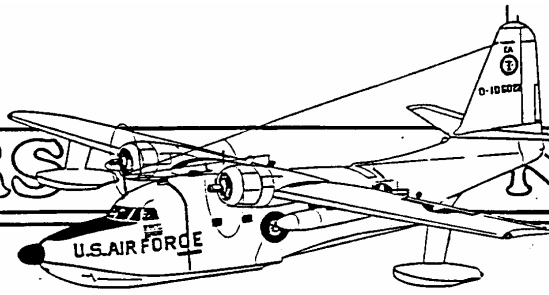


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2007 UTA Schedule

8-9 September	3-4 November
13-14 October	1-2 December

2008 UTA Schedule

5-6 January	12-13 July
2-3 February	2-3 August
1-2 March	6-7 September
5-6 April	4-5 October
3-4 May	1-2 November
7-8 June	6-7 December

*These Things We Do...
That Others May Live*

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2007 Scholarship Applications

LtCol Cindy Kepple
Scholarship Chairperson

The 129th Alumni & Heritage Association (AHA) provides Educational Scholarships to unit members and their dependents each year. Applicants need to be currently enrolled in an educational program. A current transcript, a statement of work in progress from the educational facility or other evidence of program participation is required for all applicants.

Wing Members applying for a scholarship are required to submit a letter of recommendation from their squadron commander with the application. This letter should describe the endorsement reason and brief description of the individual's future potential. Military dependent applicants are required to submit a letter of recommendation with their application. Military dependent applicants will also be interviewed by a Scholarship Committee member.

The deadline for submitting scholarship applications is the close of business on Sunday of the November UTA. Applications can be obtained online at

<http://www.129aha.org/ScholarAppl.htm>

for Wing members; and at

<http://www.129aha.org/ScholarAppl2.htm>

for dependents.

Completed applications can be submitted to the 129th Alumni & Heritage Association Scholarship Chair, Lt Col Cynthia Kepple, by e-mail at cindy_kepple@yahoo.com or by mailing the application to her home at 2221 Walnut Grove Ave., San Jose, CA 95128-1241. Applications can also be submitted to CCMSgt Liliana Ramos in the Headquarters Building. For more information about the scholarships, please e-mail Lt Col Kepple or call her at (408) 221-0060.

The Prez Sez

The President's Column

LTC Jesse Craddock (Ret.)

For many, Labor Day marks summer's end, the return to work routine, and the kids' return to school. The Board enjoyed a summer break and is now back working on several projects.

The Wing Commander has requested the Association undertake a project to purchase a model of each aircraft the Wing has flown. The models would be displayed in the Wing Headquarters foyer. The Board is reviewing several model companies' products and will select one to provide the model aircraft. Association members who flew a particular aircraft or have a favorite Unit aircraft will be given the opportunity to contribute to purchasing a model. More information will be in the December Newsletter.

Board Director Lt Col Steve James is developing an internet notification system intended to allow members to send information and notifications to Association members. Watch for it towards year end.

The Association deployment bags have become a popular item with deploying Wing members. The bags contain water, snacks, gum, and a deck of cards. We have provided bags to the Operations, Support, and Medical Groups. Bags are being prepared for the Security Forces Squadron, bringing this year's total to approximately 300 bags.

A \$1,000 scholarship donation in Brigadier General Albert Santos' memory was received from Ronald VandenBerghe. Again this year, the Bay Area MOAA Chapter pledged \$500 which the Association will match for a 2007 scholarship grant. The scholarships will be awarded at the 2008 annual Old-Timers' lunch.

The Wing's Annual Family Day will be held during the November UTA. This is a great opportunity to tour the various Wing Units. A picnic will be held after the annual awards ceremony. This year a number of special door prizes are being awarded.

Since the last column, two Association members have passed away: CWO Eugene Baker and SMSgt Wallace Glavor. The Newsletter contains an obituary for SMSgt Glavor.

Enjoy the fall football season.... 'Til the December column!

Jay

Legislation Allows Veterans to Salute the Flag

Ryan Cassin

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Oklahoma) praised the passage by unanimous consent of his bill (S.1877) clarifying U.S. law to allow veterans and servicemen not in uniform to salute the flag. Current law (US Code Title 4, Chapter 1) states that veterans and servicemen not in uniform should place their hand over their heart without clarifying whether they can or should salute the flag.

