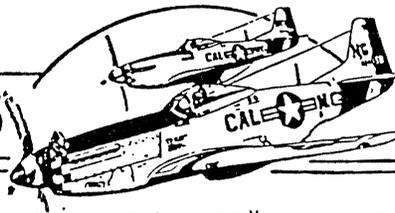


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A newsletter for members of the 129th Alumni/Heritage Association

I was going to order all my Christmas presents from a catalog this year, but the "Everything's a Buck" store doesn't put out one.



129th STARTS ALUMNI GROUP

Did you notice during the ORI and the recent wing picnic some "new" but "older" participants wearing t-shirts and badges that read "129th AHA?" Well that stands for the 129th Alumni/Heritage Association.

The 129th Alumni/Heritage Association is made up of former members of the 129th Rescue Wing. Some of these people were not only "original" members of the 129th Rescue Group formed in 1975, but also members of the 129th Air Commando Group from Hayward that formed in 1955. Many served in the Army Air Force during World War II. Is that heritage or what?

The 129th AHA was formally organized this year with the encouragement of Col. Steven Speer, 129th Rescue Wing commander.

"It brings together the past and present membership to strengthen the unit's ability to face the challenge of the future," said Speer.

Many members of the AHA have not only held important positions in the unit's past, but have gone on in their civilian jobs to attain very high positions in business, legal and government organizations.

Welcome back old timers -- it's good to see you. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Heidi Black at (650) 603-9125.



"The Rescue West - Oct. '97"

CHATTER BOX

- Heard from "Gene" and Loretta Miller. Sounds like they are enjoying retirement in Visalia, CA.
- Charlie Davis sent us a letter thanking us for mentioning his book (Across the Mekong) and shared some great "memories" about Jerry Ingram.
- Ed Boddington visited the HU16A that was the "chase plane" for "Linda Finch's" recreation of "Amelia Earhart's flight around the world". He reports finding: "GPS" navigation, full bathroom, skylights in "roof", giant TV set, four (4) seat lounge in cockpit, etc. Don't know, Ed, sounds a lot like we remember of the old days and "Double Duece" (022). How soon we forget...

"Please write us and share your thoughts and travels."

129th AHA FORMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

During the September '97 meeting of the 129th AHA "Steering Committee", it was decided to approve the following "action" items:

1. To accept , on an "interim" basis, the By-Laws proposal submitted by Ed Lewis and his committee. This action gives your Board "guidelines" through which the 129th AHA will function; a final draft needs more "legal" consideration.
2. The following were asked to serve under the interim By-Laws as Board of Directors members:

President:	Ken Moore
Vice President:	Jay Craddock
Secretary-Treasurer:	John Ruppel
Communications:	Pat Darrin
Membership:	Ed Boddington

Directors at Large: Tom Brooks, Don DeLucchi, Ed Lewis, Russ Padula,
and Ward Douglas

MISSING AIRMEN

"Help us find 'um"

William Whelan
Walter Headley
E J Sanderson
Ray Cloutier
David Burnett
Dennis McKiver

Shirley Hemphill
Ed Brothers
Russell Allen
Ed Meese
Frank Dwyer
Sam Burgess

Frank Oddo
Donald Stewart
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129TH RESCUE WING NEWS

- In August, 1997, members of the unit, accompanied by MG Tandy Boseman, Adj. Gen. State of California, attended the "Royal International Air Tattoo" at Royal AF Base, Fairford, England. The focus of this event was not only to bring together fighter crews from over 50 nations, but to also celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the USAF.
- During the search for the "A10 Warthog" that crashed in the mountains of Colorado, 129th Pararescuemen participated in trying to locate its missing "ordnance". The four (4) 500 pound bombs were not found, but the 129th participants thought it was a great experience which would improve their rescue work in the California Sierras.



