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## Board Election

March 2005

An election for the three at-large Directors was held at the beginning of the year. Congratulations to CMS Ed Boddington, SMS Don Delucchi, and Lt Col Cindy Keple. All were re-elected to serve another term as Director. They began their two-year term at the Old Timers' Luncheon.

**Congratulations!**

## Scholarship Notes

The Board has voted to award four scholarships in the amount of \$300 each for 2005. Membership support of the scholarship fund is needed now more than ever before. There will be no Air Show or other significant fund-raising activity this year. Additionally, corporate donations received in past years are no longer available. Currently, the only funding is the \$1 of each dues payment and any donations received. When planning your giving this year, please consider a tax-deductible donation to the 129<sup>th</sup> AHA Scholarship Fund.

## DFAS Details Move of Public Web Site

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFPN) -- Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials have furnished more details on the move of its public Web site announced earlier this month.

The old site, [www.dfas.mil](http://www.dfas.mil), will remain available through March 31. Then, users will be redirected to the new site, [www.dod.mil/dfas](http://www.dod.mil/dfas), and links to pages on the previous site will generate an error message notifying users of the move, officials said.

Webmasters who link to the site or pages within the site should review their links and update them accordingly, officials said.

The move will enhance the performance of the site by providing redundancy to prevent down time and by providing an opportunity for enhanced features in the future, officials said.

"Our goal is to provide the best service and products possible to the men and women who defend America," said Claudia Bogard, the service's corporate communications director. "With this move, our customers can rely on DFAS for faster access to information whenever they need it from anywhere around the globe at any hour of the day or night."

Officials said the move also will provide the following benefits:

- Increase the speed of the site by more than 12 times.
- Improve search capability to allow DFAS content to be found on any of dod-dot-mil sites.
- Create stronger alignment between DFAS and DOD public Web sites.
- Reduce the burden of public Web traffic to DFAS networks.

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## The Prez Sez

### *The President's Column*

LTC Jesse Craddock (Ret.)

The Annual Old-timers lunch was the Associations most successful with 135 members and guest in attendance. The Scholarship Program received \$224 from the luncheon raffle. TSgt Andrew Hughan's presentation on Combat Public Affairs provided a first-hand view of in country Iraq operations. Andrew's last minute presentation acceptance is appreciated. I would like to thank Lynda Fawcett for managing the luncheon administrative details.

Maj Robert Cortez provided an obituary on Claudia Carolyn Love Cortez Sonnenfelt who passed away January 2004 and worked for the 129<sup>TH</sup> at Hayward.

The Newsletter contains reservation information for CMSgt Dusty Rhoads' June 4 retirement dinner and Lt Col Jim Rommelfanger's June 25<sup>th</sup> retirement. The golfers will find information on the AFA tournament in which Association members are invited to participate. The annual Rescue Wing Family Day event will be held Saturday June 4. Ticket info is contained in the Newsletter. All Association members are invited to attend.

Col Amos Bagdasarian announced several senior leadership changes. Lt Col Thomas Saxe, the Operations Group Commander has accepted a position at Air National Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Lt Col Mark Sheehy will serve as the interim Operations Group Commander, and Lt Col Stephen Spillane will serve as the interim Air Operations Officer. Lt Col Gerald Gallmeister has been appointed the Wing Logistic Group Commander. Lt Col Gallmeister joins the Wing from the 162nd FIW Arizona ANG, Tucson. As they assume their new responsibilities, we wish them success.

The Wing is changing the retire ID card issuing procedures. Information on Bay Area ID card issuing agencies in contained in the Newsletter.

I hope to have an opportunity to chat with those members attending Family Day. Have a great summer!

*Jay*

## Salmon Fishing Trip

### *LTC Cindy Kepple*

18 people from the 129<sup>th</sup> RQW and 129<sup>th</sup> AHA attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Salmon Fishing Trip on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> on the New Captain Pete boat owned by Huck Finn Sportfishing out of Half Moon Bay. Everyone took home at least one fish and some limited out with two fish. Although it was cold and foggy, everyone was in good spirits and camaraderie abounded. Everyone is looking forward to next year's trip in April.

