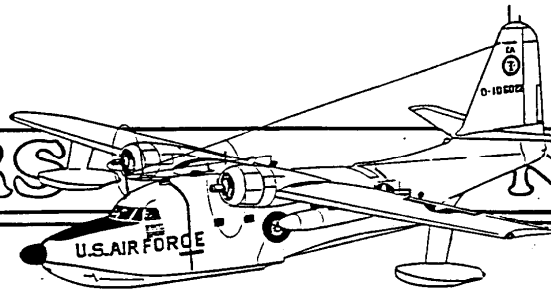


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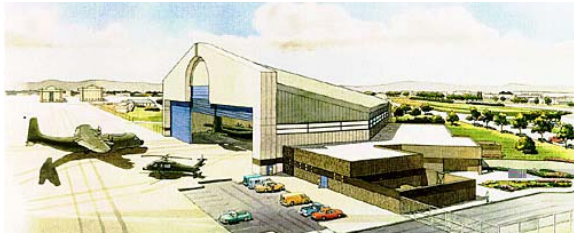
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Hangar Groundbreaking

Construction to Begin

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new \$14.8 million hangar for the 129th Air Rescue Wing was held October 11 at Moffett Federal Air Field. The ceremony, attended by many state and local dignitaries, was accompanied by the Air Force Band of the Rockies from Colorado Springs, Colorado. Colonel Tommy Williams delivered the welcoming remarks and was followed by MGen Gibson of OTAG, Dr. McDonald of NASA, State Assemblywoman Alquist, and the mayors of Sunnyvale and Mountain View. The AHA was well represented by board members. After the ceremonial groundbreaking with 'golden' shovels, the proceedings concluded with a fly over by a C 130 and HH60 helicopter. Construction should be complete in approximately 18 months.



Board Election

March 2001

An election for the three at-large Directors is scheduled for 2001. The AHA Corporation Bylaws proscribes that Directors are elected in odd number years (2001) and Officers are elected in even number years (2002).

The AHA President, Ken Moore, appointed an Election Committee composed of the Vice President, Jay Craddock, the Secretary-Treasurer, John Ruppel, and association member at large, LTC Jim Rommelfanger. The committee will be responsible for gathering nominations, distributing, collecting, and counting the ballots. The newly elected Directors will be announced at the Association's annual meeting, the Annual Old Timers Lunch, tentatively scheduled for March 14, 2001.

Any AHA member in good standing may serve as a Director. Individuals interested in serving as a Director should complete the form included in this newsletter. Return the completed form (or a reasonable facsimile) no later than January 10, 2001, to:

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

Nominations must be postmarked by January 10, 2001, to be valid. All nominations will be included on the ballot. Ballots, a self-addressed stamped postcard, will be mailed to all members, with the next edition of the newsletter, in early February. There is no write-in provision. Ballots must be returned with a postmark no later than March 2, 2001 to be valid. The three nominees with the highest number of votes will be declared Directors, and will be announced and begin their two-year term at the Old Timers Luncheon

Interested in serving? Get your nomination form completed and returned ASAP!

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The Prez Sez

The President's Column

CMS Ken Moore (Ret.)

This has been a busy and productive year. The Association incorporation was completed February 4, 2000. The Alumni Association is now a tax exempt California Nonprofit Corporation. Your contributions and dues qualify for a tax deduction depending on your filing status.

There are 257 Association members an increase of 37 new members. Please let us know of any individuals that might be interested in membership. An application and Newsletter will be provided.

We have sponsored a number of events, the Annual Oldtimers Lunch, Alumni Day and the Golf Tournament. The Board is considering sponsoring a second golf tournament to be held in the spring. Your suggestions and comments are most welcome.

I want to thank the Board of Directors' for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the Association

The Board has approved three \$300 scholarships to be awarded at the 2001 Oldtimers Lunch. A portion of each member's dues funds the scholarship program. Additionally, several of the members have provided generous gift to the Scholarship Program. Information regarding eligibility and the application process maybe obtained from MSgt Estee Sage (650 603-9188).

The Board normally meets the third Thursday of each month in the 129th Supply Building Conference Room at 10:30 AM. During the summer and the holiday season some meetings are cancelled. Guests are most welcome and we suggest you contact a Board member to confirm meeting dates.

AAFES, the Air Force Exchange, informs us that the Association Members Only jacket style has been discontinued. Jacket orders have been suspended pending locating an alternate.

The Doolittle Raiders will hold their annual reunion in Fresno in April 5,6,7, and 8, 2001. They hope to have 20 privately owned B25s available for a flyover and static displays. It is possible that the National Fighter Pilots Association will also participate by bringing a

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number of old fighter aircraft. Should be an interesting show.

We have had several requests for the spaghetti sauce made famous by Don Delucchi at Hayward ANG Base. You'll find the recipe on page 5. Happy eating!

Lastly, CWO Bill Gately has recently taken up residence in an assisted care facility. He would very much like to receive a note or card from those of us who served with him. Please address your correspondence to:

Mrs. Lucille Gately
3225 Freeport Blvd. #318
Sacramento, CA 95818

May your holidays be happy and peaceful.

New to the Gang

Our Newest Members

CWO Bill Gately
CCMS George Booker

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW!

The wing continues to experience personnel losses, and consequently has numerous vacancies in most AFSCs. If you know a young person who might be interested, won't you please refer him or her to MSgt Granada? Any and all leads are greatly appreciated!

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 TIMERS LUNCHEON

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

MORE DETAILS TO COME NEXT ISSUE

EANGUS

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the U.S.

CCMS Alan D. Obermiller (Ret.)

