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162FW Retiree News

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Did you know?



The Beechcraft C-45 Expeditor was flown by the 162nd in 1960.



Electronic Retiree Information - E-mail, Website, El Tigre Online

We also do U.S Mail for those without a computer

E-mail

overthehill162@gmail.com
(Information sent directly to you)

Our retiree e-mail system has over 400 subscribers but we are always looking for more. No spam or garbage mail will be sent; only valuable information about events, retiree benefits and your fellow retirees. All you need do is send your name and e-mail address to overthehill162@gmail.com and we will add you to the list.

162nd Website

www.162nd.af.mil

Retirees with a computer always have access to 162nd retiree info at 162fw.af.mil/retirees.asp. Go to the website and check out our retirees page! Also, if you sign up, the **El Tigre Online** will arrive in your e-mail box once a month. This e-publication provides up-to-date unit and retiree information.

U.S. Mail

(Information arrives in your snail-mail box)

For retirees without a computer (those of you who say, "never had one and don't want one"); we still strive to keep you informed. If we have your current mailing address you will continue to receive a paper copy of our newsletter in your U.S. Mailbox.

Please keep us up-to-date

If you move or change your e-mail address we need to know. A phone call or e-mail will update our files. **Don't forget us and we won't forget you!**

Retiree Events

January - April 2013

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:

Jan 9
Feb 13
Mar 13
Apr 10



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:

Jan 28
Feb 25
Mar 25
Apr 29



FEGLI

While still working, many former Federal Employees were signed up for the **Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI)**.

At retirement several options were provided to continue carrying this insurance. If you were a federal employee and had signed up for FEGLI but don't remember what you selected at retirement, OPM can provide the answer. All that is needed is to call OPM at **1-888-767-6738**. They can tell you what FEGLI insurance coverage you signed up for. Have your CS claim number handy when you call.

HOW TO SIGN UP

162ND RETIREES E-MAIL

Send your name and e-mail address to overthehill162@gmail.com.



Go to 162nd website. Find the sign-up box and enter name and e-mail address.

December Retirees Luncheon reunites old friends

On December 12, 2012, about 60 former unit members gathered for the annual 162nd Retirees Holiday Luncheon. Those attending enjoyed the comradeship of long-time friends and former coworkers while exchanging war stories and catching up on retirement activities.



162nd Retirees Luncheon - 12 Dec 2012
Photo by MSgt Dave Neve

History Revisited

This article is reprinted from the
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SUBJECTS OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER TO KEEP HIS PERCENTAGE OF ATTENDANCE HIGH SO THEREFORE WE MUST INSIST ON EVERYONE BEING PRESENT DURING OUR TRAINING ASSEMBLIES. ANYONE MISSING 5 DRILLS WILL BE DISCHARGED FOR **EXCESSIVE ABSENTS.**



In Memoriam

As another year passes into history we recognize former unit members and supporters who are no longer with us at the end of 2012. These individuals helped create the proud history of the 162nd Fighter Wing. They are:

Dennis Kirkland (2011)	Larry Wright
Manny Trillo	Bob Guajardo
Ruben Limon	Bud Stringer
Andy Wolfel	Ed Martin
Bob Daly	Herbie Ramirez
Jimmy Bracamonte	Ken Urdahl
Dick Groben	Jack Carpenter
Ed McIntyre	Bill Valenzuela
Al Blankenship	Bob Paradis
Keith Jackson	Bob Treadway

Memorial Fund seeks donations

Donations to the 162nd Memorial Fund were down this past year and memorial activity is increasing. A record 20 names were added to the memorial in 2012. The second memorial stone is more than half filled so we are looking at a need to expand in the near future. Each new slab of granite costs over \$2000 and each new name engraved on the stones cost \$85. Maintenance, upkeep and expansion of the memorial is dependent on donations only.

To contribute to the fund make a check out to the **Tucson Air Guard Memorial Fund** and mail it to:

Ed Gillooly
4042 E. Camino de la Colina
Tucson, AZ 85711

Donations are tax deductible and very much appreciated. A receipt will be forwarded to you for your files.



Retirees Remembered



The following former members of the 162nd Fighter Wing recently passed away:

Robert (Bob) Paradis. Bob was a recent retiree who served the 162nd as a pilot in the 152nd Fighter Squadron.

Robert (Bob) Treadway. Bob was a former USAF member who came to the 162nd and served with us for many years in the Fire Department.

Note: In the October Newsletter we incorrectly identified Bill Valenzuela as Bill Valencia. Our sincere apologies to Bill's family and friends.

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