

E-9ERS
MEETING MINUTES

28 September 2011

1. Meeting convened at 1130 at Mr. Panda Buffet, 2852 Havana Street, Aurora CO. Sergeant-at-Arms Cal Keil led the Pledge of Allegiance, & Tom Smola gave the invocation.

2. President Bill Kelm introduced today's speaker, Navy Captain (Ret) Dick Life. Dick is now



working with the Honor Flight program. Dick gave the highlights of his 24-year Navy career. His assignments in the Intelligence field took him to Vietnam, Moscow, Germany, and NORAD in Colorado Springs. He said that terrorists create fear and doubt, and they get people to question the country's leadership and their ability to keep the country safe. They use media and internet to further their cause. Dick said terrorists will use biological warfare such as anthrax, as well as nuclear warfare. He said that Muslims tend to be blamed for much of

the terrorism; however, terrorists come from many different countries and religious groups. Dick talked about our greatest challenge, which is to combat terrorism without creating more terrorism. After answering questions from some of our members, Dick was given an E-9ers coin to thank him for his very interesting presentation.

3. Copies of the minutes for August 2011 were distributed. Minutes were accepted as written.

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

5. President Kelm reminded members that we still need someone to take over Mike Phelps' duties next year. In October, our speaker will be Henry Jones, a Denver Police Technician; and in November, we will hear from a National Guard soldier. We will not need a speaker for December, as we will have our Christmas party instead of a meeting. Mardy Flor said that the Christmas party will be on Sunday, December 4, 11:30, at Marie Callender's. More details will be provided as they become available.

7. Mardy Flor said that the August social was a great success. Tom Smola said that the October social will be on October 22 from 5-7 PM at Bender's Brat Haus, 700 S. Buckley Rd (Alameda and Buckley). If you have not yet signed up for this social, Mardy needs your name and menu choice by October 17.

8. President Kelm welcomed back members Gene Tomczak (NO PICTURE) and Jim & Annette Stewart. Bob and Carla Gerle's granddaughter joined them at today's meeting.



9. Len Mazzi said that his wife, Anna, had fallen and injured her eye. The injury resulted in the loss of sight in that eye.



10. Membership Director Jack Hunter reported that our membership number remains the same. We are always looking for new members. Our membership application form is available on the E-9er website.

11. President Kelm announced that our member Jim Stewart is now in charge of the Retiree Activities Office (RAO) at Buckley AFB. Jim replaces another of our members, Bob Van Sciver, who is no longer able to continue his RAO duties.

12. Meeting adjourned at 1250.

13. 50/50 drawing: Winners – Wally Reid (\$21.00—Wally donated his winnings to the E-9ers); Joe Sykora (\$12.00); Jim Stewart (\$12.00—Jim donated his winnings to the E-9ers).

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SHARON K. MELCHER
Secretary

