

# OSOTMG NEWS

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NEXT MEETING WITH BE 6 OCTOBER 2009, 1100, at TREA 39, 15821 CENTRETECH CIRCLE, AURORA, CO 80011. TREA phone number 303.340.3939. OCTOBER LUNCH: Soup & Sandwich or Casserole (depending on weather), \$6 at the door. RSVP TO JAN LOVE AT 303.693.7538 OR E-MAIL OSOTMG@COMCAST.NET, NLT 29 SEPTEMBER 2009.



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TREA 39

# Howdy Duty Time

I joined the Colorado Air National Guard in 1950. On January 17, 1951 we were called to active duty and sent to Clovis, New Mexico, to reopen what is now Cannon Air Force Base. Our installation squadron repaired the barracks, used fire hoses to wash the sand out of the World War II buildings and chopped cactus out of the cracks in sidewalks. I was there until late 1952.

In 1968-69, I was in the Pueblo call-up. Some of the squadron spent time in Las Vegas with (Red Horse) learning how to erect the barracks at Nellis AFB that we would later build on South Korea Bases. The Fighter Squadron was sent to Viet Nam and I was stationed at ROKAF-K13. Spent nine months there working as a plumber in the 152nd.

In 1972, I was released from the Guard with 22 years of service as a M/Sgt. The names I recall are: Tom Oliver, 1st Sgt. Rio Lucas, Les Waggner, Nyberg, Ralph Rausch, George Durkop, Claude Dutro, Warrant Officer Smith, Richard Burch, Clem Hoffman and Rip Riposa.

Last March while taking a road trip, my wife and I decided to go by Clovis AFB. What a surprise! It is completely rebuild and Cannon AFB is a special operations facility. An old F-86 Plane in on display with a plaque indicating that the Colorado National Guard was stationed there for a brief time.

Since moving to Kansas, I have certainly enjoyed receiving your OSOTMG.

Sincerely, Del Englen

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### 2010 Military Ball

On behalf of Major General H. Michael Edwards, The Adjutant General of Colorado, and the Soldiers and Airmen of the Colorado National Guard, we extend an invitation to join us for the 150th Birthday Celebration of the Colorado National Guard on Saturday, 23 January 2010. We will begin our 150th Celebration Year with our "Colorado Minuteman Birthday Ball."

Please mark your calendars for 23 January 2010! More information to follow, stay tuned!

### A BIG THANK YOU!!!!

Jan Axton
Gary Brison
Betty Buck
Jim Burghardt
Duwayne & Loree Ebertowski
Ken McGill
Mary Jo & Steve Pahs
William Snyder
Diana Thebado
Betty & Mike Valiant
Willie Watkins

The Poor Box was over flowing! Thanks to all who made a donation at the meeting.

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### Attendance

Elton & Cindy Baggett

Dan Banach

Robert Barker

Dale Bristol

Gary Brown

Larry Catlin

Nicole David

Ralph Evans

## \* 1st Timers

Kenneth Forrest Woody Glaser

Kristin Haley

Sy Harjes Joe Harnke

Bob Herbst

Chuck Hoffman

**Barry Layton** 

Connie Moos

Bill Neuens

Chris Perkins

Michael Pfister

Cindy Rochford

Jim Sanford

Teri Schmied

Sabrina Taylor

Bea Van Deest

Ellen Williams

Helen Vitale

Leo Seeba

Patty Navarette

Mac McCarley
Sally Jo McFarland\*

**BJ** Nanney

DO & Neysa Neary

Judy Pock

Mike Popovich

Lloyd & Diana Richards

Mike Schnurstein

Susan Schnurstein

Ed Shreeve

Leo Seeba

Larry Sell

Arlo Sorheim

Doug Teasdale

Dwayne Trebold

Linda & Paul Turner

Harry Wales

## Taps



Mike Kelley - August 2009

# Birthdays

Ruth Allen

Ray Beckage

Richard A Bruening

Art Caldwell

Alvin Dorsey

Robin Ecklund

Ken Elliott

John France

Joy Gates

Judy Gay

Judy Gay

Dee Hawkins Dannie Heinz

Irwin Kalcits

Cathy Kenworthy

Robert Kenworthy

# Sick Call



Bill Seiler - Still in recovery mode but he started driving again. He attended the City Council meeting this month (first time since his surgery). Slow but sure. Rocky wanted me to tell you, "Thanks for your thoughts and prayers!"

