Group-233rd Space Group with squadrons, 137 SWS, 233rd Comm Sq, 233rd SFQ, and 233rd Readiness Sq.

SSG DelaRosa briefed us about Family Day during August UTA.

Dewey has decided to pursue a calendar with 12 months and 12 COANG airplanes for 2014.

Phil Pohanic's memorial is on April 20 and the Bobcat Reunion is at McCabes on April 20th.

Taps for Chief Wayne Kent.

The 2000-2009 Decade panel is still in progress with Chief Greenwood working on finding pictures for the panel.

First timers were Walter Seymour and Larry Cavener.

We celebrated birthdays for Art Bowens, Sy Harjes and Bruce Mey.

Randy Dolan visited Larry Engel while at Lake Havasu.

The next meeting will be May 7th with an Italian Luncheon catered by Golden Sherman.

MAY 2013 MINUTES

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag lead by DO Neary and the prayer by Sonja Broom.

Rich Bruening is a first timer to our meeting.

BGen Williams Brick Dedication- "General Walt Williams, RedEye 1"- will be at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum at 1200 on May 26 with BGen France officiating the ceremony.

Also, at 1400 on May 26, the Colorado Freedom Memorial at 8th and Telluride across from Buckley AFB will be dedicated.

Committee members DO Neary, Paul and Linda Turner, Dan Gay and Dewey Hicks were recognized.

The B-17 Fly-In Event sponsored by The Wings Over the Rockies Museum will have tours and flights from 6-9 June 2013 at Centennial Airport, Signature Aviation. There will be a 1940s era dance at the Centennial Airport on Saturday, 8 June 2013.

Veterans' Salute at Wings Over the Rockies Museum will be November 13th, 2013.

COANG 140 MDS Reunion is August 10th at the Buckley picnic area.

Joyce Saitta said that next year's NGACO conference will be in Denver with a Military Ball.

Taps- Chief Kent Internment, Area C, Fort Logan, 1515 20 May 2013.

Don Chambers passed in February 2013.

Birthdays present were Woodie Glaser, Dale Bristol, Monroe Mathias, Arlo Sorheim and Walt Seymour.

Our next meeting is June 4th at TREA 39.

We plan to have a Barbecue Luncheon catered by Golden Sherman for the July 2nd meeting. Cost will be \$12.00 per person.

APRIL 2013 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

Suzanne Andrews	Dan Gay
Andy Andrews	John Morris
Joe Broom	Judy Pock
Sonja Broom	Sy Harjes
DO Neary	Frank Mullins
Paul Turner	Mac McCarley
Linda Turner	T Eyre
Dewey Hicks	Jan Love
Harry Wales	Art Bowens
Lawrence Schlager	Donna Goodwin
Larry Sell	Arlo Sorheim
Don Ford	Mike Schnurstein
Dan Heinz	Susan Schnurstein
Bill Frazien	Megan DellaRosa
Don Pipkin	Monroe Mathias
Geraldine Pauley	Pat McCabe
Ron Wright	Helen McCabe
Jay Gates	John Paul
Mona Beckett	Larry Cavener*
Eric Cook	Walter Seymour*
Carl Jackson	Randy Dolan

DATE BOOK 2013June

4th- OSOTMG MEETING

July

2nd- OSOTMG MEETING BARBECUE

LUNCHEON CATERED BY GOLDEN SHERMAN

4th- INDEPENDENCE DAY

August

6th- OSOTMG MEETING

September

2nd-LABOR DAY

3rd- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON

October

8th- OSOTMG MEETING

14th-Columbus Day

November

5th-OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON

11th- Veterans Day

13th- Veterans Salute Luncheon at Wings Over The Rockies Museum- Korean Veterans Honored

