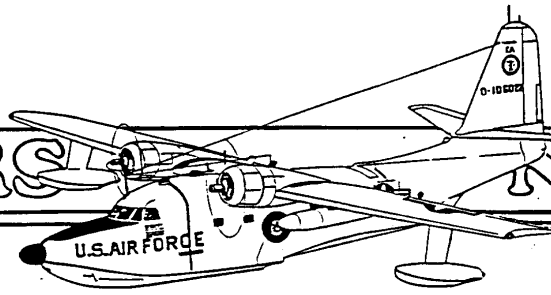


# OL TIMERS' NOOZZE



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## Old Timers' Luncheon

March 14, 2000

The annual Old Timers' Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at the Elk's Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, California. The bar will open at 11:30 a.m., with lunch at 12:15 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Charlie Davis, former member of the 129<sup>th</sup>. Charlie will present a slide program about his involvement with Air America (the CIA's Airline of choice) in Laos. Ltc Davis flew as a helicopter pilot ferrying personnel and supplies, and conducting rescue missions from 1965-1967. His book, *Across the Mekong*, will be available at the luncheon. \$25 will get you the book and Ltc Davis' autograph. For each book sold, Ltc Davis is donating \$5 to the 129<sup>th</sup> AHA Scholarship Fund.

The 129<sup>th</sup> AHA will honor the personnel selected as Airman, NCO, Senior NCO, and 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant of the year. The recipient(s) of the first 129<sup>th</sup> AHA Scholarship Award(s) will also be honored. Look for the pictures in the next issue.

If you have not yet paid your 2000 dues, bring your checkbook with you, and pay them at the luncheon!

## Do You Know This Lady?



Do you recognize this lady? Here are a few clues. She worked as a civilian in Base Operations at Hayward in 1955-1956, and designed the original crest for the 129<sup>th</sup> Air Resupply Squadron. Today, her design is the flying squadron patch and is worn by all air crew members.

There is something really unique about the patch. Can you find it? The answer is somewhere in the newsletter!

Meet Sue Peterson, shown in a photo from the *Hayward Daily Review* along with General (then Lt.Col.) Santos and MSgt. Blaine Hall. She and her husband will be at the Old Timers' Luncheon on Tuesday, March 14.



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## The Prez Sez

*A Word or Two from the President*

Ken Moore

**2000!** I never would have believed when I joined the Air National Guard in 1950 that I would still be involved 50 years later. It is staggering to think of all of the different ones who have been a part of those years. I am honored to have served with so many who are now members of the AHA, and who were there in the 194<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron and the 129<sup>th</sup> RQW.

Our organization has accomplished the purpose for which it was established. We are preserving the history of the units, as well as enjoying social events: Alumni Day, Family Day Picnic, golf tournament and the Annual Old Timers Luncheon. This year the OTL is scheduled for 14 March at the Elk's Club in Alameda and will feature guest speaker Charlie Davis.

I don't think that those who agreed to serve on the steering committee realized just what would be involved in reaching the goals we had set. As we are now a non-profit Mutual Benefit Corporation, I suddenly find myself a President of a Corporation. Imagine!! To answer the question "Who qualifies for membership"? As stated in our by-laws "Any person is qualified to become a Corporation member who has served as a member, is serving or is the surviving spouse of a former or current member of the 129<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing or the Wing's predecessor organizations.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Old Timers Luncheon. Join us and renew some old friendships. See you there.

Late Breaking News: We have received official notice of IRS approval of our Tax Exempt Non-Profit Status. You may now officially deduct your donations to the 129<sup>th</sup> AHA!

Answer to the Patch Question: The Pegasus has an extra knee!

## The OTL Raffle

*After Lunch Bidding War Scheduled*

Have you ever longed to have a copy of one of those fantastic photos in the Heritage Gallery? Do you want a print of the plane you used to fly or maintain? How about a copy of that wonderful collage we gave Col Speer at his going away dinner?

Well, get out your checkbook. The raffle tickets will be available at the door. The more you buy, the better your chances. And you do want lots of chances. After lunch, and after Lt. Col. Davis' presentation, there will be a raffle of several pieces of historic photography – with the spoils of war going to some lucky ticket holders!

Available at the raffle will be 2 framed and matted replicas of the collage (which has all the aircraft the unit has ever flown). If you aren't the lucky winner of the drawing, you can order your own unframed copy of the collage for \$25. You can also order an 8 by 10 unframed print of any of the unit's planes for \$10. Postage, of course, is extra. Order forms will be available at the luncheon.

