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New AFRC Resort Opening

The Armed Forces Recreation Center (AFRC) Europe is now accepting reservations for the new Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany – scheduled to open September 15, 2004.

The recreation and leisure area has a 330-room hotel including a conference center, three restaurants, entertainment game rooms, indoor pool, and wellness club. The resort also includes a 9-hole alpine golf course, Hausberg Sport Lodge and Vacation Village Campground. The Hausberg Lodge has undergone a massive renovation to accommodate the increased number of guests visiting Garmisch.

The new \$60 million resort is the result of the consolidation of AFRC Europe hotel facilities in Garmisch and Chiemsee.

To make your reservations or to find out more about the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort, visit the AFRC Europe website at:

www.afrcurope.com

Board Election

SMSgt Don Delucchi (Ret.),
Election Committee Chairman

March 2004

The 2004 Annual Meeting of the 129th Alumni and Heritage Association was held in conjunction with the Annual Old Timers Luncheon on March 24, 2004, at the Alameda Elks Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda.

The membership has re-elected LTC Jesse Craddock, President; CCMS Ken Moore, Vice President; and COL John Ruppel, Secretary-Treasurer, as board officers. Congratulations....and keep up the great work!

The luncheon was attended by 110 guests and the now traditional raffle raised \$150 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. Additionally, the Bay Area Chapter of The Military Officers' Association of America (formerly The Retired Officers' Association), now headed by Jay Craddock, will be supplementing each of the \$300 129th AHA scholarships with an additional \$100 scholarship from MOAA.

The Scholarship recipients for 2004 are:

- ◆ MSgt Armando Martinez - MXS
- ◆ TSgt Richard Lower - MXG
- ◆ SrA Raul Ayala - SVF
- ◆ SrA Gloria Fabre - SVF
- ◆ SrA Luke Fitzgerald

Congratulations!!

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The Prez Sez

The President's Column

LTC Jesse Craddock (Ret.)

The March Old-timers lunch brought together 110 members and guests for an extended social period and lunch. Five \$400 scholarship awards were presented to Rescue Wing members. The Military Officers Association generous \$500 donation enhanced the total award. The annual raffle generated \$150 in Scholarship Program funds.

The Association has reached the 300 member mark. Members are the Association's life blood. Please encourage your eligible friends to join us. This will insure a vibrant, active organization.

Regrettably, I must announce Lt Col Malcolm Campbell's passing May 8, 2004. The Board sent a sympathy card to Malcolm's family on the Association membership's behalf.

The Spring Golf Tournament organized by Jim Rommelfanger was held on May 7th. Forty-four folks teed off Friday morning to challenge the Moffett Field course and finished the day with a barbeque. The tournament raised approximately \$700 for the scholarship program. We anticipate the fall tournament will be scheduled in October.

The Board is considering establishing a Members Only Web page area which would feature a bulletin board. If this is something you would find valuable please let us know.

The Rescue Wing's annual Family Day is scheduled for the August UTA weekend. This is a great opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet the new Wing members. Details will be posted on the Association web page.

Take a moment to peruse the Mercantile Store. The Association aircraft collage is available by mail for \$12. You can go to the web page to order items. The order form is automated and provides a total price which includes shipping. www.129AHA.org

If you happen to be at the Moffett NASA Air Show, May 29-30, stop by and say hello. A number of us will be working in the beverage booths to raise scholarship program funds.

Have a great summer!

Jay



Lt Col Malcolm B. Campbell

11 October 1916 – 8 May 2004

Mac was orphaned as a young child, and he and his older brother were raised at St. Vincent's School for Boys in San Rafael.

Mac joined the Marines in 1937 and guarded railroad lines in China. In 1942, he joined the Army Air Corps and attended aviation cadet training. Mac became a lead navigator and highly qualified B-29 navigator. When recalled during the Korean War, he was assigned to a B-29 Squadron patrolling the West Coast looking for warships and submarines. He came to the 129th Troop Carrier Group in 1955 with C-46 aircraft, and retired in 1974.

Mac was very professional, an excellent navigator, and very well liked and admired. He led a very active retirement at the Lake of the Pines.

