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## ID CARD LOCATIONS

### ON-LINE APPOINTMENTS

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APPOINTMENTS.DMDC.OSD.MIL](http://WWW.RAPIDS-APPOINTMENTS.DMDC.OSD.MIL)

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9800 Goethe Road, Sacramento, CA  
95827  
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**Retiree Activity Office – McClellan Park  
1-916-640-8446**

## 2013 Scholarship Awards

*CCMSgt Liliana Ramos*

The Association awarded five Wing members \$1,000 scholarships. The Santos, Delucchi, and Koenig scholarships are awarded with a generous donation from Patricia and Ronald VandenBerghe. Col John Ruppel has funded the Ruppel scholarship. The winners received 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 Michelle 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 Sabrina Steward – 130<sup>th</sup> OSF

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

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

*Liliana*

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## The Prez Sez

*The President's Column*

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

The Association has reached the 2014 fiscal year mid-point. There are fifty members who have not submitted 2014 dues. The Association relies on member support to provide the Newsletter, web page, and various activates. A second dues notice will be sent out shortly. If you receive a notice, please provide a payment check. If you choose not to renew your membership, a reply would be appreciated so valuable time and resources are not wasted.

The annual Old Timers Lunch was attended by 85 members and guests. The Pararescue Squadron provided a briefing by Captain LeJon Boudreaux on their operational activities. Col Butow, the 129<sup>th</sup> RQW Commander, showed a video on the Wing's 2013 activities. A second video featured interviews with Wing members who were early Unit members and participants in the first rescue mission. Col Butow discussed the current construction program, including the new Pararescue Building and several future projects. He announced that the Wing would be receiving four new C-130Js, with the first aircraft scheduled for delivery in 2016.

The Old Timers Lunch attendance has been declining the last several years. The Wing Leadership has asked the Board to consider moving the luncheon closer to Moffett to provide Wing members with an opportunity to attend the luncheon. The Board is actively considering moving the luncheon to raise attendance. A decision will be made later this year.

The 1000<sup>th</sup> Save Celebration event had to be cancelled because of the venue price and the inability to secure an event guarantor. The Wing is considering the possibility of combining the 1000<sup>th</sup> Save Celebration with another event.

The Association web page has been updated with copies of the latest Board Meeting Minutes, Old Timers Newsletters editions, the Wall of Honor, and the reference page. Lynda is working on providing ID card information with locations, phone numbers, and hours of operation to include appointment procedures.

The Wing will be holding a Change of Command Ceremony on July 12, 2014, at 9:00 AM. Association members were provided an invitation earlier this month. Col Steve Butow will relinquish command to Col Gregory Jones. Col Jones is currently serving at the National Guard Bureau, and was previously a member of the 146<sup>th</sup> AW. Please plan to attend if your schedule permits.

LtCol Dave Russell has assumed the responsibilities of the Mercantile Store. His contact information is on the order form.

The Board welcomes your comments, suggestions or inquiries.

Have a great summer season.

Cheers!!!

*John*



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7 April 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR Servicemembers and Employees of the California Military  
Department

SUBJECT: California Air National Guard Senior Leadership Announcement

1. I am pleased to announce Colonel Gregory F. Jones as the next Commander of the 129<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing, Moffett Field. Colonel Jones will replace Colonel Steven J. Butow who has served as Wing Commander for nearly three years. Colonel Butow will be assuming the duties of Vice Chief of Staff, Joint Staff for the California Military Department. Details on an effective date and formal change of command will be announced soon.

2. Colonel Jones is a long-time California Guardsman currently serving as DoD Liaison to the National Science Foundation. Prior to that, he served as Deputy Director of Air, Space and Information Operations for the Air National Guard and as interim Commander of the 146<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing. Colonel Jones has accumulated over 6000 hours flying the C-130E and C-130J. He flew in support of Operations DESERT STORM, NOBLE EAGLE, JOINT FORGE, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and also served as deployed senior Air Reserve Component Advisor to the Commander, AFCENT.

3. We are indeed fortunate to continue capitalizing on the experience and proven leadership of these two senior officers. Colonel Jones and Colonel Butow will bring a wealth of knowledge and fresh perspectives to their respective assignments. Please join me in congratulating Colonel Greg Jones and thanking Colonel Steve Butow for his continued service with the California National Guard.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David S. Baldwin", is positioned above the typed name.

