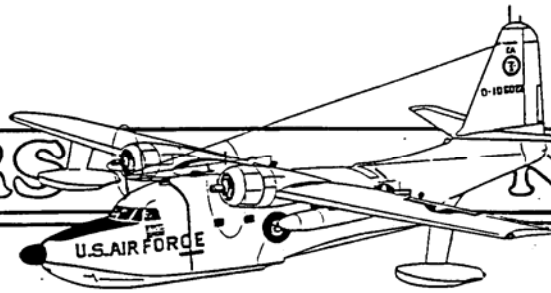


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## Educational Scholarship Awards

A portion of your annual dues, as well as special donations and fund-raising proceeds, fund the 129<sup>th</sup> AHA Scholarship Fund. The Association is proud to provide scholarships to the following Wing members and dependents:

- ❖ SSgt Tamara Potier – 129<sup>th</sup> MXS
- ❖ TSgt Joseph A Harris – 129<sup>th</sup> MXS
- ❖ SSgt Fernando Wilkins – 129<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Anthony DeAngelo – Dependent
- ❖ Angelina Martinez - Dependent

*Congratulations!*

## The Prez Sez

*The President's Column*

LTC Jesse Craddock (Ret.)

I'd like to thank the membership for their election support. The Association's success is due to the dedication and efforts of the Directors and Officers. On behalf of the Officers, your confidence in our efforts is appreciated.

The Annual Lunch brought 100 members and guests together. The Association presented 5 scholarships to Wing members and dependents, and 4 Association memberships to the 2006 Outstanding Wing Airmen of the Year. Thanks to Col Bagdasarian for standing in due to the unavailability of the guest speaker.

The luncheon provided an occasion to honor Don Delucchi's Association service. The Board presented Marg Delucchi a plaque containing a 50th anniversary commemorative coin as a token of the Association's appreciation for Don's Board service and efforts establishing the Mercantile Store. Additionally, Marg received a dozen yellow roses as the Association's personal thanks.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Wing Anniversary Commemorative Coin is now available from Dondi's Mercantile Store. If you've not obtained a coin, this is an excellent time to procure a coin while there is a good supply. Ordering details can be found in the Mercantile Store section.

The Annual Wing Family Day will be held Saturday, June 3rd. Col Bagdasarian has extended a personal invitation to Association members to attend the event. If you wish to attend Family Day, please contact Ken Moore at 510-656-1529 to arrange for tickets and the Day's schedule. Commemorative Coins will be sold at the Family Day picnic.

On pages 6 & 7 is a listing of websites for many different veterans' benefits. Be sure to review this list and keep it handy. It is a great resource for tracking down forms, answering questions, etc.

*Jay*

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## AAFES matches lower prices

"Maintaining the strength of the exchange benefit in today's competitive retail environment is no easy task," said Lt. Col. Debra Pressley, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's chief of Corporate Communications, in calling attention to AAFES "We'll Match It!" policy to ensure customers get the best prices.

"It is only through proactive surveying and review that we can ensure AAFES prices are routinely lower than the competition," she said, explaining that the "We'll Match It!" effort works in two ways. First, if customers see a price differential of less than \$10 they can tell the cashier who will match it on the spot. Customers who report a price difference of greater than \$10 dollars need only to bring a current local competitor's ad to receive the reduced price. In either case the competitor's item must be identical to the item in the AAFES store.

"AAFES is committed to having low prices," said Colonel Pressley. "We'll Match It' is simply our last line of defense. After AAFES conducts national surveys and associates from the store level compare local prices, the customer has this program to make sure no one missed anything."

"We'll Match It!" promotes AAFES as a price leader with a pledge that retail stores will match competitors' current, local price on any identical stock assortment. In addition to this same-day pledge, AAFES also offers a 30-day price guarantee on any item originally purchased from AAFES and subsequently sold at a lower price by AAFES, or another local competitor (excluding unauthorized dealers and warehouse clubs).

Since AAFES has a dual mission to provide quality merchandise and services at competitively low prices and also generate earnings to supplement Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, there are exceptions to the "We'll Match It!" program, officials noted.

