



CHINA POST # 1 POOP SHEET

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CONVENTION / REUNION 2009 THE FLAMINGO HOTEL LAS VEGAS

We have firmed up our contract with the Harrah's Hotel group for what might be a long-term relationship with Harrahs group and for 2009, the Flamingo Hotel. The dates are set for Thursday September 24 through Sunday September 27. We will follow the **SOAR** meeting, which ends on Thursday night, the 24th at the Orleans Hotel. Our room block will be available Monday the 21st until 3 days after our reunion for those who want to stay at the Flamingo on the Las Vegas Strip. This is an effort to allow our SOAR members to come in for their banquet, stay for the weekend and enjoy the airline discounts for the Sat night stay or to move over when the SOAR ends. Our room block is for run of the house **SUN to Thursday nights @\$ 49 / Fri & Sat @ \$ 79**. We will have a Suite Hospitality room available from Thursday 24 September through Sunday 27 Sept. The Flamingo will provide a web link for booking reservations online and we have our Las Vegas Division working with the hotel and finding activities to make Las Vegas our default destination for the future. We are working on the menus to give our members the value and quality meals and beverages they expect at a CP event. There will be a short June PooP Sheet that will have all of the final registration information, and of course it will be posted on our web site before you receive it in the mail. Several members from overseas locations are planning to attend, so make **Sept 24 -28** a part of your plans and come to the annual meeting.

PHOENIX REUNION KEYS

Our meeting in Phoenix was set up to dovetail the National Legion Convention as we have done for several years. We had several members with rental vehicles so we did not stay at the Legions hotels but had our own set up at the Sheraton Garden hotel. That gave us a large hospitality suite, a separate building on the grounds for meetings

and banquet and fortunately we were able to be far apart from the AZ State AA meeting so that neither of us influenced the other. We did send **Dick Schubnell** on recon runs to check. The National Parade was held indoors due to the Phoenix heat and we then had a program with the Marine Silent Drill team and watched 500 troops from all services re-enlist or initially enlist while most of the audience rose and also took the oath. I guess this means we are back on duty, without pay, awaiting orders.

Most of National was spent with us finding a couple of watering holes and getting Dept and Natl to see our unique position and letting us do the things we do in the places we do them. The DMD raised \$5,200 for the Legacy Fund, a program to support the education of the children of service people killed or severely injured in the Gulf Wars. Although there were Departments with a higher contribution, the presentation on stage was the highest from a single Post. On Thursday as National ended, we had our first activity, a CP party at the Phoenix home of **Hank Hoffman**. We provided the food and beverages, with doggie bags to the

hospitality room, and Hank provided the place, which has been used as a movie set in some productions. A number of Department delegates joined us as guests. **Hans Stockenberger SR VC**, had a senior moment between boarding the plane in Houston and arriving in Phoenix without his wallet. A trip out to Luke AFB let him reconfirm his identity while we finalized our arrangements with the Base for Friday night. Everyone was security vetted to get on the base for Mongolian Bar-B-Que at the club. We set up a car-pool for transportation and at first, we had everyone in uniform in the club invited to be on our tab, but since many active troops were not in uniform we put the whole club on our tab. It must be the new math that the Air Force uses because we were under budget. On Saturday morning we had a brief meeting of the Executive Committee with most of the Post members attending led by the wisdom of **Abe Goldfarb** and some new ideas for the future by **Bill Anton**. The agenda for the business meeting was opened in due form and



the main items discussed was the problem of trying to have our meetings dovetail the Legions without local support. The motion was made and passed, the Post would schedule its future meetings in Las Vegas for the future unless another Division puts forward a proposal to host a future Annual Post Meeting in their area. After a recess, the Voiture and Grande 40 & 8 held their Promenade. At the banquet, we did a probable first by doing a marriage ceremony for **David & Karen Tszanz**. **Gene Hamner** turned the B Shipper title over to **Ron Butts**, wonder if he is still wearing the jester hat when he flies. **Ken & Anita Cook** were in from IL and **James Wengenroth & Ann** made it in from his unknown starting point. His stories of the Ugandan troops almost got him a repeat title and **Wes & Sandra Tribble** reminded us of the true parts of the recent movie about a Texas Congressman. Good to see **Emmet Sullivan** and **Jim & Sandy Maupin** with our new Auxiliary President, **Dana Maupin**. **Chris Spidle** brought un-PC T-shirts to pass out and from the local area, **Larry Margolies** and **Bob Bohach** were able to attend. **Ron & Marlys Burkett** were also there to represent our Legion Riders Chapter although it was too hot to bring the bikes. One of the reasons to not follow the Legion's Natl meeting was the extraordinary banquet food costs in Phoenix. This was the first time that we not only did not receive any complaints about food but both the Luke Club and the Sheraton received rave reviews despite the high prices that were reasonable for the area.

