

### Important Info

The retirees monthly breakfast and semi-annual luncheon have been held for over 20 years. Periodically it becomes necessary to change locations. The current challenges will be resolved and we will once again settle into a steady routine. Stay with us.



# 162FW Retirees Newsletter

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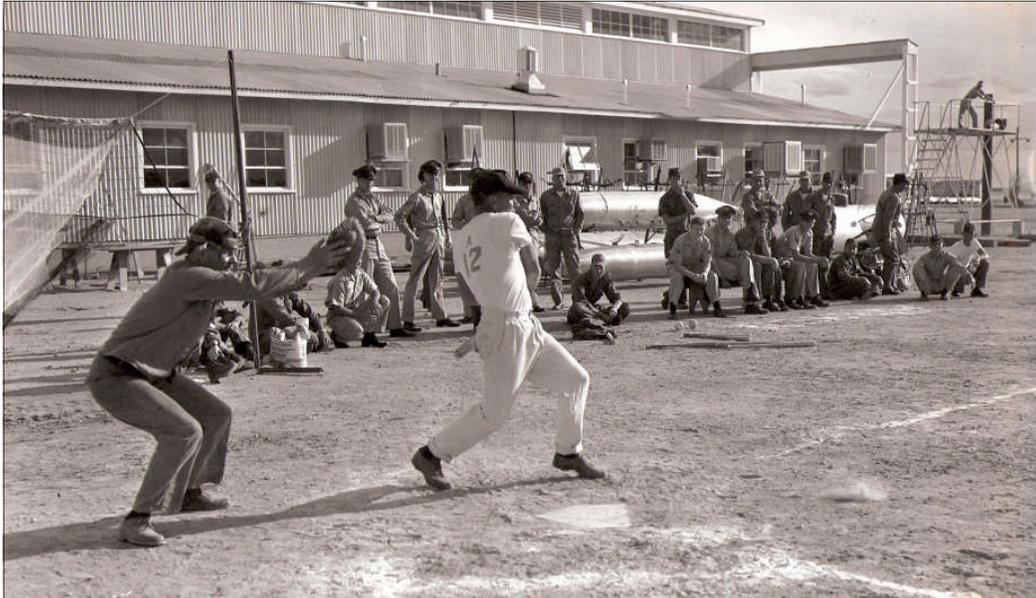
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## Early members of the Tucson Air Guard worked hard, played hard



Members of the 152nd Fighter Interceptor Squadron enjoy some recreation time. This photo was taken in 1957 during a squadron softball game. The original hangar is in the background. Louie Bowerman swings the bat and Bill Higgins is the catcher. Unit members observe the action from the sidelines.

To our readers: If you recognize some of the people in this photo please let us know who they are. If we can put names to the faces we will publish that information at a later date. You can call and leave a message, send us an e-mail or write us a short note and put it in the U.S. Mail. Thank you.

### Upcoming Retiree Events Feb - April 2011

**Please note new location!**

**Feb 9, Monthly Breakfast in Tucson, HomeTown Buffet at 5101 N Oracle Rd. 7:30 a.m.**

**Mar 9, Monthly Breakfast in Tucson, HomeTown Buffet at 5101 N Oracle Rd. 7:30 a.m.**

**Apr 13, Semi-annual luncheon, HomeTown Buffet at 5101 N Oracle Rd. 11:30 a.m. (This event held in lieu of the breakfast on this date).**

### Breakfast vs. Lunch. How do you feel about this?

With recent necessary changes in our monthly breakfast it has been suggested that we forego the retirees breakfast and move it to a monthly luncheon instead. Unfortunately, there are few choices when considering buffet breakfast locations that can accommodate our group. Moving our monthly meeting to the lunch hour would open up more options. We would like to know how you feel about having a retirees luncheon each month instead of breakfast? Forward your inputs to the retirees office at addresses listed in the above RH corner of this page.

### Income Tax Assistance Available at DMAFB



If you need help getting your income tax returns completed and mailed off, assistance is only a phone call away. Once again this year you can get professional help with your taxes at Davis-Monthan. VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is available at the Retired Activities Office on-base until April 15, 2011. Volunteers will help you complete your taxes and file on-line in one visit. Appointments are required. Call (520) 228-3489 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. M-F for complete information and to make an appointment. Don't wait until the last minute. These volunteers are busy and the schedule gets tighter as the filing deadline approaches.

You will need to bring to your appointment all necessary paperwork. Generally required are all income (pay, annuity and IRA distribution) statements (W-2's and 1099's), bank and investment statements, proof of all deductions, and a check from your bank account (required to ensure your bank routing number is available to process refunds or taxes due). This service is offered as part of your military retirement package. It's just one more retirement benefit that's available to former military personnel.

### Change in retirees breakfast location becomes necessary

For years the monthly retirees breakfast has been held at the HomeTown Buffet on Wilmot Rd. Unfortunately, that restaurant has discontinued breakfast, necessitating changes. We had to make a last minute change for January with the information going out by e-mail and word of mouth. The breakfast location was moved to the HomeTown Buffet at 5101 N. Oracle Rd. The word obviously got around because about 45 retirees showed up. This was a good turnout.

The February, March and April retirees events have been set and will also be held at the Oracle Rd Hometown Buffet.

Location of future breakfasts and luncheons after April have not been determined. Bear with us as we attempt to solidify our future schedule. We will keep you updated through e-mails, newsletters and the El Tigre.

### White Mountain Picnic scheduled for June

The annual White Mountain Retirees Picnic is scheduled for June 23, 2011. Location is Fool Hollow Lake State Park, the same location as in previous years. Exact time and other information has not been determined, however, put this date on your calendar and we will forward additional information as it becomes available.

## New 162<sup>nd</sup> Base Commander assigned

Col. Michael T. McGuire is the new commander of the 162nd Fighter Wing. He graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1987 and attended UPT at Sheppard AFB. His training was followed by several operational, combat and training assignments in the F-16. Colonel McGuire joined the 162<sup>nd</sup> in 2001 as an F-16 instructor pilot and later assumed command of the 148th Fighter Squadron. In February 2010 he was assigned as the commander of the 214<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Group (Predator mission) stationed at DMAFB. He returned to the 162<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing in January 2011 in his new position as the Base Commander. 162FW retirees welcome Colonel McGuire as the 11<sup>th</sup> commander of the Tucson Air National Guard.

