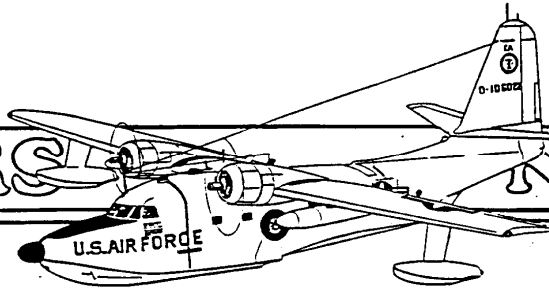


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2008 UTA Schedule

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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Board Election

March 2008

An election for the three Officers is scheduled for 2008. The AHA Corporation Bylaws proscribe that Officers are elected in even number years (2008) and Directors are elected in odd number years (2009).

The AHA President, Jay Craddock, appointed an Election Committee composed of Vice President Ken Moore; the Secretary-Treasurer, John Ruppel; association member at large, LTC Jim Rommelfanger; and Newsletter Editor Lynda Fawcett. The committee will be responsible for gathering nominations, distributing, collecting, and counting the ballots. The newly elected Officers will be announced at the Association's annual meeting, the Annual Old Timers Lunch, scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at the Castro Valley Loyal Order of Moose Hall, 20835 Rutledge Road, Castro Valley, CA 94546.

All AHA members in good standing may vote for Officers. Ballots have been included in your newsletter if you paid your 2007 membership dues. If your last year's dues were not paid, you are not considered to be in good standing and are not eligible to vote. There are three names on the ballot: Col John L. Ruppel, President; Lt Col Steven L. James, Vice President; and Lt Col David P. Russell, Secretary-Treasurer. There is no write-in provision. Please vote for three nominees. The nominees with the highest number of votes will be declared Directors, and will be announced and begin their two-year term at the Old Timers' Luncheon

The self-addressed stamped ballot should be postmarked by March 17, 2008, and mailed to:

Ms. Lynda Taft-Fawcett
4732 Heatherbrae Circle
Sacramento, CA 95842-4328

Mark and mail your ballots today!

The Prez Sez

The President's Column

LTC Jesse Craddock (Ret.)

I want to take this opportunity as outgoing President to thank the Board Officers and Directors as well as the Association Members who have contributed during the last ten years to the Association's success.

We have a well-established Scholarship Program, supported deploying Wing personnel, supported Airmen of the Year awards, helped fund the Softball Tournament, and have initiated a project to supply the Wing model aircraft representing the nine aircraft flown by the 129th Rescue Wing since inception. This Display will be located in the Headquarters Building foyer.

Congratulations to CCMSgt. Liliana Ramos and MSgt Gary Flossmann upon their retirement.

On a sadder note, this past year we lost two past Wing Commanders - Brigadier General Al Santos and Col Ed Lewis.

The annual Old-Timers Lunch will be held Wednesday, March 26, at the Castro Valley Moose Lodge. The Newsletter contains reservation and direction information.

The Board selected three Wing members to receive scholarships which will be presented during the annual luncheon. This year, one scholarship will be presented in the name of Brigadier General Albert Santos, and a second scholarship in the names of Col Ralph Nobriga and SMSgt Donald Delucchi. Two Association members funded these scholarships

Ken Moore has undertaken the development of a scrapbook that will contain pictures from summer camps, deployments, and other Wing activities. Additionally, any aircraft pictures would be welcome. The Association will arrange to have pictures copied and the original returned. You can mail pictures to Ken at: 41658 Covington Dr., Fremont, CA 94539-4651: or bring them to the Old-Timers Lunch.

The Newsletter contains the annual Association Financial Report.

The Prez Sez - cont

This year will be a very important national election - one which will affect the future of our Country. We are still "at War," and the future leadership of the Country is vital. Think carefully and weigh all options before you vote.

Speaking of voting, the Newsletter contains the officer election ballot. The postcard has postage affixed, so please take a moment vote and then mail the ballot!

I have enjoyed my tenure as President, and the opportunity to make many new friends. Hopefully, I'll still be able to contribute to the good of the 129th Rescue Wing.

Be sure to mail your ballots and get your lunch reservations in early!