## AFA 2005 Golf Tournament

Greetings! Elsewhere in the newsletter is the entry form for the Annual Tennessee Ernie Ford AFA Charity Golf Tournament. We only have room for 38 teams (144 golfers) so prompt response would be a good idea. Remember you can also enter as an individual player and be paired with three other players to form a team. Thanks for your continuing participation and support for the Air Force Association.

*John K. Barbour.*

President  
TEF AFA Chapter 361.

## Search & Rescue History Needed

TSgt Gary Flossmann, the Wing Historian, has requested assistance to establish a database of all the Wing's rescues. AFRCC has not been able to provide him with complete information for the following:

- ◆ 2 - 96 (1977-July 1985) – no records
- ◆ 194 - 195 (Aug 1990 – Feb 1991) – no records
- ◆ 221 – 256 (Sep 1994 – Oct 1997) – many details are missing
- ◆ 258 – 292 (Oct 1997 – June 2002) – no records

Your memories and corporate knowledge are needed to help fill in the gaps. If you flew as a crewmember or supported SAR operations and have any information on saves flown during this period please contact :

TSgt Garry Flossmann - 650-603-9153  
[Gary.Flossmann@CAMOF.ANG.AF.MIL](mailto:Gary.Flossmann@CAMOF.ANG.AF.MIL)

# 129<sup>th</sup> Alumni & Heritage Association Memorial Day Honor Roll



*Day is done.  
Gone the sun  
From the lakes,  
From the hills,  
From the sky.  
All is well.  
Safely rest.  
God is nigh.*



MSGT Pastor D. Abelaye  
BGen Harold A. Aherns  
SSGT Harry Ahlborn  
TSGT Gary R. Albertson  
LTC Richard Allen  
MSGT Manuel Amaral  
LTC Shirley R. Ashby  
MSGT Howard Bachman  
MSGT David S. Bain  
SMSGT John S. Beasley  
LTC Gregory A. Bose  
COL John R. Breeden  
LTC Joseph J. Budro  
MSGT Sam Burgess  
SMSGT Fredrick E. Burkett  
TSGT Larry Butts  
LTC Malcolm B. Campbell  
LTC Neil Campbell  
SGT Steven Carlyle  
1LT Desmond Casey  
SMGT Robert Clayton  
SMSGT Vaughn H. Clearman  
SRA Raeann M. Cordova  
SSGT Steve Courtney ★  
LTC Gene Cunningham  
LT Gary Curtis ★  
SSGT Robin Eal  
COL Raymond J. Fitts  
MSGT Hershall Flygere  
SSGT Johnny Forlanda  
LTC Billy Freeman

CWO4 William Gateley  
SMSGT Arch R. Girvin  
MSGT Clarence F. Gruenert  
SMSgt Blaine D. Hall  
MAJ Carl Haller, MD  
MSGT Lloyd Hamilton  
COL William Hein  
TSGT John E. Horton ★  
LTC James A. Hunt  
COL Eugene J. Ignatow  
MAJ Jerry Ingram  
CPT Clyde Jackson ★  
TSGT Bobby J. Jarman  
MSGT Art Johnson  
TSGT John Karpaty  
A3C Alan A. Kelley ★  
MSGT Henry Kern  
BGen (Chaplain) James Kintsi  
BGen Charles W. Koenig  
COL Charles J. Kuban  
SRA Mary Lou Lara  
COL Paul Lavoie, MD  
MSGT Bartley J. Lee  
CMSGT Joseph Martin  
MAJ Lawrence Mauch  
COL Ralston D. McKee  
SGT Kevin McKenna  
MSGT Edwin D. McNemar  
LTC Charles Means  
MSGT Paul Medeiros  
LTC Robert Morrison

