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NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7 February 2012, 11 am, TREA 39, 15821 CENTRETECH CIRCLE,

* AURORA, CO 80011. Please remember to bring something to eat. *

Important Frequently Used Phone Numbers

140th Phone #'s

Casualty Assist

720-847-6946

Family Support

720-847-9116

460th Phone #'s

RAO (Retired Activities
Office)

720-847-6693

Legal

720-847-6444

Other Phone #'s

CODMVA

303-343-1268

www.colorado.gov

Deputy Director

CODMVA

Mickey Hunt

720-250-1510

303-249-0146(c)

[michael.hunt@](mailto:michael.hunt@dmva.state.gov)

dmva.state.gov

TRICARE (TRIWEST)

1-888-874-9378

TRICARE for Life

1-866-773-0404

Social Security

1-800-772-1213

TREA 39

303-340-3939

HOWDY DUTY — please, please, please write us a short note so we know what you all are up to, in the spare time of the "retirement zone".

Committee's Corner

Dear Other Siders,

THE BUCK 'S ABOUT TO STOP HERE
(OR AT LEAST OUR NEWSLETTERS)

Holiday time is here and I have drawn the short straw to play Scrooge. The reality is that we are on the ropes financially. The post office will deal us another gut punch with the rate increase in 2012. We can't win, we don't want to lose, and we can't leave the fight. A heat seeking missile is about to find it's way up the old tail pipe. Here is where we stand :

1. Number of retirees on the Other Side of The Mountain Gang roster - 753
2. Cost of mailing for those without computers or challenged by technology - \$1.50 apiece
3. Certificates in appreciation of service including photo paper, stationary, and ink - \$3.00 each (Dewey's WWII)
4. Certificates for retirements printed on photo paper (Welcome to OSOTMG) average 5-6 per month - \$3.00 each
5. Presentation frames for certificates - \$5.00 if on sale
6. Cost of cupcakes for birthdays each month - \$3.00
7. Cost of internet service - \$80.00 per year
8. Cost of ink for printer - \$120.00 per year

We have not paid the annual amount due our webmaster.

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A BIG THANK YOU!!!!

Spike Boyle
George Franzen
Herman Klapp
Karen Kyritz/Terry Hatchett
Ed McClanahan
Steve Pahs
Vee Reid
May Trumble

*Checks should be made payable to "OSOTMG" and mailed to 16059 E Milan Drive, Aurora, CO 80018. Thank You

Gunsmoke 81 Reunion

Members, families and supporters of the 140th TFW Gunsmoke 81 Team met on October 22, 2011 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of their world championship victory at Nellis AFB. The gathering was the culmination of a vision by MSgt Joel Malchuk (137thSWS) who recognized the importance and value of a reunion to the participants and to COANG heritage and took the initiative to make it happen. Joel mobilized a few talented retirees, Col DO Neary, CMSgt Bob Quinn, SMSgt Jan Love and others and created a very special and memorable day. It was fun time at the Wings over the Rockies photo shoot and a delightful evening at TREA with renewal of friendships, memories of a significant event, a little revisionist history and even some tears.

For military historians and for those of you with eroding memories Gunsmoke 81 was the first in a series of air to ground biannual competitions called "Gunsmoke" that continued in generally the same format until 1995 when the last Gunsmoke took place as a large force employment exercise. Gunsmoke 81 involved 12 teams from TAC, USAFE, PACAF, AAC, AFRES and ANG, each team consisting of about 35 members with four pilots or crews along with maintenance and munitions personnel who also completed in munitions loading and maintenance activities. Six teams flew F4s, four A10s, and two A7s; most had qualified by winning preliminary competitions within their command and aircraft types. Three different sortie types were flown twice by each participant and the best of each type was taken for score.

A basic weapons delivery sortie included 12/20/30 degree five bombs and strafe. A tactical weapons sortie included 10/20 degree pop-up and 200 foot level deliveries. The final sortie was a low level navigation attack mission flown between 100-500 feet AGL with scoring for time through five gates or check points and terminating with a low altitude level delivery. When the dust settled, the 140th TFW from Colorado ANG had won overall top team and top gun awards.

Gunsmoke 81 was perhaps the first in a long series of Air National Guard accomplishments that revealed the capability of the militia and led to the cost effective Total Force that had been so overwhelmingly successful throughout the cold war, during the evolution of the Air Expeditionary Force, in response to 9/11, and in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Pictures of reunion activities are posted on the OSOTMG website (osomg.org) under RENUIONS section.