Proceeds of this raffle are earmarked for the 129<sup>th</sup> RQW Family Support and Scholarship Programs. Last year, we raised \$200 for Family Support. Let's make that figure look like pocket change this year!



Can you identify this aircraft?

# YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW!



We are in the process of assembling an Honor Roll of members, past and present, who have gone to the last "Roll Call". This includes all former members of the 129<sup>th</sup>. It is not necessary that they were retired from the unit, just that they were members at one time. Jot down the name, last known rank, unit of assignment, date of death, and whether the death was in the line of duty, and send it to:

Don Delucchi  
2036 Rockne Drive  
Concord, CA 94518-3029

Or e-mail at:

[Nonononi@aol.com](mailto:Nonononi@aol.com)

I will assemble the Honor Roll in time for the issue of the OL TIMERS' NOOZZE published nearest to Memorial Day 2000. Please help us with this project. I think we should honor and remember all those who have gone before. Thank you for your support in this project.

## New to the Gang

### *Our Newest Members*

Welcome to these new members!

LTC George Antis – 1955-1972

CWO Eugene Baker – 1948-1983

SSG Judy Brooks – 1983-Present

MSG Ray Cloutier – 1971-1975

CPT Mark Collinson – 1972-1988

MAJ Russ Gibeson – 1955-1956

SMS Michael "Kip" Kenney – 1953-1983

MAJ Cindy Kepple – 1986-Present

COL Don Michaels – 1971-1972

SMS Winston Nelson – 1956-1983

Mrs. Sue Peterson – 1955-1956 – Designed Logo

## Missing in Action

### *Dead Letter Department*

We are looking for current addresses for these former members of the Unit. Do you know where they are today?

Mr. Bernie Badler	Mr. Stan Baroff
MSG Jerry Beebe	TSG Ed Brothers
Mr. John Cambria	MSG Frank Dwyer
LTC Don Foley	MSG Michael Friedt
Mr. Rick Gaylord	TSG Edward Linnett
Mr. Lawrence Mauch	MAJ Edward Meese
Mr. Pat O'Sullivan	MSG Gene Pasqual
TSG Leon Pope	Mr. James Smith
Mr. Peter Turner	CMS Ashley White

If you have an address or phone number for any of these former members, please send the information to:

Col. John L. Ruppel, Jr. (Ret.)  
6718 Zerillo Drive  
Riverbank, CA 95367-2122

E-mail: [J-L.RUPPEL@WORLDNET.ATT.NET](mailto:J-L.RUPPEL@WORLDNET.ATT.NET)

# The Money Stuff

## *The Secretary-Treasurer's Annual Report*

John L. Ruppel, Jr.

The Board of Directors is pleased to provide the 1999 Financial Report. The Association completed the fiscal year with an unencumbered balance of \$1345. The Board allocated \$500 to commence the annual Scholarship program. Additionally \$205 is reserved for prepaid dues and \$50 for Old Timers' Lunch raffle expenses. Newsletter publication cost were \$546, and \$290 was expended in the Incorporation process. The Board has endeavored to maintain a fiscal balance between expenditures and revenues assuring a prudent reserve.

Direct membership support expense was \$215. The Association concluded the year with 216 members, a 31-member increase. The dues delinquency rate was approximately 9%.

The Board on January 13<sup>th</sup> adopted the 2000 Association Budget and established the 2000 membership dues at \$10. Members were mailed a dues notice January 24<sup>th</sup>. The Budget provides funds to publish the Association quarterly Newsletter, provide monies for routine office expenses, and fund the Corporation's required reporting expenses. The Board allocated \$500 to continue the Association scholarship program. These scholarships will be awarded in 2001, continuing the Board's policy that the funds would be on hand prior to award. Additionally, monies were budgeted to undertake a membership drive and complete contacting individuals whose names appear on the 129<sup>th</sup> RQW Retired – Separated Roster.

Association 2000 dues may be paid at the March 14<sup>th</sup> Old Timers' Lunch. Dues are delinquent if not received by March 15, 2000. Members attending the lunch will be afforded the opportunity to ask questions regarding the 1999 Financial Statement or 2000 Budget. Those unable to attend the lunch can direct questions to the Secretary-Treasurer.

The Board appreciates the membership's support and solicits any comments regarding current or suggested Association activities or projects.