2ND 3RD DUES NOTICE ? PAID ??

If you wonder why you got another dues notice after you paid (except for the ones we couldn't find) you were late. Annual dues are due at the first of the fiscal year **1 July 2009** for 2010. We do not get a notice again until you are almost out of time. If you have not paid in time for us to process and send it in by **31 Jan** you are delinquent at National and then the "game" of continuous years on the pre-printed card begins. If you get a notice within a month of sending in your dues, and you have sent them, ignore it. If you already have your current card-ignore it. If your label has 2009, or anything with an 'L' you are current. If not, you are late, 'nuf said.

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GIANT FOOTPRINTS

The Post lost several of its leaders over the past months. **Jerry Williams** aka "**Gunslinger**" lost his battle with the stroke that followed his combat wounds from an IED in Iraq. Jerry was a member of the Post's Executive Committee and his wife

Jenny was the leader of our Auxiliary. He had fought a long battle over two years but finally is at rest. His service to the Nation included being in 1st Cav as a pilot in helicopters in Vietnam then a career with the alphabet agencies that took him to hot spots in Asia and Africa and finally to Singapore where he retired back to Texas. He then took on high level security positions that took him to Mexico and Central America and to leading operations in Afghanistan and Iraq where he was responsible for a number of Post members being hired to participate in those operations in SW Asia. He recruited a large number of members to the Post who were, and still are, involved in high-risk operations worldwide. Jerry also 'audited' the Post's 'auditor' to give a second look at the books, I'm sorry that he never found the 23 cents that he said we were over. Seven Post members, properly attired served as Pall Bearers; Abe Goldfarb, Tom Rohde, Jim Luke, Dick Welch, Tim Brown, BJ Robertson and Fred Platt. Jerry went to his last meeting wearing his Tux and his 1st Cav hat. After the graveside service we found a small local Legion Post in a shopping center in Ft Worth who provided us a bottle and glasses and made a 'designated fire place' so we could have the last toast.

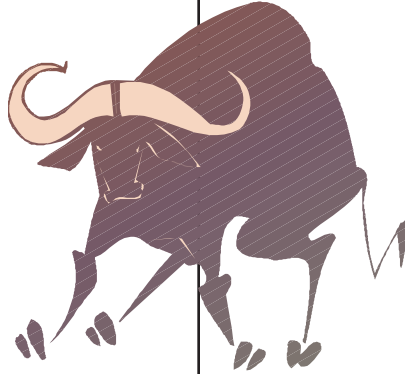
Helen Wight a gracious lady who was also on our Senior Commanders list and who served in SE Asia with Air America and the military agencies. I think back to a couple of times that illustrated Helen to me, one occurred as we were coming back after **Cash's** funeral and Janet and I were entering the airport. We saw Helen sitting in the lobby with a small bag like a doctor's kit and another bag. I asked if she wanted to join us in the CO Presidents club and she agreed. She let me carry the tote bag but she kept her purse and the 'kit' bag. When we sat down I said that her 'kit' looks heavy and I would be glad to carry it, she said "Oh no, Fred, that's my UZI". Again at an Air America Reunion in Florida Helen wore a T-shirt that said "front toward enemy". I said, Helen, you're a claymore, and she said, "finally someone figured out my shirt". Helen was fluent in Chinese and was a high-ranking asset for these skills. We had a Post member fly some of our Post's US flags in battle in Iraq (originally flown over the Capitol at the request of Sen Goldwater on July 4 1985) for 9 min and 11 seconds on 9/11/07 and sent one to Helen when she started Hospice care. Helen's service was attended by Post and Air America members with a local Legion Post doing the burial Honors.

IN MEMORIUM

George Pipas who owned the Texas Lonestar Bar

in Washington Sq in Bangkok. This was a Post watering hole back to the early days of Pat Landry in Bangkok and a place with lots of memorabilia about individual members and several Post banners and decals on the walls. We will update on the status in the watering holes section when we get further information.