"The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service," Senator Inhofe said. "Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform.

"Unfortunately, current U.S. law leaves confusion as to whether veterans and service members out of uniform can or should salute the flag. My legislation will clarify this regulation, allowing veterans and servicemen alike to salute the flag, whether they are in uniform or not.

"I look forward to seeing those who have served saluting proudly at baseball games, parades, and formal events. I believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to others citizens.

Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others."



Air Force Discontinues Use of Base Decals

by SMSgt Matt Proietti

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFRNS) -- Air Force officials are working with the other services to allow its people to enter military installations without requiring them to display a base decal on their vehicles.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley recently ended use of the sticker, officially called a DD Form 2220, on Air Force installations because of cost, a lack of utility and long-term threats facing bases. The decal was developed in the 1970s as part of a vehicle registration and traffic management system, not to bolster security, said Col. William Sellers, the Air Force chief of force protection and operations for security forces. "There was a clear and definable need for this system (then)," he said. "A nationwide vehicle registration database did not exist, insurance was not required by all states, and a process was needed to expedite vehicle entry onto installations."

Air Force officials began questioning the value of the vehicle registration system in 2005 because of security concerns. Many people incorrectly viewed the decal as being designed to bolster security, Colonel Sellers said. In actuality, the decal lessens it by identifying vehicles of Airmen and civilian workers as potential terror targets and may lure gate guards into complacency.

Laws now require motorists to have a legal driver's license issued by a state, proof of vehicle ownership/state registration, evidence of insurance, and safety and emissions inspections. A national vehicle registration system is used by all civilian and military police departments in the country.

If a vehicle from a Navy base is parked illegally on an Army installation, the military police cannot use its DD Form 2220 to track the owner because the two services do not share vehicle databases. Instead, the police will use the license plate number or vehicle identification number to obtain information via two national systems that provide comprehensive driver, vehicle data and access to law enforcement agency information, the colonel said. Security forces and gate guards now check the ID of each person entering an Air Force installation, Colonel Sellers said. This provides better security than a base decal ever did because:

- ❖ The vehicle displaying it could have been sold with the decal on it.
- ❖ Its owner may have left the service and not removed the decal.
- ❖ The number on the decal could be duplicated.
- ❖ The decal could be counterfeited.
- ❖ The decal may have been removed from another vehicle.
- ❖ The vehicle may have been stolen.

Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., has not seen an increase in gate traffic since it stopped issuing base decals six months ago, said Master Sgt. James Osban, the NCO in charge of the 509th Security Forces Squadron Police Services. "We're identifying the people coming on base and not the vehicle," he said. "We've done a 100 percent ID check for years."

Air Force officials have asked the other services to allow entry of its people to their installations by honoring their common access cards, appropriate identification or even by issuing them a DD Form 2220, which would enter them in another branch's database. In many cases, Air Force people visit other installations to shop. Colonel Sellers said, "Commanders want Air Force personnel on their bases."

Some within the Defense Department feel the registration system still has utility, regardless of inherent weaknesses. Colonel Sellers believes installation commanders who worry about the time it takes to access bases "need to face today's security challenges." Using the old system "puts the military in serious danger of losing credibility with its own personnel and the general public. The threat is here, it's real and we must continuously improve our processes and procedures." The military branches have spent millions on new entry points, but have failed to review the process of how they allow entry onto an installation, Colonel Sellers said. "The strength of a redesigned gate is defeated if the process to enter is flawed," he said. "Our first line of defense becomes irrelevant. The priority is not expediting entry, but knowing who is entering." (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

SMSgt Wallace J Glavor

10 April 1922 – 18 May 2007

A long time resident of Castro Valley, Wallace John Glavor passed away on May 18, 2007.



Wally was born in Oakland on April 10, 1922, the son of John and Adelina Glavor. He attended schools in Oakland, graduating from Castlemont High School in 1941. Rather than pursue his desired career in medicine, he chose to enlist in the Army and served in World War II in Fairford, England at the 186th General Hospital. He loved to share his memories of this time, both humorous and heartrending, with his family who loved to listen. In July 1947 he became part of the Oakland Police Department and served for 26 years. For 12 years he also served in the Air National Guard's 144th Fighter Wing in Hayward. After retiring from the Oakland Police Department, he served for 6 years with the BART Police.

