



Tax Time Information

If you misplace your 1099R or need a copy for your tax preparer, use one of the following methods to request a duplicate. The easiest way to get a copy of your 1099R is using **myPay**, where you can access your account 24/7 from the comfort of your home.

myPay

1. Log into [myPay](#).
2. On the Main Menu click "Tax Statement."
3. View, print or save your tax statement.

Need Help Getting in to myPay?

If you have problems remembering your login ID or password, click "Forgot Your Login ID?" or "Forgot or Need a Password?" You can also contact **myPay** at 888-332-7411(option 5).

Board Elections - Directors

March 2013

An election for the three Board Corporation Directors is scheduled for 2013. The AHA Corporation Bylaws proscribes that Officers are elected in even number years (2014) and Directors are elected in odd number years (2013).

The AHA President, John Ruppel, appointed an Election Committee composed of Vice President Lt Col Steve James; Secretary-Treasurer Lt Col Dave Russell; association member at large, Lt Col 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 Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at the Castro Valley Loyal Order of Moose Hall, 20835 Rutledge Road, Castro Valley, CA 94546.

Any AHA member in good standing may serve as a Director. Individuals interested in serving as a Director should complete the form included in this issue. Return the completed form (or a reasonable facsimile) no later than January 14, 2013, to:

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

Nominations must be received by January 14, 2013, to be valid. All nominations will be included on the ballot. Ballots – an email or a self-addressed stamped postcard - will be sent to all members in good standing, with information regarding the Old Timers Luncheon, no later than February 15, 2013. There is no write-in provision. Ballots must be returned no later than March 7, 2013, to be valid. The nominees with the highest number of votes for each office will be declared Directors, and will be announced and begin their two-year term at the Old Timers Luncheon



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The Prez Sez

The President's Column

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

The Association will conduct a January 2013 election to fill the four Director positions. The Newsletter contains election information and a nomination form.

The Association supplied 250 deployment bags for the upcoming Wing deployment. The bags contain various packages of cookies, candy bars, granola bars, a deck of cards, and other goodies. The cards were supplied by the Black Oak Casino.

The Association will award five Scholarships to Unit members. The award will be presented during the annual Old Timers Lunch on Tuesday March 12, 2013. The award winner's names appear in the Newsletter. A special thanks to Chairperson Liliana Ramos and the Scholarship Committee for their work.

The annual Old Timers Luncheon will be held Tuesday March 12, 2013, at the Castro Valley Moose Lodge. The February Newsletter will contain luncheon details, reservation information, and directions to the Moose Lodge.

Carol Ann Wunderlin, the Rescue Wing Family Support Manager, is seeking several volunteers to maintain contact with the families of deployed Unit members. Information is contained in the Newsletter.

The Mercantile Store, by popular request, is offering a polo shirt with an embroidered HH-60 a MC 130 or a combination of the two wing aircraft. The shirts are available by special order only through the Store. Contact Liliana Ramos for ordering information. Samples will be available for viewing at the OTL in March.

You can obtain 1099R copies for your 2012 tax preparation at the DFAS web site: www.dfas.mil.

During the 2012 Budget review, the Board decided to examine ways to reduce the cost of the Newsletter preparation and delivery. Lynda Fawcett's work establishing the email notification system required verification of member's email addresses. The project confirmed a ninety percent membership internet access possession. After reviewing the foregoing and the projected annual savings of \$1,000, the Board approved future Newsletter distribution utilizing internet delivery. Members not possessing internet access will receive a mailed copy.

The Board extends holiday greetings to you and yours and wishes you a successful and prosperous 2013.

John

2012 Scholarship Awards

CCMSgt Liliana Ramos

The Association will award five Wing members \$1,000 scholarships. The Santos, Delucchi, and Koenig scholarships are being awarded with a generous donation from Patricia and Ronald VandenBerghe. The Fuller scholarships are being awarded with a generous donation from Col. Charles Fuller. Col John Ruppel has funded the Ruppel scholarship. The winners will receive their checks during the annual Old Timers Lunch. Congratulations to following Wing members who have been awarded the 2012 scholarships!

BG Albert R. Santos Scholarship

✚ SrA Jacob Ellwood – 129th RQS

SMSgt Donald Delucchi Scholarship

✚ SSgt Cochise Diaz – 129th MXS

BG Charles W. Koenig Scholarship

✚ SSgt Tiffany Garcia – 129th MOF

Col Lina A. Ruppel Scholarship

✚ SrA Sabrina Steward – 129th OSF

Col Charles E. Fuller Scholarship

✚ TSgt Kevin Centinaje – 129th MXS

Liliana



Have some good ideas about things the 129th AHA should do?

