



# CHINA POST # 1

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## CONVENTION / REUNION 2006 FT WORTH TEXAS SEPTEMBER 7-10 BEST WESTERN INN SUITES HOTEL AND SUITES

Our room block begins on Tuesday 5 September and is valid through Monday 11 September. The hotel is located at **2000 Beach Street @ I-30 Ft Worth, TX 76103 Phone 817-534-4801 FAX 817-536-5384**. Singles w/1 King bed; Doubles w/2 beds; Triple and Quad occupancy are all \$ 69 per night + tax. A few Executive Suites at \$89 per night and Jacuzzi Suites at \$ 145 per night are available. **You must call for your individual reservation with credit card guarantee by the cut off date of 15 August.** The Rate includes: 2 complimentary welcome drinks per person; a full Healthy Texas Breakfast Buffet, Evening Social Hour and all amenities. In this Poop Sheet will be a registration form to send in for the Post events to be listed. As for the events, we will be setting up the Hospitality Room on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> and expect to be in full operation by Thursday and keep it open through Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday night we will probably check out the hotels social hour and find an activity for the early arrivals to enjoy. On Thursday night (7<sup>th</sup>) the hotel has arranged free admission to "Billy Bob's" a traditional Texas dance hall and honky-tonk. We are working on the transportation needs to get us there. Friday night we will serve a Western Buffet at the hotel. During the day we will be arranging transportation for shopping, museums and other activities. Saturday morning will be the Post business meeting followed by the 40 & 8 meeting and that evening we will be served a plated dinner with 3 entrée choices. Does it sound good so far? Thank Jim and crew.

**REMEMBER TO CONTACT THE HOTEL AND MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** We do have a block of 100 rooms for Friday and Saturday with a sliding number on the earlier and following days so it is important that you make your reservations so we can work on expanding the other day's room numbers if necessary. For members flying in, DFW the Dallas Ft Worth International airport is the closest. If you are not planning on a rental car we will investigate the best transportation options between the airport and the hotel and will publish those on the web site and send them to the members who indicate that they need them on their registration form.

## SO YOU MISSED FRANCE AGAIN?

We were back in the South of France this year and to see what you missed, check out the web site [WWW.Chinapost1.org](http://WWW.Chinapost1.org) and there are a number of links to photo pages from several different members cameras. Every year has a little something different and this was no exception. **Tim and Rosa Brown, Cory and Marivic Francis and Jimmy and Catarina Beresky** flew in from DMD, **Dick Schubnell** from Nevada and **Roger Gowen** from Arizona. We made an early trip by train to Monte Carlo using our "senior fare" status, mainly to get passport stamps and do an afternoon at the Café' Casino before a train ride back to Menton. It's amazing. From the train station to the Casino it was all uphill. This point was pressed upon the tour guide regularly. **Jim and Anna Lint** came in the following day with daughter **Jeesun**, **Kim** and **George Eby** drove in from Germany and **Paul Kulausov** came down from Paris. We had our meetings and lunches served by good friend **Jacque** at our local official watering hole, the **Terminus Restaurant** and made the walk between the hotel and the Terminus a little easier with regular en-route stops at the Majestic. We also were able to have lunch with our local residents,

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**Dr Bob Eager** and with **Janet Rosen** who also keeps the flags for us to use in the ceremonies. We did the three ceremonies in Menton with Tim, Jim, and Cory serving as flag bearers, rotating the duty so that we could get everyone involved in laying a wreath. As the town band plays the US National Anthem in a foreign country, I still get the thrill that Olympic Athletes feel when they are standing on the podium. Then the fun started. We had decided not to try to rent a bus for the ride to Roquebrune for their ceremonies since there is a city bus that goes there for a small fare rather than spending several hundred euros. The local flag bearers had a bus to transport them after a refreshment at the Terminus. We were not ready to go when they decided to leave and figured that we would fall back on plan A with the city bus. Jacques said he would get the bus to come back for us, but after some conversation between Paul and Jacques two police squad cars showed up and loaded us aboard. With George's vehicle in the center, we had a lights and siren convoy over to Roqubrune with a whole lot of local attention. You might say we had a typical China Post day. After the ceremonies; and they have a new monument to the American and Canadian Special Service Force where we laid a wreath, we joined the Mayor and the town for a "Vin de Honor". Afterwards, the Police returned to give us all rides back to the hotel in Menton. It was a hoot; we promised shirts for next year, so do not be surprised to see the local constabulary in China Post logos next year. Lots of good food and a constantly moving hospitality room in the hotel but it was time to start the return trip. Jim and Catarina and Fred went to Paris with the holdovers planning on San Remo but deciding on Cannes for the prelude to the film festival. In Paris we had dinner at the Moulon Rouge and the following morning 'did' the Louvre. We then joined **John Davis** and Paul at a Paris restaurant to celebrate **Frank Corrigan's** birthday. After a climb to the top of the Arc de Triumph, I opted out of the dinner cruise in order to pack for the next day's flight while Jim and Catarina went to Normandy. As usual, this trip was different with some new participants and events. Set your sites on 2007.

