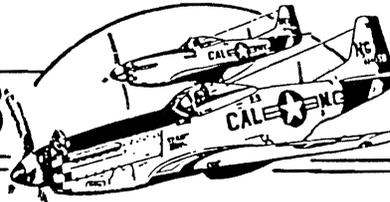


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A newsletter for members of the 129<sup>th</sup> Alumni/Heritage Association

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## ***INTRODUCTION:***

This is the first edition of the "OL'TIMER'S NOOZZE". It will become, we hope, a productive and valuable source of information to each of the members of the 129<sup>th</sup> Alumni/Heritage Association (129<sup>th</sup> AHA). Please feel free to write us with any information or happenings (anniversaries, travel places, items of humor, or any other bits and pieces of information) that you would like to share with fellow members. Our official address is "OL'Timers Noozze" c/o 129<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing/AHA, P O Box 103, Mail Stop 1-8, Moffett FAF, CA 94035-103. Please drop us a note and let us know how we're doing.

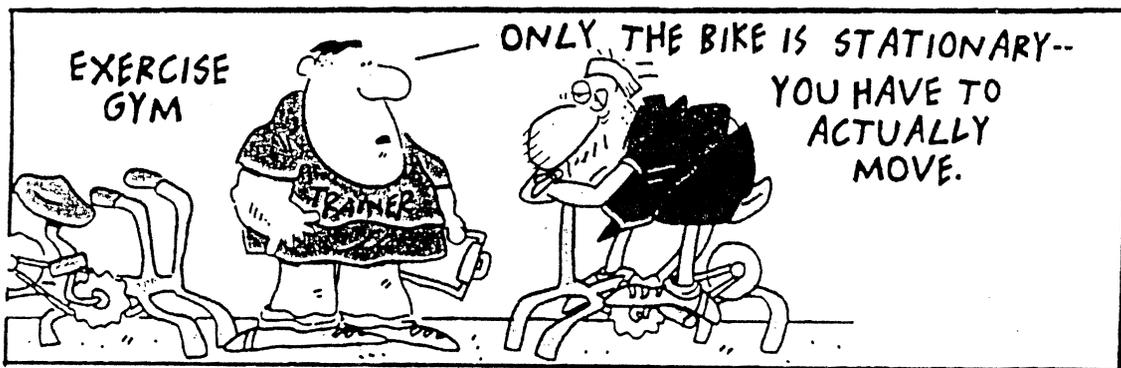
### ***Did ya know Charlie Davis wrote a "Book"?***

"Across the Mekong: The True Story of an Air America Helicopter Pilot" by LTC Charles O. Davis, USAF (Ret)... A very interesting book about his experiences flying H-34s over war torn Laos for "civilian" airline "Air America". He ferried personnel, supplies, and refugees to and from various points in Laos and also rescued downed U S Military and Air America pilots. ¶¶¶Atta Boy Charlie!¶¶¶

If you would like to buy his book (I did), write to him at P O Box 19031, Alexandria, VA 22320. 224pp, photos, glossary, bibliography, \$27.95 post paid.

## TRAVEL NEWS

Last summer Pat and Grace Darrin attended a family reunion in Pensacola, FL. They stayed at the "Navy Lodge" on the Pensacola NAS. This was a "lovely" little hotel right on the Gulf Coast and across from the "Navy's" National Air Museum. This museum is one of the most spectacular air museums in the USA. It covers the entire history of Naval aviation and has beautifully restored examples of all of the aircraft flown by Naval aviators (including the C46 and the HU16). Some of the interesting things to see were the actual "Stearman" that former President Bush flew during his primary training (with signed logbook); a carrier flight deck built on the floor of the museum on which is a "Corsair" in Pappy Boyington's "colors"; and 4 actual "Blue Angels" aircraft hanging from the ceiling of the atrium. (Pensacola is the home of the Blue Angels.) This museum is a *MUST SEE* for airplane nuts.



\*\*\**LAST CALL*\*\*\*

A moment to remember and honor our Comrades of the past.

8/7/97 Joe Martin (Maintenance) San Leandro

8/21/97 Jerry Ingram (Navigator) Salinas

### 129<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing News

- In May, 1997, the 129<sup>th</sup> was challenged with their "first" AF ORI in 10 years. (Those of us in the 129<sup>th</sup> AHA who participated and observed this inspection got to know how much more challenging they are today.) They scored an "outstanding". To quote the 129<sup>th</sup> Director of OPS: "It was wonderful to see how well prepared you were." Way to go guys and gals ----"we're proud of you"!
- In July, 1997, the Unit accomplished its 262<sup>nd</sup> "actual" rescue. With use of their C 130 and a H60 helo they rescued a fisherman, who thought he was having a heart attack, from his vessel 35 miles at sea. *Hooray for the team-----*.

