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# 162FW Retiree News

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Do you remember?



The 162nd was on alert with F-100A's in 1959 and 1961 through 1964.

## Fall Pinetop Car Show Attracts 162nd Retirees

Some retired 162nd members pursue their passion for old cars after retirement. Skills learned while in the military help to restore vintage vehicles to showroom-new quality; or to create custom vehicles that rival the quality of factory-produced cars. Showing off these personal creations is part of the game. In late September, the annual Pinetop, AZ, "Run to the Pines" car show is an ideal place to exhibit cars and share ideas with hundreds of other car enthusiasts with similar interests.



Former 162nd members Bob Ortner (left), Warren Lynn (center, with 162nd hat), and Ron Smith (right) display their creations at the Pinetop car show. Also in attendance were Don Locklear and Rudy Elias (shown in center/top picture). Photos by Retirees Office

## Be aware of changes in Retirees functions and scheduling

The year 2013 saw many changes for the retirees office functions, affecting how you contact us and how we schedule events. Check the information below carefully to note changes.

First, in May we lost our e-mail connection. We were not able to restore it so a new e-mail address was created. It's now [162retireesoffice@gmail.com](mailto:162retireesoffice@gmail.com). We apologize to those who were unable to reach us; however, the new address is up and running. E-mails sent to us now will get a response.

Second, as you are probably aware, the U.S. Post Office recently changed the rules on how mail is processed in Tucson. This affected how we mail out newsletters; consequently, the last Retirees Newsletter was not sent out on-time by snail-mail. The good news is that those with e-mail did receive the newsletter. We are learning and adapting to the new rules and future newsletters should get full distribution.

Third, our monthly Retirees Luncheon day has changed to Tuesday. Miscommunication at the restaurant management level at the Golden Corral led to some confusion about room availability. Moving the lunch from Wednesdays to Tuesdays was our best option, so the lunch will be on the second Tuesday of the month starting January 2014.

The changes listed above are in place and working. Please note the changes and plan accordingly.

## History Revisited

*This article appeared in "El Tigre Roar", the 152<sup>nd</sup> FIS Training Assembly Bulletin dated 3 July 1958.*

### CAR RAFFLE

WELL HERE IT IS FOLKS -----  
WHAT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR -----

We have a car for the raffle and what a beaut it is. Anyone of you may be the lucky winner!!!! The auto is a 1958 Bel Air Chevrolet. A two-tone job — Silver-Blue and White. Now look at all these features it has:

- Air Flow Heater
- Pushbutton Radio
- V/8 Turbo Thrust Engine (250 hp)
- White Sidewall tires
- Turbo Glide Transmission
- E.Z. Eye Glass
- Cool Pack Air Conditioner

So start getting promises from those friends, relatives, and business acquaintances to buy tickets. The tickets are now at the printers and we will be able to distribute them at the next drill 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of July.

*Editors Note: The car was bought and raffled off to acquire funds for the building of TAGRA.*



## Retiree Events February - May 2014

**Monthly Retirees Luncheon  
moved to the 2nd Tuesday  
starting January 2014**

**Monthly Retirees Luncheon**  
Now held the second Tuesday of each month at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 6865 N Thornydale Rd., 11:30 a.m. Scheduled dates are:

February 11  
March 11  
April 8  
May 13



**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:

February 24  
March 31  
April 28  
May 26



## New E-mail address for Retirees Office

The new Retirees Office e-mail address is [162retireesoffice@gmail.com](mailto:162retireesoffice@gmail.com). Please use this new address for all future Retirees Office e-mail communications.

## Retirees generously support worthwhile Guard causes

Retirees were in the Christmas spirit at the December Retirees Luncheon.

Attendees donated canned goods, boxed food and cash to the 162nd Airman and Family Readiness Office, which provides assistance to needy unit members. The sixty attendees donated several hundred pounds of food and a sizable sum of cash to the cause. "Our retirees are awesome," exclaimed Family Readiness manager Barb Gavre. "Their generosity is really appreciated."

Luncheon attendees also generously donated to the Guard Memorial Fund.

Worthwhile causes benefited that day. Retirees supported current Guardsmen in need and also helped ensure funds are available for memorial expansion and maintenance. We thank all who participated. You really are "awesome"!



## Retirees Remembered



The following former 162nd members recently passed away:

**Deborah Hyland** - Debbie was a long time 162nd member who served in Personnel and Base Training.

**Johnny Singleton** - Johnny served for many years with the unit as a member of the Weapons Section.

**Dennis Kerkman** - Denny was a pilot assigned to Operations and also served the 162nd as the base commander.

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

## Veteran's Cemetery coming to Marana

The Arizona Department of Veteran's Services has been awarded funding to build a new State Veteran's Cemetery in Southern Arizona.

This new cemetery will be located on 32 acres of donated land in the town of Marana.

Construction is scheduled to begin in July 2014.

For 162nd retirees and other military members who have considered burial in a veterans cemetery this is welcome news. Stay tuned for further information as it becomes available.



## In Memoriam 2013

As another year passes into history we would like to recognize former unit members who were no longer with us at the end of 2013. These individuals contributed to the proud history of the 162nd Fighter Wing.

Ulay Littleton Sr.  
Bob Brodner  
Joe Radford  
Lorenzo Martinez  
Hector Loya  
Bobby Herreras  
Dickie Nunez  
Dan Lawrence  
Bruce Caruthers  
Benny Montañó

Ronald (Doc) Nielsen  
James McMillen  
Swede Wahlstrom  
Tom (Doc) Edwards  
Paul Ollerton  
David Enz  
Brent Crocker  
Debbie Hyland  
Johnny Singleton  
Dennis Kerkman

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