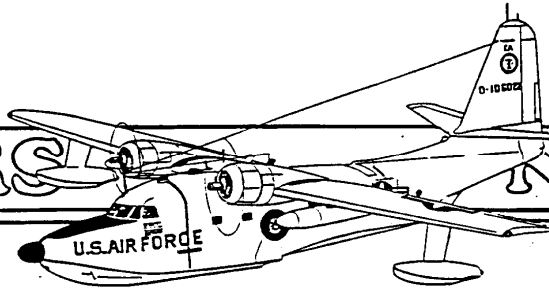


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Old Timers Luncheon

Wednesday, March 15, 2001

The 2001 Annual Meeting of the 129th Alumni and Heritage Association will be held in conjunction with the Annual Old Timers Luncheon on March 15, 2001, at the Alameda Elks Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda.

There will be no guest speaker at the Old Timers Luncheon. A video of the 2000 Chino Air Show will be shown throughout the gathering, allowing more time for socializing. There will also be the now-traditional raffle for aircraft artwork prepared by Jay Craddock. This year the featured prints are the SA-16 sitting on Clear Lake and the current assigned 129th aircraft, MC-130P and HH-60, over the Golden Gate Bridge. All proceeds go to the scholarship fund.

Membership dues for the year 2001 have been set (one more time) at \$10.00, and dues invoices have been mailed. You may mail your dues with your Old Timers Luncheon reservation or you may pay at the Luncheon. Dues must be received by March 15, 2001, to be considered timely paid.

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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).

Ballots, a self-addressed stamped postcard, were mailed to all members 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

Reservation form for the Old Timers Luncheon is included on page 6. If you haven't yet made your reservations, please do so by March 8, 2001.

Doolittle Raiders

May 19 & 20, 2001

The Doolittle Raiders will hold their annual reunion in Fresno on May 19 and 20, 2001. They hope to have 20 privately owned B25s available for a fly-over and static displays. It is possible that the National Fighter Pilots Association will also participate by bringing a number of old fighter aircraft. Should be an interesting show.

Please be aware that this airshow has been postponed. May 19 & 20, 2001 is the current schedule.

If you need more information, please contact:

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

1-650-968-0446

The Prez Sez

The President's Column

CMS Ken Moore (Ret.)

The 129th Alumni and Heritage Association begins the new year as a tax exempt California Nonprofit Corporation. Your contributions and dues qualify as a tax deduction depending on your filing status.

With the new year comes the election of Directors at Large to serve on the Association Board. LTC Patrick Darrin has chosen not to run for re-election. Our thanks go to Pat for his work with the Board. Not only was he the first editor of the Old Timers Noozze, and designer of the 129th AHA jacket, but has also been Chairman of the Scholarship Committee since its inception. We appreciate your service to the Association.

The Old Timers Luncheon, to be held on Thursday, March 15, 2001, will also be the annual meeting of the Association. The election results for the Directors will be announced at the meeting, and they will begin serving their new term at that time.

The Board has approved the dues structure for 2001. Dues will remain at \$10, and are payable no later than March 15, 2001. Your 2001 membership package, including membership card and roster, will be available at the Old Timers Luncheon when you check in. Please be sure to send your dues payment with your luncheon reservation, and save the Association the expense of mailing your roster and membership card!

A map and driving directions to the Alameda Elks Lodge can be found on page 4, and luncheon reservation information is on page 6. Be sure to get your reservations and payments in by March 8.

The 2000 Financial Report is on page 3. While this is a condensed version, you can see we had a profitable year. We awarded three (3) scholarships in 2000, and plan to award four (4) in 2001. The awardees will be announced at the Old Timers Luncheon. Just a reminder - a portion of your annual membership dues goes to the scholarship fund. Your generous support has made the expansion of this program possible.

The Prez Sez (continued)

Alumni Day has been a success for the past two years, but is not scheduled for 2001. The Unit is scheduled for deployment to the Gulf during that time. We will work on plans for 2002 to coincide with the Hangar opening.

Do you have any special programs or activities you would like to see the Association involved in? We will have idea sheets available at the Old Timers Luncheon for your suggestions.

Are you a traveler? If so, be sure to read the articles on page 5. The information on Space-A travel and the Retreat & Reveille bed & breakfast club could make your travel dollars go further. This information was taken from the January 2001 *Afterburner*.

We apologize for the delay in filling jacket orders the past few months. AAFES no longer stocks the navy blue MembersOnly jackets, and the squadron ran out of patches at the same time. We have now found a new source for the jackets, and the squadron has ordered new patches. The jacket program is back up and running. Order forms will be available at the Old Timers Luncheon.

At the demand of all you duffers out there, the 129th AHA will be sponsoring two (that is 2!) golf tournaments this year. The spring tournament is scheduled for Sunday, April 29 (sign up sheets will be available at the Old Timers Luncheon), and the fall tournament is scheduled for Sunday, September 9. Mark your calendars. Flyers and registration will be mailed prior to the tournaments.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in the Association, please provide us with names and addresses. We will send them a newsletter, and membership information. Remember, anyone who is currently or ever has been affiliated with the 129th or its predecessor organizations is eligible for membership. Our 2001 goal is to reach 300 active Association members.

See you all at the Old Timers Luncheon!

Ken

THE MONEY STUFF

Annual Financial Statement

COL John L. Ruppel, Jr. (Ret.)