Sick Call



Golden Sherman

Taps



Wayne Kent
Elton Klusman

MAY 2013 ATTENDANCE 1st Timer*

Walter Seymour	Charles Caballer
Andy Andrews	John Morris
Sue Andrews	Chuck Hoffman
Linda Turner	Doug Teasdale
Paul Turner	Arlo Sorheim
DO Neary	Bonnie Phillips
Judy Pock	Harold Brewer
Joseph Broom	Carl Jackson
Sonja Broom	Pat McCabe
Bill Frazier	Helen McCabe
Larry Weir	Monroe Mathias
Sy Harjes	Mona Burkett
Mac McCarley	Dewey Hicks
Mike Schnurstein	Woody Glasier
Susie Schnurstein	Joyce Saitta
Tony Burczyk	Dale Bristol
Stanley Minarsky	Golden Sherman
Rich Bruening*	

JULY 2ND LUNCHEON

The JULY meeting will be catered by Golden Sherman. The meal will be a Barbecue with a cost of \$12.00 per person. No dessert will be served. Bring a dessert to share for the group. RSVP with your check or cash 27 June either at the June 4th meeting or mail your check made payable to "OSOTMG" and send it to Paul Turner, 1945 Ensenada St., Aurora, CO 80011-5353.

APRIL

Joe Aguinaga
Lance Barber
Art Bowens
Tony Burczyk
Janet Clark
Dawn Conroy
Shannon DeLarosa
Ken Findlay
Richard Fisher
Sy Harjes
Rob Harkins
Bob Herbst
Steve Jaouen
Eileen Lambert
Darlene Lovisone
Helen McCabe
Pat McCabe
Bruce May
Glenn Nishiki

Mary Lynne Peters
Nancy Prentiss
Michelle Rowan
Kay Silvrants
Carol Smith
Darlene Squire
Janice Teasdale
Joyce Saitta



Birthdays

Hope Adler
Buzz Allen
Paul Barcroft
Marilyn Beckage
Cheryl Bohn
Janet Bowens
Dale Bristol
Sharie Butler
Dudley Butler
Claude Dutro
Ann Eddy
Beverly Elmore
Monty Faber
Woodie Glaser
Bob Goetz
Bob Hales
Charlie Heinle
Barney Jensen
Flo Wilhelm
Harrel Lambert
Mary-Lou Lane

MAY

Scott McLaughlin
Marty Martinez
Monroe Mathias
Newell May
Jerry Navarette
Helen Nold
Joanna Perkins
Kim Pipkin
Walter Seymour
Cliff Sherman
Arlo Sorheim
Carol Upton
Jim Vitale

HOWDY DUTY BY JERRY BROOKS US NAVY

I was born in North Lima, Ohio in Oct 1925.

At the age of 17, Oct of 1942, I enlisted in the Navy. I went through boot training at Norfolk, VA (short term). We broke boots about mid-November of 1942. I elected to go to Enlisted Pilot training at Cecil field at Pensacola, FL. I received my wings in August 1943 under ESV8233.

By late '43 I was in the South Pacific with a CASU outfit from Espireta Santos to the Admiralty Islands. In spite of many warnings, "never volunteer" for anything of consequence, I did just that in early March 1945. I went along with a TBM group out to a part of the 58 task force. I arrived about March 17, 1945 and we went aboard the USS Franklin CV13 (an aircraft carrier), which was off the coast of Japan. On March 19, 1945, not knowing my way around, the Chief AK told me to go to the fantail and maybe I could help out at GQ. At 8:05 AM the ship took two bad hits, caught on fire and many explosions happened. I ended up going over the fantail into the water. I was in the water a couple hours until I was picked up by the Santa Fe. There were about 950 crew members lost but the ship did not sink. After rescue I was able to get back to the Admiralty Islands.

Prior to returning to the States I had to change my classification so I went into Supply & Procurement in about September 45.

In November 1945, went home on leave.

After my leave I returned to the West Coast in January 1946 and I was assigned to the USS Screven AK210. We made a short world cruise and came back to Baltimore, MD. I got re-assigned to the U.S. Flag (CinCLantFLT Staff). I was with several Admirals, Adm. Marc Mitchner, Adm. Blandy, Adm. Forestal, and Adm. Arliegh Burk. We were all on several different ships, APA, AGC, then on a cruiser CL105. This was indeed a great assignment. In May, 1947 I went on a detailed Goodwill Cruise all the way around the world.