Wayne Schultz



Air National Guard room at Wings over the Rockies



Joel Malchuk



Attendance*** 1st Timers****DECEMBER**

MAJ Agresti (WG/XO)
David Bell *
Art Bowens
Dale Bristol
Joe Broom
Tony Burczyk

SSgt Della Rossa
Col Dunstan (WG/CCV)
Dan Gay
Woody Glaser
Sy Harjes
Bob & Myrt Herbst
Dewey Hicks

Jan Love
Maxine Merten
DO & Neysa Neary
Bill & Joan Pickens
Joyce Saitta
Mike & Susan Schnurstein
Arlo Sorheim

Steve Taylor
Doug Teasdale
Paul & Linda Turner

JANUARY

Dale Bristol
Joe & Sonja Broom
Jack Darveau
Col Dunstan (WG/CCV)

Ralph Evans
Kenneth Forrest
Dan Gay
Sy Harjes
Larry Mayo
Stephen Melko

John Morris
DO & Neysa Neary
John Paul
Bill Pelletier
Bill & Joan Pickens
Michael & Michelle Rowan

Joyce Saitta
Mike & Susan Schnurstein
Larry Sell
Leo Seeba
Arlo Sorheim
Paul & Linda Turner

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The TREA (our meeting place) does not charge us a fee for room rental.

We had been breaking even on meals. Remember that next year we will have to brown bag it. They have let us use the bar area for refreshments without asking for proof of membership in TREA.

There is \$271.00 in the kitty. The warning lights are lit, the buzzer alarm is sounding. We have to do something before we become smoke in the hole. As a Vietnam era jar head, I think that we have an invaluable resource with the Other Side of The Mountain Gang. Officers and enlisted are involved with the processes that keep our younger counterparts going. We maintain communications with our retirees. We volunteer with programs like "Hats for Heroes" and lend a hand with Family Support when asked. We are the Guard Family.

Lets keep things going with a small donation. Send a check or money order to Jan. Put a little extra into the poor box next meeting.

By the way, we need articles for the Howdy Duty section of the newsletter. Give us your story. Everyone is important and has something to share.

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NG Conference

Last weekend in March Fri - Sun

Military Ball on Sat night

Westin Hotel

More info to follow

Please Remember to bring something to eat

Sick Call



Stan Minarsky - knee replacement blow out

Jan Love - Throat problems

Taps



NONE REPORTED

Date Book

February

7th - OSOTMG

March

6th - OSOTMG

April

3rd - OSOTMG

May

1st - OSOTMG

June

5th - OSOTMG

July

10th - OSOTMG

August

7th - OSOTMG

September

4th - OSOTMG

October

2nd - OSOTMG

November

6th - OSOTMG

December

4th - OSOTMG

We need your help

We need suggestions on how to get more people to attend meetings and bring in more money (see Committee Corner).

Some things suggested get more people:

Use microphone so everyone can hear

Have guest speakers on topics we need to know

To bring in more funds:

Sell shirts or hats with our logo

Have recommended donation

Let any committee member know if you have any other suggestions

December

Joann Barber
 Bettina Bledsoe
 Pat Bowling
 Jon Bridgman
 Angela Cavener
 Bob Cherry
 John Conroy
 Jack Darveau
 Donald Goe
 Russ Gottenborg
 David Hatch
 Terry Hatchett
 Dewey Hicks
 Nancy Heinle
 Lois Hoops
 Bryan Jordan
 Beverly Kalcits
 Estring Kidston
 Peggy Klapp
 Craig Laufaert
 Yolanda Leggett
 Ken Love

Andy Love
 Ken Lucero
 Don Lovisone
 Dee MacLaughlin
 Barbara Mandonado
 Margaret McGaffin
 Jim Mielke
 Evan Mitchell
 DO Neary
 Rosemary Paoliilo
 Larry Peters
 Diana Pohanic
 Diane Richards
 Susan Schnurstein
 Brenda Stevens
 Dennis Simpson
 Rose Surprenant
 John Swenson
 Martha Ann Taylor
 Wayne Taylor
 Faye Weickum

Birthdays



Sue Andrews
 Joe Ashby
 Bonnie Asher
 Ralph Bernhardt
 Bill Blumberg
 John Christopher
 Linda Coble
 Charlotte Farmer
 Smokey Fields, III
 Dan Gay
 Darrell Hanson
 Kay Harnke
 Ben Irvin
 Mai Jordan
 Karen Kyritz
 John Le Van
 Verlone Lee
 Reed Lutz
 Jo McDonald

January

William McGaffin
 Ron McHenry
 Anne Neuens
 Sandy Overfield
 Geraldine Pawley
 Shirley Pfister
 Deb Popovich
 Tom Rochford
 Val Rodekohr
 Hazel Rutter
 Dianna Seiler
 Eva Sheeve
 Hal Smethills
 Jerry Smith
 Curt Squire
 Carol Swanson
 Tamsen Thistlehawk-Ranck
 James Tipton
 James Weickum
 Deb Wray