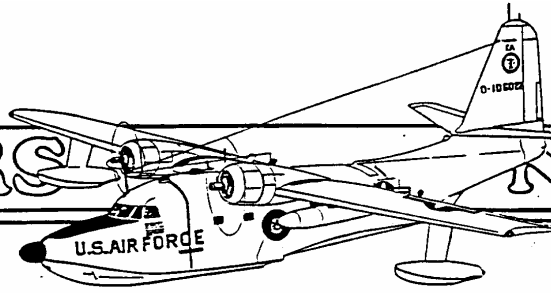


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## 2006 – 2007 UTA Schedule

### 2006

9-10 September 2006	4-5 November 2006
12-15 October 2006	29 Nov-3 Dec 2006
ORE Phase II – 4 Days	ORI Phase II – 4 Days

### 2007

6-7 January 2007	7-8 July 2007
3-4 February 2007	4-5 August 2007
3-4 March 2007	8-9 September 2007
14-15 April 2007	13-14 October 2007
5-6 May 2007	3-4 November 2007
2-3 June 2007	1-2 December 2007

## DFAS reminds customers to update pay account status

The Defense Accounting and Finance Service (DFAS) reminds all military retirees and annuitants to review their retirement or annuitant pay account status to ensure all information is up-to-date.

DFAS relies on current personal information to provide the highest level of customer service. Officials emphasize that it's imperative that retirees notify the agency as soon as possible about any change in marital or family status, beneficiaries, mailing address and bank account information.

This ensures that the individual's retirement pay is processed correctly and on time. If beneficiary information needs to be updated, customers can access the new Designation of Beneficiary form online at

<http://www.dod.mil/dfas/retiredpay/beneficiarycard.html>.

Changes to much of a retiree's pay account can be made via **myPay** <https://myPay.dfas.mil> or by calling the Retired/Annuitant Pay Customer Service Center at 1-800-321-1080. Retirees may also send an e-mail via **myPay** or by regular mail to:

DFAS  
U. S. Military Retirement Pay  
P. O. Box 7130  
London, KY 40742-7130



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## The Prez Sez

### *The President's Column*

LTC Jesse Craddock (Ret.)

Monday night football must mean that fall has arrived. The Board took a summer break and will resume with the regular September meeting.

The Board presented Major General William Wade, California Adjutant General, and newly-promoted Air Guard Brigadier General Mary Kight, formerly of the 144<sup>th</sup> FIW and presently serving as the Assistant Adjutant General, with a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative coin.

Ken Moore and I participated in the Wing Family Day activities. The event provided an opportunity to recruit new Wing members and sell Dondi's Mercantile Shop items. We featured the 50-year Commemorative Coin.

The Board announced the availability of two \$1,000 2006 Scholarship awards for Wing members and dependents. The amount was increased and the number of scholarships reduced to reflect today's educational costs.

SMSgt Howard Gibson passed away May 18, after a long illness. SMSgt Bob Singleton's wife Dorothy passed away August 8. The Newsletter contains an article on them.

Twenty-four members have not submitted 2006 dues payments. If you have not received a 2006 membership packet you might want to check your desk and see if there is a second dues notice buried under all the paper. We've forgone listing the names in the Newsletter, but would appreciate receiving the dues since the funds support the Association Newsletter and Scholarship Program.

The Wing is in the final preparation stages for the December drill weekend ORI Phase 2. The flying phase inspection will be conducted at Moffett.

The annual 2007 Old-timers lunch date is being obtained and probably will be the third or fourth week of March. The December Newsletter will contain event details.

Enjoy the fall colors and be safe!!!

*Jay*

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

### *Commemorative Coins*

### *Now Available*

### *Order through*

### *Dondi's*

### *Mercantile*

### *Shop*



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

(Actual Size)

## SMSgt Howard L. "Hoot" Gibson

**1932 – 18 May 2006**

Age 74, died on May 18, 2006 after a prolonged battle with Alzheimer's. Howard was a devoted husband to his wife of 49 years, Lucille A. Gibson. They lived together in Hayward, CA for 47 years. Howard was in the military service for 33 years serving our country in the Navy and the Air Guard.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Marion Gibson late of Abilene, Kansas and his father, Howard Gibson late of Abilene, Kansas. Howard is survived by his son, Steven Chavez of Jackson, CA; his brother, Gregg Gibson of Olsburg, Kansas; his sister, Joyce Speck of Baldwin, Ohio; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The family wishes that any memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation.



## Mrs. Dorothy A. Singleton

**28 February 1931 – 8 August 2006**



Dorothy Ann Holdorf Singleton, 75, of Modesto, died August 8, 2006, at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center South Sacramento.

Mrs. Singleton was a native of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and lived in Modesto for the past five years. Previously, she lived in Pine Mountain Lake, Mission San Jose, Fremont, and Alameda.

Dorothy is survived by her husband of 57 years, Robert A. Singleton; children Charlotte Fain of Blaine, WA; Richard Singleton of Matthews, NC; Carolynn Hardcastle of Modesto, CA; and Cheryie Tomiello of Riverbank, CA; brother Jerome Holdorf; and nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter Jacqueline Lee Singleton.

Dorothy was the wife for 57 years to SMSgt Robert A. Singleton. They came into the Guard with the 144<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing at Hayward on 15 March 1953. After a 38 year military career, they left the 129 SOG at Moffett Field, and have enjoyed 22 years of retirement.

# 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*

*CMSgt Kenneth Huntley*

*Col Lou Danner*

*LtCol David Jaurique*

*SMSgt Ted Shively*

*SSgt Leonard Swindler*

## 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!

## Final Flyby

In Memoriam

We bid farewell to our members who have departed on their final journey.

*SMSgt Howard "Hoot" L. Gibson*

*Mrs. Dorothy A. Singleton*



## 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.

## Tuition Assistance (TA) Program Overview

Armed Forces Tuition Assistance (TA) is a benefit paid to eligible members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Congress has given each service the ability to pay up to 100% for the tuition expenses of its members.

Each service has its own criteria for eligibility, obligated service, application process, and restrictions. This money is usually paid directly to the institution by the individual services.

Additionally active duty members may elect to use the MGIB "top-up" in addition to their service provided TA to cover high cost courses. TA is not a loan; it should be viewed as money you have earned just like your base pay.

Follow the link for your particular service and start taking advantage of this GOLDEN opportunity:

<http://education.military.com/money-for-school/tuition-assistance/national-guard-tuition-assistance>

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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 39¢. Then we update your file, put your newsletter in an envelope, put a 39¢ 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 129<sup>th</sup> AHA when you notify your correspondents of your new address. A member information form is included in every issue, and is available online at:

[www.129AHA.org](http://www.129AHA.org)

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