



OSOTMG NEWS

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NEXT MEETING WILL BE 1 JUNE 2010, 10:30, at Wings Over the Rockies Museum 7711 E Academy

* Blvd, Denver, CO 80230. SEE STORY BELOW



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

TREA 39

303-340-3939

No Howdy Duty this month as we haven't received any. We really need your stories. Please!!

Committee's Corner

Dear Other Siders,

WWII veterans hold a special place in my heart. They achieved tremendous success, and endured staggering losses in defense of our country. Yet, they are soft spoken. Never ones to brag or complain, they are what we strive to be.

Prior to my service in the Colorado Air National Guard, I served with the Marines in Vietnam.

Those of you who were in during that time will remember that coming home was not always as pleasant as we thought it would be.

Things are different now. The military has the support of most of the civilians. There are family support groups. We make hats and blankets for our heroes. Our leaders come to retiree meetings to keep us in the loop and check the six to make sure that the path is clear.

With that being said, I have embarked on a personal mission to speak to and thank WWII veterans that I come across. Jan and the committee suggested a framed certificate of appreciation and a one page summary to give them. Joan helped to design a picture of our logo and a place for the veteran's name. She also fixed my watermark of the American flag

for the narrative. Bill gave technical support and Colonel Neary gave suggestions on questions to ask. We had a task, reviewed it, provided solutions, and made it happen. This process is an example of the Colorado Air National Guard that I know and love.

To date, I have interviewed two veterans and handed out frame certificates. There are two more in Pueblo that J.R. Ewing gave me to interview by phone. A representative of the Air Force Association has two veterans that served on bombers to interview. The numbers are small, but it is part of the big picture. Copies of what we have done will be kept in a binder and available to anyone at anytime. The Other Side of The Mountain Gang can say that we gave our WWII veterans a salute of pride and thanks.

Dewey
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June 1st Meeting at The Wings Over the Rockies

Menu is a Pasta Bar (2 kinds) with salad, roll, grilled veggie, dessert & beverages for \$15

**MUST RSVP & BE PRE-PAID TO
JAN LOVE BEFORE MAY 28, 2010.**

Checks should be made payable to "OSOTMG" and mailed to 16059 E. Milan Drive, Aurora, CO 80013. Thank you!

There is no museum charge for OSOTMG luncheon attendees

A BIG THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you to all who have donated in the last couple of months. At time of printing we didn't have the list put together,

Attendance *1st Timers

April

Andy & Sue Andrews
 Elton & Cindy Baggett
 Dale Bristol
 Art Bowens
 Harold Brewer
 Tony Burczyk
 MG Edwards
 Moe & Jeanne Etter
 Ralph Evans
 Don Ford
 Kenneth Forrest
 Woody Glaser
 Sy Harjes
 Joe & Kay Harnke
 Bob & Myrt Herbst

Dewey Hicks
 Jan Love
 Pat & Helen McCabe
 Maxine Merten
 Stan Minarsky
 John Morris
 Ann Muniz
 DO & Neysa Neary
 Gerrie Pawley
 Bill & Joan Pickens
 Judy Pock
 Lloyd & Diana Richards
 Mike & Shelly Rowan
 Joyce Saitta
 Larry Sell
 Arlo Sorheim

Steve Shaw
 Steve Taylor
 Doug Teasdale
 Harry Wales

May

Andy & Sue Andrews
 Robert Barker
 Dale Bristol
 Tony Burczyk
 Lt Col Pete Byrne
 Ralph Evans
 Don Ford
 Kenneth Forrest
 Michael Haines
 Sy Harjes
 Bob & Myrt Herbst
 Dewey Hicks
 Chuck Hoffman
 Rachela Hrenko
 Jan Love
 John Morris

Stanley Minarsky
 Ann Muniz
 Bill & Anne Neuens
 Gerrie Pawley
 Bill & Joan Pickens
 Mike Popovich
 Lorene Reposa
 Lloyd & Diana Richards
 Mike & Shelly Rowan
 Joyce Saitta
 Larry Schlager
 Arlo Sorheim
 Steve Taylor
 Doug Teasdale
 Linda & Paul Turner
 Harry Wales