## 1999 Financial Statement

### EXPENSES

Newsletter	546.05
Old-timers Lunch	1,461.38
Golf Tournament	1,237.00
Alumni Day	536.00
Jackets	624.92
AHA Logo Hats	254.60
Old-timers Lunch Raffle	
129th Family Support	200.00
Incorporation Expense	290.00
Membership	215.09
Board Expense	66.74
<b>Total 1999 Expenses</b>	<u>5,431.78</u>

### INCOME

<b>Bank Bal @ 12/31/98</b>	668.30
Donations	100.00
Memberships	1,795.00
Scholarship	443.00
Logo Lapel Pins	40.00
Alumni Day	590.00
Golf Tournament	1,246.00
Old-timers Lunch	1,357.00
Raffle	255.00
Apparel	961.00
<b>Total 1999 Income</b>	<u>6,787.00</u>

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<b>Total 1999 Expenses</b>	<u>(5,431.78)</u>
<b>Net 1999 Income</b>	<u>1,355.22</u>

<b>Bank Bal 12/31/98</b>	688.30
1999 Income	6,787.00
1999 Expense	<u>(5,431.78)</u>
<b>Bank Bal 12/31/99</b>	<u>2,043.52</u>

### Encumbrances:

Old Timers Lunch Raffle	50.00
Scholarship Fund	443.00
Prepaid Dues	205.00
<b>Total Encumb.</b>	<u>698.00</u>
<b>Unencumbered Bal</b>	<u>1,345.52</u>

## 2000 Budget

### ITEM

Board Expense	40.00
Membership Activities	353.00
Newsletter Expense	685.00
Corporation Expense	165.00
Association Sponsored Activities	
Scholarship Fund	500.00
Heritage Gallery Expense	50.00
Old Timers' Lunch Expenses	360.00
129th RQW Outstanding AMN Dues	40.00
Alumni Day - Golf Tournament	110.00
Misc Related Expenses	30.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<u>2,333.00</u>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 14, 2000

OLD TIMERS LUNCHEON

RESERVATION FORM BELOW

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!

JUNE 29 – JULY 4, 2000

NASA TRADE SHOW

AIR SHOW & FLY IN

JULY 9, 2000

FAMILY DAY PICNIC AND OPEN HOUSE

SET THIS WEEKEND ASIDE NOW!

AUGUST 5 & 6, 2000

ALUMNI DAY AND GOLF TOURNAMENT

MAKE PLANS TO TAKE PART IN THIS EXCITING WEEKEND.

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.

The Annual 129<sup>th</sup> Old Timers' Luncheon

March 14, 2000

Elk's Lodge - 2255 Santa Clara Avenue - Alameda, CA

- 1133 Hrs At the Bar  
Trim Adjustment, Hangar Flying, Old Buddies Checklist
- 1215 Hrs Gear Down & Locked Lunch  
Catered Buffet with all the trimmings. \$11.00 per person
- 1315 Hrs Guest Speaker  
Lt. Col. Charlie Davis, USAF Retired, former member of the 129<sup>th</sup> (1968-1984) & Alaska ANG. Author of Across the Mekong. Available for \$25.00.
- 1400 Hrs Raffle - Your Alumni Heritage Association will again raffle a framed picture to help support the 129<sup>th</sup> AHA Scholarship & Family Support Funds.

Please Reserve Ramp Service For (Must be received NLT March 7 with payment)

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

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

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Souls Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your reservation and check to:  
129<sup>th</sup> Alumni & Heritage Association, c/o Col John L. Ruppel, Jr. (Ret)  
6718 Zerillo Drive, Riverbank, CA 95367-2122  
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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

## Scholarship Fund

One of primary purposes of the 129<sup>th</sup> AHA is to help further the education of our young enlisted personnel. To that extent, we have established a scholarship fund. The Scholarship Award process is in progress, and the first award may be presented at the Old Timers' Luncheon on March 14.

Lt. Col. Charlie Davis, the guest speaker at the Old Timers' Luncheon and author of *Across the Mekong*, will be donating \$5 for each book sold at the luncheon to the scholarship fund. Additionally, \$1 of your annual dues is allocated to this fund. We welcome any and all donations to the scholarship fund, and wish to acknowledge these members for their generous donations:

LTC Larry Rodekohr

SGT Steve Ladas

SMS Anthony J. Guresz

LTC Ed Lewis

COL Joseph Rodricks

LTC Ward Douglass

SMS Joe Preciado

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# See You at the Old Timers' Lunch!