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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
VA
1-800-827-1000
TRICARE (TRIWEST)
1-888-874-9378
TRICARE for Life
1-866-773-0404
Social Security
1-800-772-1213

Howdy Duty Time

As I sit on the KC-135 coming back from the internment of Maj Perry Jefferson with my fellow Colorado Air Guard members, both past and present I am reminded of how proud I am and have always been of this unit. Since the day Clyde Seiler adopted me in 1965 I have been a part of this unit. I remember attending all of the family functions, going to the range when it was his turn to be the range officer, touring the flight line, and most of all being accepted and treated like family. The loss was hard for our family in March of '69 but the Guard family made it easier. I remember working summer hire at Buckley as I went through high school and then joining the unit in 1972. I had a great time as an airman, sometimes too much and after having my butt kicked by several fine Chiefs and officers, I finally realized that I owed this organization a great deal. From that realization to the day I retired in 2007 I tried to repay that debit. I was proud to be apart of the change over from F-100s, to A-7s and finally to F-16s, huge projects but the COANG made it look easy. All of these experiences help prepare me for

taking the best job in the Air Guard. It was an honor to be responsible all of the Air National Guard members attending any formal school across the country. The Guard has always been family, and that core foundation is what has made us a strong viable organization. God Bless.

CMSgt Bill Seiler, COANG (ret)



Flash (Hot News)

There has been a lot of break-ins in the Kingsborough area of Aurora and they are going to start a neighborhood watch.

The pharmacy is scheduled to be completed in 2009 so the parking lot at the commissary is going to be blocked off until then.

With the price of gas & postage going up and everything else seeming to follow suit. If you haven't made a donation lately one would be greatly appreciated at this time.

If you know of **any** past members of the Colorado Air National Guard we

haven't reached, please pass along our E-Mail address, OSOTMG@comcast.net or our mailing address, OSOTMG, 16059 E. Milan Drive, Aurora, CO 80013.

Attendance

Cindy Baggett
 Elton Baggett
 Harold "Hash Brown" Brewer
 Joe Broom
 Sonja Broom
 Tony Burczyk
 Art DeBerard
 Don Ford
 Kenneth Forrest
 Nancy Glaser
 Woody Glaser

Sy Harjes
 Joe Harnke
 Bob Herbst
 Mryt Herbst
 Dewey Hicks
 Gloria Hicks
 Chuck Hoffman
 Armin Lichtfuss
 Jan Love
 Monroe Mathias

Ruth Mathias
 Mac McCarley
 Ann Muniz
 D.O. Neary
 Neysa Neary
 Anne Neuens
 Bill Neuens
 Steve Pahs
 Bill Pelletier
 Trevor Petrie

Bill Pickens
 Joan Pickens
 Diana Richards
 Lloyd Richards
 Larry Sell
 Allan Skarie
 Lawrence Schlager
 Doug Teasdale
 Linda Turner
 Paul Turner

Harry Wales

Sick Call

JoAnn Alford is now at home but please don't call. You can email her or use snail mail. It is going to take a while to get a new routine established, and she is still working on building her strength back up.



Bill Axton - Surgery on neck after a fall, he and Jan have moved to Life Care Center of Aurora, 14101 E Evans Ave - Rm 243, Aurora, CO 80014. Cards & notes would be appreciated, but please hold off on visiting for now.

Clarence Riemann - is in the Veteran Home Rm D216.

John Charles - is now in the Cherry Creek Nursing Home at Chambers & Hampden.

Jan Love - still having trouble with throat, having steroid injections.

Elly Huffman - valve replacement surgery, was successful, prognosis is good

Taps



None to report

1st Timers

Bill Neuens
 Anne Neuens

Date Book

July 8th - Annual BBQ. Wear your red, white and blue to the Newtch's Den. More info in Committee Corner.

Oct 7th - Gossip about who you saw at the Reunion.

Aug 5th - Haven't gotten that far.

Nov 4th - Thanksgiving Dinner

Sep 2nd - Farewell to the Snowbirds (if they're already gone, will have a party without them.)

