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NEXT MEETING WILL BE 6 March 2012, 11 am, TREA 39, 15821 CENTRETECH CIRCLE, AURORA, CO 80011. Important DAV Presentation!!!!!!!!!!!!



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@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 –

Hello from Guthrie, the first Territorial Capitol of Oklahoma.

I initially joined the regular Army in I963, taking training as a Hawk Missile Launcher Crewman. I served in Korea and at Ft Bliss, Texas where I met my wife Pat. After active duty, I joined the Army Reserves and then the Colorado Army National Guard where I was employed as a full time technician. I enlisted in the COANG in March of 1969 after being hired as and Air Technician, working for Chief Bill Spesshardt as part of Base Administration.

I spent over 25 wonderful years in the COANG, starting out in Base Administration, and having assignments as a technician in the 140th CAM Squadron, 140th Combat Support Sq First Sergeant, NCOIC of Base Administration, and NCOIC of the CBPO. I deployed to Gulfport and Volk Field many times for Summer camp and once to Panama. I have great memories of bowling, softball, and golf tournaments, and for those of you that remember, a 'special' trip to the Trianon Mansion in Colorado Springs .

Since retiring from the COANG in July of 1995, I have held positions as an Instructor and a Network Analyst before going to work for TRW (later Northrop Grumman) as a Computer Engineer where I spent some time 'behind the fence' at Buckley, and on the B2 Program here in Oklahoma at Tinker AFB. Currently, I'm teaching computer science part time at a local state college and a university.

In 2005, Pat and I bought a home in Guthrie, Oklahoma, and finally moved down here at the end of 2006. The home we have here in Guthrie is situated on about 2 acres, and Pat is raising champion Nigerian Goats. Winters are milder than in Denver and I have the opportunity to get a lot of golf in at some of the good courses around here. We both are doing volunteer work and are active in several different local organizations.

I do miss all the friends I made while working for the COANG for over 25 years, and wish that I could be making more meetings. Receiving the newsletter is something I look forward to. Keep it coming!

John Christopher, CMSGT (Ret)

A BIG THANK YOU!!!!

Jan Axton

Paul Dearerick

Angie Minnehan

Patricia Smutz

Dan Banach

Betty Englen

John Morris

Harold Smethills

Jim Burghardt

Louis Gerweck

Ken McGill

William Snyder

Dan Candelaria

Jim Hall

Ted Ochs

George Stolley

John Christopher

W.R. Koger

Buck Rennick

Jim Svendsen

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

Attendance

* 1st Timers

Andy & Sue Andrews
Art Bowens
Joe & Sonja Broom

Tony Burczyk
Jack Darveau
Kenneth Forrest

D.O. & Neysa Neary
John Morris
John Paul
Bill Pickens

Joyce Saitta
Arlo Sorheim
Mike & Susan Schnurstein
Steve Taylor
Paul & Linda Turner

Committee's Corner

Dear Other Siders,

First of all I would like to say "THANK YOU!" for the \$930 that was donated since the last newsletter. Between the Welcome to the OSOTMG Certificates we present at Retirement Ceremonies and the monthly newsletter, we should be able to continue for a few more months. All donations are greatly appreciated!

We will have a representative from the DAV speaking at the March meeting on the 6th. Please read the article in this newsletter for more details. There have been many changes in our Veteran's benefits (not just retirees) that are positive and I think you will enjoy the presentation.

Thank you, again! See you on 6 March, TREA 39, 1100. Remember to bring your own lunch or snack.
Best Always,
Jan

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 no longer be publishing signatures or personal information on the electronic version, on the website.

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DAV Presentation - 6 March 2012 - THIS IS IMPORTANT!!!!!!!!!!!!

I attended the DAV presentation, last month, at the American Legion. I didn't get there on time, so I missed the first hour. Holy cow! I thought the changes I learned were unbelievable and it was imperative that we arrange for John Price to speak to us ASAP. Changes range from Vietnam Vets to Southwestern Asia Vets, and everyone else. Please spread the word. I know there are several other groups (i.e. Weapons folks), that have their own monthly meetings.