Except for the Exchange Catalog and aafes.com, stores cannot accept challenges from any catalog or website. Other exclusions include "gimmick" promotions, warehouse clubs, special order automotive parts, gasoline, automotive labor/service, double and triple coupons, clearance items, flat percentage off items and vending items.

## AAFES matches lower prices - continued

AAFES officials pointed out that "We'll Match It!" is available every day of the year exclusively at AAFES facilities around the world. Purchases from the Exchange generate funds for Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs. In 2004, AAFES contributed more than \$242 million to MWR in support of youth activities, outdoor recreation, bowling facilities and other quality of life programs on military installations worldwide. (Courtesy of Army and Air Force Exchange Service)

## *129<sup>th</sup> RQW 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

### *Commemorative Coins*

### *Now Available*

*Purchase your*

*Coins at the*

*Family Day*

*Picnic*



*Order through*

*Dondi's*

*Mercantile*

*Shop*



**129<sup>th</sup> RQW 50<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Coin**

(Actual Size)

# 129<sup>th</sup> 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 Malcom 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 ★  
SMSGT Donald L. Delucchi  
MSGT Robert Denham  
SSGT Robin Eal  
COL Raymond J. Fitts  
MSGT Herschel Flygare  
SSGT Johnny Forlanda  
LTC Billy Freeman

CWO4 William Gateley  
SMSGT Arch R. Girvin  
MSGT Clarence F. Gruenert  
SMSgt Blaine D. Hall  
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 Kintzi  
BGen Charles W. Koenig  
COL Charles J. Kuban  
SRA Mary Lou Lara  
COL Paul Lavoie, MD  
MSGT Bartley J. Lee  
CMSGT Joseph Martin  
MAJ Lawrence Mauch  
COL Ralston D. McKee  
SGT Kevin McKenna  
MSGT Edwin D. McNemar  
LTC Charles Means  
MSGT Paul Medeiros  
LTC Robert Morrison  
LTC Robert A. Morton  
TSGT Rodney W. Morton

MAJ Mark Mutchler  
MAJ Terry Nelson ★  
SSGT Charles L. Nobriga  
COL Ralph L. Nobriga  
LTC John W. O'Sullivan  
SMSGT Michael Patterson  
COL Fred H. Petersen  
MSGT Leon Pope  
Marge Rainsford  
LTC John Reading  
Ronald Roach  
COL Joseph W. Rodricks  
A1C Robert R. Rossie ★  
MSGT Frank M. Sacramento  
MSGT Thomas Santiago  
SMSGT Don Shanks  
Claudia L. Cortez Sonnenfelt  
LTC Les Spencer ★  
MAJ Ira States  
LTC Donald W. Stewart  
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  
SMSGT Paul F. Wilkins  
A1C Larry Zimmerman ★  
MSGT Donald H. Zumsteg  
★Killed in Action



BG Al Santos & LtCol Jay Craddock  
Presentation of Commemorative Coin

2006 OL'  
Timers'  
Luncheon



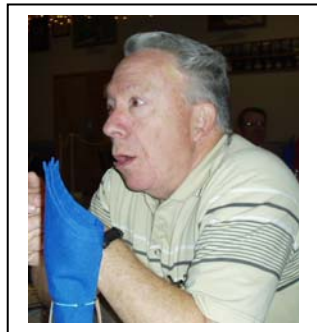
Bea & Jay Craddock



Col Amos Bagdasarian



Carl Jaegel & Carl Meeds



Bob Koenig



Bea Craddock, Marg Delucchi,  
& Jim Moore



Fernando Wilkins  
& Jay Craddock



Ed Summers &  
Terri Lyn Rommelfanger



Col Bagdasarian, Nora Lemmon  
(OAY), & Jay Craddock





Cub Jack, Tony Jeffries,  
Bobby Walker, &  
Ed Summers



Jay Craddock, Marg Delucci,  
& Ken Moore

Marg Delucchi, Ken  
Moore, & Casey Fawcett



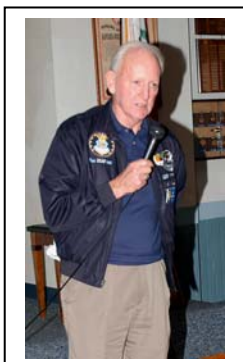
Cub Jack, Phil Richards, Bobby McClure,  
Marv Lum, Bud Hamilton