We returned to the states, coming back to Philadelphia on December 7, 1948. In January 1949 I went on shore duty (stayed in the Flag), went to Great Lakes and Glenview until February 1951. I was then assigned to the Naval Air Station at Buckley in Colorado. In February 1952 I was reassigned to ship units that had been assigned to Korea then Vietnam. In 1955 I was assigned to the Naval Air Station at Buckley until mid-1959 when Buckley was closed. I then went to NAS at Olathe KS until mid-1961, then back to Buckley to help maintain units for carrier backups. In 1970 I still maintained a status in the TAR Program until 1985, because of age I had to retire. I retired as a PO1.

Additional words on Jerry's service by The Other Side of The Mountain Gang

Dewey Hicks and H.T. Joyce, Captain, U.S. Navy (RET)

Jerry continues to be a good friend and member of our Buckley retirees group. He is an inspiration to all and has kicked in to help when we held BBQs at the Camana Club or celebrated military holidays. He was instrumental in establishing a Naval Air Station display at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum. He donated his flight jacket and pictures of the Navy aircraft to the museum. The awareness of the NAS was brought to light in the spring of 2005 when The Hook (a Naval Magazine) published an article on NAS Denver, titled "The way it was". Last year, the Public Affairs office of the 460th Space Wing published a historical article on the internet concerning NAS Denver.

The admirals that Jerry served with were all of significant consequence within the Navy and to the war effort. Admiral Marc Mitscher was a pioneer in naval aviation. He was the commander of the first carrier task force in the Pacific during WWII. Two ships have been named in his honor; USS Mitscher DL 2 and later the SS Marc Mitscher DDG 51.

Admiral H.P. "Spike" Blandy, acknowledged pioneer in modern amphibious warfare, commanded the 2nd Task Force, Commanded Task Group 1, Amphibious Forces, and commanded the pre-invasion bombard-

ment group during the campaign for Iwo Jima. Later, he oversaw atomic bomb tests at Bikini Islands in the Pacific Ocean. The USS Blandy DD943 was named in his honor.

Admiral James Vincent Forrestal became a naval aviator, he was a supporter of battle groups, and he was the last cabinet level U.S. Secretary of the Navy. He became the first U.S. Secretary of Defense. The first super carrier, the USS Forrestal was named after him.

Admiral Arleigh "31 knot" Burk commanded several destroyer divisions and squadrons in WWII. During the Korean War he was commander of Cruiser Division 5 in the Naval Forces - Far East. He also commanded Cruiser Division 6. He was awarded the Navy Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart. He served as Chief Naval Operations for three terms. The USS Arleigh Burk - a guided missile destroyer and leader in her class, was named for Admiral Burk. Born in Boulder, Colorado, he was known for his savage sea battles. On the way to one of the battles, his ship was disabled by boiler troubles when was pushing to reach full speed and could only attain 31 knots. Hence the nickname 31 knot Burk.

The ships of Jerry Brooks hold legend and adventure when they were in service. The USS LSM-462 Landing Ship Medium was an amphibious assault ship.

USS Screven (AK-210) - Alamosa Class cargo ship. Awarded the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal

USS Pocono (AGC-16) - 1945 - 1969 - Adirondack Class Amphibious Force Flagship Awarded the American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Navy Expeditionary Service Medal, (6-Cuba), National Defense Service Medal (2) Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (1-Lebanon, 1-Cuba, 1-Dominican Republic)

USS New Kent (APA-217) - Haskell Class attack transport. Honors and awards: 1 Battle star. Transported the 3rd Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Marine Division to Okinawa for L-Day (1 April 1945) for combat operations to secure the island. The Marines were able to hold the Northern section of the island and the Army was able to hold the southern section.

USS Huntington (CL-107) - Fargo Class light cruiser. She traveled with the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean in 1946 and helped to stabilize the post-war situation in Europe.

