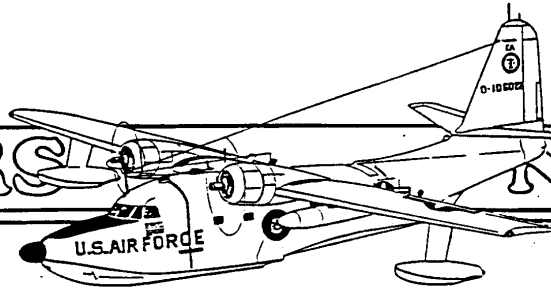


# OL TIMERS' NOOZZE



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## The Prez Sez

*A Word (or Two) from the President*

Ken Moore

The Old Timers Luncheon was a huge success, thanks to the efforts of Chairman Jay Craddock and Ed Boddington. A very informative and enjoyable program presented by guest speaker Col. Michael E. Haas, USAF, Ret., gave us insight into Special Ops and Tactics. Plans are already underway for next year's event, and hopefully we will have Charlie Davis, former member of the 129<sup>th</sup> SOG, speaking on his experiences with Air America.

We are hopeful that this new format for the 'Ol Timers Noozze' meets with your approval. The basic purpose of this paper is to keep our members informed on the planned activities scheduled for the benefit and enjoyment of each one of you. Give us your comments.

Progress is being made on the Articles of Incorporation. Gen. Hall has reviewed them and returned them with suggested revisions. If all goes well, we will have this portion of our organization

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## AFA Recognizes 129th

*Air National Guard Unit of the Year*

The Air Force Association (AFA) has recognized the 129th Rescue Wing as Air National Guard Unit of the year. The award was presented to Col Steven Speer at the annual AFA Awards Dinner, held at the Double Tree Inn, Sacramento, Saturday, May 15.

***Way to Go!!!!***

## Family Day Picnic

The 129<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing will hold the annual Family Day picnic Sunday, June 6, 1999. Food and Festivities will be at Chase Park, Moffett FAF beginning at 1:00 p.m.

What's cooking? Adults can have BBQ chicken, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, fruit tray, assorted salads, and punch or lemonade. The kids get hot dogs, baked beans, chips, punch or lemonade and POPCORN!

Fun and games will include sack races, water balloon toss, egg toss, face painting, the astro-jump, a critter zoo, and lots more.

Meal tickets are available from the Wing Headquarters Office at (650) 603-9266. Adults are \$6 and kids 10 & under are \$2. Tickets MUST BE purchased in advance!!

## Unit Dining Out

The 129<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing invites you to their Dining Out, Saturday, July 10, at the Mediterranean Center of the Hyatt Hotel in San Jose (1740 North First Street, San Jose).

A registration form and map are included inside. Please respond ASAP – you get a discount if you order tickets by June 6 at the Picnic! For more information contact CMSgt Liliana Ramos at (650) 603-9137.

completed within the month, and will have filed for incorporation.

All jacket orders have been processed. However, we are awaiting arrival of the order from the Travis BX.

**Future events:** The Annual 129<sup>th</sup> Family Day picnic will be June drill weekend (June 6). The Wing dining out is planned for July drill weekend (July 10). The Annual Golf Tournament will be held in conjunction with Alumni Day during August drill (August 7 & 8).

We are making every effort to reach all members and alumni of the 129<sup>th</sup> in the hope that each one will join AHA and share the memories. **Please retain your membership. Pay your '99 dues!**

A couple of events you may enjoy are coming soon. The Moffett Air Show (June 12 – 13) and the Golden West EAA Fly-In 99 at Castle (Sep 10 – 12). More information on the GWAA Fly-In is available at [www.gwfly-in.org/index.html](http://www.gwfly-in.org/index.html). Please contact Pat Darrin at (209) 586-2236 if you would like to be actively involved with the set-up and work with the GWAA Fly-In.

FYI: The base now has a website: [www.calguard.ca.gov/129rgw](http://www.calguard.ca.gov/129rgw).

The board minutes will be posted there, as will future issues of the "Ol Timers Noozze".

