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162FW Retiree News

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Do
you
remember?



The Vought A-7D Corsair II was flown by the 162nd from 1976 to 1991.

Heritage Flight practice merges past with present



Each year, DMAFB hosts the Heritage Flight practice for the upcoming air show season. Military retirees are invited to come out and watch. It's a free air show without the crowds. Aircraft in attendance last year were a P-38, P-40, P-51, F-4, F-15, F-16 and F-22. If you like aircraft, old and new, this provides a great opportunity. This flight practice is scheduled to return to DM for the 2012 season. Look for this event the first week in March.

Retiree Events January - April 2012



Monthly Retirees Luncheon.
held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Golden Corral Buffet Restaurant, 4380 E. 22nd St., 11:30 a.m.
Upcoming 2012 dates are:

January 11
February 8
March 14
April 11



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Monthly Flightline Luncheon.
held the last Monday of each month at the Skybox Restaurant, NE corner of River and Craycroft, 12 noon. Everyone welcome! 2012 dates are:

January 30
February 27
March 26
April 30



Help with income tax is available

VOLUNTEER
INCOME TAX
ASSISTANCE
228-3489

If you need help with your income tax; Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is available at DMAFB. VITA is located in the Retired Activities Office building on-base. Military retirees can take advantage of this free service. Appointments can be made starting mid-January by calling (520) 228-3489.

El Tigre now lives online



The *El Tigre News* continues on; though now it lives in a virtual world. The new *El Tigre Online* news magazine debuted on November 3, 2011. All who previously signed up received this *El Tigre* in their e-mail boxes. This new electronic *El Tigre* is very informative, providing timely and relevant information about the Guard.

If you have e-mail it's easy to sign up. Go to www.162fw.ang.af.mil. On the left side of the toolbar select home/retirees to access the Retirees page. At the bottom center of this page is the sign-up box. Fill in your first and last name and e-mail address. That's it! Once signed up you will automatically receive *El Tigre Online* periodically in your e-mail. No spam will be sent to you; only the *El Tigre Online*.

Are you prepared?

The retirees office often receives inquiries for assistance from surviving spouses after their husbands pass away. They don't know where to go to resolve questions about military and civilian pay, survivors benefits and the DD214. We encourage our retirees to resolve these questions before it's too late. Don't leave surviving spouses in the dark! Make information about important contacts part of your plan. It's unfortunate when surviving family members struggle to acquire this information during a very stressful time. If you need help, contact us. We can provide information needed to assist in completion of a valid estate plan. **Get your plan together NOW!**

New Office Hours

Now that the monthly retirees meeting is a lunch instead of breakfast the retiree office hours at the 162nd have changed. New hours are: second Wednesday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. and the fourth Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Of course, you can send a note, e-mail or call us any time. Leave a message and we will get back to you.

Retiree Remembered



Ray "Randy" Bain recently passed away. He was one of the early 162nd members who served the unit for many years as a full-timer in vehicle maintenance. Sincere condolences are extended to Randy's family and friends.



In Memoriam

As another year passes into history we would like to recognize our comrades who passed away in 2011. These were dedicated friends and coworkers who helped create the proud history of the 162nd Fighter Wing. Their names are:

John Diehl *
Mike Suzich
Robert Cawley
Bob Porter
Brian Petrie *
John Lambert
Bennie Cruz
Paul Munie

Arnie Franks
Carlos Canez
Randy Bain

*Note: Those whose names are identified with an asterisk (*) were current 162nd members. Not retirees.*

December Retirees Luncheon reunites old friends

On December 14, 2011, about 70 former unit members gathered for lunch, received an excellent briefing on military benefits and enjoyed the company of former coworkers .



Photo by Maj. Gabe Johnson

Retirees Luncheon - 14 Dec 2011

162nd Fighter Wing 1956 - 2012