He leaves behind his wife of 60 years, Phyllis, and their two children, Carol Jean and Jeff; his daughter-in-law, Ineke; his grandchildren, Sarah Schantz, Hannah and Tim Glavor; his brother, Robert; his sister-in-law, Rosemary Glavor; his brother-in-law, Drago Golmac; his sister-in-law, Eva Bueno; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Wally was a member of the Oakland Police Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Native Sons of the Golden West and Camraderie. After full retirement, he remained active, driving the train at the Oakland Zoo, working in the rose gardens at both his church and his home, and mowing lawns in the court where he resided for over 53 years. Both at home and in his car he enjoyed swing and big band music, and always kept a well-supplied candy stash.

He was a long-time member of First Presbyterian Church of Hayward and served on the Board of Deacons.

Donations can be made to the Heart Association, the Memorial Fund at First Presbyterian Church of Hayward, or a favorite charity.

129th Members Carry on Tradition of Professionalism and Excellence

By Colonel Amos Bagdasarian

129th RQW Commander

Recently there was news that brought pride and recognition to the 129th Rescue Wing and the California Air National Guard. This news makes me proud to serve here and it should make you proud too.

Three members from the 129th received national recognition, which spotlighted their dedication to the 129th mission, professional development, mentorship, and the improvement of their communities. One of our units and an aircrew were also recognized for their outstanding work and dedication to our motto, "That Others May Live."

Chief Master Sgt. Rodney E. Lockett of the 129th Security Forces Squadron was awarded the 2007 Blacks in Government Meritorious Service Award. He has been a role model for African Americans through his military leadership as well as his community involvement. As the California Air National Guard's first African American Chief Master Sergeant in the Security Forces career field, his mentorship to minority troops has been invaluable.

Master Sgt. Gary A. Flossmann from the wing's Military Equal Opportunity office was the 2007 Air National Guard winner of the League of United Latin American Citizens Excellence in Military Service Award. Sergeant Flossmann's positive and professional attitude towards wing personnel positively impacted unit morale. He also made immeasurable contributions to the Hispanic community through the League of United Latin Americans and his teaching position in the Stockton School District.

Master Sgt. Christopher Underwood, First Sergeant for the 129th Maintenance Squadron, was awarded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Award in a ceremony held in Detroit, Mich. His passion for people motivated him to perfect an outstanding accountability process for the Operational Readiness Inspection as the Operations and Maintenance Groups' First Sergeant. He is a talented motivational speaker who has spoken across the country at functions for the Reach for Tomorrow Program.

Do you notice a pattern? These outstanding Airmen are leaders in their units and in their communities. They emulate the whole person concept.

But wait, there's even more great news!

The crew of 129th Rescue Squadron's Jolly 92 won the Air Force Association's 2007 Earl T. Ricks Award for outstanding airmanship for their response to a major in-flight emergency in May of 2006. This distinction has been awarded to 129th crews numerous times in the past.

Lastly, our Security Forces Squadron was the National Guard Bureau's Outstanding Security Forces Squadron of the Year for 2006. This is the second consecutive year the squadron was named best in the Air National Guard.

All of this recognition has been awarded since June and it's been overwhelming! Be sure to congratulate these stellar individuals and unit members.

The award recipients have demonstrated that professional and community efforts, whether big or small, reflect a tradition of professionalism and excellence of 129th RQW members. Think about ways that you can positively impact your unit and community and do your part to carry on the tradition.

Again, my hearty congratulations to all of the award recipients!

Col. Amos Bagdasarian

Wing Commander

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129 th Aircraft Collage	\$10	
129 th 50 th Anniversary Commemorative Coin	\$5	

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New to the Gang

Our Newest Members

MSgt Sharon J. Dean

SSgt John Gordon

MSgt Lori A. Huntley

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 our members who have departed on their final journey.

SMSgt Wallace J. Glavor

CWO Eugene E. Baker



DEFINITION OF A VETERAN

A veteran - whether Active Duty, Retired, National Guard, or Reserve
- is someone who, at one point in his/her life, wrote a blank check made
Payable to 'The United States of America', for an amount of
'Up to and Including my life.'

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Who no longer respect or understand it.

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