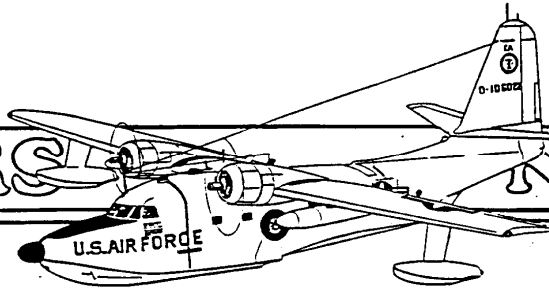


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Air Force Memorial

129th Honor Roll to be Included

The Board of Directors has approved a proposal by Blaine Hall that will honor the deceased members of the 129th RQW in the Air Force Memorial. The Air Force Memorial will honor the millions of patriotic men and women who have distinguished themselves in the United States Air Force and its predecessors, such as the Army Air Corps. The memorial will also salute the vast technological achievements that have made American airpower the most formidable on earth.

The Association will make a donation in the name of each individual. The initial donation will include those members who were killed in action, as well as other individuals selected by the appointed committee.

Additional names will be submitted each year until all those listed on the 129th Honor Roll have been recognized.

Committee members include Ken Moore, Jay Craddock, Don Delucchi, and Ed Boddington. The list of names submitted this year will be published in the next issue of the Ol Timers Noozze.

Old Timers Luncheon & Board Election

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

The 2002 Annual Meeting of the 129th Alumni and Heritage Association was held in conjunction with the Annual Old Timers Luncheon on March 13, 2002, at the Alameda Elks Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda.

The membership has elected LTC Jesse Craddock President and CCMS Ken Moore Vice President. COL John Ruppel was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

The luncheon was attended by a record 138 guests and the now traditional raffle raised \$287 for the scholarship fund. Way to go, gang!

Thanks to the generous support of the 129th AHA membership, the Association awarded five scholarships to members of the unit. The recipients of the 2002 scholarships are:

SrA Lisa Hernandez - MXS
SSgt Natalie Friedenthal - RQS
SSgt Deborah Hill - MDS
SSgt David Weidman - AGS
MSgt Joseph Cape - MXS

Congratulations!

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The Prez Sez

The President's Column

Lt Col Jesse Craddock (Ret.)

Welcome to you all as the 129th Alumni and Heritage Association begins its fourth year as a California Tax Exempt Corporation. I want to thank all of you for electing me to the position of President of the Association for the next two years. Following in the footsteps of Ken Moore, the Immediate Past President and newly elected Vice President, will be a challenge. Ken has guided the 129th AHA through its early growth, and we will continue to depend on his leadership in the years to come. And welcome to a second term as Secretary-Treasurer, John Ruppel.

The Old Timers Luncheon was an enjoyable event attended by a record breaking 138 guests. The now traditional corned beef and cabbage buffet was delicious, and the socializing was great. MG Bob Barrow, the guest speaker, presented an overview of the California Air Guard's role in national and state security since September 11.

The annual raffle for the prints of the collage of 129th aircraft raised \$287 for the scholarship fund. And thanks to your continued support, the 129th AHA is proud to have presented five scholarships of \$300 this year, and hopes to expand the program in the years to come. Special thanks to our newsletter editor, Lynda Fawcett, for all of her volunteer hours. Her employer, California Federal Bank, recognized her volunteer efforts with a check for \$500 to the scholarship fund.

The 129th AHA has sponsored a spring golf tournament for the past few years. However, due to the ill health of Tommy Brooks, our golf-meister, and scheduled deployment of the unit, we are unable to coordinate a tournament. But, do not panic - we have an alternative for all you hackers. The Tennessee Ernie Ford Chapter of the Air Force Association is sponsoring a Charity Golf Tournament on Friday, June 7. Details are included on pages 4 and 5.

The annual Family Day picnic will be drill weekend, Sunday, July 7. A flyer will be sent at a later date to fill you in all the details - time, place, tickets, etc. Mark your calendar now!