April

Joe Aguinaga
 Lance Baber
 Ron Barron
 Art Bowens
 Tony Burczyk
 Janet Clark
 Karen Dutro
 Richard Fisher
 Sy Harjes
 Rob Harkins
 Bob Herbst
 Steve Jaouen
 Darlene Lovisone
 Helen McCabe
 Pat McCabe
 Nancy Prentiss
 Michelle Rowan
 Ronald Rutter
 Ron Schomber
 Kay Silvrants
 Carole Smith
 Jan Teasdale

May

Paul Barcroft
B Marilyn Beckage
Ken (Dale) Bristol
Janet Bowens
Dudley Butler
Sharie Butler
Ann Eddy
Beverly Elmore
Elwood P (Woody)
Glaser
Bob Goetz
Bob Hales
Barney Jensen
Harrel Lambert
Mary-Lou Lane
Scott MacLaughlin
Marty Martinez
Monroe Mathias
Newell May
Jerry Navarette
Helen Nold
Joanna Perkins
Lorene Reposa
Lloyd Richards
Arlo Sorheim
Jim Vitale
Flo Wilhelm
Bob Zepp

Taps



Doug Gill, MSgt (Ret), 78, died April 4th after a short illness. His services were held at Ft Logan, 9 April. Doug worked on the "Docks" in the 140th Maintenance Squadron.

Jim Carter, LtCol (Ret), passed away on 7 April, at the age of 78. Jim was an Ops Officer/Pilot in the 60s. He was activated when the unit went to Vietnam, and then stayed on active duty until his retirement. A Celebration Life will be held at a later date.

Harry Emily, MSgt (Ret), died on 12 April, at the age of 93. He was the oldest living charter member of the Colorado Air Guard and certainly among the oldest in the entire Air Guard. Harry joined the National Guard in 1938 and was discharged after World War II. He helped train pilots, navigators and aero engineers on B-25 Mitchell bombers, and he went to school to serve in a P-38 Lightning fighter squadron. He rejoined the Colorado National Guard 28 June 1946 and was one of the 17 members in 1946 when they reorganized the 120th Aero Observation Squadron into the 120th Tactical Fighter Squadron which flew P-51 Mustang fighters. They were the first Air Guard members in the country to be federally recognized. There was a Memorial Service held 19 April at Colorado National Headquarters.

Joel "J" Worley, Lt Col, (Ret) took off to the sky on April 26, 2010 after 91 years of living life to the fullest. A celebration of life was held on May 1st. Contributions may be made to Namaste Hospice, 1633 Fillmore St., Suite 300, Denver, CO 80206 or the charity of your choice



Committee's Corner cont'

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.

Due to the increase in Identity Theft and compliance with The Privacy Act of 1974, we will not publish personal information on the website without permission of individual.

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LIFE CHANGES

Bob Talbot has moved to Sterling House at the Orchids in Loveland. (He was at Generations at Lowry.) He is in #123 and would be happy to have visitors or phone calls. **Please call me for his phone number.**

Sick Call



Lois Hoops - We have not heard any thing about her condition since her bicycle accident in June. If anyone has information, please contact Jan Love.

Sonja Broom - had hand surgery and is doing well and is in therapy.

Joan Pickens - had a bad case of Bronchitis - is doing much better

Jan Love - Going to have day surgery on her foot and expected to do well. No driving for a while.

MINUTE MAN WEB SITE

Bob Cherry (son of deceased Col Robert Cherry, former 120th TFS Commander) is in the process of building a web site dedicated to the Minute Man.

www.theminuteman.us is the web site. If you have information, pictures, or other documents you may contact Bob through the web site or call Jan Love.

Date Book

June

1st - OSOTMG

14th - Flag Day

20th - Father's Day

July

4th - Independence Day

6th - OSOTMG

August

3rd - OSOTMG

September

7th - OSOTMG

October

5th - OSOTMG

November

2nd - OSOTMG

11th - Veteran's Day

December

7th - OSOTMG

Hats for Heroes

In January the Army invited us to 2 events over 2 weekends where we gave out 1306 hats bringing our total to **5582**. We still collect hats but concentrating on the comfort blankets. Comfort blankets are small blanket 30" x 30" with a 6" x6" square of the same pattern. The member deploying takes the small square and the children keep the blanket for comfort.