LTC Robert A. Morton  
TSGT Rodney W. Morton  
MAJ Mark Mutchler  
MAJ Terry Nelson ★  
COL Ralph L. Nobriga  
LTC John W. O'Sullivan  
SMSGT Michael Patterson  
COL Fred H. Petersen  
MSGT Leon Pope  
Marge Rainsford  
LTC John Reading  
Ronald Roach  
A1C Robert R. Rossie ★  
MSGT Frank M. Sacramento  
MSGT Thomas Santiago  
SMSGT Don Shanks  
Claudia L. Cortez Sonnenfelt  
LTC Les Spencer ★  
MAJ Ira States  
LTC Donald W. Stewart  
TSGT Nicholas Stoopin  
CMSGT Harold R. Strickler  
COL Herman Vandever  
LTC Urban B. Vandever  
LTC John A. Vinther  
MSGT Clarence W. Wagner  
LTC Louis F. Wang  
CWO4 Albert S. Warnick  
LTC James Ward  
A1C Larry Zimmerman ★  
MSGT Donald H. Zumsteg  
★ Killed in Action



## Claudia Carolyn Love Cortez Sonnenfelt

29 March 1935 – 6 January 2004

Claudia Carolyn Love was born 29 March 1935 in Omaha, Nebraska, into a military family. Her father was career Navy, serving through WWII and Korea. The family migrated to the Bay Area when the Navy transferred her father to Hunter's Point in San Francisco. After a short tour, the family settled near Camp Parks AFB where Claudia completed her secondary education. After several years of local employment, she went to work for the California Air National Guard at the old Hayward location in November 1957. Claudia worked as a stock records clerk in Base Supply, retiring in July 1978 prior to the ANG's move to Moffett Field. Claudia passed away 6 January 2004, and as was her wish, her ashes were dispersed over Tuolumne County. She was preceded in death by her daughters Suzanne Christine and Michele Marie. Claudia leaves Frank, her loving husband of 46 years and a multitude of friends.



### 129th Rescue Wing Picnic

04 June 05/1200 hrs. at Chase Park

- \* Hamburgers (Beef, Chicken, or Veggie)
- \* Hot Dogs
- \* Baked Beans
- \* Potato Salad
- \* Lemonade

### P.O.C.s

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TSgt KKoby Griffin x 39167  
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TSgt Robert Souza x 39111  
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Tickets are at your  
Unit Orderly Room

\$6 Adults

\$4 Children (12 and under)

Free for Traditional Enlisted

# Chief David "Dusty" Rhoads Retires!



## Ticket Price:

E-1 thru E-6 \$25.00

E-7 thru O-6 \$30.00

Civilians/Guests \$30.00

Checks can be made payable to  
"129th RQS Jolly Fund."

*French Fare Buffett*

## POC's:

MSgt Chantel Parish  
(650) 603-8548

Maj Daniel Lapostole  
SMSgt Mark McGlaughlin

MSgt Steve Burt  
(650) 603-9357

**WHEN: Saturday, June 4th 2005**

**WHERE: The Historic Del Monte Building,  
100 South Murphy Ave #102  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086**

**The Del Monte Room, 3rd Floor**

**TIME: 1830-1930 (no host bar)**

**1930-2330 (dinner & presentations)**

**ATTIRE: Business Casual**

*Say Farewell to 38 years  
of Military Service*



## ID CARD SERVICE CHANGES

**MSgt Garry Delrosario, DPMA**

Due to manning constraints, we have implemented changes to our ID card services.