Jay

2007 Scholarship Awards

Lt Col Cindy Kepple

The Association will award three Wing members \$1,000 2007 scholarships. The winners will receive their checks during the annual Old Timers Lunch. Congratulations to following Wing members who have been awarded the 2007 scholarships!

129th AHA Scholarship

 TSgt Heidi J. Quantaro
129th SVF

BG Albert R. Santos Scholarship

 SrA Teresa Trawick
129th SVF

Col Ralph Nobriga & SMSgt Donald Delucchi Scholarship

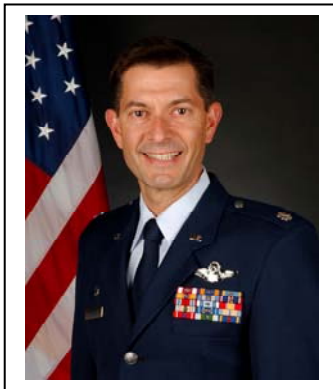
 SSgt Michael Foust
129th Finance Office

Cindy



*California
NCO of the Year
Staff Sergeant Maria Tubergen
with
ANG Command Chief Master Chief
CCMSgt Dick Smith
and
Commander of the CaANG
MG Dennis Lucas*

Officers of the Year - 2008



*California
Field Grade
Officer
of the Year
Lt Col Steven Butow*

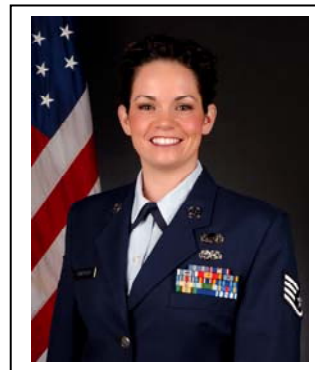


*Company Grade
Officer
of the Year
Lt Douglas Lutz*

Outstanding Airmen - 2008

The Wing has selected the Outstanding Airmen for 2008. These individuals will be our guests at the Old Timers Luncheon and will be presented with a one-year membership to the Association. Congratulations and Welcome!

*Airman of the
Year
Senior Airman
Emmanuel
Matsamura*



*California
NCO of the Year
Staff Sergeant Maria
Tubergen*

*Senior NCO of the
Year
Master Sergeant Steven
Beaulieu*



*1st Sergeant of the
Year
Master Sergeant Dave
Burkhalter*

WING HERITAGE AIRCRAFT MODEL DISPLAY

CCMSgt Ken Moore (Ret)

The Association is undertaking a heritage project to provide the 129TH Rescue Wing with models of Unit assigned aircraft. The models will be finished in the Wing paint scheme and markings. The Board is negotiating with a supplier to provide nine custom made models: C-46 Commando, SA-16 Albatross, U-6 Beaver, U-10 Courier, C-119G Flying Boxcar, HC-130P King Tanker, MC-130P Combat Shadow, HH-3E Jolly Green, and MH-60G Pave Hawk. The estimated cost per model is approximately \$400. Association members are invited to contribute to the project and can designate a specific aircraft or the display case, as well as donate in the name of a Unit member. Additionally, the Board is exploring purchasing individual models for members. A donation form is provided below. The aircraft models will be displayed in the Wing Headquarters foyer. The goal is to dedicate the display at the 2008 Family Day.

Heritage Aircraft Model Display Donation Form

I would like to donate to:

AIRCRAFT	DONATION	AIRCRAFT	DONATION
<input type="checkbox"/> C-46 Commando	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> HC-130P King Tanker	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> SA-16 Albatross	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> MC-130P Combat Shadow	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> U-6 Beaver	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> HH-3E Jolly Green	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> U-10 Courier	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> MH-60G Pave Hawk	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> C-119G Flying Boxcar	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Display Case	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Undesignated	\$ _____	Total Enclosed	\$ _____

My donation is made in recognition or memory of:

I would be interested in purchasing a model for myself.

Aircraft Model: _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mail Completed Form and Check or Money Order to:

Col John L. Ruppel, Jr. (Ret.)
6718 Zerillo Drive
Riverbank, CA 95367-2122

Money Talk

The Secretary – Treasurer's Report

Col John L. Ruppel, Jr. (Ret.)

