

E-9ERS
MEETING MINUTES

25 January 2012

1. Meeting convened at 1130 at Mr. Panda Buffet, 2852 Havana Street, Aurora CO. Mike Phelps led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Tom Smola gave the invocation.

2. President Bill Kelm introduced guests from Colorado Springs: Ron Fortin, USAF (Ret); Don Milazzo, USAF (Ret); and John Wigle, USN (Ret).



3. Plans and Programs Director Nils Trullson



introduced today's speaker, Margaret Brettschneider. Margaret is the author of several books. She taught school in Germany and told some stories about her experiences there. Margaret said that after the cold war was over, everyone talked about the Berlin Wall. However, not much was said about the border where she lived and taught, so she decided to write about the "border stories" and the "elevator." Margaret said that she met her husband, Eric, in Stuttgart. Eric's mother



told her many stories about the war and about Hitler. Margaret said that each of us should write about our lives, and she told us how to begin writing our stories. She also provided information on how to get our stories published. After answering questions from some of our members, Margaret was given an E-9ers plaque to thank her for her very interesting presentation.

4. President Kelm presented a plaque to Mike Phelps to thank him for all the work he did as Plans and Programs Director.

5. Copies of the minutes for November 2011 were distributed and were accepted as written.

6. Copies of the Treasurer's Report were distributed. Report was accepted as written.

7. Membership Director Jack Hunter reported that our membership stands at 199. Some members have passed away, and some were removed from our membership roster because their dues were not paid.



8. Tom Smola said that sign-up sheets are available today for anyone who wants to attend the social in February. A luncheon will be at 1100 on February 14 at the Serendipity Tea Shoppe. Cost will be between \$7.95 and \$10.95 depending on what you order. A variety of tea is available for \$2.75, dessert will be \$3.00, and tax will be added. Call Mardy for reservations.

9. Meeting adjourned at 1245.

10. 50/50 drawing: Winners – Ron Fortin (\$19.00--Ron donated his winnings to the E-9ers); Tom Smola (\$10.00--Tom donated his winnings to the E-9ers); Margaret Brettschneider (\$10.00--Margaret donated her winnings to the E-9ers). Margaret then offered one of her books for the drawing, and Cookie Trullson won the book.

Sharon

SHARON K. MELCHER
Secretary



A visit with Wally and Marie Moll after the E9ers meeting. Wally was presented his E9ers shirt.



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Pictures from my visit this fall,
thanks to Walter Dick SGM USA (Ret). Jack Hunter