- We can only issue CACs and dependent IDs to the members of the 129th Rescue Wing, Moffett Field and supported Air National Guard GSUs. Non-members will have to visit other ID card issuing sites in the Bay Area. This includes any DEERS/RAPIDS transaction such as addition of dependents, change in marital status or address, and PIN resets. This change is effective 4 April 2005.
- The same apply to DoD civilian employees and contractors.
- ID card services to retirees, their family members, and 100% disabled veterans will be reduced to once a month, every 3rd Wednesday. An appointment is necessary and may be scheduled by calling 650-603-9175. This change is effective 1 May 2005.
- To locate other ID card issuing facilities, visit [www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl). For assistance on DEERS record, members may call 1-800-334-4162. Or you can visit:

ID DEERS Service @Camp Parks RFTA  
Department of the Army  
Zenaida M. DeGuzman  
HQ 91st Div. Bldg. 510  
Parks RFTA  
Dublin, CA 94568-5201

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APPOINTMENT ONLY PHONE:  
800-250-2482 Ext. 4918

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## **Tricare Begins Enrollment for New Reserve Healthcare Benefit**

**By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample, USA  
American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON - Thousands of Reserve and Guard servicemembers can now qualify to purchase more healthcare coverage for themselves and their families under a new Tricare program that began April 26.

Tricare, the military's health care provider, is now accepting enrollment for its new Tricare Reserve Select health plan, said Steve Lillie, Tricare's deputy chief of operations.

Congress authorized the new healthcare benefit for Reserve Component members under the fiscal 2005 National Defense Authorization Act as a way of providing health coverage to RC members burdened by the current war. Lillie said the premium-based plan will be offered as an option to more than 400,000 eligible servicemembers who may want to purchase healthcare coverage.

"This is pretty attractive for the kind of coverage that's offered under Tricare," he said. "It's an excellent comprehensive health plan with comprehensive pharmacy coverage at a reasonable price. I think this will be attractive for many people compared to what they can get through employment."

Currently, RC members ordered to active duty for a period of more than 30 days are covered under one or more of several Tricare programs. "Health coverage is also provided up to 90 days prior to activation for servicemembers who receive a 'delayed-effective-date' order," he added. For the most part, TRS helps make providing continuous health coverage a seamless process for servicemembers.

Lillie explained that after a servicemember is released from active duty, the Transitional Assistance Management Program then picks up their health coverage for 180 days, and if purchased, TRS coverage begins immediately afterwards.

"Everything is seamless until you get to TRS because it's an optional program that requires premiums," Lillie said. "We can't make that completely seamless -- there are steps that you have to follow to qualify and purchase coverage."

To be eligible for TRS, servicemembers must have been called or ordered to active duty in support of a contingency operation since Sept. 11, 2001, and they must execute a "Service Agreement" through the Guard and Reserve Web Portal to serve in the Selected Reserves.

In addition, Guard members must have served "under an order from the president, not from their governor," Lillie explained. And they must have served continuously on active duty for 90 days or more under such an order, unless they were injured or became ill while activated. He said servicemembers may be eligible for one year of health coverage for every year of service commitment in the service agreement, up to a maximum of one year for every 90 days of prior service on active duty in support of a contingency operation.

## **Tricare (cont'd)**

The Service Agreement through the Guard-Reserve portal is a vital first step in qualifying is to enter into continued service in the Selected Reserve. That is done through the member's Reserve unit. That Service Agreement must be executed between the member and the Reserve component before the member can purchase TRICARE Reserve Select coverage.

Meanwhile, Lillie added, the cost for the plan is \$75 for TRS member-only coverage and \$233 for TRS member and family member coverage, which is reasonable compared to that of civilian health plans.

The annual cap for catastrophic illnesses is another good benefit. According to the plan, this cap limits out-of-pocket expenses to \$1,000 per year. "The typical private insurance program might have a catastrophic cap of \$4,000 or \$5,000," Lillie said.

In many aspects, TRS may even be better than some civilian health maintenance organization or preferred provider-type insurance plans, he said.

TRS provides access to any provider that treats Tricare patients without referrals required, Lillie explained. "So it's broader; it provides more freedom of choice than an HMO plan," he said.

