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## 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 2014*

An election for the three Board Corporation Officers is scheduled for 2014. The AHA Corporation Bylaws proscribes that Officers are elected in even number years (2014) and Directors are elected in odd number years (2015).

The AHA President, John Ruppel, appointed an Election Committee composed of Secretary-Treasurer Lt Col Dave Russell; CCMSgt Liliana Ramos; 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 11, 2014, 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 – or in your delivery email - if you paid your 2013 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 Ruppel – President; Lt Col Steve James – Vice President; and Lt Col Dave 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 Officers, and will be announced and begin their two-year term at the Old Timers' Luncheon

Please return your email ballot by March 5, 2014, to:

[LTFawcett@hotmail.com](mailto:LTFawcett@hotmail.com)

The self-addressed stamped ballots should be postmarked by March 5, 2014, and mailed to:

Ms. Lynda Taft-Fawcett  
c/o Col. John Ruppel  
6718 Zerillo Drive  
Riverbank, CA 95367-2122

*Mark and mail your ballots today!*

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## The Prez Sez

### *The President's Column*

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

The Association 2014 dues assessment is \$15 and is due by March 11, 2014. Members attending the annual luncheon may combine the luncheon cost and dues with one check. A courtesy dues notice has been emailed to members who have not paid their 2014 dues.

The Newsletter contains Old Timers' Luncheon reservation form, directions to the Castro Valley Moose Lodge, and the luncheon menu. The luncheon will commence at 11:00 AM with an open bar and should end around 3:00 PM. The guest speakers will be PJs from the Wing. Col. Steve Butow, Wing Commander will provide an update on the Wing.

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.

The Association was notified of the passing MSgt Charles Proefrock on August 11, 2013. We also have been notified of the passing of SSgt Celia Houghton on January 30, 2014. No further details are available at this time.

Members in good standing will receive an email election ballot. The Newsletter contains detailed information on voting. Please take a few minutes and vote and please return your ballot.

Former 129<sup>th</sup> AHA member retired MSgt Gus Pappas has written his third book "If Airplanes Could Talk II". This book, along with his other titles, "If Airplanes Could Talk" and "Why?", are available online at Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

The Board looks forward to visiting with Association members at the annual luncheon.

*John*

## 2013 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. 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 2013 scholarships!

### BG Albert R. Santos Scholarship

✚ SSgt Elizabeth Cunningham - 129<sup>th</sup> CF

### SMSgt Donald Delucchi Scholarship

✚ SSgt CochAshley Dunlap - 129<sup>th</sup> MXG

### BG Charles W. Koenig Scholarship

✚ TSgt Michael Wang - 129<sup>th</sup> RQS

### Col Lina A. Ruppel Scholarship

✚ SrA Sabrinna Steward – 130<sup>th</sup> OSF

### 129<sup>th</sup> AHA Scholarship

✚ SrA Evarado Dominguez – 129<sup>th</sup> OSS



# TRAVEL AND ENTERTAINMENT TIPS

***CMSgt Stuart Loux (retired)***

As a seasoned traveler and recent retiree, I have attended many local entertainment venues, and purchased discount entry/ticket prices which always strike up a smile. Military members (active/retired) have many opportunities to save \$\$\$ as they enjoy hotels, parks, concert/show tickets, and many more events locally, around the US, and even abroad with family and friends.

There are countless internet sites available that many of you may be aware of, while others may not. So this is my first attempt of spreading the word for travel and entertainment tips. I hope you may take advantage of them and see how much is available.

First, just about every active and reserve base (and a few ANG/ARNG) has a MWR (Morale, Welfare, Recreation office). The MWR sells tickets, makes reservations, has ticket/lodging information for all types of venues. They offer the best deals for Disneyland, Disney World, San Diego, and many other discounts for attractions around the USA. Several local offices may be contacted at:

