



# OSOTMG NEWS

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**NEXT MEETING WILL BE 2 APRIL 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 May 7th Italian Lucheon NLT April 26 to Paul Turner 303-366-6770, cost is \$12.00. \***

## 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

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**TRICARE** (TRIWEST)

1-888-874-9378

**TRICARE for Life**

1-866-773-0404

**Social Security**

1-800-772-1213

**TREA 39**

303-340-3939

## Committee's Corner

**Folks:** It has started out as a great year with about 32-35 attendees each month. Don Neary has taken over as our leader with Paul Turner assisting him with the meetings. We plan to have Luncheons every other month with our current caterer, the former Chief Sherman. She has a new catering service called "Golden's Goodies"- Catering-Custom Jewelry and things. Her website is: <http://www.goldengoodies.com> or e-mail [goldengoodies1@gmail.com](mailto:goldengoodies1@gmail.com). What a great job her and her partner did for the St. Patrick's day Luncheon.

We plan on having briefings by the Wing Commander, Col Dunston or his representative on a regular basis.

If you have any ideas for short presentations that would be useful to our group, contact me at [pauilinda@comcast.net](mailto:pauilinda@comcast.net) or 303-366-6770 or by mail at 1945 Ensenada St, Aurora, CO 80011-5353.

The newsletter will now be bimonthly, April/May, June/July, August/September, October/November and December/January as the next issues. If you don't want to receive the newsletter, please let Paul know at the above address.

**Paul Turner**

Other Side of the Mountain Gang Committee Member

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### FEBRUARY 2013 MINUTES

Paul Turner opened the meeting with the pledge of Allegiance. Prayer by Sue Andrews. Paul Turner introduced the committee that were present, Steve Taylor, Jan Love, Paul Turner, and Dewey Hicks.

The only first timer was Charles Caballer.

Dewey Hicks is continuing the gathering of information about the COANG Aircraft for a calendar.

Joyce Saitti briefed the group about recent conferences; the NGACO state conference in Vail 26-28 April 2013; Check the websites for details at ngaco.org. Join the association since this group helped create a 4 star General's position on Joint Chiefs Staff for the Guard and go online to join NGAUS.

Tricare Standard, Prime and Extra co pays have gone up and United HealthCare replaced TriWest and you must sign up by March 10th- which is for those retirees under 65. No changes for TriCare For Life for those retirees 65 or over.

Taps: Phil Pohanic, Doris Schroeder and Robert McVay.

Sick Call: Jan Love for Cataract surgery.

Birthdays present: Joe Broom with singing led by Dewey Hicks

March 5th Meeting will be catered by Chief Sherman with Prime Beef or Roast Beef and Cabbage.

Donations are greatly appreciated with a current balance of \$1400.

Those present voted to have the Newsletter issued every other month.

Retirements: Once a person applies for retirement, the successive ceremony is handled by the unit.

We need Howdy Duty stories and Col Wilhite volunteer to do one.

Col Dunston will be the next Wing Commander and Sebastian Garcia replaces Dawn Conroy in MPF.

BGen Eyre will become ANG Liaison for CENTCOM at Tyndall AFB and will be promoted to MajGen.

Pete Byrne will getting his First Star April 6th.

Judy Pock brought in 27 blankets for our deployed troops.

Information about unit reunions is encouraged, Hospital has one every other year.

Current Colorado Pride is being worked on.

Col Wilhite talked about the Colorado Veterans' Memorial near the Base on Telluride St by the Beck Center

Joe Broom said that past Reunions at Wings Over the Rockies have been terminated due to no free cost provision.

Discussion about getting out more information about OSOTMG to the the Buckley Units.

#### FEBRUARY 2013 ATTENDANCE \*1ST TIMER

Golden Sherman	Michael Rowan
Bill Frazier	Michelle Rowan
Andy Andrews	Judy Pock
Sue Andrews	Charles Caballer*
Maxine Merten	Jack Wilhite
Paul Turner	Monroe Mathias
Linda Turner	Joyce Saitta
Steve Taylor	Frank Mullins
Stan Minarsky	John Morris
Helen McCabe	Art Sharpley
Pat McCabe	Jeanne Sharpley
Michael Schnurstein	Mona Beckett
Susan Schnurstein	Dewey Hicks
Harrel Lambert	Joe Broom
Arlo Sorheim	Tony Burczyk

#### DATE BOOK 2013

##### April

2nd- OSOTMG MEETING

##### May

7th- OSOTMG MEETING AND ITALIAN LUNCHEON

27th- MEMORIAL DAY

##### June

4th- OSOTMG MEETING

##### July

2nd- OSOTMG MEETING BURN YOUR OWN MEAT BARBECUE

4th- INDEPENDENCE DAY

##### August

6th- OSOTMG MEETING

##### September

2nd LABOR DAY

3rd- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON

**MARCH 2013 MINUTES**

Don Neary opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Sue Andrews led the prayer. Golden Sherman and Her partner served the group our St. Patrick's Day Luncheon of Corn Beef and Cabbage or Roast Beef.

