



# OSOTMG NEWS

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**\* NEXT MEETING WILL BE Tuesday, 4 December 2012, at TREA 39, 15821 CENTRE-TECH CIRCLE, AURORA, CO 80011. Come Socialize at 11am Meeting starts at 11:45 \***

## Committee's Corner

### 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](http://www.colorado.gov)

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303-249-0146(c)

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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

Dear Other Siders,

Veteran's Day has just passed, Thanksgiving is coming next week and then right around the corner is Christmas. I hope everyone will stop to remember all of Our Troops that are not at home with their family's this holiday season. In Lieu of a Howdy Duty this month please read the little story on page 2 and 3 of this newsletter. We need your stories of your time in the Guard or of your favorite airplane that the guard flew. I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and sincerely hope to see you at our next meeting on December 4. This will be our Christmas Party so it will be a good time.

Joan

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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## OCTOBER 2012 MINUTES

Don Neary opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by asking the Committee Members to stand and introduce themselves.

Major General H. Michael Edwards, the Adjutant General for Colorado, was our Guest Speaker. The General is responsible for the command administration of the Colorado Army and Air National Guard consisting of over 5000 members. He also serves as the Executive Director of Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and is a member of the Governor's cabinet. He has responsibility for the Colorado National Guard's primary missions of national defense and state emergency response. He's also responsible for sup

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## Attendance \* 1st Timers

Dale Bristol  
Joe and Sonja Broom  
Tony Burczyk  
Randy Dolan  
Maj Gen Mike Edwards  
Bill Frazier  
Dan Gay

Sy Harjes  
Dan Heinz  
Andy Love  
Jan Love  
Dave Moos  
Ron Morris  
DO Neary

Glenn and Ellen Nishiki  
Ed O'Connor  
Tom Ortega  
John Paul  
Bill and Joan Pickens  
Judy Pock  
Joyce Saitta

Bill Seiler  
Golden Sherman \*  
Arlo Sorheim  
Steven Spahr  
Paul and Linda Turner  
Larry Weir  
Linda Baden-Wilhoit \*  
Jim Wilhoit

## Sick Call



Dave Brubeck was placed on Hospice and not expected to live long.

Phil Pohanic who is on home hospice care at this time.

## TAPS



Ed Schaefer passed away.

## Date Book

2012

December

2<sup>nd</sup> Wing Christmas Party

4<sup>th</sup> - OSOTMG

25<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS

2013

January

8<sup>th</sup> OSOTMG

February

5<sup>th</sup> OSOTMG

March

5<sup>th</sup> OSOTMG

## Birthdays



Jim Alford  
Joann Alford  
Sandy Barron  
Ileen Bernhardt  
Twana Bridgman  
Debbie Cable  
Richard Cardenas  
William Cardinal  
George Clark  
Pat Colalilla  
Andrea Fitzgerald  
Colleen Gunning  
Bobbe Hadley  
Barbara Hoekstra  
Sally Jensen  
Judie Lehman  
Don Mandonado  
Mindy Mathay  
Diana McGraw  
Chuck McNelley  
Diane Miller  
Jim Miskin

Eric Moe  
Dan Moore  
Bill Musslewhite  
Faith Muzy  
Robert Quinn  
Delles Schneider  
Eddie W Shreeve  
Keith Smith  
Michelle Steffey  
Thomas Surprenant  
Steve Taylor  
Patricia Thurmond  
May Trumble  
Linda Turner  
Betty Valiant  
Jim Wilhoit  
Jim Winders

Contributed by Joe Broom in honor of Veteran's Day

The following is a story I wrote after reading a comic strip several years ago. A father and his 6 year old son were waiting for the Veterans Day Parade to start when the son asked, "Why is there a parade today?" The Father answered, "This is a special day to recognize all who have served in the Armed Forces". The Son asked "will there be lots of horses and clowns". The Father said "yes but, this is a special parade for our Veterans" as the Son said "here they come". The Parade Marshall passed followed by some elderly men marching in the various uniforms they had worn many years ago. It was obvious they were doing their best to stay in step, but you could recognize a little glitch in their hips. The next question was who are they and the Father replied "they are World War II Veterans". The son asked, "why are there so few of them"? The Father explained that the war happened many years ago and a lot of World War II Veterans have passed away. "Oh" said the Son. After a brief moment came the next question. "When all the World

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**Minutes**

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porting the mission of the Civil Air Patrol's Colorado Wing consisting of over 2,500 members and gave us a briefing on the Military Status for Colorado Guardsmen. For the Air Guard side the 140<sup>th</sup> Wing has been busy. They passed their ORI inspections while three other units failed and Colorado is the best in the Nation. Recently 223 Air Guardsmen's were deployed overseas and will not be home for the holidays. On a National level it's been a battle with budget details to cut 5% of the ANG force. Talked with the Governor asking for the Council of Governors go to Secretary of Defense with 54 Adjutant General's letters opposing the cuts. The Secretary of the Air force had lost control of the budget now but has gotten back control and it is coming back in favor of the ANG. From the Army Guard side other than some retention problems they are in pretty good shape.

Dewey passed out a list of all the COANG planes and is getting pictures of each that would be suitable for a calendar. He also mentioned to get a calendar put together prices for reproduction and getting orders for 2013 at this date may not be possible. He's thinking a book with pictures and descriptions of each aircraft may be more practical at this time. Next year will allow more time to put out a calendar for 2014.

COANG Air Heritage Museum Committee is continuing to work on the 2000-2009 decade panel.

It was good to see Bill Seiler, who lives in Texas. He mentioned that he and his brother were with General McKinley and on Memorial Day laid a wreath at the Vietnam Wall in honor of Major Clyde Seiler.

Jan Love mentioned she hadn't received any new information on retirees. On November 18, 2012, at 2PM the Wing Commander will have a get together for the family members of deployed troops. December 2, 2012, 9 AM, will be the Wing Christmas Party. Congratulations to Steve Taylor (one of our members) who in his wheelchair wheeled his way across the nation.

The Committee Members met with TREA staff and our group is welcome to meet at their facilities; however they will not have anyone available to cook. To use the kitchen will cost \$200. We can have a potluck if so desire.

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War II guys have died, will there still be a Parade"? The Father realized another question was coming and said "let's enjoy the parade. When we get home I will tell you all about the Veterans of all wars who fought to defend and preserve our freedoms. Better yet, maybe I should write it down so that you can read it and explain it to your children someday".



BGen Villano honoring Merchant Marines at Veteran Salute



WWII singers Reveille 3