For Reserve and Guard members, Tricare Reserve Select health coverage will be much the same as the Tricare Standard and Extra their families may have received while on active duty.

In addition to typical inpatient and outpatient care, Tricare Reserve Select covers urgent and emergency care, and ambulance services; family healthcare; obstetrics, gynecology and maternity services; and clinical preventive services, including health screening and immunizations. The plan also covers behavioral health care, annual eye examinations; ancillary services, such as laboratory and radiology; and prescription drug coverage.

"The principal difference between their coverage while on active duty and their Tricare Reserve Select coverage is there is some cost sharing for the time when they go to the doctor or get hospitalized," Lillie pointed out. "It's comparable to a civilian healthcare plan, and it's identical to Tricare Standard.

"The member and the family will pay a 20-percent cost share when they visit a non-network doctor," he said. "They also have a deductible to satisfy at the start of each federal fiscal year."

Lillie said the deductible for servicemembers in the rank of E-4 and below is \$50 per individual or \$100 per family. The deductible for servicemembers E-5 and above is \$150 per individual or \$300 per family.

"Our reservists and guardsmen who are called to duty and their families deserve this great new benefit for their service to their country," said Lillie. "We are glad that we can offer Tricare Reserve Select to qualified members and their families. It is good for them and good for the Reserve and National Guard forces.

## **President Signs Law Increasing Military Benefits**

On May 11th the President signed the **2005 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act**. The following are the benefits increases associated with this Act. Note many of the increased benefits are retroactive to October 2001, but many may end this fiscal year.

### **\$25K to \$100K for Traumatic injury protection:**

A servicemember who is insured (under SGLI) shall automatically be issued a traumatic injury protection rider that will provide for a payment not to exceed \$100,000 if the member, while so insured, sustains a traumatic injury that results in a loss described below.

The maximum amount payable for all injuries resulting from the same traumatic event shall be limited to \$100,000. If a member suffers more than 1 such loss as a result of traumatic injury, payment will be made in accordance with the schedule to be announced by the SecDoD for the single loss providing the highest payment.

A member who is issued a traumatic injury protection rider under subsection (a) is insured against such traumatic injuries, as prescribed by the Secretary, in collaboration with the Secretary of Defense, including, but not limited to—

- (A) total and permanent loss of sight;
- (B) loss of a hand or foot by severance at or above the wrist or ankle;
- (C) total and permanent loss of speech;
- (D) total and permanent loss of hearing in both ears;
- (E) loss of thumb and index finger of the same hand by severance at or above the metacarpophalangeal joints;
- (F) quadriplegia, paraplegia, or hemiplegia;
- (G) burns greater than second degree, covering 30 percent of the body or 30 percent of the face; an
- (H) coma or the inability to carry out the activities of daily living resulting from traumatic injury to the brain.

### **Changes to the Death Gratuity :**

The new law renames the death gratuity, payable to survivors of members of the Armed Forces killed while serving on active duty or inactive duty training, as fallen hero compensation.

## **Military Benefits (cont'd)**

### **The New Law Increases the:**

(1) maximum benefit under the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance program from \$250,000 to \$400,000 (or lesser amounts as a member may elect); and

2) military death gratuity from \$12,000 to \$100,000. Provides a special death gratuity of up to \$150,000 with respect to service designated by the Secretary of DoD as a combat operation or a zone of combat.

Provides an additional death gratuity of \$150,000 for deaths that occur before the enactment of this Act in combat operations, in a combat zone, or in Operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom.

### **Reserve Pay Differential:**

**Reservists Pay Security Act of 2005** - The new law entitles Federal employees who are absent from their positions while on active duty in the regular uniformed services or National Guard to receive the amount of their Federal basic pay which, when taken together with their military pay and allowances, is no less than the amount of pay that they would have earned if there had been no interruption in their civilian employment. Expands reemployment rights of Federal employees on active duty in the uniformed services.