Don Neary introduced the Committee members present, Paul Turner, Steve Taylor, Dan Gay and DO Neary.

Joe Broom briefed the group about the American Patriot History Association who would like to interview any of our retirees about honoring those who have served our country by capturing their stories in their own words. Every Veteran will receive a free DVD of the interview and this will be used for educational programs, media clips, and documentaries. A copy will be sent to the Veterans History Project at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress and the National Archives.

First Timer: Ron and Norma Wright.

Joyce Saitta brief us on the NGACO conference 26-28 April at Vail.

Taps: Jerry Bowling

Sick Call: Nancy Glaser with Breast Cancer, Jerry Brooks with Mesothilioma, and Sue Schultz with Breast Cancer.

Retirements; Jack and Deanne Criswell; Shannon Blasus, Darrel Clark, and Martin Harders. Don Neary briefed us about the progress of the Decade panel and the re hanging of pictures in the ANG Dining facility.

Birthdays: Sonja Broom, Andy Andrews and Mona Burkett with singing led by Dewey Hicks. Paul Turner briefed us about the Tricare Letter sent to all Tricare beneficiaries and that it only applied to those retirees under age 65 who are enrolled in Tricare Standard, Prime or Extra. Note, that if you already have an allotment taken out of your retirement, it will automatically roll over to the new insurance without you taking any action.

Howdy Duty stories in the works are Art Caldwell's story for this issue; Jerry Brooks' story for the next issue, Jack Wilhite's story; Irvin McGlakin's story; and Charles Caballer's story for successive issues. Thanks for the great stories of your past service!!!

We voted to have another Luncheon at the May 7th meeting with the theme being and Italian Smorgasbord. Golden Sherman's Catering service will provide the main course.

Again, newsletters will be issued every other month. The next issue will be in Mid May for April/May issue after the May 7th meeting/Italian Luncheon.

The May 7th Luncheon will be an Italian Smorgasbord served by Golden Sherman's catering service and will cost \$12.00 per person. Please sign up and pay at the April 2nd meeting or mail a check to Paul Turner at 1945 Ensenada St, Aurora, CO 80011-5353.

Next Meeting is April 2nd at Trea 39, 15821 CentreTech Circle, Aurora, CO.

# Sick Call



Nancy Glaser  
 Jerry Brooks  
 Sue Schultz

# Taps



Jerry Bowling  
 Doris Schroeder  
 Robert McVay

## MARCH 2013 ATTENDANCE 1st Timer\*

D.O Neary	Mike Schnurstein
Andy Andrews	Susan Schnurstein
Sue Andrews	Maxine Merten
Bill Frazier	Sy Harjes
Dewey Hicks	John Morris
Joe Broom	Steve Taylor
Sonja Broom	Jack Darveau
Paul Turner	Arlo Sorheim
Linda Turner	Bonnie Phillips
Dan Gay	Joyce Saitta
Tony Burczyk	Charles Caballer
Ron Wright*	Jerry Smith
Norma Wright*	Michael Rowan
Art Sharpley and Son	Michelle Rowan
Mona Burkett	Judy Pock

## MAY 7TH ITALIAN LUNCHEON

The MAY meeting will be catered by Golden Sherman. The meal will be an Italian Smorgasbord 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 26 April either at the April 2 meeting or mail your check made payable to "OSOTMG" and send it to Paul Turner, 1945 Ensenada St., Aurora, CO 80011-5353.

## FEBRUARY

LINDA BADEN  
 CHUCK BAUM  
 GARY BOHN  
 PHYLLIS BROOKS  
 JOE BROOM  
 DOROTHY BRUENING  
 LORENE CABALLER  
 JANE CARDENAS  
 IZZIE DE LA ROSA  
 KARMA FIELDS  
 LISA FRANZEN  
 JAY GATES  
 DOROTHY GOTTENBERG  
 BONNIE HEINZ  
 GLORIA HICKS  
 CELESTE LAUFERT  
 DEVERNE LEHMAN  
 BARBARA LEIGH  
 DENISE LINN  
 DONNA LUCERO  
 LEONARD(VERN) MARSHALL  
 ARVEY MASON  
 RUTH MATHIAS  
 MARY MCCLANAHAN  
 SALLY MCFARLAND

# Birthdays



JEFFREY MILLER  
 NEYSA NEARY  
 JIM PATSEY  
 DIANNE SANFORD  
 JEANNE SCHJODT  
 GORDON TERROUS  
 FRED WADE  
 MASON WHITNEY