## A REMINDER OF SOMETHING YOU NEED

The National Personnel Records Center has a new electronic method for veterans to obtain copies of their DD Form 214. Since the upsurge in identity theft it is no longer recommended that you file a

copy at your county courthouse but all veterans should have a copy in a safe place where it can be located when and if needed. The address is, <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/> Individuals other than the veterans or their next-of-kin must complete the Standard Form 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records, which can also be downloaded from the web site.

## DRAGON FUND DONORS

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## DUES, YIKEN, YWHERE, YHY, HOY

On your address label you should find a number or letters following your name. If the number is 2006 or higher that means that you are current in your dues. If there are letters with an 'L' then you are a paid up for life member. If **you have 205 or lower** then you are delinquent in your dues. 'H' means we paid your dues for you. **2007 DUES BECOME DUE ON 1 JULY 2006.** We have processed about 200 member's 2006 dues in the past two months. They were late. If your dues are not paid by January you become delinquent in the eyes of the Legion and on 31 Jan 2007 your 2006 card expires. If you pay 2006 in June then you are due for 2007 within a month—**The Legion operates on the old fiscal year-1 July to 30 June.** We also have some members who have sent a second payment in the last month that we will apply to your 2007 dues. See more about dues later in this Poop Sheet when we are talking about National Convention.

## AUTHORS

The February issue of *Military Magazine* carries a review of **Aardvarks and Rangers** by **Jim Roper** which was followed in the May issue with a review of **Quoth the Raven** Jim's earlier book.

**W.E.B. Griffin** who we told you about in the last Poop Sheet with his book "**The Hostage**" which has a piece about the Post on page 323. If you do not have your copy, be prepared to buy two books. On June 6, 2006 he is launching a book tour in Texas starting in Ft Worth and continuing through

the State to debut his latest “**The Saboteurs**” and then on to Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> which is significant on several points. 1. It is based on his series **OSS Men at War** 2. It is the first book that he has done with a co-writer. 3. That co-writer is **W E Butterworth IV** who is a member of the China Post SAL. I’m sure that the local bookstores in your area will have an announcement if he is in your town plus the schedule has been forwarded to our web page. There was also a piece in the Costco members magazine announcing the book launch. I hope that Bill can make the Ft Worth reunion and sign books for the attendees.

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS (ALR)

Thanks to PUFL member **Ron Burkett** we now have a China Post chapter of the ALR with Ron as the Founding Director and so far about 20 members in line. All Post members who ride are eligible to join and get the patch. The patch is not considered “colors” and there are clubs of the ALR in almost every Department. While I do not think that I qualify with my stationary exercise bike I hope that our members who ride, especially **Mike Shelby** of San Diego Harley and **Robert Thundercloud** our graphic artist will join up. Maybe Robert will design a CP 1 logo drawing for our ALR. There is a link and a web server page being set up for communication among the ALR members by our web master. For the time being you can contact Ron through the web to join or send your interest to the Adjutant at the Post PO Box (on the masthead of this Poop Sheet) and it will be forwarded to Ron.

## PEOPLE

There is an article in the May issue of *Professional Pilot Magazine* in the Flight Ops section about the Gulfstream G350. You can read it on their web page. Pictured is Post member **Colin Kelley** who is among the first pilots outside Gulfstream to fly the G350. We often hear from Colin when he is on an assignment flying in some exotic corner of the globe.