The first year of the new century was a successful one for the 129th AHA. Income exceeded expenses (always a nice situation), and we awarded three (3) scholarships to deserving young members of the Unit. With your continued support, we look forward to an equally successful year in 2001.

129th Alumni and Heritage Association

Financial Report

2000

EXPENSES		INCOME	
Newsletter	684.94	Memberships	2,249.00
Membership	272.55	Dues Trust	190.00
Scholarships	750.00	Scholarship	1,782.00
Board Expense	306.16	Logo Lapel Pins	89.00
Alumni Day	787.41	Alumni Day	561.00
Alumni Day Golf Tournament	1,836.65	Golf Tournament	1,830.00
Old-timers Lunch	2,477.34	Old-timers Lunch	1,716.00
		OTL Speaker Book Sales	936.00
Heritage Expense	113.80	Heritage Photographs	132.00
Jackets	653.72	Apparel	1,065.00
Total 2000 Expenses	<u>7,882.57</u>	Total 2000 Income	<u>10,550.00</u>
Total 2000 Income	10,550.00	Bank Balance 12/31/99	2,043.52
Total 2000 Expenses	(7,882.57)	2000 Prepaid Dues	(110.00)
Net 2000 Income	<u>2,667.43</u>	2000 Income	10,550.00
		2000 Expense	(7,882.57)
		Bank Balance 12/31/00	<u>4,600.95</u>
		Encumbrances:	
		Scholarship	1,812.00
		Prepaid Dues	285.00
		Total	<u>2,097.00</u>
		Unencumbered Balance	<u>2,503.95</u>

Elks Lodge Alameda - 2255 Santa Clara Drive



Driving Directions to the Alameda Elks Lodge - 2255 Santa Clara Avenue

- ◆ Take the High Street exit off the 880 freeway whether you are coming from the North or the South.
- ◆ Go West on High Street to Santa Clara Street.
- ◆ Turn right (North) onto Santa Clara Street.
- ◆ The lodge is located one (1) block past (North) Park Street.
- ◆ Parking is in the rear.

The Annual 129th AHA Old Timers Luncheon

March 15, 2001



Alameda Elks Lodge
2255 Santa Clara Avenue
(510) 522-1015

1130 Hrs At the Bar

Trim Adjustment, Hangar Flying, Ramp Roomers,
Old Buddies Checklist

1230 Hrs Gear Down & Locked Lunch

Roast Beef Buffet with all the trimmings
Corned Beef & Cabbage for St. Patrick's Day
\$10.00 per person

1330 Hrs 129th AHA Annual Meeting

Call to Order, Announcement of New Board Members

1400 Hrs Social Hour

Chino 2000 Air Show Video will be aired throughout the gathering.
Spouses and guests are welcome!

P.O.C. Jesse Craddock (650) 968-0446
Ed Boddington (209) 536-1777

Reservation Form - Must Be Received (with payment) by March 8, 2001

Please Reserve Ramp Service For:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Number of Souls Attending: _____

Total Amount Enclosed (\$10.00 per person): _____

Make Check Payable To: 129th AHA
Mail Check and Reservation Form To:
Col. John L. Ruppel, Jr. (ret)
6718 Zerillo Drive
Riverbank, CA 95367-2122

Space A Travel Handbook Just Off the Press

From the Afterburner - January 2001

Members of the Air Force retiree community who do a lot of traveling might want to consider the recently published Worldwide Space-A Travel Handbook. At \$25 plus \$3 S&H and another \$2.06 in tax for Texas residents, it's not cheap but it seems to contain the information most needed by the Space-A traveler, including billeting, flights, RV and camping. Charts, abbreviations, maps, and type sizes have been refined. In addition, it now includes a bimonthly Space-A Travel Update to distribute information quickly.

Retirees should check the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) outlet first for a discounted price. If the AAFES facility doesn't carry it, a toll-free number - 1 888-277-2232 - is available for orders only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Most major credit cards are accepted. The e-mail address is publisher@spaceatravel.com.

To order by mail, send a check to:

Spaceatravel.com
P.O. Box 55
Hurst, TX 76053-0055



Bed & Breakfast Club Focuses on Military

From the Afterburner - January 2001

Retreat & Reveille International, a military bed and breakfast club, now has a directory offering more than 470 havens in all 50 states and 28 other countries. Membership is open to all veterans (and families) of military organizations of any nation.

It offers economical lodging through low-cost stays with members who open their homes only to their fellow members, as well as B&Bs owned by other military personnel. Members are not required to host. It also includes commercial B&Bs and inns which offer discounts to club members.

Currently, for yearly dues of \$25, members receive the host directory with a membership card, as well as a quarterly newsletter, The Bugle Call. Those joining now at \$39.95 will receive the current directory and next year's, and can renew annually at \$25. Dues for new members after April 1 will be \$39.95. To join, send your military affiliation information and a check for dues to:

Retreat & Reveille International
3106 Military Road
Arlington, VA 22207-4136

The phone number is 1-703-525-3372 or e-mail
RetRveille@aol.com



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New to the Gang

Our Newest Members

MG Terry L. Dake

Maj Paul Fox

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

129th AHA Jackets Available

Customized with your name and rank!

After much searching we have found a new source of MembersOnly jackets - so we are once again taking orders for 129th AHA jackets. Order forms will be available at the Old Timers Luncheon.

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 your jacket 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 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 34¢. Then we update your file, put your newsletter in an envelope, put a 34¢ 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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