

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.

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Board Elections - Directors

March 2015

An election for the three Board Corporation Directors is scheduled for 2015. The AHA Corporation Bylaws proscribes that Directors are elected in odd number years (2015) and Officers are elected in even number years (2016).

The AHA President, John Ruppel, appointed an Election Committee composed of Secretary-Treasurer LtCol Dave Russell; Vice President LtCol Steve James ; association member at large, LtCol Jim Rommelfanger; and Newsletter Editor Lynda Fawcett. The committee will be responsible for gathering nominations, distributing, collecting, and counting the ballots. The newly elected Directors will be announced at the Association's annual meeting, the Annual Old Timers Lunch, scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at Michaels at Shoreline, 2960 North Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, CA 94043.

All AHA members in good standing may vote for Directors. Ballots have been included in your newsletter – or in your delivery email - if you paid your 2014 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 four names on the ballot: CCMsgt Douglas B. Sale; CMSgt Stuart Loux; Col Michael Garcia; and LtCol Roxanne Toy. There is no write-in provision. Please vote for four 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

Please return your email ballot by March 5, 2015, to:

LTFawcett@hotmail.com

The self-addressed stamped ballots should be postmarked by March 5, 2015, 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 2015 dues assessment is \$15 and is due by March 11, 2015. 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 or 2015 dues.

The Newsletter contains Old Timers' Luncheon reservation form, directions to Michaels at Shoreline, 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 helicopter pilots from the Wing. Col. Greg Jones, 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 Dave Russell for ordering information. Samples will be available for viewing at the OTL in March.

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.

Col Greg Jones, the 129th RQW Commander, announced the LtCol Daniel Lapostole will assume the Vice Wing Commandoer position in April, upon Col Jeffrey Magram's move to the Air Division. He announced the promotions to Colonel of LtCol Jeffrey Richard, 129th RQW Support Group Commander, and LtCol Faft Aujero, 129th RQW Operations Group Commander. Maj Roxanne Toy, 129th LRS Commander, was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

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

John

2015 Dues

The following members have already paid their 2015 dues – and DO NOT NEED TO SEND FURTHER PAYMENT FOR 2015.

- James Anderson
- Peggy Bachman
- Jay Brookman
- Ronald Carson
- Robert Cortez
- Lyle Crater
- Lyle Davis
- Dave Dunlap
- Ray Estrella
- Raymond P. Farlin
- Byron Flanders
- Gary Flossman
- Gary Ginestra
- Roger Godt
- H. Robert Hall
- Arthur Hardee
- Jackie Harris –Gaynor
- Ridge Haslam
- Roger Higby
- Andrew Hughan
- Bill Ignatow
- Mark Jaegel
- Steve James
- Steve Ladas
- Frank Lem
- Joe Marty
- Paul Maxwell
- Kevin Montgomery
- Jennifer Newman
- John J. O'Neill, DDS
- Jack O'Neill
- Liliana Ramos
- Larry Rengstorf
- Larry Rodekohr
- Steve Rosellini
- John Ross
- Mike Sampognaro
- Roxanne Toy
- Victor VandenBerghe
- Tom Venable
- Curtis Welle
- Brian Wilkes
- Christine Wilkinson
- Raynard Williams

Thank you!!