Continued

The Prez Sez - continued

The Air Show Network, the organization behind the NASA Air Show, is planning a weekend at Moffett FAF July 27 & 28. Sponsoring concession booths was a great fund-raising opportunity last year, and we are planning on participating again this year. With your support, perhaps we can manage to staff 2 or 3 more booths than the 5 we had last year (in conjunction with the Family Support Group), increasing our potential for income. Please contact Ken Moore, John Ruppel, or Cindy Kepple to put your name on the NASA Air Show list. We need lots of volunteers to make this a profitable weekend.

We are at war and, while we don't see the full-blown support of the general public that we did during WWII, the war on terrorism is definitely affecting the reserve units, including the 129th RQW. Their deployments have left a shortage of personnel that the AHA can help alleviate in many areas, such as phone monitors, security at various buildings, and other small work-related tasks. Even as retirees, we are often busy people, but a few hours a week as a volunteer, will not only help the 129th RQW, but remind you that freedom is not free - or forever. We have the knowledge and experience, so let's do what we can to back up our active duty men and women.

Mark your calendars for Family Day and the NASA Air show! We look forward to seeing you there!

Jay



129th Alumni & Heritage Association

Memorial Day Honor Roll

Day is done.

Gone the sun

From the lakes,

From the hills,

From the sky.

All is well.

Safely rest.

God is nigh.



BGen Harold A. Aherns
 SSG Harry Ahlborn
 TSG Gary R. Albertson
 LTC Richard Allen
 MSG Manuel Amaral
 LTC Shirley R. Ashby
 MSG Howard Bachman
 MSG David S. Bain
 SMS John S. Beasley
 COL John R. Breeden
 LTC Joseph J. Budro
 MSG Sam Burgess
 SMS Fredrick E. Burkett
 TSG Larry Butts
 LTC Neil Campbell
 SGT Steven Carlyle
 1LT Desmond Casey
 SMG Robert Clayton
 SMS Vaughn H. Clearman
 SSG Steve Courtney ★
 LTC Gene Cunningham
 SSG Robin Eal
 MSG Hyrshel Flygare
 SSG Johnny Forlanda
 LTC Billy Freeman
 SMS Arch R. Girvin
 MSG Clarence F. Gruenert
 MSG Lloyd Hamilton
 LTC James A. Hunt
 COL Eugene J. Ignatow
 MAJ Jerry Ingram
 TSG Bobby J. Jarman
 MSG Art Johnson
 TSG John Karpaty
 A3C Alan A. Kelley ★

MSG Henry Kern
 Chaplain James Kinsey
 BGen Charles W. Koenig
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 Lawrence Mauch
 Col Ralston D. McKee
 SGT Kevin McKenna
 LTC Charles Means
 MSG Paul Medeiros
 LTC Robert A. Morton
 MAJ Mark Mutchler
 MAJ Terry Nelson ★
 LTC John W. O'Sullivan
 MSG Leon Pope
 Marge Rainsford
 A1C Robert R. Rossie ★
 MSG Frank M. Sacramento
 MSG Thomas Santiago
 LTC Les Spencer ★
 TSG Nicholas Stoopin
 CMS Harold R. Strickler
 COL Herman Vandever
 LTC Urban B. Vandever
 LTC John A. Vintner
 MSG Clarence W. Wagner
 LTC Louis F. Wang
 CWO4 Albert S. Warnick
 LTC James Ward
 A1C Larry Zimmerman ★

★Killed in Action

Spring Golf Tourney

Four Man Scramble - Coordinated by

John Barbour, Tennessee Ernie Ford
AFA Chapter 361

The 129th Alumni and Heritage Association is not hosting the spring golf tournament this year due to the ill health of our golf-meister, Tommy Brooks, and scheduled deployment of the unit. However, the Tennessee Ernie Ford Air Force Association Chapter 361 is hosting a charity golf tournament and barbeque at Moffett Field Golf Course. The scramble format tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 7. Sign in will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Several special contests, including low gross, longest drive, straightest drive, and closest to pin, are planned. Entry fees are based on rank. If you wish to play, please complete and mail the entry form on page 5 by June 1.