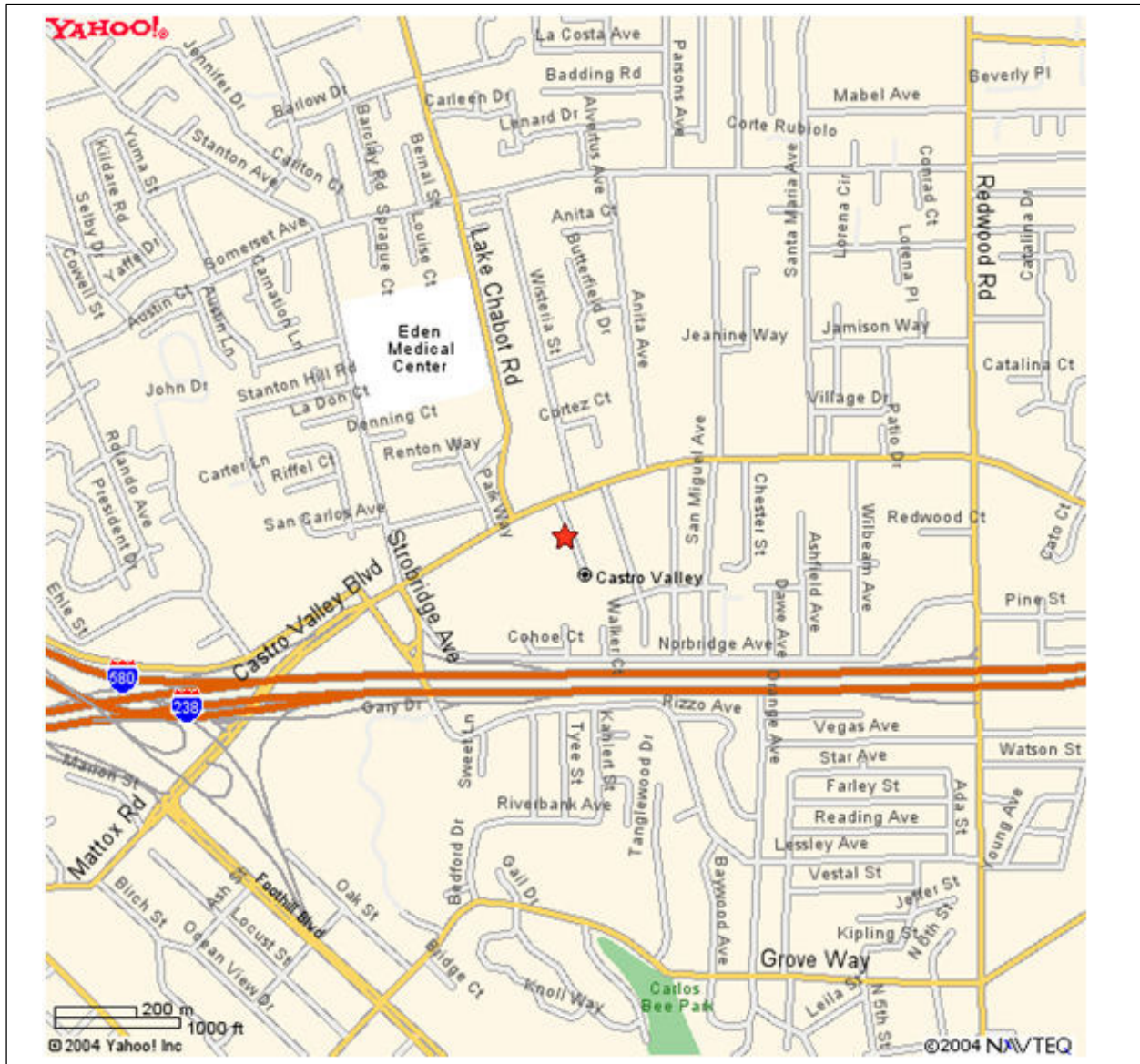
- Base Alameda, Coast Guard Island, Bldg 22, (510) 437-3578,
  - email - MWRtickets@gmail.com
- Travis AFB ITT (Information/Tickets/Travel) (707) 424-0969, [www.TravisFSS.com](http://www.TravisFSS.com)
- Defense Depot San Joaquin, Tracy, CA

Second, the Armed Forces Vacation Club (AFVC) at [www.AFVCLUB.COM](http://www.AFVCLUB.COM) offers Space A stays at condominiums/unused time share properties for \$349 for 7-night stays as well as discounts for All Inclusive Resorts.

The Armed Forces Recreation Center (AFRC) and Pacific Recreation Lodging Facility (PRL) has first class hotels throughout the world that offer lodging opportunities for active and retired military members. Each resort can be accessed on the internet. The [www.halekoa.com](http://www.halekoa.com) website provides a link as well. The resorts include:

- Edelweiss Lodge & Resort - Garmisch, Germany
- Dragon Hill Lodge - Seoul, South Korea
- Shades of Green, Walt Disney World - Orlando, Florida
- Hale Koa Hotel - Honolulu, Hawaii
- Kilauea Military Camp - Big Island, Hawaii
- Piliilaa Recreation Center - Waianae, Hawaii
- Seward Military Resort - Seward, Alaska

This list is by no means all inclusive but gives one an idea of the great opportunities to stay/play/travel and save money by using military benefits. Blue skies and safe travels,



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

- From 580 West
  - Take the Stobridge Avenue Exit
  - Turn Right on Stobridge 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  
129<sup>th</sup> AHA Old Timers Luncheon  
**March 11, 2014**

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**  
Roasted Chicken Buffet with all the trimmings - \$25.00
- 1330 Hrs**      **129<sup>th</sup> AHA Annual Meeting**  
Call to Order, Announcement of New Board Directors,  
Presentation of Scholarship Awards
- 1400 Hrs**      **Invited Guest Speaker**  
The PJs of the 129<sup>th</sup> RQW
- 1430 Hrs**      **Raffle and Social Hour**

*Spouses and guests are welcome!*

**P.O.C.**      Lynda Taft-Fawcett (916) 871-4903

**Reservation Form - Must Be Received (with payment) by March 5, 2014**

**Please Reserve Ramp Service For:**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Lunch (\$25.00 each)      \_\_\_\_\_ 2014 Membership Dues (\$15.00)

**Guest's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Souls Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed (\$25.00 per person - Lunch):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed (\$15.00 – 2014 Membership Dues):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Check Payable To: 129<sup>th</sup> AHA**  
**Mail Check and Reservation Form To:**

**Ms. Lynda Taft-Fawcett**  
**c/o Col. John L. Ruppel, Jr.**  
**6718 Zerillo Drive**  
**Riverbank, CA 95367-2122**

# 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 Liliana Ramos 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 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](mailto: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	
Polo Shirts - Blackhawk & 130	\$25 & up	Special Order
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 129<sup>th</sup> who isn't a member yet?