## Old Timers' Luncheon

Jay Craddock

The Annual Old Timers Lunch was held March 17 at the Alameda Elk's Lodge. Approximately 135 Old Timers and guests were in attendance, the best attended luncheon to date.

Wing Commander, Col Steven Speer, briefed the gathering on the Unit's deployment to Turkey, the impending arrival of the MC130s, and the change in the demands on today's reservists as compared to yesteryear, as well as the impact on unit member's families. Col Speer emphasized that AHA members are welcome to participate in all Wing social activities, especially the upcoming Alumni Day (August 7 & 8).

The Association honored with a one-year's membership the 129<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing's Outstanding Airmen for 1999. Honored were: Amn of the Year – SSgt Ramiro Abad; NCO of the Year – TSgt Lisa A. De la Rosa; Senior NCO of the Year – MSgt Alice R. Houtz.



Col Steven Speer with the Outstanding Airmen

Guest speaker, Col Michael Haas, provided special insight into the mysterious world of special ops & tactics. Col Haas autographed copies of his book *Apollo's Warriors: United States Air Force Special Operations during the Cold War*. Ltc Charlie Davis, a retired member of the 129<sup>th</sup> and former Air America pilot, is scheduled as guest speaker at the 2000 Old Timers' Lunch. Make plans now to attend!



Jay Craddock, Mike Haas, and Col Steven Speer



## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

129TH RESCUE WING (ANG)  
CALIFORNIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD  
MOFFETT FEDERAL AIRFIELD, CA

12 May 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR 129<sup>TH</sup> ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

FROM: 129 RQW/CC

SUBJECT: 129<sup>TH</sup> Alumni Day, 7 August 1999

1. On behalf of the men and women of the 129<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing, I'd like to invite all of you to Moffett Field on 7 August 1999 to join us as we celebrate our 1<sup>st</sup> Alumni Day in the Wing. We hope this will be a chance for you to return to your military roots, to see what is going on in today's Air National Guard and visit with old friends and make new ones. We would like to show you what we do in the Rescue Business along with our key functional areas around the Wing including Civil Engineering, Medical Services, Personnel, Supply (now called Logistics), Band, and our Operations and Maintenance sections. We've picked up new missions these past years including Air Traffic Control, Fire Fighting and a much larger Security presence. All of these areas will be open for you to visit. Equally important is for your feedback of today's unit. How have we turned out? What do you see we can do to make the 129<sup>th</sup> a better place?
2. We'd like to start the day at 0900 in the Wing Auditorium located in Hangar 3 (the big blimp hangar on the East Side of the field adjacent to the golf course). After a short introduction briefing, we would like to brief you on state of the unit, what kinds and frequency of training we do today, both at home and deployed. As you know by now, many members of the 129<sup>th</sup> have been recalled to Active Duty. We'll update you on what has transpired to date. We will then have escorts for all of you to visit your former sections (no matter if it was Hayward or elsewhere). We will then adjourn for an informal luncheon (no-host) on the flightline followed by an aerial demonstration of our Rescue aircraft.
3. We really look forward to your attendance. Included in the newsletter are registration forms for both the Alumni Day activities (Saturday) and the Alumni Day Golf Tournament (Sunday). Please complete the forms and return with payment as indicated. For further information, please contact Ken Moore (510) 656-1529 or Tommy Brooks (510) 490-7414.
4. I really look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Hope to see you here in August.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S C S".