Blue Blazer Brigade

MG (Ret.) James D. Delk - Event Coordinator

The Blue Blazer Brigade is a group of senior active and retired soldier volunteers committed to support the conference and help make the event and visit to Southern California an enjoyable and memorable event for all. Led by a former Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General Herbert R. Temple, Jr., the group will be highly visible (in blue blazers) throughout the venue.

They will liaise with state delegations to answer questions, and keep the host state advised regarding ongoing issues. They will host the distinguished visitors lounge, provide escorts as necessary, and perform other functions as needed.

Interested? Your application is on page 6!



2002 NGAUS Conference

Long Beach, California

Col William E. Ignatow

After 30 years, California will once again host the 124th Annual Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS). Named Gold Rush 2002, this year's conference will be held 7 – 9 September at the Long Beach Convention Center. Major General Paul Monroe, The Adjutant General, has assembled a statewide organization to oversee all of the conference operations and manage the 500 Army and Air National Guardsmen it will take to put on an event of this magnitude. There is still a need for volunteers to assist in many of the conference activities, from fund raising to actually assisting during the conference itself. If anyone is interested in what volunteer positions are available, LTC Jim Berdan at OTAG in Sacramento is the volunteer coordinator. He can be reached at (916) 854-3077. If you are not the volunteer type, but would like to attend the conference, contact the National Guard Association of California at (916) 386-9600 for more information, or visit the Gold Rush 2002 website at www.GoldRush2002.org for more details.

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

GOLF TOURNAMENT

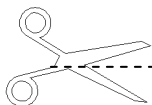
& BBQ

7 June 2002

MOFFETT FIELD GOLF COURSE

This Scramble Format Tournament will feature several special events: Low gross for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, longest drive, straightest drive, and closest to pin.

Deadline for signup is 1 June 2002.



TENNESSEE ERNIE FORD AFA CHAPTER 361

ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT & B-B-Q

7 JUNE 2002, MOFFETT FIELD GOLF COURSE

Entry Fee E1-O4 \$40/All others \$50/Carts \$20

Sign In: 1130 hours; Shotgun Start: 1230 hours - Scramble Format
Entry fee covers green fee, prizes, BBQ dinner

First Name	Last Name	Phone	Rank	Amount Enclosed
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
				Total \$ _____

Mail this entry form with check to TEF AFA Charity Golf, P.O. Box 234, Moffett FAF, CA 94035

You do not need a complete foursome to participate. Individual entries are encouraged. You will be assigned to a foursome prior to the tournament day.

For information call: John Barbour at 408 244 3123 or Email: afabarbour@scotcrest.com

GOLD RUSH 2002

124th Annual Conference & Exposition of the
National Guard Association of the United States
9647 Folsom Boulevard, Suite 165
Sacramento, CA 95827

BLUE BLAZER BRIGADE APPLICATION FORM

Yes!

Count me in. My check (\$400 of which is tax deductible) made out to
Gold Rush 2002 is enclosed, or charge my MasterCard/Visa as shown:

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

MasterCard

Visa

Amount:

\$500. For membership in the Blue Blazer Brigade, including blazer and tie. Blazers and ties will be delivered to the Convention Center for us by Andrews Inc.

Men's blazer size: _____ (e.g. 42R, 48L, etc.)

Ladies: Phone CSM Gary Andrews at (626) 914-1953 and he will arrange for your blue blazer.

OR

\$400. For those who are members of the Military Order of the Golden Bear and already have the official blue blazer.

State I would like assigned to me for liaison (if not already committed):

My mobility is limited. I would like to participate by:

Name: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

New to the Gang

Our Newest Members

SrA Casey Fawcett

TSgt Andrew Hugan

MSgt John Jacob

MSgt Dean MacDowell

MSgt Vernon Vanerwegen

Welcome!

Do you know someone who has been affiliated with the 129th RQW or its predecessor organizations - and is not a member of the Association? Let's get them signed up!

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 2002 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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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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