He is survived by Joan, his wife of 25 years, his son Tom, his daughter Joan, daughter-in-law Susan, and several grandchildren.

Funeral, Military Burial and Memorial were held in Auburn, California.

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.*



MSGT Pastor D. Abelaye
BGen Harold A. Aherns
SSGT Harry Ahlborn
TSGT Gary R. Albertson
LTC Richard Allen
MSGT Manuel Amaral
LTC Shirley R. Ashby
MSGT Howard Bachman
MSGT David S. Bain
SMSGT John S. Beasley
LTC Gregory A. Bose
COL John R. Breeden
LTC Joseph J. Budro
MSGT Sam Burgess
SMSGT Fredrick E. Burkett
TSGT Larry Butts
LTC Malcolm B. Campbell
LTC Neil Campbell
SGT Steven Carlyle
1LT Desmond Casey
SMGT Robert Clayton
SMSGT Vaughn H. Clearman
SrA Raeann M. Cordova
SSGT Steve Courtney ★
LTC Gene Cunningham
LT Gary Curtis ★
SSGT Robin Eal
MSGT Hyrschel Flygare
SSGT Johnny Forlanda
LTC Billy Freeman
CWO4 William Gateley
SMSGT Arch R. Girvin
MSGT Clarence F. Gruenert
Maj Carl Haller, MD
MSGT Lloyd Hamilton
COL William Hein
TSGT John E. Horton ★
LTC James A. Hunt
COL Eugene J. Ignatow
MAJ Jerry Ingram
CPT Clyde Jackson ★
TSGT Bobby J. Jarman
MSGT Art Johnson

TSGT John Karpaty
A3C Alan A. Kelley ★
MSGT Henry Kern
BGen (Chaplain) James Kintsi
BGen Charles W. Koenig
COL Charles J. Kuban
SRA Mary Lou Lara
COL Paul Lavoie, MD
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MAJ Lawrence Mauch
COL Ralston D. McKee
SGT Kevin McKenna
LTC Charles Means
MSGT Paul Medeiros
LTC Robert Morrison
LTC Robert A. Morton
MAJ Mark Mutchler
MAJ Terry Nelson ★
COL Ralph L. Nobriga
LTC John W. O'Sullivan
SMSGT Michael Patterson
COL Fred H. Petersen
MSGT Leon Pope
Marge Rainsford
A1C Robert R. Rossie ★
MSGT Frank M. Sacramento
MSGT Thomas Santiago
SMSGT Don Shanks
LTC Les Spencer ★
MAJ Ira States
TSGT Nicholas Stoopin
CMSGT Harold R. Strickler
COL Herman Vandever
LTC Urban B. Vandever
LTC John A. Vinther
MSGT Clarence W. Wagner
LTC Louis F. Wang
CWO4 Albert S. Warnick
LTC James Ward
A1C Larry Zimmerman ★