The World War II Vets  
Ken Moore, Al Ianarelli, Phil diGiovanni,  
Ralph Brehl, Ed Wiemken, Jay Craddock,  
Ward Douglass, Mel Woolcock, Jim Badgrow,  
Jim Calvin



Michael DeAngelo (father  
of Anthony DeAngelo)  
& Jay Craddock



Ken Moore



Doug Sale, Steve James, John Ruppel,  
Jay Craddock, Marg Delucchi, Ken Moore

# Benefits Websites! Let Your Fingers Do the Walking!!

Below are web-sites found that provide information on Veterans benefits and how to file/ask for them. Accordingly, there are many sites that explain how to obtain books, military/medical records, information and how to appeal a denied claim with the VA. Please pass this information on to every Veteran you know. Nearly 100% of this information is free and available for all veterans, the only catch is: you have to ask for it, because they won't tell you about a specific benefit unless you ask for it. You need to know what questions to ask so the right doors open for you -- and then be ready to have an advocate who is willing to work with and for you, stay in the process, and press for your rights and your best interests.

Appeals <[http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21\\_1/mr/part1/ch05.doc](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch05.doc)>  
Board of Veteran's Appeals <<http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/>>  
CARES Commission <<http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/>>  
CARES Draft National Plan <<http://www1.va.gov/cares/page.cfm?pg=105>>  
Center for Minority Veterans <<http://www1.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/>>  
Center for Veterans Enterprise <<http://www.vetbiz.gov/default2.htm>>  
Center for Women Veterans <<http://www1.va.gov/womenvet/>>  
Clarification on the changes in VA healthcare for Gulf War Veterans  
<<http://www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum1/HTML/000016.html>>  
Classified Records - American Gulf War Veterans Assoc  
<<http://www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum18/HTML/000011.html>>  
Compensation for Disabilities Associated with the Gulf War Service  
<[http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21\\_1/part6/ch07.doc](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/part6/ch07.doc)>  
Compensation Rate Tables, 12-1-03 <<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Rates/comp01.htm>>  
Department of Veterans Affairs Home Page <<http://www.va.gov/>>  
Directory of Veterans Service Organizations <<http://www1.va.gov/vso/index.cfm?template=view>>  
Disability Examination Worksheets Index, Comp <<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/exams/index.htm>>  
Due Process <[http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21\\_1/mr/part1/ch02.doc](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch02.doc)>  
Duty to Assist <[http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21\\_1/mr/part1/ch01.doc](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch01.doc)>  
Electronic Code of Federal Regulations <<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr/>>  
Emergency, Non-emergency, and Fee Basis Care <<http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf>>  
Environmental Agents <<http://www1.va.gov/environmentagents/>>  
Environmental Agents M10 <[http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1002](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1002)>  
Establishing Combat Veteran Eligibility <[http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=315](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=315)>  
EVALUATION PROTOCOL FOR GULF WAR AND IRAQI FREEDOM VETERANS WITH POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO DEPLETED URANIUM (DU) <<http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DUHandbook1303122304.DOC>> and  
<[http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1158](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1158)>  
See also,  
Depleted Uranium Fact Sheet <<http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DepletedUraniumFAQSheet.doc>>  
EVALUATION PROTOCOL FOR NON-GULF WAR VETERANS WITH POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO DEPLETED URANIUM (DU) <<http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DUHANDBOOKNONGW130340304.DOC>>  
Fee Basis, PRIORITY FOR OUTPATIENT MEDICAL SERVICES AND INPATIENT HOSPITAL CARE  
<[http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=206](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=206)>  
Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents 2005 <<http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf>>  
OR <[http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current\\_benefits.htm](http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm)>  
Forms and Records Request <<http://www.va.gov/vaforms/>>  
General Compensation Provisions <[http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii\\_chapter11\\_subchapter11.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter11_subchapter11.html)>  
Geriatrics and Extended Care <<http://www1.va.gov/geriatricsshg/>>  
Guideline for Chronic Pain and Fatigue MUS-CPG <[http://www.oqp.med.va.gov/cpg/cpgn/mus/mus\\_base.htm](http://www.oqp.med.va.gov/cpg/cpgn/mus/mus_base.htm)>  
Guide to Gulf War Veteran's (tm) Health <<http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/VHlgulfwar.pdf>>  
Gulf War Subject Index <<http://www1.va.gov/GulfWar/page.cfm?pg=7&template=main&letter=A>>  
Gulf War Veteran's Illnesses Q&As <<http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/GWIllnessesQandAsIB1041.pdf>>  
Hearings <[http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21\\_1/mr/part1/ch04.doc](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch04.doc)>  
Homeless Veterans <<http://www1.va.gov/homeless/>>  
HSR&D Home <<http://www.hsr&d.research.va.gov/>>  
Index to Disability Examination Worksheets C&P exams <<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/benefits/exams/index.htm>>  
Ionizing Radiation <<http://www1.va.gov/irad/>>  
Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom Veterans VBA <<http://www.vba.va.gov/EFIF/>>

