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Do you remember?
 The 2 seat Vought A-7K Corsair II was flown by the 162nd from 1981 to 1991.



Retirees: Save just by asking

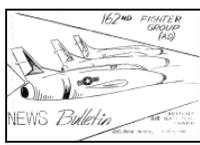
As a military retiree and also a senior citizen, you are eligible for discounts at many retail establishments. Businesses recognize military retirees as dedicated Americans and good customers; consequently, many organizations will discount your purchase.

Participating businesses include many restaurants and grocery stores, department and home improvement stores, many travel and entertainment venues, and others. The list includes almost everything you spend money on. The amount varies but 10% off is a good average. Most businesses don't generally advertise or openly offer these discounts so you have to ask. Some discounts are available only at certain times or on specific days.

The bottom line is that you have to do a little research and/or ask each time you make a purchase. Don't be bashful; you've earned it. Start saving today! It's almost like getting an instant 10% raise.

Your old Guard stuff has value

When you clean out your garage or closets, if you run into any old pictures or mementos from your days at the Air Guard, don't throw them away! We want them for the Retirees Office archives. Send them to us or call and we will make arrangements to pick them up. These are valuable historical items. Please share them with us.



Did you know?



A-7K 73-1008 started its life as an A-7D. When the Air National Guard placed an order for a 2-seat A-7 that's when A-7D 73-1008 was called back to the factory. It was stripped down and 34 inches were added to the fuselage; 18 inches in front of the wing and 16 aft, which maintained weight and balance and allowed space for the second seat. Aircraft 008 was the prototype for the additional 30 A-7K's that would be built. Since 008 was a modified aircraft it was designated a YA-7K. All the additional 30 aircraft built were designated A-7K's. All K models were built specifically for the Air Guard. Though designed as a training aircraft, the A-7K was a fully functional weapons system with all of the capabilities of the A-7D.

Retiree Events October - December 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:

- Oct 10
- Nov 14
- Dec 12
- Jan 9, 2013



Monthly Flightline Luncheon

Held the last Monday of each month at the Skybox Restaurant, NE corner of River and Craycroft, 12 noon. Upcoming dates are:

- Oct 29
- Nov 26
- Jan 28, 2013



NOTE: No Flightline Luncheon in December

Family Appreciation Day

Sunday Drill, November 4, on-base from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Retirees and families are invited to attend this event. Food tickets are \$1 each. Limited free handicapped parking. Preferred parking is available for \$5.



SIGN UP NOW FOR



Don't give up on the F-35!



The F-35 is still looking for a home at the 162nd. The assignment of the first group of airplanes to Luke AFB was not a surprise; big brother always gets the first pick. There will be enough F-35's to go around so the 162nd is still a prime candidate. As time passes there will be more chances to support this aircraft coming to Tucson. Whenever there is a chance to speak up, write a letter or attend meetings it provides one more opportunity to get involved.

The opposition will continue to be active and vocal. For this reason we, as former 162nd members and supporters, need to help out and continue to be vocal ourselves.

The long-term future of the 162nd is with the F-35. Guard retirees can do their part by getting involved, whenever possible, to keep the dream alive!



History Revisited

This article reprinted from the 152nd FIS News Bulletin, May 18-19, 1957

ALL PERSONNEL: It has been observed that personnel are wearing various types of hair styles. It is the desire of the Commander that everyone maintain a Military hair style, medium side burns, medium hair-line in the back and combed the natural way. No more duck tails, little beavers, Italian sway back and etc.



Retirees Remembered



The following former members and supporters of the 162nd have passed away:

Dennis Kirkland. We recently found out that Dennis had passed away last year. He served the unit in Operations, Security, Comm and Wing Plans.

Ed Martin. Ed served the unit as a draftsman in Civil Engineering where he developed plans for base expansion and construction projects.

Herbert "Herbie" Ramirez. Herbie served the 162nd as a building maintenance specialist in Civil Engineering.

Kenneth Urdahl. Ken was one of the early pilots in the unit who flew with the 162nd in the F-100 days.

Jack Carpenter. Jack was one of our early unit members who served the 162nd for many years in the Electric Shop.

William "Bill" Valencia. Though not one of our retirees Bill was a former Marine and local business man who supported the unit as an active member of the 162nd Minuteman Committee and ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve).

Sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of these individuals.

If someone you know is not getting our retiree information, help us out!

Many times, when our retirees move, or change their e-mail address or telephone number, they don't tell us. When that happens e-mails, El Tigre Online and newsletters will not get to that individual. We need current personal information to reach our retirees.

If you know someone that isn't getting our info, remind them to get in touch with us to ensure their current contact information is in our files.

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