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Good afternoon and thank you for reading. We look forward to working with all of you to continue to grow the newsletter. We appreciate your involvement.

As always, thank you very much for reading. Our hope is to continue to expand the newsletter. For that, we need your input. So, again, if anyone has any suggestions for topics to cover or wants to write their own piece, we will gladly try to work it in. We hope you enjoy, and please share your feedback with us. Thank you very much!

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.

We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream.

It must be fought for, protected,
and handed on for them to do the same.

~Ronald Reagan



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COLA 2013 UPDATE

From: RAO Bulletin November 2012 (Lt. James —EMO Tichacek, USN (Ret) Associate Director, Retiree Assistance Office, U.S. Embassy Warden & IRS VITA Baguio City RPPSC 517 Box RCB, FPO AP 96517 Tel: (951) 238-1246 in U.S. or Cell: 0915-361-3503 in the Philippines. Email: raoemo@sbcglobal.net AL/AMVETS/DAV/FRA/NAUS/NCOA/MOAA/USDR/VFW/VVA/CG33/DD890/AD37 member)

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for nearly 62 million Americans will increase 1.7 percent in 2013, the Social Security Administration announced 16 OCT. The 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits that more than 56 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2013. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2012. Some other changes that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$113,700 from \$110,100. Of the estimated 163 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2013, nearly 10 million will pay higher taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable maximum. Information about Medicare changes for 2013, when announced, will be available at <http://www.Medicare.gov>. For some beneficiaries, their Social Security increase may be partially or completely offset by increases in Medicare premiums. The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/cola>. [Source: SSA Fact Sheet <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pressoffice/factsheets/colafacts2013.htm> ++]

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MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD HISTORY BOOKS

The Michigan Air National Guard Historical Association created a three volume set of history books covering the periods 1926-1996. A fourth volume covering the years 1996 to 2006 is in production and should be available soon.

Volume 1 covers the period 1926 to 1976-Cost: \$1.00

Volume 2 covers the period 1976 to 1986-Cost: \$4.00

Volume 3 covers the period 1986 to 1996-Cost: \$1.00

Volume 4 covers the period 1996 to 2010-Cost: \$6:00 Full color \$35.00

If you wish to purchase one or more of these volumes or are interested in more information, please contact MAGHA at Phone: 586-239-6768, Fax: 586-239-6646, Email: 127.wg.selfridgeairmuseum@ang.af.mil
Michigan Air National Guard Historical Association (MAGHA) 27333 C St, Bldg 1011, Selfridge ANGB MI 48045.

MANGBANG

From: Eugene (Gene) A. Simon- Command Chief Master Sergeant USAF (Retired) & Matthew X. Hauser

As you may have seen in past editions of the newsletter, MANGBANG has been one of our sources. We are thankful for the source and so we just wanted to pass the information along for MANGBANG in case anyone is interested in joining the Michigan Air National Guard Historical Association.

You can contact Lou Nigro if you are interested. We think it is a worthwhile investment-it supports the history of the Michigan Air National Guard and his monthly publications are very informative.

For those who want to view it on our website (www.selfridgeairmuseum.org, <http://www.selfridgeairmuseum.org>), Lt Col Lou Nigro, MI ANG (Ret) Executive Director, Selfridge Military Air Museum Email: louis.nigro@ang.af.mil

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Thank you to everyone for all the help you have given us so far. We have been able to reach more people with your help. However we are always in need of new ideas and articles. If you have anything you would like to share, any questions, or have an article idea, please let me know. You can contact us anytime at grassrootsusa.mi@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Lt. Col. Hank Fuhs

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