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# 162nd Wing Retiree News

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Do you remember?



The Convair C-131B "Samaritan" support aircraft was flown by the 162nd from 1976 to 1986.

## Retiree gatherings enjoy continued success



The **Monthly Retirees Luncheon** in May had a good turnout. The Golden Corral location on Thornydale has drawn positive reviews due to the food quality and a congenial, efficient staff.

## AZANG White Mountain Retirees Picnic is 10 years old

This year marked the 10th anniversary of the annual **White Mountain Retirees Picnic**.

The White Mountain picnic remains a summer destination for our retirees. The 85 people who attended this year's picnic showed this annual event is not going away. On June 19th the orchard behind Charlie Clark's Steakhouse was filled with happy ANG retirees and family members. Sharing stories of old times with great company in the cool mountain air under giant trees with a quality meal was the order of the day. A good time was had by all.



Reg Ramsay and Don Odom won door prizes donated by Vantage West Credit Union



The **Monthly Flightline Luncheon** regularly draws an enthusiastic group who share stories about the good old days at the Guard. This event has been going on for over 3 years and continues to bring old friends and coworkers together.

The **Monthly Pilot's Breakfast** has been a mainstay for retired 162nd aviators for over 15 years. Spreading the word about this breakfast is our goal. Hopefully now more former unit pilots will become aware of this important function.



## Retiree Events Sept - December 2014

**Monthly Retirees Luncheon**  
Held the second Tuesday of each month at the Golden Corral Buffet, 6865 N Thornydale Rd., 11:00 a.m.  
Scheduled dates are:

Sept 9  
Oct 14  
Nov 11  
Dec 8



**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:

Sept 29  
Oct 27  
Nov 24  
Dec (none scheduled)



**Seasonal Monthly White Mountain Retirees Breakfast**  
Held the second Wednesday of each month from May to September. Location is Jalapeño Poppers, 1624 W. White Mountain Blvd, Lakeside, AZ, 7:30 a.m. Scheduled 2014 dates are:

Sept 10



**Monthly Pilot's Breakfast**  
Held the first Tuesday of each month at IHOP, 5101 E Grant Rd., 7 a.m.



## Retirees Remembered

The following former 162nd members recently passed away. Sincere condolences to the family and friends of these dedicated Guardsmen:



**Dr. F. Donald Ahee:** Dr. Ahee served with the 162nd as a dentist in the clinic.

**Richard Ward:** Richard served with us as an instructor pilot in the A-7 program

**Darryl Gould:** Darryl was a long-time unit member who served in base supply.

**Ruben Perez:** Ruben served the 162nd as a member of the weapons section.



## History Revisited

*This article appeared in the 162nd Fighter Group NEWS BULLETIN for Unit Training Assembly 8 - 9 November 1958*

### ANNUAL INSPECTION TIME AGAIN - 6 and 7 Dec

All personnel should realize that the Annual Unit Inspection to be conducted during the December drill on the 6th and 7th is not just concerning the "hired help over in the front office" ....it concerns all sections and all personnel. This is the one BIG BIG inspection of the year, and is being conducted by well qualified people from 4th Air Force. They'll be covering the entire area and quite possibly asking many questions. If you are questioned remember one thing....tell the truth! (There is absolutely no excuse for not knowing your AFSC and job description.)



## Another name change for the 162nd

The 162nd is no longer a Fighter Wing. The "Fighter" was recently dropped and the unit is now the 162nd Wing. This change is due to the addition of the 214th Reconnaissance Group to the 162nd Wing.

The recent change is one more in a long list of evolutionary changes to the unit designation over the years. Following is a list of those changes:

- \* 18 May 1956: unit activated as the 152nd Fighter Interceptor Squadron
- \* 25 May 1958: unit upgraded to the 162nd Fighter Group A.D. with the addition of 3 new squadrons (Air Base Sq, Acft Maint Sq and Dispensary) (The Cat Patch first appeared in the September 1959 El Tigre News)
- \* 1 July 1969: new F-100 training mission changed our unit designation to the 162nd TFTG (Tactical Fighter Training Group)
- \* 26 July 1979: re-designated as the 162nd TFG
- \* 16 March 1992: became the 162nd Fighter Wing
- \* 1 April 2014: name changed to the 162nd Wing



The 162nd welcomes the 214th Reconnaissance Group to the Wing

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