The annual financial statement is presented below. The current dues assessment provides the required funds to support the various programs and insure financial liquidity. The Board revised the Scholarship Program award policy limiting awards to the funds generated in any one business year. Additionally, the number of scholarships was decreased but the amount was increased to encourage more applications and insure an adequate reserve is maintained. If you have questions or comments, please contact me by email or at the Old Timers' Luncheon. Your continued support is appreciated

129th Alumni and Heritage Association Financial Statement

2007

EXPENSES

Newsletter	1,520.40
Old Timers' Luncheon	1,680.00
Commemorative Coins	0.00
Mercantile Store Program	132.51
Scholarships	2,248.68
Board Expense	1,228.98
Secretary – Treasurer Expense	122.24
Membership	252.81

Total 2007 Expenses 7,185.62

Total 2007 Income 10,557.50

Total 2007 Expenses 7,185.62

Net 2007 Income 3,371.88

INCOME

Memberships	2,711.00
Dues Trust	510.00
Scholarship Contributions	4,745.00
Logo Lapel Pins	12.00
Old Timers' Luncheon	1,740.00
Mercantile Store Program	290.00
Commemorative Coins	535.00
Postage	14.50

Total 2007 Income 10,557.50

Bank Balance 12/31/06 10,799.95

2007 Income 10,557.62

2007 Expenses (7,185.62)

Dues Trust Transfer (380.00)