Date Book

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| March 6 th - OSOTMG | August 7 th - OSOTMG |
| April 3 rd - OSOTMG | September 4 th - OSOTMG |
| May 1 st - OSOTMG | October 2 nd - OSOTMG |
| June 5 th - OSOTMG | November 6 th - OSOTMG |
| July 10 th - OSOTMG | December 4 th - OSOTMG |

Birthdays

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| Andy Andrews | Izzie De La Rosa | Barbara Leigh | Jeffrey Miller |
| Chuck Baum | Karma Fields | Denise Linn | Jim Patsey |
| Gary Bohn | Lisa Franzen | Donna Lucero | Neysa Neary |
| Phyllis Brooks | Jay Gates | Leonard (Vern) Marshall | Dianne Sanford |
| Joseph Broom | Bonnie Heinz | Avery Mason | Jeanne Schjodt |
| Dorothy Bruening | Gloria Hicks | Ruth Mathias | Gordon Terroux |
| Lorene Caballer | Celeste Laufaert | Mary McClanahan | Fred Wade |
| Jane Cardenas | DeVerne Lehman | Sally McFarland | Mason Whitney |

Taps

Howard G. Jarrett Jr. ,MSgt, (Ret)

Jarrett, Howard G., Jr., 72, of Brighton, CO, passed away 31 January 2012. He was deeply loved and will be missed. Survived by wife Jackie, brothers Paul, Sherman and half sister Marta Collazo, sons Dean, Howard L., David, daughter Jeanne McDonough, steps Vonda and Justin; grandkids Jennifer, Robert McDonough, Joshua, Justin and Olivia Jarrett; steps Madison, Kimoni, Dayron Jr., Chance, Savannah and Eden.

Posted in the Denver Post 9 February 2012

Ernest "Ernie" Hoa, MSgt, (Ret)

Ernest "Ernie/Junior" Ho-a, Jr. 1936-2012, 76, of Denver, passed away 3 February 2012. He is survived by his wife, Juanita A. Ho-a. His two daughters: Kahualani "Lani" (Scott) Hayden and Carla Lei (Tim) Johnson. His grandson: Keoni Kai Ho-a Johnson. He is also survived by numerous step-children, step-grandchildren, other extended family and friends, both here in Colorado and in Hawai'i. Memorial donations may be made to: Ke Ali'i Pauahi Foundation, either online at www.pauahi.org/giving/ or 567 S. King Street, Suite 160 Honolulu, HI 96813 or (808) 534-3966.

Ernest Ho-a Jr. was born on February 3, 1936 in Kukuihaele, Hawai'i to Ernest Ho-a Sr. and Julia Toko Ho-a. He was raised by his auntie Rose and his hanai family. He attended Kamehameha School where, by all accounts, he was a rascal and a flirt. This is also where he met and became the "number one son" to Luryier "Pop" Diamond, and first fell in love with capturing the beauty of life (and a few wahines too) through a camera lens. After graduating in 1954, Ernie moved to the mainland and enrolled at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York, where he showed all those haoles how to wear slippers in the snow. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and ended up, of all places, in Amarillo, Texas where he met and married his first wife, Helen. They were married for 28 years and had two daughters, Lani and Carla Lei that they raised in Denver, Colorado and Kekaha, Kaua'i, Hawai'i. In 1988, Ernie met a realy maikai wahine, Juanita, while working at the U.S. Mint and made her his wife. They spent the last 23 years, like two peas in a pod, laughing, loving and having a good time together.

To Ernie, everyone was a friend just waiting to be made. Somewhere, he is telling someone a joke, asking for Kona coffee and custard pie, saying "don't worry, just hang loose", and trying to pinch the ladies' okoles. We miss you, Daddy, but we know that wherever you are, you are happy and home.

Col Edwin J Johnson, USAFR (Ret)

Ed passed away yesterday morning, 28 February 2012 from cancer. The services will be this Saturday evening, 03 Mar, at 6:00 pm. Uniforms are encouraged, as the Guard was an important part of Ed's life. The service will take place at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, which is located at:

2001 Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO 80205, (303) 322-7009

There is also a CaringBridge site dedicated to Ed. It is:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/EdwinJohnson>

Thanks so much for your help in letting the Guard know of the death of this wonderful man and outstanding officer.

Sick Call - On January 5th, Judy fell in the kitchen and broke her hip. Following nearly two months away from home, two surgeries, three visits to two different skilled nursing facilities, and intense pain and suffering, Judy is back home. We have made adjustments in the house, but she is able to navigate the stairs, the wheelchair, and walker to do many of the things she did before. She is now getting occasional assistance from visiting physical and occupational therapists. The pain is nowhere near what it once was, but she still has to concern herself with occasional pain medications. She wants to thank all of you for your concern and prayers on her behalf. Feel free to call her if you should want. She still doesn't do email, but that's another matter. **Joe Ashby**

LIFE CHANGES

Irv "Mac" McLaughlin has moved into an apartment in Aurora. If you would like his new address please contact us.