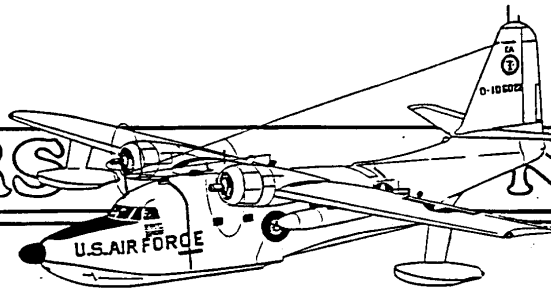


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Wing Award

AHA Member Honored

LTC Jesse Craddock, Vice President of the 129th AHA, was recognized for three years of volunteer work with the 129th Visual Information Section. Jay has spent many hours in the base photo lab scanning old pictures and converting them into digital format. This work has greatly expanded the library of digital photographs available for use. Congratulations, Jay!



Alumni Weekend

August 6-7, 2000

The second annual Alumni Day and Picnic was held on Saturday, August 6, at Moffett Federal Airfield. The day began with coffee and rolls provided during registration.

Jay Craddock introduced Col. Tommy Williams 129 RQW Commander. Col Williams updated the group on the Wing Facilities construction program, particularly the new Maintenance Hangar. He reviewed the Wing's most recent long-range rescue mission and discussed the Wing's current and future Air Force support activities. Col Williams concluded with a brief discussion regarding the Wing's number one priority - *the recruitment of new members*. He solicited Association support in providing possible recruiting leads.

Following the presentation, a tour of the new Support, Operations and Maintenance Buildings was conducted by SMS Jim Zak, CCMS Dave Dunlap and CMS Mike Schmall.

Lunch was in the little park, catered for the 2nd time by Randy and his excellent barbecue. Twenty-eight current Wing members joined the Association members and guests for lunch. Lunch provided a perfect setting to exchange experiences and hears first hand about the Wing's activities.

After lunch a tour of the new MC 130's and the HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters was provided.

Sunday, August 7, Tommy Brooks organized the third annual (blind bogey this year) golf tournament at the Moffett Field Golf Course. Forty-Four players began teeing off at 11:30 AM competing for \$875 in prizes. A barbecue was provided for all players after the 18 holes.

All those who attended had a great time. Thanks for joining us, and plan to attend next year!

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The Prez Sez

A Word or Two from the President

As Presented by:

Jay Craddock, Vice President

Ken Moore is on vacation, so I have the task of bringing you up to date on our Association activities.

Alumni Day was attended by approximately twenty-five retirees and family members. After a briefing by Col. Williams and other Section Heads, a tour of the new Base buildings and shop facilities was completed. Lunch was a barbecue catered by Randy's BBQ at the 129th Picnic Area. Randy once again provided an excellent lunch. Wing aircraft were available for inspection during Saturday afternoon. I want to thank Col. Williams and his Staff for their hospitality and efforts to make our visit entertaining and interesting.

Tommy Brooks organized a golf tournament on Sunday. The blind bogey competition was well attended and very successful. A good time was had by all.

We are now beginning plans for our Annual Luncheon in March and can use any pictures you care to share (they will be returned!). We are planning a continuous slide show throughout lunch to bring back memories and stimulate conversation. If you have pictures you would like to share, please label them with your name and address, who or what is in the picture, and when and where the picture was taken. Please mail them to:

LTC Jesse Craddock
1448 Fallen Leaf Lane
Los Altos, CA 94024

If the pictures are in digital format, please e-mail them with the appropriate information to:

B25jay@aol.com

Our membership has grown to 255, which gives us more ability to support the Wing activities.

Happy Labor Day to everyone from your AHA Board.

Scholarship Fund

A Current Status Report

Generous members continue to make donations to our Scholarship Fund. Currently, the fund has a balance of \$1800. The Board has approved the award of 3 scholarships of \$300 each to be presented at the March 2001 Old Timers Luncheon.

The following have recently made special donations:

LTC Charles Fuller
MSgt Pamela Canessa SMS Robert Singleton
CMS Lilliana Ramos LTC Brian Haggerty

New to the Gang

Our Newest Members

Welcome to these new members!

MSgt Miguel Alvarez CMS Stuart Loux
Lt Thomas Venable Lt Al Yeh
TSgt James Duclair MSgt Joe Love
MSgt Pamela Canessa

Final Fly-By

Final Farewell

Brigadier General Hal Ahrens

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW!

How about referring young people you might know to MSgt Granada? The Wing is currently undermanned and new recruits are always welcome! Any and all leads are greatly appreciated!

Can you spend a few hours a week answering phones, preparing mail outs, replying to emails? How about helping out in the recruiting booth at air shows? If you would be interested in helping the Wing meet recruiting goals, please contact:

MSgt Jamie Granada
Recruiting Supervisor, 129th RQW
Commercial Phone: 1-650-603-9568
Toll Free Phone: 1-800-821-2433

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2001

OLD TIMER'S LUNCHEON

MORE DETAILS TO COME NEXT ISSUE!



Recruiting at the Family Day Picnic

129th AHA Jackets Available

Customized with your name and rank!

Want to own a really distinctive jacket to show your affiliation with the 129th 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.

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM
2000 Dues \$10.00

NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP+4: _____ + _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

RANK: _____ 129TH SERVICE DATES FROM: _____ TO _____

Please complete the above information and mail to:
129th 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!!**

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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
TSG Ed Brothers	Mr. John Cambria
MSG Frank Dwyer	LTC Don Foley
Mr. Rick Gaylord	Mr. James Smith
Mr. Peter Turner	

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

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