2014 Scholarship Awards

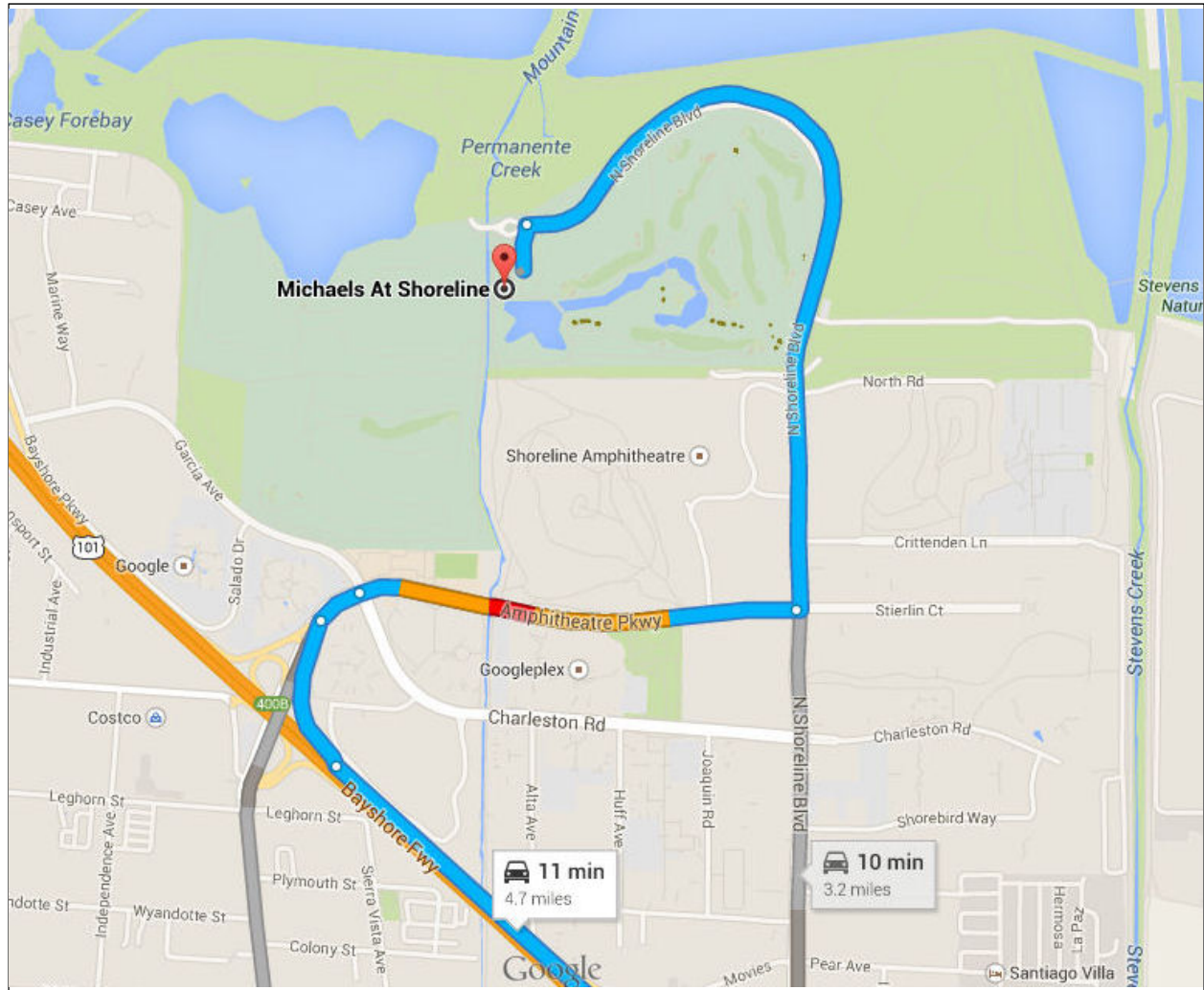
CCMSgt Liliana Ramos (Ret.)

Thanks to the generosity of Ron & Patti VandenBerghe, Wells Fargo Bank, and LtCol Charles Fuller, we are able to award scholarships to 11 members of the 129th RQW.

Scholarship award checks of \$1,000 will be presented to each of the following young people at the annual Ol' Timers' Luncheon on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at Michaels at Shoreline, 2960 North Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, CA 94043.

- ✔ BG Albert R. Santos Scholarship
 - SrA Radley Agbanlog – 129th LRS
- ✔ BG Charles W. Koenig Scholarship
 - SSgt Sage Savage – 129th RQS
- ✔ Col Ralston D. McKee Scholarship
 - SSgt Felipe Mancera – 129th LRS
- ✔ SMSgt Donald Delucchi Scholarship
 - SSgt Kareemah Mata – 129th MXG
- ✔ SMSgt Joaquin “Joe” Preciado Scholarship
 - TSgt John Groboske – 129th CF
- ✔ Col John R. Breeden Scholarship
 - MSgt Joel Mattenson – 129th MXS
- ✔ Col Lina A. Ruppel Scholarship
 - TSgt Brian Strukan – 130th RQS
- ✔ LtCol John W. O’Sullivan Scholarship
 - A1C Christopher Walker – 130th RQS
- ✔ CMSgt Richard Butow Scholarship
 - TSgt Michael Wang – 129th ARS
- ✔ SMSgt Vaughn H. Clearman Scholarship
 - TSgt Hong Zhou – 129th LRS
- ✔ LtCol Charles E. Fuller Scholarship
 - SMSgt Todd Schneider – 129th MSF





Driving Directions to Michaels at Shoreline- 2960 Shoreline Blvd.
Mountain View, CA 94043

- From US 101 North or US 101 South
 - Take the Amfitheatre Parkway Exit
 - Follow Amfitheatre Parkway to North Shoreline Blvd.
 - Turn Left on North Shoreline Blvd
 - Follow North Shoreline Blvd. to Michaels