DAVID S. BALDWIN  
Major General  
The Adjutant General



Brigadier General Jon Kelk  
Commander, California Air National Guard  
cordially invites you to attend a Change of Command Ceremony  
at which

**Colonel Steven J. Butow**

will relinquish command of the  
129th Rescue Wing  
to

**Colonel Gregory Jones**

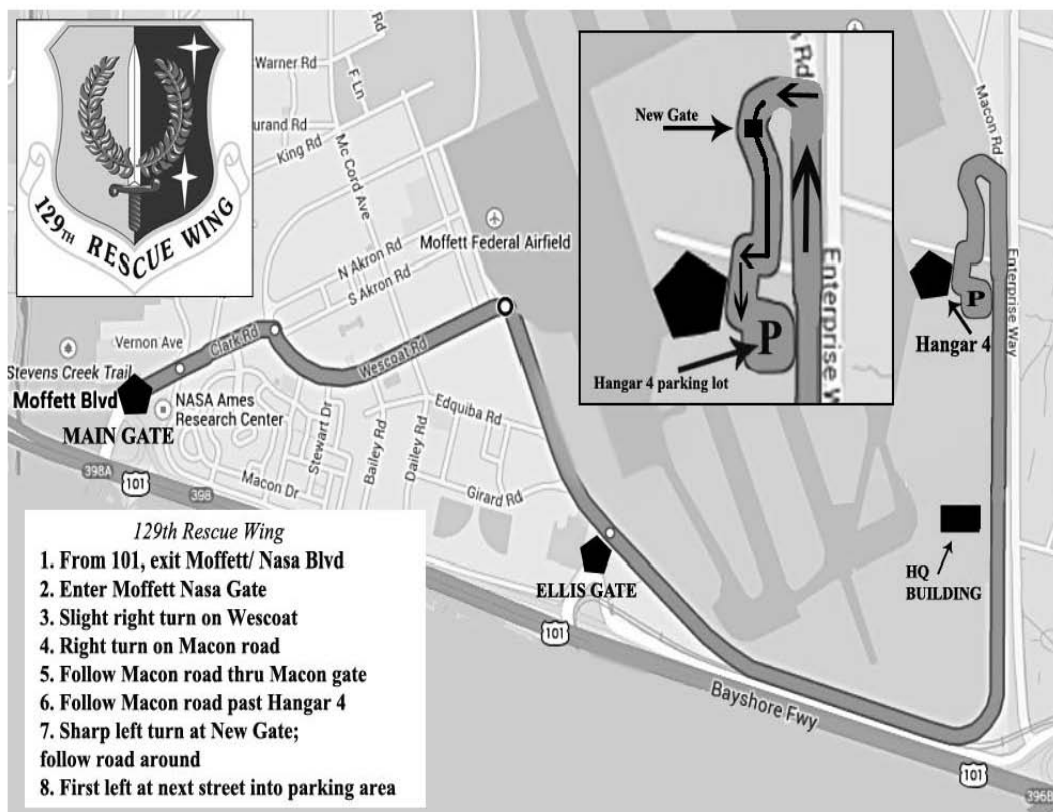
on Saturday, the twelfth of July  
at nine o'clock in the morning

129th Rescue Wing  
Building 662, Johnny Luv Lane  
Moffett Federal Airfield, California

R.s.v.p. by 27 June 2014  
2d Lt Rod Bersamina (650) 603-9129  
rsvp.129rqw@ang.af.mil

Military: Duty Uniform  
Civilian: Business Casual

Reception immediately following ceremony.



# 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 Dave Russell at:  
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[DPRussell1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:DPRussell1@sbcglobal.net)  
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Logo Jacket or Vest	\$65 - \$80	
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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.**

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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> ALUMNI & HERITAGE ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL DAY HONOR ROLL



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



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# *Brig Gen Edward R. Aguiar*

*6 July 1929 – 13 August 2013*

Edward R. Aguiar was born on July 6, 1929, in Oakland, California, the youngest member of a large family. He attended high school in the local area and became interested in electronics. He joined the California Air National Guard in Hayward, and became an Electronics Technician, rising to the rank of Technical Sergeant. After the fighter unit moved to Fresno, Ed was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant and made the Squadron Communications Officer. He eventually attended pilot training, graduating in the mid-fifties. He flew the F-86A & 86L, F-102, and F-4. Ed transferred to the 129th ARRG at Moffett Field, where he flew the HC-130 Hercules and was the Group Commander. In the early 1980's, he became the Wing Commander of the 144th Fighter Interceptor Wing at Fresno ANGB, and was promoted to Brigadier General. Ed retired from the California Air National Guard in 1986.

His wife Dorothy preceded him in death by several years. They have two surviving children, Don and Joy who live in the Fresno area. Ed passed away on August 13, 2013, after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

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