### **Reserve Affiliation Bonuses:**

The new law limits to \$10,000 during FY 2005 the maximum bonus authorized in connection with a reserve affiliation agreement.

### **Hospitalization Issues:**

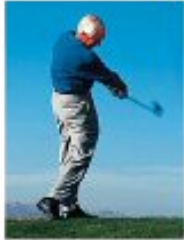
The new law prohibits members who are entitled to basic allowance for subsistence (BAS) from being charged for meals received in a military medical facility while undergoing medical recuperation or therapy or in a status of "medical hold" for an injury, illness, or disease incurred or aggravated while on active duty in Operations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom.

The new law also directs the Secretary of Defense to provide such individuals access to telephone service at or through such facility in the amount of \$40 worth of calling minutes per month.

And the new law amends Federal military pay and allowances provisions to provide reimbursement for travel for the family of members of the Armed Forces hospitalized in the United States in connection with certain non-serious illnesses or injuries incurred in a combat operation or combat zone. Provides reimbursement funding from specified military accounts. Requires the Secretary to report to the defense committees if such expenses exceed \$20 million in a fiscal year.



# Air Force Association



## GOLF TOURNAMENT

**24 June 2005**

**Moffett Field Golf Course**



Annual Tennessee Ernie Ford Chapter 361  
Charity Golf Tournament & BBQ



Registration 1130 Shotgun Start 1230 Scramble Format

Annual Tennessee Ernie Ford Chapter 361  
Charity Golf Tournament & BBQ 24 June 2005, Moffett Golf Course

Entry fee: E1 To E6 \$30, E7-04 \$40, All others \$60. Golf Carts \$15 each golfer  
Entry fee covers green fee, prizes, Air Force BBQ dinner.

PRIZES: Low team gross through four places, longest drive, straightest drive, closest to pin

BBQ Dinner Menu: Half Air Force Chicken, Moffett Beans, Salad, French Bread, Dessert

**Sign up early – tournament is limited to 144 golfers and golf carts will be in order of signup.**

Name/Rank	Phone	Email	Yes/No Cart	Amount Enclosed
_____	_____	_____	___	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	___	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	___	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	___	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>				\$ _____

I/We cannot play however enclosed is a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support AFA/AEF Charity programs

**Mail this entry form with check to: TEF AFA Charity Golf, 15742 Kavin Lane, Los Gatos, CA 95030**

You do not need a complete foursome to participate. Individual entries are encouraged.  
For information call: John Barbour at 408 244 3123 or Email: [afabarbour@scotcrest.com](mailto:afabarbour@scotcrest.com)



Col Amos Bagdasarian



Jay Craddock & Phil diGiovanni



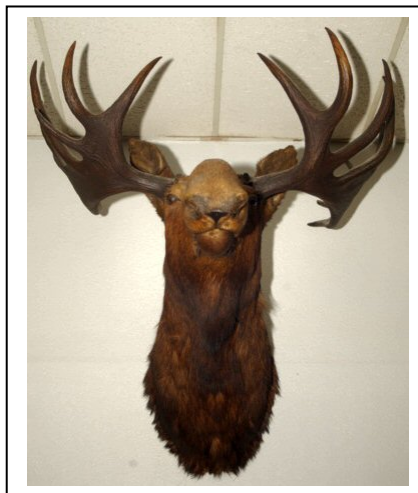
Ed Boddington & Ward Douglass



Jay Craddock, Ashley Williams,  
Ed Boddington



Andrew Hughan



Ed Boddington, Ken Moore,  
Eleanor Moore, Lynda  
Fawcett, Don Delucchi



Ken Moore, Ed Boddington,  
Don Delucchi

# 2005 Ol' Timers' Luncheon



Lunch Time!

