Old Timers' Luncheon

March 14, 2000

The annual Old Timers' Luncheon was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at the Elk's Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, California.

The guest speaker was Lt. Col. Charlie Davis, former member of the 129th. Charlie presented a slide program about his involvement with Air America (the CIA’s Airline of choice) in Laos. Ltc Davis flew as a helicopter pilot ferrying personnel and supplies, and conducting rescue missions from 1965-1967. Please contact a board member if you are interested in obtaining an autographed copy of Ltc Davis’ book, *Across the Mekong.* For each book sold, Ltc Davis is donating $5 to the 129th AHA Scholarship Fund.

The 129th AHA is proud to recognize the following members of the 129th RQW with a one year Association membership: MSgt Warner Ratcliff, First Sergeant of the Year; SrA Jason Braun, Airman of the Year; SSgt Leland Sharpe, NCO of the Year; and, MSgt Deborah Nordland, Senior NCO of the Year. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Then . . . .

Sue Peterson, shown in a photo from the *Hayward Daily Review* along with General (then Lt.Col.) Santos and MSgt. Blaine Hall, worked as a civilian in Base Operations at Hayward in 1955-1956, and designed the original crest for the 129th Air Resupply Squadron. Today, her design is the flying squadron patch and is worn by all air crew members.

And Now!

Blaine Hall, Sue Peterson, and General Santos at the Old Timers' Luncheon.
The Prez Sez

A Word or Two from the President

As Presented by:

John Ruppel, Secretary-Treasurer

Thanks to Ed Boddington and Jay Craddock for organizing the Old Timers’ Lunch. The annual lunch brought together 120 members, spouses and guests. This issue contains a two-page picture collage. The Board appreciates the many comments and suggestions received from attendees. The 2001 Lunch Social hour will be extended to one hour.

Don Delucchi has compiled a memorial list of former 129th members as the Association’s Memorial Day salute. Thanks to all who submitted names. The salute will appear annually.

Association membership has reached 250. Membership information and an application are available on the Association’s web page:

www.calguard.ca.gov/129rqw

The Secretary-Treasurer will provide a membership packet on request to individuals that members believe would be interested in Association membership. If your mail label is highlighted your dues are delinquent, please submit a check.

The Rescue Wing will host Alumni Day August 5. The Alumni Day program is currently being developed; member’s program suggestions would be appreciated. The annual Association Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sunday August 6. Reservation information is contained in the Newsletter.

The Association presented the first scholarship checks at the Old Timers’ Lunch. The three recipients are: SSgt Teresa Prignano, 129th LS; TSgt Stanley Fernandez, 129th CES; and SrA Nathan Bento, 129th LS. Congratulations to these young people. May you have continued success in your educational endeavors. Special donations to the Scholarship Fund are always welcome. Make your tax-deductible check payable to the 129th AHA Scholarship Fund. Donors are recognized quarterly in the newsletter.

The OTL Raffle

And the Winner Is . . . . .

How about a copy of that wonderful collage we gave Col Speer at his going away dinner? Well, you had your chance – and the lucky raffle ticket holder was Mrs. Santos!

If you weren’t the lucky winner of the drawing, you can order your own unframed copy of the collage for $25. You can also order an 8 by 10 unframed print of any of the unit’s planes for $10. Postage, of course, is extra. Order forms are available from John Ruppel or Jay Craddock.

Proceeds of the photo sales are earmarked for the 129th AHA Scholarship Program.

Scholarship Fund

The Old Timers’ Luncheon was very successful in raising Scholarship Funds. The raffle earned $255, photo sales garnered $82, and book sales secured an additional $198. Grand total collected for the Scholarship Fund - $535! Way to go!

The following donations have also been received:

129th RQW Membership Foundation
Anonymous Donor
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW!

The recruiting office at the 129th RQW is seeking volunteers! Can you spend a few hours a week answering phones, preparing mail outs, replying to emails? How about helping out in the recruiting booth at air shows? If you would be interested in helping the unit meet recruiting goals, please contact:

MSgt Jamie Granada
Recruiting Supervisor, 129th RQW
Commercial Phone: 1-650-603-9568
Toll Free Phone: 1-800-821-2433

New to the Gang
Our Newest Members

Welcome to these new members!

CPT Stanley Goldstein – 1961 - 1974
CMS Carl Jaegel – 1955 - 1986
BG John Iffland – 1978 - 1983
COL Gene Ignatow-
LTC Dale Mayo – 1966 - 1974
LTC Alvin Millspaugh – 1948 - 1973
BG Grant Pyle III - 1977
LTC William H. Rutledge III – 1986 - Present

Alumni Day 2000
Saturday, August 5

The Second Annual 129th AHA Alumni Day is being planned for Saturday, August 5, 2000. The Wing Commander and his staff will provide an interesting presentation for all guests (yes, there will be coffee and light snacks available). The presentation will be followed by a tour of the base and a barbecue lunch. The lunch will once again be catered by Randy’s Barbecue, so you can rest assured the meal will be both delicious and filling!