Dec 2nd - Holiday Celebration with a "To Be Announced Gift Exchange"

Oct 4th - COANG Reunion in honor of the 1968, Pueblo Crisis Activation/Deployment. Wings Over the

Dec UTA - 140th Wing Family Christmas Party, Hangar 801, date & time to be determined



GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS

Committee's Corner

Howdy Friends,

I will make this short and sweet. We had to combine the paper copies of the May and June Newsletters to save money. The "no shows" for May luncheon at The Wings Over the Rockies, pretty much depleted our bank account. The donations in the "Poor Box" have been less than normal (we had zero in May). We really don't want to make annual dues mandatory, as we know living on a fixed income is hard enough as it is. Prices seem to be going up, so if you have you been receiving the newsletter by regular mail but you have E-Mail, please send us your E-Mail address.

I will have a Financial Report prepared for the July meeting.

The BBQ for July will consist of a 6-8 oz steak, salad, roll and beverage.

The cost will be \$15.50, to be paid at the Newtch's Den. I have ordered 35 steaks. If you contact a committee member by 26 June, you will be guaranteed a steak, other wise it will be first come, first serve. All others will go through the lunch line.

I have received notes from Chris Chaney, Art Caldwell and Herman Klapp. Thank you for your kind words and donations.

See you on July 1st!

As Always,
Jan Love

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Reunion (1968 Callup)

140TFW & 120TFS are included in the 11 ANG units totaling 9,000 people in response to the N Korean seizure of the USS Pueblo. 2,000 Air Guardsmen eventually served in combat.



The 140 Comm Flt & the 120 Weather Flt were also activated.

COANG members were deployed to Greenland,

Japan, South Korea, South Vietnam, Taiwan, and various locations stateside.

This reunion is for all COANG members current and past even if you didn't retire.

The Reunion is set for Saturday, October 4, 2008, 6-9pm at the Wings over the Rockies. More details to come.



Birthdays



- Mike Bertz
- Chris Chaney
- Dave Chatman
- Ben Fagen
- Donald Ford
- Robin Foss
- John Frary
- Carole France
- Jan Love
- Virginia Love
- Joyce Mason
- Richard Oelkers
- Steve Pahs

- Joan Pickens
- Bill Pickens
- Judy Pock
- Tom Schultz
- William Spesshardt
- Bob Stack
- Bill Swedell
- Jim Thurmond
- Paul Turner
- Alma Valdez
- Bill Van Deest
- Matt Wray

Hats for Heroes

Our total is 1899 hats given out to date. We gave out 28 hats to the 240th CEF troops that are deploying soon for the desert.



Farewell to the Chiefs

Come join us in saying Goodbye to

**CMSgt Verlene K. Lee
Joint Forces Headquarters – CO/A3**

And

**CMSgt Ellen (Ln) Serdock-Fickes
140th Civil Engineer Squadron**

Saturday, 12 July 2008

**ANG Dining Facility
Building 706
Buckley AFB, CO**

**1600 - 1630
Retreat and Ceremony**

**Please join CMSgt Lee and CMSgt Serdock-Fickes
as their guests for reception immediately following re-
treat**

Please RSVP NLT 30 June 2008

**MSgt Shanteau @ 720-250-1506,
david.shanteau@cobuck.ang.af.mil
SMSgt Allen @ 720-847-9921,
holly.allen@cobuck.ang.af.mil**

Farewell to the Chiefs

Come join us in saying Goodbye to

**CMSgt John Hadley
And**

**CMSgt Ronald Holliday
Saturday, 19 July 2008**

**The Downtown Aquarium
700 Water Street, Denver, CO 80211**

**1230 - 1530
\$18 per person**

Please RSVP NLT 1 July 2008 to:

**MSgt Heather Kehn,
720-847-9768**

**MSgt Jennifer Vigorito,
720-847-9526**

**MSgt Dendria McLaughlin,
720-847-9520**

Parking is \$6.00