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162FW Retiree News

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The Lockheed C-130 Hercules support aircraft was flown by the 162nd from 1986 to 1992.

Retirees donate and volunteer to help 162nd members

If you are looking for a good place to put your donation dollars, here are a few ideas. There are two charities at the 162nd specifically designed to benefit current and retired unit members. Our retirees have a long history of involvement with these charities, which are:

(1) The Jimmy Jet Foundation provides financial assistance to less fortunate current unit members. Named after former 162nd crew chief Jimmy "Jet" Bracamonte, this charity helped 11 Guard families in fiscal 2011. To donate to this worthy cause make a check out to the **Jimmy Jet Foundation** and mail it to the following 162nd address:

Jimmy Jet Foundation
162nd Fighter Wing
1650 E. Perimeter Way
Tucson, AZ 85706



All donations made to 162nd charities are Tax Deductible

The **Jimmy Jet Breakfast** is an event directly connected to the **Jimmy Jet foundation**. Twice a year, during April and October drill, retiree volunteers go out to the 162nd and prepare a breakfast that current unit members can buy at a nominal cost. This breakfast has been going on for over 12 years and all profits are donated to the **Jimmy Jet Foundation**. Retiree volunteers are always needed to help make this breakfast a success. This event provides volunteers an opportunity to spend time with former coworkers while contributing to a worthy cause. Call John Palermo at 883-5651 for details and sign up to help out at the next breakfast, which will be held during April UTA.

(2) The Tucson Air Guard Memorial Fund is used to maintain, update and engrave names on the 162nd Memorial located on base. This memorial is unique to the 162nd and is a fitting tribute to former unit members who helped create the proud history of the 162nd Fighter Wing. Your donation will help ensure the memorial will be there for all past, present and future unit members. Make your check out to the **Tucson Air Guard Memorial Fund** and mail it to:



Tucson AG Memorial Fund
c/o 162FW Retirees Office
1650 E Perimeter Way
Tucson, AZ 85706-6052



As of March 1, 2012, there were 219 names engraved on the 162nd Memorial

Date set for Annual White Mountain Retirees Picnic

Since 2005, retirees from the Tucson and Phoenix ANG units have gathered at the White Mountain Picnic each summer to visit with old friends while enjoying the cool mountain air and ponderosa pine forest of east-central Arizona.

The 8th annual AZANG White Mountain Retirees Picnic is now scheduled for Thursday, June 21, 2012. This year's picnic will again be held at Fool Hollow Lake State Park just west of Show Low, AZ. Start time is 3:00 p.m. and cost remains a reasonable \$12.50 per person. We are looking forward to seeing old familiar faces, and some familiar new ones, at this picnic. Put this date on your calendar. Additional details will be sent by e-mail and also be printed in the next newsletter.



Retiree Events March - June 2012

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

March 14
April 11
May 9
June 13



Seasonal Monthly White Mountain Retirees Breakfast
Held the second Wednesday of each month from May to September at Bobbi Jo's Restaurant in the Village Center, 674 White Mountain Blvd, Pinetop, AZ, 7:30 a.m. Upcoming dates are:

May 9
June 13



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

March 26
April 30
May 28
June 25



The F-35 is still the future



The F-35 is back in the news with the recent release to the public of the draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS).

The 162nd is still on the short list to receive this aircraft in the future. The Study is available for download at www.f-35atrainingeis.com. It's a large file but you can download just the Tucson study chapter if you prefer.

Continuing positive support for this aircraft is highly recommended. Talk it up, attend scheduled meetings when you can, and, if you haven't already done so, add your name to the Tucson Air Guard F-35 support list at www.tucsonF35.com.



Retirees Remembered



We regret to inform you of the passing of the following individuals. Sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of these former Guardsmen:

Amando "Manny" Trillo. Manny was a weekend warrior who served the unit in Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE).

Ruben Limon. Ruben served the unit as a full-time member in the Fuels Section (POL).

Andrew "Andy" Wolfel. Andy served the unit for many years as a full-time member in the aircraft maintenance squadron.

James "Jimmy Jet" Bracamonte. Jimmy worked full-time for many years as an aircraft crew chief in the maintenance squadron.

Robert "Bob" Daly. Bob also served full-time in the maintenance squadron with time both on the flight line and in the docks.

Retirees Office has moved again

Our retirees office at the 162nd has relocated to Operations (building 44). New renovation programs in our old location require this move. Moving furniture and equipment, set-up and organizing the new area means the office will not be open for a while.

Meanwhile, you can still call us at **(520) 295-6663** or e-mail at **www.162fw.omb@ang.af.mil**. We will respond to any inquiries as soon as possible. You can also contact us at the monthly retirees luncheon or any other retiree function.

We are not going away. Though it has become necessary to temporarily suspend our office hours we will still respond to your e-mail and phone questions and provide answers as we have in the past.

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