Sunday, August 6 will be the Third Annual 129th AHA Golf Tournament. MSgt Tommy Brooks, the resident pro at the Moffett Field Golf Course, is making all the arrangements. Blind Bogey will be the order of the day, and $40 gets you a round of golf, prizes, and food (last year we had hamburgers with all the fixin’s) after the tourney. If you don’t want to walk, your cart is extra! An application is included in this issue.

When details are finalized, we will send everyone a mailing with all the particulars and reservation information. Please mark your calendars now and reserve the weekend of August 5 & 6 for the Alumni Weekend!

Memberships Terminated
Banished Brethren

Pursuant to Article 11, Section 9 of the 129th Alumni and Heritage Association By-Laws, the following individuals have had their affiliation with the 129th AHA terminated:

Col Charles Cross – Dues Delinquency
CMS Michael Brown – Dues Delinquency
CMS George Enscoe – Dues Delinquency
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.

TSG Gary R. Albertson
LTC Richard Allen
MSG Manuel Amaral
LTC Shirley R. Ashby
MSG Howard Bachman
MSG David S. Bain
SMS John S. Beasley
COL John R. Breeden
LTC Joseph J. Budro
MSG Sam Burgess
TSG Larry Butts
SMS Fredrick E. Burkett
LTC Neil Campbell
SGT Steven Carlyle
1LT Desmond Casey
SMG Robert Clayton
SMS Vaughn H. Clearman
SSG Steve Courtney ★
LTC Gene Cunningham
MSG Hyrshel Flygare
SSG Johnny Forlanda
LTC Billy Freeman
SMS Arch R. Girvin
MSG Clarence F. Gruenert
Lloyd Hamilton
LTC James A. Hunt
MAJ Jerry Ingram
TSG Bobby J. Jarman
TSG John Karpaty
A3C Alan A. Kelley ★

MSG Henry Kern
Chaplain James Kinsey
BGen Charles W. Koenig
COL Charles J. Kuban
SRA Mary Lou Lara
COL Paul Lavoie, MD
MSG Bartley J. Lee
CMS Joseph Martin
Lawrence Mauch
SGT Kevin McKenna
MSG Paul Medeiros
LTC Robert A. Morton
MAJ Mark Mutchler
MAJ Terry Nelson ★
LTC John W. O’Sullivan
MSG Leon Pope
A1C Robert R. Rossie ★
MSG Frank M. Sacramento
MSG Thomas Santiago
LTC Les Spencer ★
TSG Nicholas Stoopin
CMS Harold R. Strickler
LTC Urban B. Vandever
LTC John A. Vинтер
MSG Clarence W. Wagner
LTC Louis F. Wang
CWO4 Albert S. Warnick
A1C Larry Zimmerman ★

★Killed in Action
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 29 – JULY 4, 2000
NASA TRADE SHOW
AIR SHOW & FLY IN

JULY 9, 2000
FAMILY DAY PICNIC AND OPEN HOUSE
SET THIS WEEKEND ASIDE NOW!

AUGUST 5 & 6, 2000
ALUMNI DAY AND GOLF TOURNAMENT
MAKE PLANS TO TAKE PART IN THIS EXCITING WEEKEND.

129th AHA Jackets Available
Customized with your name and rank!

Want to own a really distinctive jacket to show your affiliation with the 129th AHA? Order your navy blue, MembersOnly, summer-weight poplin jacket today. The left breast has the current wing patch and the original troop carrier group patch (now worn by the Rescue Squadron), with 129 AHA embroidered below. The right breast sports the Air Force Patch with your name embroidered below. Jackets are available for $70 ($35 deposit per jacket required). Order yours from Don Delucchi at (925) 689-2683 or online at Nonononi@aol.com – or contact ‘Hoot’ Gibson at (510) 581-9501.

129th Alumni & Heritage Association

GOLF TOURNAMENT BLIND BOGEY

Moffett Field Golf Course
6 August 2000 10:30am
$40.00 Per Player
(Power Carts Not Included)

REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE 24 JULY 2000
Food will be served after the tournament

POC: T. D. BROOKS
POC: JUDY BROOKS
4345 Michael Ave. 129LS/CCQ
Fremont, CA 94538-4014 Moffett Federal Air Field, CA 94035
Telephone (650) 490-7414 (650) 603-9255
E-mail: brookstd@juno.com jbrooks@camoff.ang.af.mil

NOTE: Soft Spikes or Athletic Shoes ONLY. No exceptions.

Send check payable to 129 AHA, with registration form, to the POC.

Name: ___________________________________________ Rank: ___ Status: AD Reserve Retired Civilian

Telephone Number: (______)_______________________ E-Mail Address: ______________________________

Sign up your own foursome or request pairing with a playing partner. (List below):

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Missing in Action
Dead Letter Department
We are looking for current addresses for these former members of the Unit. Do you know where they are today?

Mr. Bernie Badler  Mr. Stan Baroff
TSG Ed Brothers  Mr. John Cambria
MSG Frank Dwyer  LTC Don Foley
Mr. Rick Gaylord  Mr. Pat O’Sullivan
Mr. James Smith  Mr. Peter Turner

If you have an address or phone number for any of these former members, please send the information to:

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See You at Alumni Day!