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Did you know?

The U-3B "Blue Canoe" (Cessna 310) was flown by the 162nd from 1969 to 1973.

Annual White Mountain Picnic a success once again

The 9th Annual AZANG White Mountain Retirees Picnic was held on June 20th in the orchard behind Charlie Clark's Steak House in Pinetop, AZ. In attendance at this event were about 90 former Guardsmen and their family members. This new location provided a festive atmosphere with giant trees, cool temperatures, lots of door prizes, a fine meal consisting of a special pig roast and a variety of liquid refreshments.

It was a great show all around. Thanks to the picnic committee for providing an outstanding new venue for our retirees event. Charlie Clarks, a popular meeting place in Pinetop, lived up to it's high standards for our gathering. Everyone had a great time.



Ron Hutchinson won the custom-made metal flag donated as a door prize by Barb Gavre from the 162nd Family Support.



Retiree Events

September - December 2013

Monthly Retirees Luncheon

Held the second Wednesday of each month at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 6865 N Thornydale Rd., 11:30 a.m. Scheduled dates are:

- Sep 11
- Oct 9
- Nov 13
- Dec 11



Seasonal Monthly White Mountain Retirees Breakfast

Held the second Wednesday of each month from May to September. This event is held at Jalapeno Poppers, 1624 W. White Mountain Blvd, Lakeside, AZ, 7:30 a.m. Scheduled dates are:

- Sep 11



Monthly Flightline Luncheon

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

- Sep 30
- Oct 28
- Nov 25



History Revisited

This article appeared in the "El Tigre Roar", the 152nd FIS Training Assembly Bulletin dated 17 - 18 May 1958.

ACTIVATION OF FIGHTER GROUP

National Guard Bureau has approved and authorized activation of the 162nd Fighter Group (Air Defense) with the supporting Squadrons; 152nd Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 162nd Air Base Squadron, 162nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and 162nd USAF Dispensary.



Activation ceremonies will take place on 25 MAY 1958.



Retirees Remembered



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

Bruce Caruthers: Bruce was a long-time member of the 162nd who served with us in the Engine Shop.

Benny Montano: Benny was a weekend Guardsman in the early days who served the unit working in the Hydraulic Shop.

DuWayne "Swede" Wahlstrom. Swede was one of the early unit members who served many years in Aircraft Maintenance.

Sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of these dedicated former Guard members.

Retirees Office looking for new blood

All the functions that are scheduled for retirees don't just happen; they are created, coordinated and put into action by 162nd retirees who donate time in the Retirees Office.

The function of the office is to maintain a retirees database, ensure events are carried out and disseminate information useful to retirees. Current office members have served for quite a while with a combined time in the office of over 50 years.

It's time for some new people to carry on this tradition. New blood, with new skills and new ideas, could greatly enhance retiree functions. If you have a little time and the desire to help fellow retirees we would like to bring you on board. Following are areas we work on to make things happen:

Coordinate the recurring monthly lunch and schedule other functions.

Maintain the computer database of retirees.

Organize and maintain general office functions.

Consolidate and distribute information that is relevant to retirees.

We are normally in the office 2 days a month for about 4 hours each day. If you would like to visit with us and see what we do, call the office at (520) 295-6663 (if no answer, leave a message); or contact a current Retirees Office member.

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