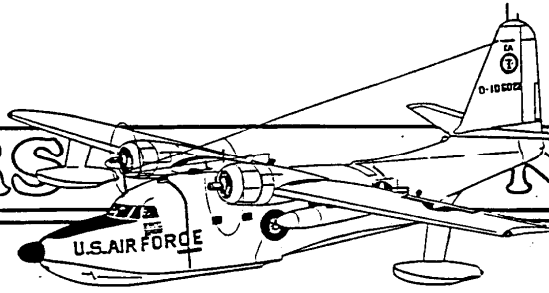


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Scholarship Winners

Lt Col Cynthia Kepple, Scholarship Chair

Each year, the 129th AHA awards scholarships to deserving members of the Unit. For the year 2003, we will be providing five scholarships - four to members of the Wing and one to a dependent.

Scholarship recipients for 2003 are:

- ◆ TSgt Maria Myakovsky
- ◆ SrA Raeann Cordova
- ◆ SrA Luke Fitzgerald
- ◆ SrA Jessica Vasconcellos
- ◆ Gonzalo Solis

The scholarship awardees will be our guests at the Old Timers' Luncheon and be presented with a \$300 check for educational expenses. Plan on being there to congratulate these young people for their accomplishments.

Cindy

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Board Election

March 2003

An election for the three at-large Directors is scheduled for 2003. The AHA Corporation Bylaws proscribe that Directors are elected in odd number years (2003) and Officers are elected in even number years (2004).

The AHA President, Jay Craddock, appointed an Election Committee composed of the Vice President, Ken Moore, the Secretary-Treasurer, John Ruppel, and association member at large, LTC Jim Rommelfanger. 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, tentatively scheduled for March 12, 2003.

Any AHA member in good standing may serve as a Director. Individuals interested in serving as a Director should complete the form included in this newsletter. Return the completed form (or a reasonable facsimile) no later than January 10, 2003, to:

Col John Ruppel
6718 Zerillo Drive
Riverbank, CA 95367-2122

Nominations must be postmarked by January 10, 2003, to be valid. All nominations will be included on the ballot. Ballots, a self-addressed stamped postcard, will be mailed to all members, with the next edition of the newsletter, in early February. There is no write-in provision. Ballots must be returned with a postmark no later than March 2, 2003 to be valid. The three 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

Interested in serving? Get your nomination form completed and returned ASAP!

The Prez Sez

The President's Column

LTC Jesse Craddock (Ret.)

As the holiday season approaches, I would like to begin the December Newsletter Prez Says with two acknowledgements.

Col Williams and the Rescue Wing members continue to perform their assigned mission with distinction and dedication. The Air Force Association award as the Outstanding Air National Guard Flying Unit testifies to the Wing's performance. We extend congratulations for an excellent year and their continuing contribution to the Nation's war on terrorism.

Organizations always have unsung persons who labor behind the scenes. Lynda Fawcett is the Association's unsung hero. As some may recognize, she edits the Newsletter, additionally handles all the administrative details for the OTL, Golf Tournament and other Association events, as well as preparing the annual federal and state tax filings. I would like to extend special kudos to Lynda on behalf of the Membership and Board for all her efforts; they are much appreciated

Under the able leadership of Ken Moore, the Association, in conjunction with Rescue Member Foundation, manned several Moffett Air Show food and beverage booths. The Air Show weekend raised \$1,300 for the Association Scholarship Program. Kudos to all who supported the weekend activities

The Association recently lost two members: SMSgt Don Shanks, October 20, and Lt Col Greg Bose, November 8. The Newsletter contains a piece on Don and Greg. Joan Butow, the wife of retired CMSgt Dick Butow, former CE Superintendent, also passed away. Their son, Major Steve Butow, is a Rescue Squadron pilot.

The Association annual Old Timers' Lunch will be held at the Alameda Elks Club March 12, 2003. This year's speaker will be Major Dennis Davoren, a Beale AFB U-2 pilot. The lunch price will be \$13. A portion of the lunch fee will be donated to the Wing Family Support Program. The Board has recently purchased a supply of Association Logo Patches. Members attending the Old Timers' Lunch will receive a patch. Additional patches will be available for \$4 per patch.