USS Franklin (CV-13) - Essex Class aircraft carrier. Nickname: Big Ben Jerry briefly spoke about this ship and his experience in his narrative. In listing his ships, Jerry states "I was not a member of the crew but went on board with replacement aircraft just days before it was hit." Historical sources read that on 19 March 1945, Franklin had maneuvered to within 50 miles of the Japanese mainland. A Japanese dive bomber emerged from the clouds and unleashed two 550lb bombs. One bomb hit the flight deck and went through to the hanger deck. The second bomb hit aft and went through two decks. There were armed and fueled planes on the flight deck with others fueled on the hanger deck. The AvGas ignited, exploded and caused additional fires. Additionally, rockets aboard the ship exploded. The explosions were so great, that those on deck were blown overboard. About 950 crew were killed and close to 500 were wounded. It is a miracle that there were any survivors. The USS Santa Fe (CL-60) a Cleveland Class light cruiser rescued those in the water. The USS Pittsburg (CA-72) a Baltimore Class heavy cruiser towed the Franklin to safety. During the tow, they were attacked by enemy aircraft attempting to finish off the Franklin. Slowly but surely, they made it out of harm's way.

USS Marshall (DD-676) - Fletcher Class destroyer. Honors and awards: 12 Battle Stars Eight for WWII service and four for Korean War service. Ironically, the Marshall took some of the crew from the disabled Franklin and escorted the ship to Ulithi.

As is the case with many of our veterans, Jerry Brooks is one to never brag nor complain. His outstanding service and dedication to his country exemplify the highest standards of the United States Navy.

BUCKLEY COANG ACTIVITES FROM COUGAR TALES NEWSLETTER

1st Friday Ladies Social - Art Walk

When: Friday, May 3, from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Where: Santa Fe & Kalamath St

POC: Christina Stump, 720-847-6881

Employment Assistance Workshop - FREE

What: This class is strongly encouraged for all National Guardsmen that are unemployed, under employed or will soon be looking for a job!

When: Weds-Fri, May 8-10 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Where: JFHQ, 6848 S Revere Pkwy, Centennial, CO 80112

To register, call Ms. Kathleen Dorram at (720) 250-1431

Funeral Services for CMSGT Lewis W. Kent

When: May 10, at 3:15 pm

Where: Ft. Logan Cemetery

Please line up at staging area "C". Please try to arrive 10 -15 minutes early.

All are welcome to attend the reception following the service: VFW post

9644, 2680 W. Hampton Ave till 6:00pm.

POC: Dawn Kent, dawndkent@hotmail.com, 720-883-5393

7th Annual Veterans' Appreciation Breakfast

What: A FREE breakfast for veterans and anyone who supports them. There will be a program with keynote speakers, color guard, and a free tour of the museum.

When: Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 8:00 am

Where: Wings Over the Rockies Museum

MVEE Military/Veterans Employment Expo

What: One of the best job hunting resources... meet face-to-face with over 100 employers, enjoy free classes, and more.

When: May 15-16, 7:30 am-5:00pm (free classes) and May 17, 9:00am-4:00 pm (meet with employers and colleges)

Where: Pikes Peak Community College, 5675 S Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO

140th Wing Running Club

What: Monthly Run

When: Thursday, May 23 at 3:30 pm

Where: TBD

To be added to the club mailing list, email kinder.black@ang.af.mil

Concert for Colorado's Gold Star Families

What: The 101st Army Band, Face Vocal Band, and Molly Weaver star in a wonderful program of music and stories dedicated to Colorado's fallen military heroes and the families they loved.

When: Saturday, May 25, from 5:00-7:00 pm

Where: Aurora Municipal Building - The Great Lawn

15151 E Alameda Pkwy, Aurora, CO

Wings Over the Rockies Brick Dedication

What: A ceremony recognizing individuals who will have a brick laid at the museum in their honor. Former 140th Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. (Ret) Walter Williams will be honored during the ceremony.

When: Sunday, May 26 at 12:00 pm

Where: Wings Over the Rockies Museum

Colorado Freedom Memorial Dedication

What: A new memorial dedicated to Colorado servicemembers who have died in any conflict since the Spanish-American War in 1898

When: May 26, 2013, 2:00 pm

Where: 756 N Telluride St, Aurora, CO 80011