## Benefits Websites! (continued)

M10 for spouses and children <[http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1007](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1007) >  
M10 Part III Change 1 <[http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1008](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1008) >  
M21-1 Table of Contents <[http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/M21\\_1.html](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/M21_1.html) >  
Mental Disorders, Schedule of Ratings <[http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38CFR/BOOKC/PART4/S4\\_130.DOC](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38CFR/BOOKC/PART4/S4_130.DOC) >  
Mental Health Program Guidelines <[http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1094](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1094) >  
Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Centers <<http://www.mirecc.med.va.gov/>>  
MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Centers of Excellence <<http://www.va.gov/ms/about.a.sp>>  
My Health e-Vet <<http://www.myhealth.va.gov/>>  
NASDVA.COM National Association of State Directors <<http://www.nasdva.com/>>  
National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention  
<<http://www.nchpdp.med.va.gov/postdeploymentlinks.asp>>  
Neurological Conditions and Convulsive Disorders, Schedule of Ratings  
<http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38cfr/bookc/part4/s4%5F124a.doc>  
<[http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38cfr/bookc/part4/s4\\_124a.doc](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38cfr/bookc/part4/s4_124a.doc)>  
OMI (Office of Medical Inspector) <<http://www.omi.cio.med.va.gov/>>  
Online VA Form 10-10EZ <<https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/> >  
Parkinson's Disease and Related Neurodegenerative Disorders  
<<http://www1.va.gov/resdev/funding/solicitations/docs/parkinsons.pdf> > and,  
<<http://www1.va.gov/padrecc/>>  
Peacetime Disability Compensation <[http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=browse\\_usc&docid=Cite:+38USC1131](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=browse_usc&docid=Cite:+38USC1131)>  
Pension for Non-Service-Connected Disability or Death  
<[http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii\\_chapter15\\_subchapteri.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter15_subchapteri.html)>  
and, <[http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii\\_chapter15\\_subchapterii.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter15_subchapterii.html)>  
and, <[http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii\\_chapter15\\_subchapteriii.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter15_subchapteriii.html)>  
Persian Gulf Registry <[http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1003](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1003)>  
This program is now referred to as Gulf War Registry Program (to include Operation Iraqi Freedom) as of March 7, 2005: <[http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1232](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1232)>  
Persian Gulf Registry Referral Centers <[http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1006](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1006)>  
Persian Gulf Veterans' Illnesses Research 1999, Annual Report To Congress  
[http://www1.va.gov/resdev/1999\\_Gulf\\_War\\_Veterans'\\_Illnesses\\_Appendices.doc](http://www1.va.gov/resdev/1999_Gulf_War_Veterans'_Illnesses_Appendices.doc)  
<[http://www1.va.gov/resdev/1999\\_Gulf\\_War\\_Veterans%27\\_Illnesses\\_Appendices.doc](http://www1.va.gov/resdev/1999_Gulf_War_Veterans%27_Illnesses_Appendices.doc)>  
Persian Gulf Veterans' Illnesses Research 2002, Annual Report To Congress  
<[http://www1.va.gov/resdev/prt/gulf\\_war\\_2002/GulfWarRpt02.pdf](http://www1.va.gov/resdev/prt/gulf_war_2002/GulfWarRpt02.pdf)>  
Phase I PGR <[http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1004](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1004)>  
Phase II PGR <[http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1005](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1005)>  
Policy Manual Index <<http://www.va.gov/publ/direc/eds/edsmps.htm>>  
Power of Attorney <[http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21\\_1/mr/part1/ch03.doc](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch03.doc)>  
Project 112 (Including Project SHAD) <<http://www1.va.gov/shad/>>  
Prosthetics Eligibility <[http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=337](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=337) >  
Public Health and Environmental Hazards Home Page <<http://www.vethealth.cio.med.va.gov/>>  
Public Health/SARS <<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/SARS/>>  
Publications Manuals <<http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?Pub=4>>  
Publications and Reports <[http://www1.va.gov/resdev/prt/pubs\\_individual.cfm?webpage=gulf\\_war.htm](http://www1.va.gov/resdev/prt/pubs_individual.cfm?webpage=gulf_war.htm) >  
Records Center and Vault Homepage <<http://www.aac.va.gov/vault/default.html> >  
Records Center and Vault Site Map <<http://www.aac.va.gov/vault/sitemap.html> >  
REQUEST FOR AND CONSENT TO RELEASE OF INFORMATION FROM CLAIMANT'S RECORDS  
<<http://www.forms.va.gov/va/Internet/VARF/getformharness.asp?formName=3288-form.xft>>  
Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans Illnesses April 11, 2002  
<[http://www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/Minutes\\_April112002.doc](http://www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/Minutes_April112002.doc)>  
Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans Illnesses <[http://www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/ReportandRecommendations\\_2004.pdf](http://www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/ReportandRecommendations_2004.pdf)>  
Research and Development <[http://www.appc1.va.gov/resdev/programs/all\\_programs.cfm](http://www.appc1.va.gov/resdev/programs/all_programs.cfm)>  
Survivor's and Dependents' Educational Assistance  
<[http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partiii\\_chapter35.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partiii_chapter35.html)>