The Spring '05 issue of *Public Relations Quarterly* features an article by **Hal D Steward** titled “War News Media Coverage: What the U. S. Army in Iraq could learn from past combat correspondents”. His past work as a journalist, author and Ph.D has earned him a spot in the U.S. Army Public Affairs Hall of Fame as well as the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame.

“The Drop”, the Special Forces Association publication always has several of our members featured from the Houston Chapter 39 such as their treasurer **Jan Roush** and the Las Vegas Chapter number LI where most of the officers and a large percentage of the membership are CP 1 members. **Terry Swafford** is the Chapter President and **Bill Anton** is the Vice President. **Bill Anton** has also assumed the office of Department Adjutant of the Nevada Disabled American Veterans.

The December *Military Magazine* had an article about Medal of Honor recipient **Lewis Millet** with the Orange County Chapter of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Association holding a 85<sup>th</sup> birthday party in his honor.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION

This years National Convention of the Legion will be held in Salt Lake City, UT from 18 August until 24 August. I have been forewarned that one of the agenda items is an **increase in National dues of \$ 5.00**. If this passes which it will due to increases in postal rates and other items, it will take effect in January 2007. That means that we will have to follow suit and raise the Post dues by \$5.00 to also take effect in January. **Two solutions 1) pay your 2007 dues as soon as you get the notice but no later than December 31 2) Inquire about a PUFL.**

## AIR AMERICA ASSOCIATION

This years annual meeting was held in Washington DC with **Charles Davis** as host at the Alexandria Hilton. **Dan Gamelin** did his usual outstanding job handling the emblem sales. With a large area to work with and professional type clothing racks it looked like you had wandered into the Air America Boutique. There were so many Post members present that any effort to name them all would omit too many so I will hit the highlights of the members that I did get to spend time with. Fellow Raven **Gene Hamner** brought the family and **Mika Lentz** who produced the newest Raven Documentary film was there to do background interviews with **Jack Knotts** and others, preliminary work to produce an Air America Documentary. There were lunch sightseeing cruises and tours and on Friday night the busses arrived for a trip to partake of Mongolian Bar-B-Que. I sat with **Craig** and **Terri Duehring** and **Father Luke** at the event where we also ran into our Northern Virginia Division Post Sr Vice Cdr **Ed Connor**. **Jim** and **Anna Lint** came by for

breakfast on Saturday and then on to the business meeting. Post Sr VC **Mike Kandt** took the board position of Permanent Secretary. MGen **Larry Taylor** gave a presentation on the "Air America's 'Secret War' Laos" tour that will precede the **Return to SEA Reunion 2006** meeting in Bangkok 21-24 Sept. Larry will be on the tour as a guide/docent and for those planning on this tour it will be on 10-23 Sept and end in BKK. "**Mule**" **Parker, Jim Glerum, 'Tiny' Aldrich** and **Chuck Rodehaver** were also some of the people that we had a chance to spend time with. Texas Tech has an oral history project that is headed by **Steve Maxner**. We have invited Steve to come to the CP meeting to see about working on an oral history project for CP.

**Air Commandos**, Ft Walton Beach October 5-8

**Ravens** 12-15 October Randolph AFB

**40 & 8 Promenade National** Traverse City, MI  
October 18-21

**MOST IMPORTANT—China Post meeting in FT Worth, TX 7-9 Sept with available rooms before and after**

## FOOTNOTES

As you get this it will be **Major Thomas Lucario**

**William Cowell** has sent us a picture of Nixon and Elvis in the Oval Office along with copies of the back up paperwork from the National Archives.

**Maurice Masar** sent in an article for the Poop Sheet but my desk ate it.

**Mac Thompson** got into Long Tieng Base in Laos with **Roger Warner**, author and documentary film maker and was able to film Mac 'wandering' our old base wearing his CP 1 hat and meeting with the local authorities. Roger has given me permission to load or link this film to our, or the Raven web site depending on where we have the space.

**Jim Lint** informed me that we had to change our ISP but the change went smoothly and we did not lose any of our e-mail accounts or list servers and in fact gained a 'blog' site. The last time I had something the doctor called a blog I was put on antibiotics. Jim tells me that it is a good thing.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**American Legion National** Salt Lake City UT  
August 18-23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Return to SEA Reunion 2006** in Bangkok 21-24  
September. Aesea2006@yahoo.com

**SOA** not sure of the date in late September early  
October since they are trying to go to a mid-week.