The Annual
129th AHA Old Timers Luncheon
March 11, 2015

Michaels at Shoreline
2960 North Shoreline Blvd.
Mountain View, CA 94043
(650) 962-1014

- 1130 Hrs** **At the Bar**
Trim Adjustment, Hangar Flying, Ramp Rumors, Old Buddies Checklist
- 1215 Hrs** **Gear Down & Locked Lunch**
Buffet with all the trimmings - \$25.00
- 1330 Hrs** **129th AHA Annual Meeting**
Call to Order, Announcement of New Board Directors,
Presentation of Scholarship Awards
- 1400 Hrs** **Invited Guest Speaker**
The Helicopter Pilots of the 129th 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 6, 2015

Please Reserve Ramp Service For:

Your Name: _____

_____ Lunch (\$25.00 each) _____ 2015 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 – 2015 Membership Dues): _____

Make Check Payable To: 129th 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

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 Dave Russell at:
 (209) 551-8077
DPRussell11@comcast.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 129th who isn't a member yet?

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM 2015 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 AHA 2015 Election Directors

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
- b. Mail to: Lynda Taft-Fawcett
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Vote for Four (4)

- CCMSgt Douglas B. Sale (incumbent)
- CMSgt Stuart Loux (incumbent)
- Col Michael Garcia
- Lt Col Roxanne Toy

2015 Dues Notices

2015 dues notices have been mailed. We currently have 230 members who have not paid 2015 dues. 17 members also owe 2014 dues. When you receive a dues notice, please send a check for your 2015 (and 2014 if you haven't already paid). Your dues are what keep our association running.

If you have already paid your 2015 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. 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 2015. 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 - 2014

EXPENSES	2014	INCOME	2014
Membership	\$ 0.00	Memberships	\$ 3,122.00
Newsletter	\$ 2,000.00	Dues Trust	\$ 480.00
Scholarships	\$ 5,000.00	Scholarship	\$ 7,572.00
Old-timers Lunch	\$ 1,500.00	Old-timers Lunch	\$ 2,000.00
Mercantile Store	\$ 127.46	Returned OTL Cash	\$ 500.00
Secretary - Treasurer		Mercantile Store	\$ 183.00
Expense	\$ 285.46	Postage	
Board Expense	\$ 254.30	Miscellaneous	\$ 0.00
Total 2014 Expenses	\$ 9,667.22	Total 2014 Deposit Income	\$13,857.00
Total 2014 Deposit Income	\$13,857.00	Bank Bal 12/31/13	\$17,526.19
Dues Trust Tranf Income	\$ 675.00	2014 Income	\$13,857.00
Total 2014 Income	\$14,532.00	2014 Expense	\$ 9,667.22
Total 2014 Expenses	\$ 9,667.22	Bank Bal 12/31/14	\$21,715.97
2014 +/-	\$ 4,864.78	Encumbrances:	2015
		Scholarship Program	\$15,651.34
		Prepaid Dues	\$ 575.00
		Sub Total Encumbrances	\$16,226.34
		Unencumbered Bal	\$ 5,489.63
		Funds Total	\$21,715.97

Lt Col Alvin Millspaugh

15 January 1923 – 24 November 2014



Housing Grants for Disabled Veterans

VA provides grants to Servicemembers and Veterans with certain permanent and total service-connected disabilities to help purchase or construct an adapted home, or modify an existing home to accommodate a disability. Two grant programs exist: the Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) grant and the Special Housing Adaptation (SHA) grant.

Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) Grant

SAH grants help Veterans with certain service-connected disabilities live independently in a barrier-free environment. SAH grants can be used in one of the following ways:

- Construct a specially adapted home on land to be acquired
- Build a home on land already owned if it is suitable for specially adapted housing
- Remodel an existing home if it can be made suitable for specially adapted housing
- Apply the grant against the unpaid principal mortgage balance of an adapted home already acquired without the assistance of a VA grant
- [View and share VA's SHA infographic to help spread the word](#)

Special Housing Adaptation (SHA) Grant

SHA grants help Veterans with certain service-connected disabilities adapt or purchase a home to accommodate the disability. You can use SHA grants in one of the following ways:

- Adapt an existing home the Veteran or a family member already owns in which the Veteran lives
- Adapt a home the Veteran or family member intends to purchase in which the Veteran will live
- Help a Veteran purchase a home already adapted in which the Veteran will live

Eligibility

If you are a Servicemember or Veteran with a permanent and total service-connected disability, you may be entitled to a Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) grant or a Special Housing Adaptation (SHA) grant.

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adaptedhousing.asp>

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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 129th 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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