Arliss Guerrero - Home recovering. She is able to eat small amounts but has supplemental feeding at night. We visited with Rich and Arli on 21 September. Arli looks great (so does Rich) and is getting back her feistiness! She is extremely happy to be home, welcomes visitors, but please call first. "Thanks to everyone for their patience, letting her adjust and have her private time with Rich, while in the hospital. Twenty-one days was more than even time away from home!"

BJ Nanney is traveling to Houston to have surgery on an aneurism near his collar bone. He is taking his laptop so he can stay in touch. Time in the hospital after surgery is expected to be seven to eight days. Even though his doctor told him he would be able to fly, his brother will drive down and drive him home from Houston.

Ed O'Connor will have surgery next month for Prostate Cancer. More info to come. He is currently on an adventure to Las Vegas, then to Phoenix to see his grandchildren.

# Date Book

#### <u>October</u>

6th - OSOTMG Meeting

12th - Columbus Day

31st - Halloween

#### November

1st - Daylight Saving Time Ends

3rd - OSOTMG Meeting

11th - Veteran's Day

26th - Thanksgiving

#### December

1st - OSOTMG Meeting

12th - Hanukah begins

21st - First day of Winter

25th - Christmas

26th - Kwanzaa begins

Dear Other Siders,

If we did not mention your name in the "Birthday List", it is because we don't have your "birth month" information. If you would like to be mentioned, please contact me, by phone, mail or e-mail and I will get your information entered into our Data Base.

Happy Birthday to All! Jan PAGE 3 OSOTMG NEWS VOLUME 2 ISSUE 9

## Committee's Corner

Dear Other Siders,

The  $15^{\text{th}}$  Annual Aurora Veterans Salute will be held Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at the Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum. This year's theme is "Honoring the Fallen".

Tickets are going fast, but D.O. has made a group reservation for us. If you plan to attend you need to contact him as soon as possible.

The timeline read:

11:00-11:30 a.m. - Initial welcome, door prizes & sponsor recognition.

11:30 a.m. - Formal program begins.

11:59-12:20 p.m. - lunch served.

The Program promises to be interesting and exciting. See you there.

Dewey

If you know of **any** past members of the Colorado Air National Guard we haven't reached, please pass along our E-Mail address, <u>OSOTMG@comcast.net</u> 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 longer be publishing signatures or personal information on the electronic version, on the website.

Committee Members: Jan Love osotmg@comcast.net Bill & Joan Pickens billpickens@hughes.net joanpickens@hughes.net Paul Turner paullinda@comcast.net D.O. & Neysa Neary donandneysa@q.com **Dewey Hicks** dewster44@comcast.net Dale Bristol dalebristol@netzero.net Steve Taylor taylor6908@aol.com

2009
LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNER
LEO SEEBA



Leo is a "behind the scenes go to" type of leader. He has been a Special Olympics volunteer since 1978. In those thirty years, Leo has held quite a few volunteer positions and is currently the Director of Support Services for the State Winter and Summer Games. His job is to make sure every piece of equipment needed - from pens to cars - arrive at each event venue site. If anything is missing, broken, or damaged Leo is the one they call. He is also a volunteer for the Food Bank of the Rockies where he stocks donated supplies, provides materials and does maintenance and repairs for their electrical needs. Leo also has been a member of his local Kiwanis Club since coming to Denver from his home State of North Dakota. He is an active member of his church and supports many of the church projects.