★Killed in Action



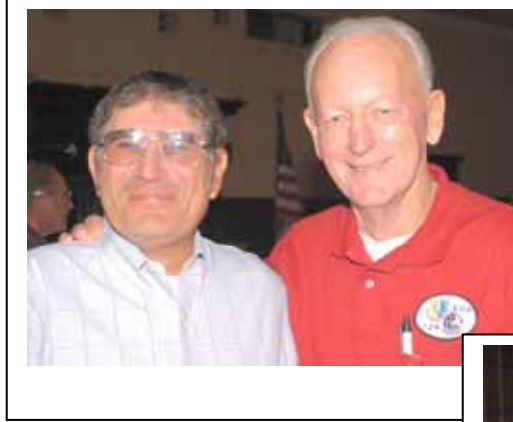
BG & Mrs. Al Santos



Jay Craddock & Luke Fitzgerald – Scholarship



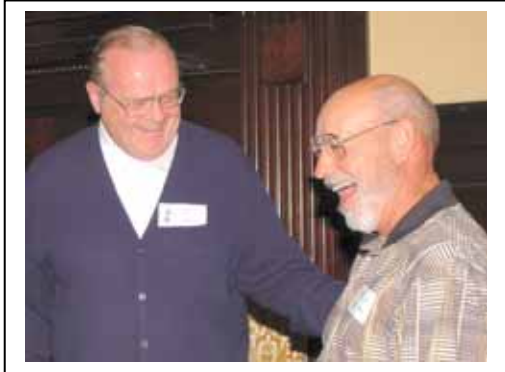
Bill Hagopian



Marcos Corona & Ken Moore



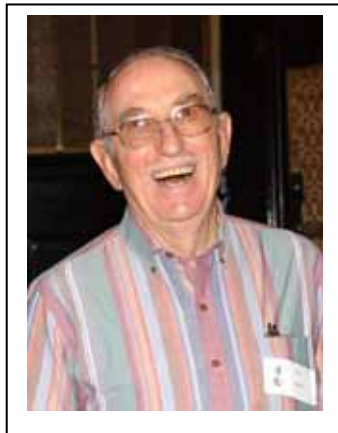
Jay Craddock & Keith Harper – Guest Speaker



Roy Payne & Jim Newman



Don Delucchi



Dan Jacuzzi



Starman Anderson & Lyle Crater



Kimberly Koenig
Jay Craddock



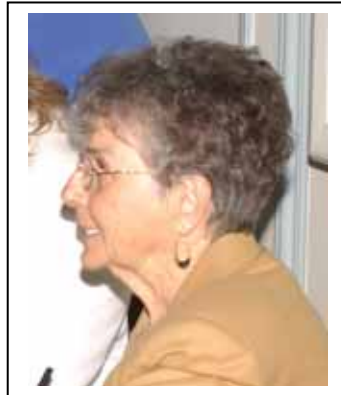
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John Ruppel & Cindy Kepple



Marv Lum



Eleanor Moore



Jay Craddock, Al Santos, Ward Douglass

129th AHA
2004
Old
Timers
Lunch
March 24,
2004



MAJ Keith Harper
Guest Speaker



Ken Moore & Bob Hall



Patty DeRidder & Pat Smith

Dondi's Mercantile Store

129th AHA Merchandise & Apparel

After much searching we have found a new source of MembersOnly jackets - so we are once again taking orders for 129th AHA jackets.

Want to own a really unique & distinctive shirt or cap to show your affiliation with the 129th AHA? Dondi's Mercantile Store has a healthy stock of 129th AHA related items. Jackets are customized with your name and rank.

All merchandise can be ordered by phone or on-line. Items and prices are shown at right. Shipping and handling are EXTRA.

All items as well as order forms for the jackets will be available at the Air Show.

Order from Don Delucchi at:

(925) 689-2683

or online at Nonononi@aol.com

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>SIZES</u>
Logo Jacket	\$70 - \$75	XL & 2XL
Logo Polo Shirts ***	\$20 ***	M, L, XL, & 2XL
Logo Baseball Cap w/ Embroidered Logo	\$10	
Logo Baseball Cap w/ Silk-screened Logo	\$5	
Large Jacket Patch	\$10	
Small Shirt / Hat Patch	\$5	
Logo Pin	\$5	
129 th Aircraft Collage	\$10	

All items will be available at the OTL. All items can be shipped. Shipping and handling are EXTRA. All items are sent via U.S. Mail.

***** Price increases to \$22 as of 1 June, 2004!!!!**

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM 2004 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:
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6718 Zerillo Dr.
Riverbank, CA 95367-2122

**If your personal information has changed,
PLEASE USE THIS FORM AND NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY!!**

New to the Gang

Our Newest Members

*Col David Walton, MD
Lt Col Susannah Chadwick
Lt Col Alfred Iannarelli
Lt Col John Staples
Maj Kjell Bomark-Noell
SMSgt John Smith
MSgt Robert Bachecki
MSgt Marcos Corona
MSgt Jon Ingalls
TSgt Ben Henderson*

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!

Final Flyby

In Memoriam

We bid farewell to one of our members who has departed on his final journey.

LtCol Malcolm B. Campbell



2004 NASA Air Show

Memorial Day Weekend

May 29 - 30, 2004

The USAF Thunderbirds

will perform BOTH days!

Mark your calendar! Plan to attend!

Proceeds from the beverage booths support the
Scholarship Fund!!

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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 37¢. Then we update your file, put your newsletter in an envelope, put a 37¢ 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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