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM 2014 Dues \$15.00

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!!**

Form is available at [www.129aha.org](http://www.129aha.org)

## 129<sup>th</sup> AHA 2014 Election Officers

Since most of our members now receive the newsletter by email, they now have 2 options for voting:

1. Reply to the distribution email with your choices marked
2. Return this page of the newsletter with your choices marked.

- a. Email to: [LTFawcett@hotmail.com](mailto:LTFawcett@hotmail.com)
- b. Mail to: Lynda Taft-Fawcett  
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Riverbank, CA 95367-2122

### Vote for Three (3)

- Col John Ruppel - President (incumbent)
- Lt Col Steve James – Vice President (incumbent)
- Lt Col Dave Russell – Secretary- Treasurer (incumbent)

## 2014 Dues Notices

2014 dues notices have been mailed. We currently have 210 members who have not paid 2014 dues. 23 members also owe 2013 dues. When you receive a dues notice, please send a check for your 2014 (and 2013 if you haven't already paid). Your dues are what keep our association running.

If you have already paid your 2014 dues, you will NOT receive a dues notice.

The dues notice contains a request for your current email address. Please provide so we can keep our files current. 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](http://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.

# Money Talk

*The Secretary – Treasurer’s Report  
Lt Col Dave Russell (Ret.)*

The annual financial statement is presented below. The dues assessment remains at \$15 for 2014. The Board continued the Scholarship Program award policy limiting awards to the funds generated in any one business year. Additionally, the award amount was maintained at \$1,000 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 - 2013

EXPENSES	2013	INCOME	2013
Membership	\$ 276.00	Memberships	\$ 3,108.00
Newsletter	\$ 2,054.70	Dues Trust	\$ 645.00
Scholarships	\$ 5,000.00	Scholarship	\$ 4,551.00
Old-timers Lunch	\$ 2,728.00	Old-timers Lunch	\$ 2,085.00
Mercantile Store	\$ 903.32	Returned OTL Cash	\$ 500.00
Secretary - Treasurer Expense	\$ -	Mercantile Store	\$ 782.00
Board Expense	\$ 705.79	Postage	\$ 40.00
		Miscellaneous	\$ 794.50
<b>Total 2013 Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,667.81</b>	<b>Total 2013 Deposit Income</b>	<b>\$12,505.50</b>
Total 2013 Deposit Income	\$12,505.50	Bank Bal 12/31/12	\$16,688.50
Dues Trust Tranf Income	\$ 570.00	<b>2013 Income</b>	<b>\$12,505.50</b>
Total 2013 Income	<b>\$13,075.50</b>	<b>2013 Expense</b>	<b>\$11,667.81</b>
Total 2013 Expenses	<b>\$11,667.81</b>	Bank Bal 12/31/13	<b>\$17,526.19</b>
<b>2013 +/-</b>	<b>\$ 1,407.69</b>	<b>Encumbrances:</b>	<b>2014</b>
		Scholarship Program	\$13,449.34
		Prepaid Dues	\$ 1,245.00
		Sub Total Encumbrances	<b>\$14,694.34</b>
		<b>Unencumbered Bal</b>	<b>\$ 2,831.85</b>
		Funds Total	<b>\$17,526.19</b>

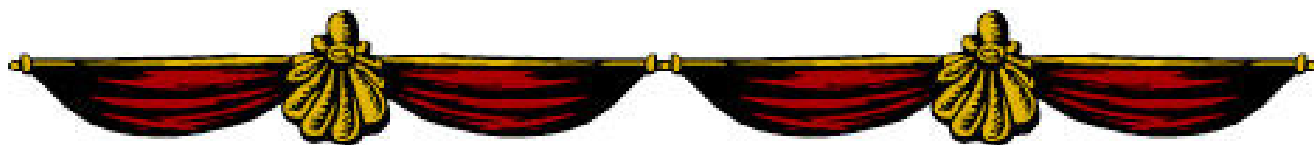


## **It's Official - DD-214s are NOW Online!**

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/> This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his 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 web site. Because the requester 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 records center's mail room processing time.

*MSgt Charles G. Proefrock*

*Passed August 11, 2013*



*SSgt Celia Houghton*

*Passed January 30, 2014*

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Don't Forget to Vote!  
See You at the OTL!



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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 or change your email address.

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. 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 – or when you change your email address. A member information form is included in every issue.

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