The Prez Sez (continued)

The Bylaws call for Director elections in odd number years. The Association will only prosper and be guaranteed a strong future with the membership willingness to serve. The election details and director nomination forms can be found in the Newsletter.

A very simple electronic process affords civilians an opportunity to say "Thanks" to military members overseas for the Holidays. This project will be sent to our deployed all over the world. When you see the link, you'll see just how easy this process is. Thanks for your help.

<http://www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html>

Happy Holidays to all and we'll see you in March

Jay



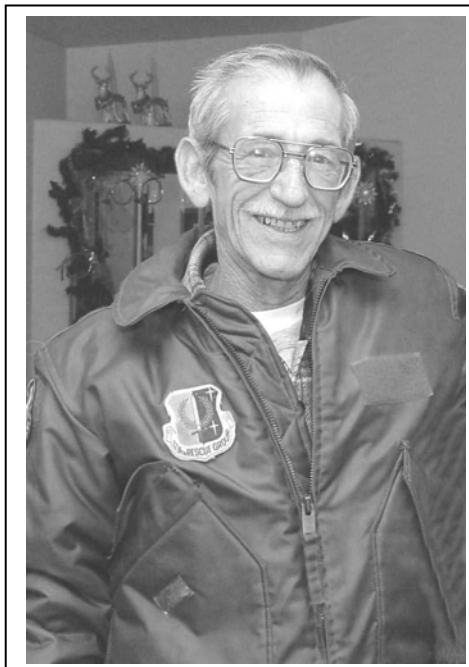
Happy Holidays from the Board of Directors!

*Jay Craddock, John Ruppel, Cindy Kepple, Ken Moore,
Carolann Wunderlin, Don Delucchi, Tommy Williams*

Not Present - Ed Boddington



Jay Craddock presented Carolann Wunderlin a \$500 check for the Family Support Program.



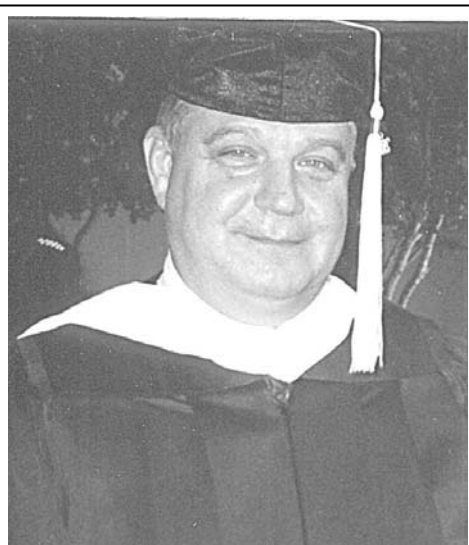
SMSgt Don Shanks

23 November 1942 - 22 October 2002

SMSgt Don Shanks, 59, passed away Tuesday, October 22, 2002, at his home in Meridian, Idaho, of natural causes. Don was born in Grand Island, Nebraska, to Robert and Lavena McCurdy Shanks. He was raised in Grand Island and graduated from high school in 1961.

He always had a love of planes and flying. It was this love that led him to serve his country in the US Air Force for four years. After the Air Force, Don joined the California Air National Guard where he worked as a flight engineer in the 129th Rescue Wing for 20 years. He was also employed by United Airlines as an aircraft mechanic for 32 years. After Don's retirement from the Guard in 1993, they moved to Meridian, Idaho.

Don was an excellent pilot and loved to fly. He was active in scouting and served as leader for his sons' scout troops. He enjoyed woodworking and restoring old cars. Don is survived by his wife of 39 years, Barbara; his two sons, Don (Julie) and Mike (Jackie) Shanks; four granddaughters; two brothers, Larry and Bob Shanks; a sister, Vicky Sok; and several nieces and nephews.



Lt Col Greg Bose

26 March 1950 - 8 November 2002

Lt Col Gregory Allan Bose, 52, passed away Friday, November 8, 2002, at his home in Challis, Idaho. Greg was born in Oakland, California, to Phillip and Marie Jane Liotta Bose. He was raised in Pleasant Hill and graduated from high school in 1968.

Flying was Greg's life. He was a registered instrument pilot and majored in aeronautical engineering. After graduation from San Jose State College, Greg served as officer in the Strategic Air Command and the 129th Rescue Wing. After his retirement from the Guard in 1992, Greg moved to Dallas, Texas, to attend the Dallas Theological Seminary. He received his Master's Degree in May 2002.