STEVEN C. SPEER  
Colonel, CA ANG  
Wing Commander



# 129<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing Dining Out

**When:** 10 July 1999

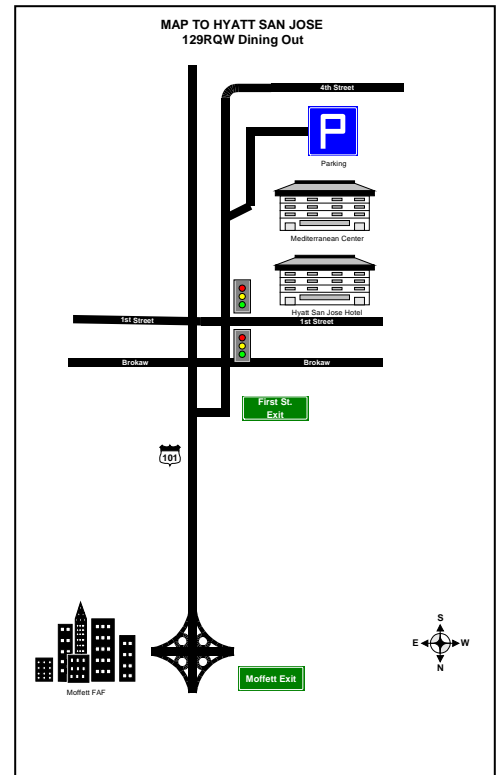
**Agenda:** 1815 hrs – No Host Bar  
1915 hrs – Dinner  
2200 hrs – Auction

Entertainment will be provided by the 561<sup>st</sup> AF Band

**Where:** Hyatt San Jose Hotel, Mediterranean Center  
1740 North First Street, San Jose

**Price:** \$38 per person if paid by 6 Jun 99  
\$42 per person after the drill

**POC:** Capt Vestman @ 650-603-9125 or  
CMSgt Ramos @ 650-603-9137



Please make the check payable to the 129<sup>th</sup> Air Guard Fund. Mail the check and this portion of the flyer to 129RQW/FM, Stop #11, 680 Moffett FAF, CA 94035-5006. RSVP: **30 Jun 1999**

Please indicate number of meals for each individual attending

\_\_\_\_\_ London Broil      \_\_\_\_\_ Roasted Chicken      \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon with lemon butter sauce

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# Alumni Day Golf Tournament

**Come one! Come all!**

August 7 and 8 is 129<sup>th</sup> Alumni Day – and the Golf Tournament is predicted to be the best yet! A four-man scramble with 1<sup>st</sup> tee time of 11:00 a.m. is scheduled for Sunday, August 8. Col Speer has agreed to “excuse” any active Wing member from drill that day – if you play! A luncheon and lots of prizes will be included with the registration fee – but your cart fee will be extra. You are welcome to bring a playing guest, but there are no spectators allowed on the course. Don't forget picture ID for you and your guest!

**WHERE: MOFFETT FIELD GOLF COURSE**

**WHEN: 8 AUGUST 1999 – 1<sup>ST</sup> TEE TIME 11:00 A.M.**

**COST: \$40.00 PER PLAYER – CART \$10.00 ADDITIONAL PER PLAYER**

**Please be advised: SOFT SPIKES ARE REQUIRED  
YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE COURSE WITHOUT THEM!**

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED REGISTRATION FORM, AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR FEES TO:

TOMMY BROOKS  
4345 MICHAEL AVENUE  
FREMONT, CA 94538-4014

JUDY BROOKS  
129LS/CCQ  
MOFFETT FEDERAL AIR FIELD, CA 94035

CALL TOMMY  
(510) 490-7414  
[brookstd@juno.com](mailto:brookstd@juno.com)

CALL JUDY  
(650) 603-9266  
[jbrooks@canuq.ang.af.mil](mailto:jbrooks@canuq.ang.af.mil)

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4 \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (INCLUDE AREA CODE) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

RANK \_\_\_\_\_ STATUS \_\_\_\_\_ ACTUVE DUTY \_\_\_\_\_ RESERVE \_\_\_\_\_ RETIRED \_\_\_\_\_

USGA BASED HANDICAP \_\_\_\_\_ IF NONE, WHAT IS YOUR AVERAGE SCORE FOR 18 HOLES?  
BELOW 80 85 90 95 100 105 110 115 120 125 130 135 140 HIGHER

RESERVE A POWER CART \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO (ADD \$10 TO BASIC FEE FOR POWER CART)