Bank Balance 12/31/07 13,791.83

Encumbrances

Scholarship Program 5,129.50

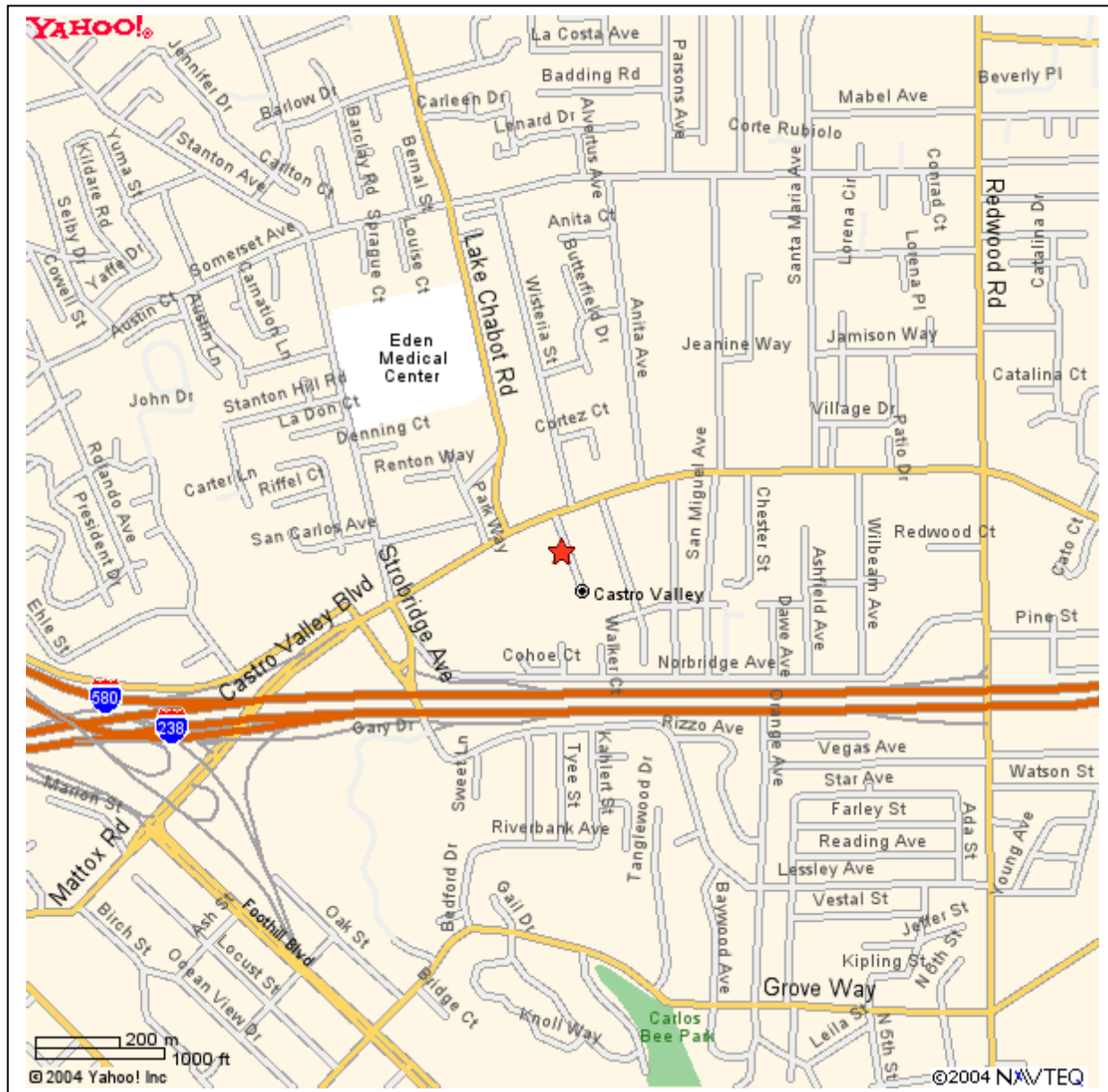
Scholarship Awards 2007 3,000.00

Prepaid Dues 1,010.00

Total 9,139.50

Unencumbered Balance 4,652.33

Castro Valley Loyal Order of Moose Hall
20835 Rutledge Road
Castro Valley, CA 94546



Driving Directions to the Castro Valley Moose Hall – 20835 Rutledge Road

- From 580 West
 - Take the Strobridge Avenue Exit
 - Turn Right on Strobridge Avenue
 - Turn Right on Castro Valley Boulevard
 - Turn Right on Rutledge Road.
- From 580 East
 - Take the Castro Valley Boulevard Exit (towards Hayward)
 - Turn Left on Castro Valley Boulevard
 - Turn Right on Rutledge Road



The Annual
129th AHA Old Timers Luncheon
March 26, 2008

Castro Valley Loyal Order of Moose Hall
20835 Rutledge Road
(510) 537-0830

- 1130 Hrs At the Bar**
Trim Adjustment, Hangar Flying, Ramp Rumors,
Old Buddies Checklist
- 1215 Hrs Gear Down & Locked Lunch**
Roast Beef and Chicken Buffet with all the trimmings
\$15.00
- 1330 Hrs 129th AHA Annual Meeting**
Call to Order, Announcement of New Board Directors
Presentation of Scholarship Awards
- 1400 Hrs Invited Guest Speaker**
Lt Robert F. Fitzgerald, US Coast Guard – Safety Officer & Helicopter Pilot
- 1430 Hrs Raffle and Social Hour**

Spouses and guests are welcome!

P.O.C. Jesse Craddock (650) 968-0446
Ed Boddington (209) 536-1777

Reservation Form - Must Be Received (with payment) by March 24, 2008

Please Reserve Ramp Service For:

Name: _____

_____ Lunch (\$15.00) _____ 2008 Membership Dues (\$10.00)

Guest's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Number of Souls Attending: _____

Total Amount Enclosed (\$15.00 per person - Lunch): _____

Total Amount Enclosed (\$10.00 – 2008 Membership Dues): _____

Make Check Payable To: 129th AHA
Mail Check and Reservation Form To:
Ms. Lynda Taft-Fawcett
4732 Heatherbrae Circle
Sacramento, CA 95842-4328

Dondi's Mercantile Store

129th AHA Merchandise & Apparel

If you would like to order a 129th 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 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.

Order from Ken Moore at:
(510) 656-1529
or online at 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 th Aircraft Collage	\$10	
129 th 50 th 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 129th who isn't a member yet?

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM 2008 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!!**

New to the Gang

Our Newest Members

*TSgt Dawn Aronson
MSgt Steven Beaulieu
MSgt Dave Burkhalter
SrA Albert Fouchy
SrA Charlene Magbanua
SrA Emmanuel Matsamura
SSgt Maria Tubergen*

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.

*Maj Russ Gibeson
TSgt Greg Brown*



**Congratulations! CCMsgt Liliانا Ramos
33 Years of Service**



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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.

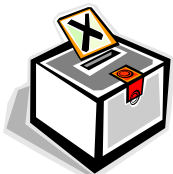
The newsletter is mailed out with a request for address correction. The post office does not forward the newsletter to you. They return it to us - and charge us 41¢. Then we update your file, put your newsletter in an envelope, put a 41¢ stamp on the packet, and mail it out to you. Total additional cost 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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See You at the OTL!!