Greg relocated to Challis, Idaho, in 1997. He was a member of the Custer County Sheriff's Office, serving as a reserve deputy and radio-electrical technician. He served as Youth Minister for the Challis Mission Bible Church. Working with troubled youth was his passion.

Greg is survived by his father, Philip; two sisters, Jan (Jim) Belding, and Elaine Ann Bose; one niece and one nephew.

Memorial donations are suggested to:
Challis Mission Bible Church Building Fund
P.O. Box 204
Challis, Idaho 83226-0204

Elks Lodge Alameda - 2255 Santa Clara Drive



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Driving Directions to the Alameda Elks Lodge - 2255 Santa Clara Ave.

- Take the High Street exit off the 880 freeway whether you are coming from the North or the South.
- Go West on High Street to Santa Clara Street.
- Turn right (North) onto Santa Clara Street.
- The lodge is located one (1) block past (North) Park Street.
- Parking is in the rear.

The Annual
129th AHA Old Timers Luncheon
March 12, 2003



Alameda Elks Lodge
2255 Santa Clara Avenue
(510) 522-1015

- 1130 Hrs At the Bar**
Trim Adjustment, Hangar Flying, Ramp Rumors,
Old Buddies Checklist
- 1215 Hrs Gear Down & Locked Lunch**
Roast Beef Buffet with all the trimmings
\$13.00 per person (includes \$2.00 donation to Family Support)
- 1330 Hrs 129th AHA Annual Meeting**
Call to Order, Announcement of New Board Directors
Presentation of Scholarship Awards
- 1400 Hrs Guest Speaker**
Maj Dennis Davoren, Beale AFB
- 1430 Hrs Raffle and Social Hour**

Spouses and guests are welcome!

P.O.C. Jesse Craddock (650) 968-0446
Ed Boddington (209) 536-1777

Reservation Form - Must Be Received (with payment) by March 8, 2003

Please Reserve Ramp Service For:

Name: _____

Guest's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Number of Souls Attending: _____

Total Amount Enclosed (\$13.00 per person): _____

Make Check Payable To: 129th AHA
Mail Check and Reservation Form To:
Col. John L. Ruppel, Jr. (ret)
6718 Zerillo Drive
Riverbank, CA 95367-2122

NOMINATION FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Now is your opportunity!

Do you want to have a hand in running the 129th Alumni and Heritage Association? Do you want to be more involved in the Association? Do you have lots of great ideas for things the Association could be involved in?

Now is your opportunity. Nominate yourself (you CAN NOT nominate another person) to serve for 2 years as a Director at large. If elected, you will serve on the Board of Directors of the 129th Alumni and Heritage Association.

Volunteer NOW!

NOMINATION FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Yes! I want to be more involved in the 129th AHA!
Place my name in nomination for Director at Large.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Rank: _____ Dates of Service in 129th: _____

Signature: _____

Must be postmarked by January 10, 2003. Mail to:

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New to the Gang

Our Newest Members

Lt Col Scott Michelson

SMSgt Bill & Carolann Wunderlin

Welcome!

Do you know someone who has been affiliated with the 129th RQW or its predecessor organizations - and is not a member of the Association? Let's get them signed up!

129th AHA Jackets No Longer Available

After much searching, we have been unable to find a new source of MembersOnly jackets - so we are not currently taking orders for 129th AHA jackets.

We would very much like to have the ability to create custom jackets for you. We have new 129th AHA logo patches for the jackets, but no jackets to put them on! If you know of a source for this type of jacket in navy blue, please let us know.

Contact Don Delucchi at:

(925) 689-2683

or online at Nonononi@aol.com

Have you moved? Know a former member of the 129th who isn't a member yet?

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM 2003 Dues \$10.00

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)
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**If your personal information has changed,
PLEASE USE THIS FORM AND NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY!!**

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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.

The newsletter is mailed out with a request for address correction. The post office does not forward the newsletter to you. They return it to us - and charge us 37¢. Then we update your file, put your newsletter in an envelope, put a 37¢ stamp on the packet, and mail it out to you. 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. A member information form is included in every issue.

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Happy Holidays!