PLEASE PARTNER ME WITH \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$40.00 PER PLAYER + POWER CART FEE

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO 129<sup>TH</sup> AHA**

**REGISTRATION CLOSSES 22 JULY 1999**

# Alumni Day Registration

**Come one! Come all!**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
GUEST / SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4 \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE (INCLUDE AREA CODE) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
RANK \_\_\_\_\_ STATUS \_\_\_\_\_ ACTUVE DUTY \_\_\_\_\_ RESERVE \_\_\_\_\_ RETIRED \_\_\_\_\_  
REGISTRATION - MEMBER- INCLUDES LUNCH & CAP: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00  
REGISTRATION GUEST / SPOUSE (LUNCH ONLY): \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 OR (LUNCH & CAP): \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00  
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL LUNCHES ORDERED: \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 EACH  
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CAPS ORDERED: \_\_\_\_\_ \$6.00 EACH  
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO 129<sup>TH</sup> AHA**

**REGISTRATION CLOSES 31 JULY 1999**

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# Alumni Day Registration

**Come one! Come all!**

**THE 129<sup>TH</sup> RESCUE WING IS HOSTING ALUMNI DAY AT MOFFETT**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1999**

QUESTION & ANSWER TIME BY THE WING KING – COL STEVEN SPEER  
FACILITY TOURS  
BARBEQUE LUNCHEON – TRI-TIP, SALADS, ROLLS & DRINKS

**SPECIAL MILITARY RATES AT THE SUNNYVALE INN FOR THIS EVENT**

GOLF TOURNAMENT ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 1999

RETURN REGISTRATION FORM AND FEES TO:

KEN MOORE  
41658 COVINGTON DRIVE  
FREMONT, CA 94539  
(510) 656-1529  
[kande@pacbell.net](mailto:kande@pacbell.net)

LYNDA FAWCETT  
4732 HEATHERBRAE CIRCLE  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95842  
(916) 349-1019  
[LMTAFTAX@worldnet.att.net](mailto:LMTAFTAX@worldnet.att.net)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FAMILY DAY PICNIC

MOFFETT – CHASE PARK

FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 1:00 PM

JUNE DRILL WEEKEND – SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1999

DINING OUT

HYATT HOTEL, SAN JOSE

JULY DRILL WEEKEND – JULY 10, 1999

FANCY DRESS – YES WE HEAR ALL YOU GUYS GROANING!!!

ALUMNI DAY

MOFFETT – WING AUDITORIUM – HANGAR 3

ASSEMBLE BY 9:00 AM

AUGUST DRILL WEEKEND – SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1999

GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN NOW!

GOLF TOURNAMENT

MOFFETT FIELD GOLF COURSE

AUGUST DRILL WEEKEND – SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 1999

1<sup>ST</sup> TEE OFF AT 11:00 AM

FOUR MAN SCRAMBLE – GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN NOW!

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS JULY 22, 1999

## REMEMBER TO SAY THANK YOU

It is the soldier, not the reporter,  
Who has given us the freedom of the press.  
It is the soldier, not the poet,  
Who has given us the freedom of speech.  
It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,  
Who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.  
It is the soldier,  
Who salutes the flag,  
Who serves beneath the flag,  
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

*By Father Denis Edward O'Brien*

Have you moved? Know a former member of the 129<sup>th</sup> who isn't a member yet?

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM 1999 Dues \$10.00

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ 129<sup>TH</sup> SERVICE DATES FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the above information and mail to: 129<sup>th</sup> Alumni & Heritage Association,  
c/o Col John L. Ruppel, Jr. (ret), 6718 Zerillo Dr., Riverbank, CA 95367-2122

**IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES YET**

**PLEASE USE THIS FORM AND DO SO IMMEDIATELY!!**

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION  
AND  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Ltc Jesse Craddock – (650) 968-0446 – [B25jay@aol.com](mailto:B25jay@aol.com)

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

## 129<sup>th</sup> AHA Jackets Available

*Customized with your name and rank!*

Want to own a really distinctive jacket to show your affiliation with the 129<sup>th</sup> AHA? Order your navy blue, MembersOnly, summer-weight poplin jacket today. The left breast has the current wing patch and the original troop carrier group patch (now worn by the Rescue Squadron), with 129 AHA embroidered below. The right breast sports the Air Force Patch with your name embroidered below. Jackets are available for \$70 (\$35 deposit per jacket required). Order yours from Don Delucchi at (925) 689-2683 or online at [Nonononi@aol.com](mailto:Nonononi@aol.com) – or contact 'Hoot' Gibson at (510) 581-9501.



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