GREGG ADLER  
 RON AGUINEGA  
 ANDY ANDREWS  
 SONJA BROOM  
 MONA BURKETT  
 JERRY CABLE  
 JEAN CARDINAL  
 MARLENE CHATMAN  
 KARYN CLARK  
 RUSS CRAMER  
 PHIL ECKLUND  
 MIKE EDWARDS  
 MIKE HAINES  
 SOMCHIT HALES  
 MARY ANN HANSON  
 KENT KAMLA  
 MARCIA KROUPA  
 GREG KRSYZAK  
 CHERYL LUTZ  
 THERESA MCNELLEY  
 GORDON MITCHELL  
 ELLEN MOORE  
 ROBERT MUELLER  
 MIKE PARADISE  
 DICK PARKOS  
 DAVID PAUL SANCEZ

## MARCH

BOB SANDER  
 CECILIA SANFORD  
 JEFF SCHJODT  
 SUE SCHULTZ  
 BILL SEILER  
 KATHY SIMPSON  
 SUSAN SMITH  
 DIANA THEBADO  
 BRENDA TIPTON  
 MIKE VALIANT  
 CHARLENE WADE  
 CLIFF WAGNER  
 MIRIAM WHITNEY



## HOWDY DUTY BY ART CALDWELL



On January 26, 1968, the 140<sup>th</sup> T.F.W. was called to active duty. The call-up was in response to the North Koreans illegal seizure of the "USS - PUEBLO". Prior to the 120<sup>th</sup> T.F.S. F-100C being deployed to "PHAN RANG VIETNAM" (Just hold on Sports Fans, IT WAS NORTH KOREA THAT TOOK THE BOAT!), The Air Force required that our pilots be qualified in "Air to Air Gunnery". So, a few F-100C's, Pilots & Support Troops were deployed to Nellis A.F.B, Las Vegas, Nevada to complete the assignment. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant was Tom Linam for the Deployment. Tom Surprenant & I were two of "Sheriff" Scotty's troops from the Weapons Section & the Fire Control Shop who were assigned for the Deployment. There were 4 of our A/C that required Boresight/Harmonization Checks. Tom Surprenant & I were the best & sharpest team to do this because with our vast experience we always made sure the job was done perfectly right the 1<sup>st</sup> time! Nellie's A/C Firing-in range happened to be on the west side of its two active runways. We had to do our work at night when there would be very little landing/ take-off activity. To get to the Firing-in range "Butts", we had to Tug-pull these A/C across the two active runways with Control Towers "Green Light" control. From the Taxi-Way crossing the 1<sup>st</sup> Runway was a straight shot to the 2<sup>nd</sup> runway but to the Taxi-Way that crosses the 2<sup>nd</sup> runway it was a left turn then about 200 feet down the 2<sup>nd</sup> runway for the Taxi-Way on the right side. Then it was on to the Firing-in Range. When we finished with the last "100", it was up to Tom S. & I to clean up & take the last "100" back to the "Parking Apron". The 1<sup>st</sup> three "100's" were taken back earlier, so Tom & I were out there all alone in the dark. I rode in the "100" for safety & breaking if required. Tom did the Tug Driving. When we approached the 1<sup>st</sup> runway going back, Tom got the Green Light but mistakenly turned right, going down an active runway. Tom was looking to his left for a Taxiway to turn off and across the 2<sup>nd</sup> runway. With none in sight he yelled to me "Where in hell is the turn-off"? I yelled back, "Hell if I know, keep going we'll find one". In the meantime, Nellie's Control Tower was going frantic with three blinking RED LIGHTS! Not only that, but I could see 2 Air Police Trucks with their Red Lights blinking coming like "Bats out of hell" down the runway after us. When we reached the end of the active runway we were on, Tom made a very sharp quick left turn on to the "Parking Apron". When we stopped, the 2 Air Police trucks arrived. Four Air Police who were very excited, jumped out of the Trucks with guns drawn and all 4 called STOP, which we had already done. The Staff Sergeant in charge was so flustered he could hardly talk. Since I out-ranked him as a M/Sgt. I told him, "No problem Sarge. We just missed a left turn, everything is OK, and we're just visiting Air Guard Troops & made a little mistake". He, being so flustered just shooked his head mumbling & all 4 got into their trucks and took off. (I wonder what story they told the troops in the Control Tower?) Standing there we then noticed that the straight tow bar we had was now a slightly 'L' shaped. Since we were on the parking apron with all of the other F-100 Units, they were plenty of areas where they kept their ground equipments, so we selected the best F-100 tow bar & left our 'L' shaped one. We parked our F-100, then put our new tow bar among our other ones and went back to our barracks for a good night sleep. YA know while we were at Nellis nothing was ever known how we got a new tow bar & the story about that runway incident remained a mystery of who were the troops towing a F-100 down the active runway in the middle of the night.

Mission Systems Supervisor ---- Art Caldwell