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States has been in existence since 1970 and is a fully effective legislative entity with headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. EANGUS is the only military organization that devotes 100% of its legislative resources and lobbying efforts to the enlisted National Guard soldier, airman, and retirees. No other organization represents the needs of the enlisted soldier and airman of the Army and Air National Guard exclusively.

It takes dollars and participation in the legislative process to put enlisted issues before the Congress every year. By law, the National Guard Bureau and the Department of Defense cannot lobby Congress, but associations can. EANGUS has the organization and recognition needed to become an effective voice on Capitol Hill. Now members are needed - members whose letters, e-mails, and telephone calls can educate and solicit members of Congress on issues affecting the National Guard and enlisted personnel.

Re-education of members of Congress is a never-ending job. The percentage of legislators with military service has declined steadily and they must constantly be reminded who we are and what the National Guard represents to the Total Force - a large part of the total military capability available to the nation. The nation cannot fight a war without the National Guard. Service in the Guard presents special problems to enlisted personnel in the areas of civilian employment, lengthy deployments, adequate pay and allowances, medical care, etc.

We spend our careers looking out for our people and ourselves. Can we do less for those taking our places in the ranks? Can we leave to others our own needs as retirees? Remember leadership is an acquired skill that cannot be laid aside casually.

For information, contact: obermiller@oakweb.com

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South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

SPACE A TRAVEL

A Brief How To

LTC Patrick Darrin (Ret.)

Space A travel can be an opportunity for those who are retired and inclined to travel about the United States or the world to do so in a relatively safe and inexpensive way. This article will acquaint you with some of the limitations and advantages of the system.

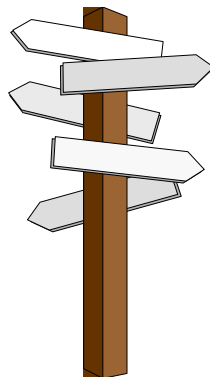
You can travel via military aircraft and stay in military guest/transit quarters for a fraction of the cost of civilian commercial transportation and lodging. However, you move and stay at the convenience of what is available at the time. Some of the limitations are very basic.

Only formally retired individuals can fly via the Space A system in the continental limits of the United States (CONUS). Dependents, including spouses, are not allowed Space A privileges within the U.S. unless the ultimate destination of the aircraft is outside CONUS. Hawaii and Alaska are excluded from this restriction.

Retired Space A travelers have the lowest priority. This is very difficult during summer months when active duty personnel are attempting leave travel with their families. Everybody in military air travel must have a designated seat on the aircraft regardless of age.

Each time you reach a termination point of your flight, you will have to reapply for the Space A opportunity to fly closer to your planned final destination.

These restrictions seem cumbersome at first, but as you learn the ropes, you will not only save a considerable amount of money, but will have experiences that become great memories.



Where are you going on your next trip?

NOMINATION FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Now is your opportunity!

Do you want to have a hand in running the 129th Alumni and Heritage Association? Do you want to be more involved in the Association? Do you have lots of great ideas for things the Association could be involved in?

Now is your opportunity. Nominate yourself (you CAN NOT nominate another person) to serve for 2 years as a Director at large. If elected, you will serve on the Board of Directors of the 129th Alumni and Heritage Association.

Volunteer NOW!

NOMINATION FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Yes! I want to be more involved in the 129th AHA!
Place my name in nomination for Director at Large.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Rank: _____ Dates of Service in 129th: _____

Signature: _____

Must be postmarked by January 10, 2001. Mail to:

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

DONDI'S HANGB PASTA-MEAT SAUCE

½ oz dried Italian mushrooms	2-lbs. ground meat (beef, veal, or game)
3 Tbsp. olive oil	1 cup dry red wine
¼ cup butter	4 cloves fresh garlic, finely chopped
2 (28-oz.) cans Contadina Seasoned Crushed Tomatoes, w/Italian Herbs	
1 large onion, finely chopped	2 Tbsp. dried Italian Seasoning
2 medium carrots, finely chopped	1 Tbsp. dried basil
2-3 Celery stalks, finely chopped	1 Tbsp. dried oregano
½ lb. Italian Sausage, ground	Salt & freshly ground pepper, to taste

Soak dried mushrooms in 2 cups of hot water until they are reconstituted, then strain through a cheesecloth lined sieve, retaining the strained liquid. Chop the mushrooms along with the other veggies. Melt butter with oil in a large saucepan. When butter foams, add onions, garlic, carrots, celery, and mushrooms. Sauté over medium heat until lightly browned. Add ground meat & sausage. Cook and stir until meat is no longer pink. Season with salt & pepper. Increase heat and stir in wine and reserved mushroom liquid. Cook until liquid has evaporated. Press tomatoes through a food mill or sieve to remove seeds. Stir tomato pulp into the meat/veggie mixture. Add all the spices. Cover and reduce heat. Simmer 1 to 1½ hours or until sauce reaches a medium-thick consistency. Stir occasionally during cooking to mix and prevent sticking. Makes 5-6 cups of sauce. Leftover sauce can be frozen.

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM 2001 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 your personal information has changed,
PLEASE USE THIS FORM AND NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY!!**

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Are You Missing in Action?

Dead Letter Department

Have you moved recently - or not so recently? Do we have your correct mail and e-mail addresses & phone number? Please let us know when you move.

The newsletter is mailed out with a request for address correction. The post office does not forward the newsletter to you. They return it to us - and charge us 33¢. Then we update your file, put your newsletter in an envelope, put a 33¢ stamp on the packet, and mail it out to you. Total additional cost to the association is nearly \$1.00 per returned newsletter.

Please take a moment to remember the 129th AHA when you notify your correspondents of your new address. A member information form is included in every issue.

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Happy Holidays!