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High Sky Wing of the Commemorative Air Force  
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## Next Wing Meeting is Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at the Hangar

### From the Back Office

by Col Gena Linebarger

I want to thank all of the High Sky Wing members for your continuous hard work and financial support to the Wing. Also, for your patience as we await the completion of the Commemorative Center and our move. We will press on with cleaning up and packing our belongings in order to expedite the move when the time comes. The new furniture is beginning to arrive and you will all be pleased when it is in place.

There are several events planned for May beginning with the Wing planes attending the Airshow at Dyess Air Force Base on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sam Strahan is coordinator and tour guide for the event so direct any questions you have to him at 686-8580 or strahansam@hotmail.com.

May 17<sup>th</sup> is a fly-in breakfast at Schlemeyer Field in Odessa. James Martin will be the coordinator for this event and more info will be forthcoming. If you're wanting to go please contact James at 528-2729 or jmartin@LGCwireless.com.

Memorial Day events are planned for Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. In the past, the HSW has cooked and sold lunch during the event. All the plans are still not confirmed at this time due to the slow progress of the Commemorative Center. I will send an email out to the members as soon as the schedule is nailed down. There is a possibility that we will not be cooking this year but again, I will let you know as soon as I can. Please make plans to come out that day anyway because there will be a wonderful program. Keni Thomas, a US Army Ranger who was part of the story of Blackhawk Down, will be the speaker.

Many members have asked for a printed Wing roster. The High Sky Wing membership roster can be found on our web page [www.highskywing.org](http://www.highskywing.org) in the Members Only section. The roster can be printed in its entirety on your own computer. If you do not have access to a computer, please notify me and I'll have

one printed for you. This roster is only as accurate as the information received. Therefore, take a moment to pull up the web page and look to see that your info is correct. For example, many people change email addresses or cell phone numbers and forget to notify the Wing. Corrections can be made directly to your member profile under contact info, or notify Lauri Skinner at [pyroblonde@grandecom.net](mailto:pyroblonde@grandecom.net). Remember the User Login is your Col. number and the Password is your last name in lower case. If you are not receiving "Wing Reminder" emails from the Wing Leader and wish to do so, please send me an email at [iblast4fun@grandecom.net](mailto:iblast4fun@grandecom.net) and I will add you to my HSW list.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the next Wing meeting, Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Come early and view the progress at the Commemorative Center or hop a ride in a Wing aircraft.

Next Staff Meeting will be Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Note that this will be the second Thursday of the month instead of the first Thursday.

### Executive Offerings

by Col Rick Peterson

Joining us as Guest Speaker for our March meeting is Darryl James, who left the US Army with the rank of Captain in 1970.

Darryl joined the Army in June 1967, the same month that he received his MS in Geology from Rutgers University. He became a tank Platoon officer while at Fort Knox, and later entered primary helicopter flight school at Ft. Wolters, Texas. In September 1968, he began a year's service in Vietnam flying the OH-6A scout helicopter, nicknamed the Loach. He flew a variety of missions, which included convoy cover, scouting and aerial observation. After returning from Vietnam, the army contacted Darryl about applying for the Apollo Program.

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Now an independent geologist/engineering petroleum consultant, Darryl and his wife Lynn reside in Midland. They have 2 children, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> is from Darryl's first marriage. Also, he has written professional articles on geology and flying in Vietnam, and has three unpublished novels, so he's looking for a literary agent.

As your XO, I always gladly consider any suggestions for future speakers at upcoming Wing meetings. Join us at the March Wing meeting and remember to bring a covered dish. See you then.

## *Lest We Forget*

### High Sky Wing Elected Officers

Wing Leader: Gena Linebarger - 528-0997 cell

Executive Officer: Rick Peterson

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### What's Happening & When

Apr 24 - Wing Meeting (7pm)

May 3 - Dyess/Abilene Air Show

May 8 - Wing Staff meeting (7pm)

May 22 - Wing Meeting (7pm)

May 26 - Memorial Day events

Jun 5 - Wing Staff meeting (7pm)

Jun 6-8 - Traron Clinic, Midland

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