Want to make changes in the way things are done?

Want to be more involved in the day-to-day operations of the AHA?

Then nominate yourself to become a Director of the Association!

Any member in good standing (that means your dues are paid) can run for and be elected to the Board of Directors. Officers are elected in even years (2014). Directors at large are elected in odd years (2013).

Now is your chance!

Let your voice be heard!

Choose to become involved!

NOMINATION FOR CORPORATION DIRECTOR

Yes! I want to be more involved in the 129th AHA!

Place my name in nomination for Corporation Director.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Rank: _____ Dates of Service in 129th: _____

Signature: _____

Must be received no later than January 14, 2013. Mail to:

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Paper checks to end

DFAS December Newsletter

The Department of the Treasury has announced that all payments from the federal government must be made electronically and not by paper check beginning March 1, 2013. This means most military retirees and annuitants receiving paper checks will be required to sign up for direct deposit.

With direct deposit, DFAS sends your payment straight to your bank account. Direct deposit gives you immediate access to your money on pay day, and it eliminates the risk of lost or stolen checks, forged signatures and identity theft.

Over 99 percent of military retirees and over 96 percent of annuitants already receive their payments through direct deposit. If you're one of the few still receiving a check in the mail, we'll send you a notice in the coming months. But you can get ahead of the rush by setting up direct deposit now.

How to enroll

There are three ways to start direct deposit. Before you enroll, you'll need to gather information including your financial institution's routing transit number and account number. Then do one of the following:

- Send a signed [Fast Start Direct Deposit Form](#) to Defense Finance and Accounting Service, U.S. Military Retired Pay, P.O. Box 7130, London, KY 40742-7130;
- Use your [myPay](#) account to set up a direct deposit to your checking or savings account;
- Or call the DFAS Retired and Annuitant Pay Customer Care Center at 800-321-1080.

It can take 30 to 60 days from the day we receive your enrollment for direct deposit to start. If after enrolling you receive a paper check, please cash or deposit it as you normally would. We'll send you a notification when we process your enrollment.

There are many advantages to eliminating paper checks. No more trips to the bank to deposit your check, no risk of lost or stolen mail, no waiting for misrouted or delayed mail, and your money is available to you the day it is due. It also will save the American taxpayers about \$120 million every year.

For further information: <http://www.dfas.mil/MANDATORYEFT.html>

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 Liliana Ramos 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 and vests 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 Liliana Ramos at:
 (408) 263-5352
LilRamos@pacbell.net
 or online at
<http://www.129aha.org>

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>SIZES</u>
Logo Jacket or Vest	\$65 - \$80	
Logo Polo Shirts - Men's & Ladies	\$22	M, L, XL, & 2XL
Logo Baseball Cap	\$15	
Large Jacket Patch	\$10	
Small Shirt / Hat Patch	\$5	
Logo Pin	\$5	

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

All profits are used for 129 AHA benefit projects.

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM 2013 Dues \$15.00

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!!**

Form is available at www.129aha.org



129th Alumni Wanted

as Phone Beacons



The Airman & Family Readiness Program is in need of volunteers to make scheduled monthly calls or emails to waiting families during the 2013 Deployment.

Training will be provided on Saturday 5 Jan 2013 at the Airman & Family Readiness Office. If interested, please RSVP for training scheduled for 5 Jan 2013. More info will be provided.

*Email carolann.wunderlin@ang.af.mil
or call (650) 603-9118.*

Newsletter Changes

With this edition of the 129th AHA Newsletter, we are going into new territory. We currently have valid email addresses for almost 90% of our membership, and going forward, newsletters will be delivered only electronically to all members with a valid email. The only paper copies that will be mailed are to those members who have no internet or email access. This will save the Association approximately \$200 per quarter, plus the cost of the annual non-profit mail permit and help preclude a dues increase for a while longer.

This change makes it more important than ever to make sure we have your correct email address. If you change your email address, please be sure to notify us of the change. We still need to keep your physical mailing address current, as well, so please don't forget to keep us on the "need to notify" list.

As usual, you will need Adobe Reader to open the newsletter. You can download the free software at www.adobe.com. Go to Downloads and select "Adobe Reader". When you download the software, be aware that unless you want to download and install Google Chrome as well, you will need to UNCHECK the "Install Google Chrome" box BEFORE you push the "download" button.

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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 – nor do they return it to us. They charge us 75¢ for providing your forwarding address. Then we update your file, but you do not get a newsletter until next edition unless you request an electronic copy. 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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Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!



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