# Dondi's Mercantile Store

*129<sup>th</sup> AHA Merchandise & Apparel*

If you would like to order a 129<sup>th</sup> AHA jacket, we again have jackets in stock. Please contact Ken Moore for ordering information.

Want to own a really unique & distinctive shirt or cap to show your affiliation with the 129<sup>th</sup> AHA? Dondi's Mercantile Store has a healthy stock of 129<sup>th</sup> 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.

Order from Ken Moore at:  
(510) 656-1529  
or online at [sirsgtst@pacbell.net](mailto:sirsgtst@pacbell.net)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>SIZES</u>
Logo Jacket!	\$70 - \$75	
Logo Polo Shirts	\$22	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 <sup>th</sup> Aircraft Collage	\$10	
129 <sup>th</sup> 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Coin	\$5	

All items can be shipped. Shipping and handling are EXTRA. All items are sent via U.S. Mail.

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

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM 2006 Dues \$10.00

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ 129<sup>TH</sup> SERVICE DATES FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the above information and mail to:  
129<sup>th</sup> 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!!**



## New to the Gang

*Our Newest Members*

*LtCol Jack O'Neil*

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## Welcome!

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

### **DD-214 Available Online**

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>. This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of the DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online website. Because the requestor will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the record center's mailroom processing time.

### **May 1 checks show Tricare retiree dental premium increase**

ARLINGTON, Va. - Some military retirees will see a slight reduction in their monthly net pay beginning on May 1, due to an increase in the Tricare Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) premium.

The new rates began on April 1 and will remain in effect until March 31, 2007.

Retirees who have an allotment deduction to pay premiums have received, or will receive, a Retiree Account Statement (RAS) reflecting the increase in the allotment amount both in the "New Pay" line on the front of the form and in the detailed information of the Allotments and Bonds section on the reverse side. Retirees who are current myPay users are able to view and request this RAS.

The premium rates for TRDP are based on each retiree's ZIP code and type of coverage. Premiums may also increase or decrease if TRDP enrollees move or change their enrollment options.

More information is available for TRDP enrollees by calling toll free at 1-888-838-8737 or via the TRDP Web site at <http://www.trdp.org>. The new rates, by region, are available on the web site.

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