



OSOTMG NEWS

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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

After 24 years of service there are many things that come to mind that now seem important.

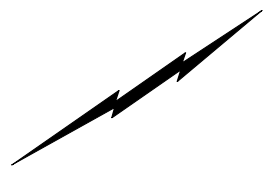
The two years I was stationed at Wheelus AFB, Tripoli Libya, North Africa when I was all of 18 years old and thought everything was right with the world. What I learned about the local people help me understand what a great country we live in (USA).

When I join the ILANG in 1979, and started on the great Guard Life, I did it because I needed something to do. I transfer to COANG in 1981, and was assigned to the 140th Comm Flt. I have been deployed to Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Langley AFB, VA, George AFB, CA, and Andrews AFB, MD, to name a few.

Two things I want to talk about are; 1. meeting my beautiful wife Joan in 1982 at Langley AFB, VA, and 2. she and I going back to the National Guard Hq (Andrews AFB, MD) to work on and teach Sys 11 Com-

puter for the Air National Guard. I came to work at Buckley ANGB fulltime as a Computer Tech in Nov 1988. I enjoyed working with computers and we helped bring the Air Force and Air National Guard in to the World Wide Web. I was the Network Manager for the 140th TFW and worked in the 140th Comm compound till I retired in 2003.

William J Pickens MSGT Retired



Flash (Hot News)

Please see the new information on the Reunion (68 Callup) on October 4th on page 4.

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.

BIG THANK YOU!!!!

The following people had made a donation in the past month.

- Jim Burghardt
- Mike Valiant
- Jim Hall
- Paul Hannon
- Don and Marty Chambers
- Leon Harmon
- Bill & Bea Van Deest

Attendance

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|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Cindy Baggett | Don Ford | Sam Lovell | Joan Pickens | Harry Wales |
| Elton Baggett | Kenneth Forrest | Pat McCabe | Judy Pock | Harold Zimmerman |
| R. Barker | Sy Harjes | Ken McGill | Tom Rifle | |
| Art Bowens | Joe Harnke | George Miller | Lawrence Schlager | |
| Dale Bristol | Dewey Hicks | Gary P. Morgan | Mike Schnurstein | |
| Joe Broom | Chuck Hoffman | Ann Muniz | Susan Schurnstein | |
| Sonja Broom | Herman Klap | B.J. Nanney | Larry Sell | |
| Betty Buck | Peggy Klap | D.O. Neary | Arlo Sorheim | |
| Tony Burczyk | Barry Layton | Neysa Neary | Doug Teasdale | |
| John Candelaria | Yolanda Leggett | Ted Ochs | Paul Turner | |
| Randy Dolan | Jan Love | Bill Pickens | Linda Turner | |
| Ralph Evans | | | | |

Sick Call



Bill Axton - he is not doing very well at this time, cards and notes are greatly appreciated.

JoAnn Alford - doing great, still gets tired so notes, cards, and Emails are still better than phone calls.

Donna Burch - had a heart attack, in a nursing home in Aurora for the next couple of weeks, she needs another little surgery, then she will probably go home.

Taps



Patty Harkins, beloved wife of Brig Gen Rob Harkins

1st Timers

None

GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS

Date Book

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

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

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

Nov 4th - Thanksgiving Dinner

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

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



Oops!

I put this newsletter together faster than we usually do, as Jan went out of town to visit family and I had a lot of physical therapy appointments for my shoulder, so I was not doing much on the computer for a while. I will say in advance that I sorry for any misinformation or omissions. I will try harder in the future.

Joan

Committee's Corner

Hi folks,
I am your webmaster and all around computer geek. I have been "playing" computers since they were first introduced to the public. My first computer was an ADAM Coleco computer with a memory of about 12 k. Now the Palm Pilot I carry in my pocket can do billions of more calculations than those early computers. I enjoy 35mm photography, astronomy, and I am a HAM radio operator.

"Five by Five"
Paul Turner

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Due to the increase in Identity Theft and compliance with The Privacy Act of 1974, we will not longer be publishing signatures or personal information on the electronic version, on the website.

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A Special Hello



9 August 2008

Hello to all of our wonderful friends in the OSOTMG! We miss seeing you at the monthly meetings and special events.

Thanks to each of you who have phoned, visited, or sent cards. Your concern and good wishes have meant a great deal to us.

After two recent stays in Aurora hospitals, Bill is now back at our room in the Life Care Center of Aurora. Full recovery is still a long way to go, but being together again helps both of us.

Bill isn't up to visiting yet, but he does appreciate getting cards and notes. He's always been a man of few words; but now he's limited to only a couple at a time, so Jan handles the phone calls. We enjoy the newsletter and look forward to learning some good news about all of you.

Love from Jan & Bill

Cindy Baggett
Ginny Barcroft
Betty Buck
Tom Burlace
Nadine Caldwell
Maria Clark
Tammy Dudley
Eileen Fagen
Steve L. Flanagan
Danny Fouts
Myrt Herbst
Barbara Jean Minarsky

Birthdays



Joe O'Neill
Tommy Ortega
Ray Overfield
Diana Parkos
John Paul
John M. Prentiss Jr
Dinah Rogers
Dave Rubeck
Ron Silvrants
Gloria Swenson
Doug Teasdale
Orlando Valdez

Hats for Heroes

Our total is 1911 hats given out to date.

We are in need of some darker colored hats, Navy, Black, Dk Grey, Dk variegated, Brown, etc.

Thank you in advance if you can help us with this.

Reunion (1968 Callup)

*Brigadier General Trulan A. Eyre
Commander, 140th Wing
cordially invites you to a*

*Reunion for current and former members and spouses
of the 140th (TF) Wing, in honor of the
'68 Call-Up Anniversary*

*on Saturday, the fourth of October
at half past six in the evening
at*

*Wings over the Rockies Museum
7711 East Academy Boulevard
Denver, CO 80230-6929*

*R.S.V.P. by 12 September 08
Commercial: (720) 847-3759*

*Civilian: Business Casual
Cost: \$26 dollars per person*

Email: 68Callup@cobuck.ang.af.mil

* NEW
INFO *

If you can't come to the reunion please send us a picture of yourself & your spouse and a short write-up about yourself. If you have a picture of yourself of when you were at Buckley send that also. We plan to have a picture board of these set up for people to look at.



Double Tree Hotel, I225 & Iliff, in Aurora, is offering rooms for \$69/night. Do not call hotel directly. Contact Jan Love either by phone or e-mail for contact instructions.

Saturday, 4 OCT 2008 - The 140th Wing will have an Open House from 1200-1400. Casual visitation to certain areas will be allowed. Some areas will not be accessible, due to the fact that this is a UTA weekend. There will be an F-16 take-off and landing, time to be determined. If you are interested but do not have a current I.D. card to enter Buckley AFB, contact Cpt Hope Griggs at (720) 847-9556 or Hope.Griggs@COBUCK.ANG.AF.MIL.

If there is enough interest, the Other Side of the Mountain Gang will sponsor the following events:

Friday, 3 OCT 08 - Cocktail Party, 1700 - ? \$5 per person, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, band later in evening

Sunday, 5 OCT 08 - Sunday Brunch, time to be announced, (approximately 0900 - 1200), \$6 per person, "eggs to order".

These two events will be held at TREA 39 in Aurora. (They have moved into a new facility near to 6th & Chambers, across the street from Centre Hills Golf Course.)