Jay Craddock, Eric Valdez, Ragini Sastry,  
Amos Bagdasarian



Ed Boddington & Glen Hatley



Jay Craddock, Debbie Gamez, Ed  
Boddington



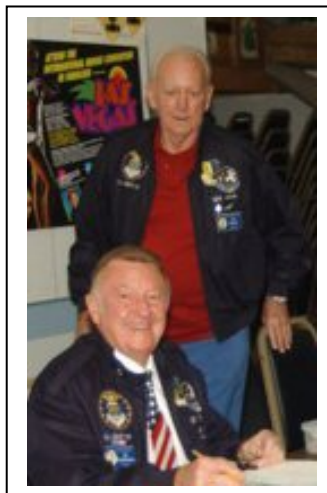
Jamie & Felix Mongoso  
Brian Erlwien & Pam Mongoso



Jay Craddock, Steve Robinson, Ed  
Boddington



Jay Craddock, Ragini Sastry, Ed  
Boddington



Ed Boddington &  
Ken Moore



Jay Craddock, Rebecca Dura, Ed  
Boddington



Jay Craddock, Joel Clark, Ed Boddington



Jay Craddock, Jamie  
Mongoso, Ed Boddington

# Dondi's Mercantile Store

129<sup>th</sup> AHA Merchandise & Apparel

If you would like to order a 129<sup>th</sup> AHA jacket, you can start by purchasing a uniform windbreaker from Clothing Sales. We will then have the embroidery and patches applied for you.

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 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 Don Delucchi at:  
(925) 689-2683  
or online at [Dondi129@hotmail.com](mailto:Dondi129@hotmail.com)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>SIZES</u>
Logo Jacket-1 ONLY!	\$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 <sup>th</sup> Aircraft Collage	\$10	

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 129<sup>th</sup> who isn't a member yet?

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM 2005 Dues \$10.00

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!!**

## New to the Gang

### *Our Newest Members*

BG Edward Aguiar  
Col Amos Bagdasarian  
MSgt Diane Bailey  
SSgt Raymond Bonetti  
BG Allen Boone  
MSgt Jay Day  
Lt Col Philip diGiovanni  
TSgt Jeremy Gamez  
2Lt Toni Gray  
Lt Col John Manocchio  
Capt Russ Meili  
TSgt Felix Mongoso  
Sgt David Pelham  
SSgt Tamara Potier  
CMSgt Al Richmond  
SrA Ragini Sastry  
TSgt Eric Valdez  
SSgt Christina Wilkinson

## Welcome!

Do you know someone who has been affiliated with the 129<sup>th</sup> 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.

Claudia Love Cortez Sonnenfelt



## Air Force Retiree News

[http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afretire/AF\\_Retiree\\_News.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afretire/AF_Retiree_News.htm)

- The Air Force Retiree News Service (AFRNS) maintains a web site at the above internet address. Much information of interest to the Air Force Retiree Community is available at that site. Some of the current information available includes:

### **Tricare moves medications to non-formulary status**

Tricare, the Military Health System's health coverage plan, announced the selection of three medications to be placed in the non-formulary category of its new Formulary.

- The medications are: Nexium® (esomeprazole), a medication for ulcers and other stomach problems, and Teveten® (eprosartan) and Teveten HCT® (eprosartan with hydrochlorothiazide), both used to treat high blood pressure.

### **New handbook updates veterans' benefits**

- WASHINGTON (April 15, 2005)-- A new edition of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) handbook, Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents, updates the rates for certain federal payments and outlines a variety of programs and benefits for American veterans.
- Most of the nation's 25 million veterans qualify for some VA benefits, which range from health care to burial in a national cemetery. In addition to describing benefits provided by VA, the 2005 edition of the 120-page booklet provides an overview of programs and services for veterans provided by other federal agencies.
- Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents includes resources to help veterans access their benefits, with a listing of toll-free phone numbers, Internet addresses and a directory of VA facilities throughout the country. The handbook can be downloaded free from VA's Web site at <http://www.va.gov/opa/feature/>.

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