John Feidt Sr was a 24 year Post member with 26 years in the US Navy, with 17 of those on submarines



Hal Link was a USN Veteran and a 27 year Post member. He was out of the Post for a couple of years to be the Commander of a Legion Post in ND but transferred back to CP when he moved to MN. He was also a Past Chef of Voiture #101 and a life VFW member. He worked in over 20 countries and was a Charter Member of The Khartoum Memorial Division now in exile.

Sue Buol Hacker who worked on the Manhattan Project arrived in Shanghai in 1947 and worked as **General Chennault's** secretary there and in Taipei when he moved there in 1950. When CAT started jet passenger service she trained the flight service personnel. In 1974 she contacted the CAT employees for a Reunion in Honolulu and that started the CAT Association whom she served as Secretary for many years.

Maj Gen Charles D Barrett, USA Ret, a Korea War Veteran living in New York. He was a Mechanical Engineer and his Post Citation read "Iroquois Chief".

David D Williams, a 40 continuous year Post member, US Army Vietnam. General Contractor and Private Investigator with a communication specialty, Dave was fluent in French, Spanish and Arabic.

Audrey Greenway, wife of Sr VC John Greenway will be missed by all of us.

NORTHERN VA MEMORIAL DIVISION

The Northern VA Chapter of CP 1 will hold its annual Luncheon and Meeting at Wu's Garden Restaurant at 418 Maple Ave E (Route 123) Vienna, VA. Sunday the 3rd of May. Cash bar open at 11:30, lunch at 12:30 with Guest Speaker, BG Roderick West at 1:30. Reservations are \$ 25, contact Mike Evers at Mike4159@msn.com

DMD BLACK TIE CHARITY CASINO

The event will be held Thursday April 30 at a

location on camp to be announced. Proceeds will benefit the Legacy Fund, ANHA, and the AALL. Contact DMD officers or JMD officers for tickets and information.

AIR FORCES ESCAPE AND EVASION SOC.

May be holding its last Reunion May 4-12 at the Holiday Inn Dayton / Fairborn. One of the business items on the agenda will concern whether to furl the flags and stand down due to the aging membership. While there are Korean War and Vietnam War Vets in the Organization, the great majority are WW II and they are declining in numbers. One of the highlights will be a tour of the Air Force Museum which has exhibits dedicated to Post member **Hal Fischer** and to Air Commando and balloonist **Joe Kittenger**. There is also a new memorial and exhibit that is dedicated to the FACs and Ravens of SEA.

AIR AMERICA

U of Texas, Dallas will host the 2009 meeting 3-6 June. The Original Memorial Plaque will be re-dedicated and an additional Plaque containing 10 additional names will be dedicated. For information go to the web site, www.air-america.org.

10/10/09

A gathering of Air America that included a number of our Northern Virginia Division members was held at CIA HQ in Langley to dedicate the latest addition to the art gallery at the Agency. Entitled "Rescue on the PDJ" it features an event that involved, and was similar to ones, that many of our Post members participated in.

LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Legion National Convention will be Aug 21-27 in Louisville, KY. As usual airline discounts arranged by National are available with Northwest, United and American. Details at www.legion.org/national/divisions/convention. An important point to remember is that we will not be following or preceding National with the CP 1 meeting so this is a "Destination Meeting". If you plan to go, let the Post know so that we can arrange for credentials / rooms through the Department.

40 & 8 PROMENADE NATIONALE

The 90th Promenade National will be held with all rooms and events at the Clarion Hotel in Rochester, NY from Sept 8-12. Contact **Roger Gowen**, our Grand Correspondent for details and credentials.

EAST WEST SHRINE GAME

This annual college game is held in Houston each year. **Alan "Hooker" Johnson** and **Ed Connor** each sent a pair of tickets for the game which we put into silent auctions for Houston Livestock Show charities which support scholarships Statewide. And speaking of the HLS & R,

HLS&R AND THE 189 CLUB

The 189 Club is a 501-c-3 charity in Houston that supports the scholarship programs of the Houston Livestock Show. Post, Aux and SAL members **George Arnold, Larry Berkman, Randy Bridges, Tim Brown, Fowler Cary, Gary Deitcher, Steve Furman, Bobby Gonzales, Wayne Highfield, Harvey Lewis, Jack Pitts, Fred Platt, David Ryan, Doug Terrill, Joe Toman, and Sue Wood** are active members. Also show Lifetime Director **John Gunn** is a supporter along with other show members. With others who are involved, we have a Memorial Division within the show.

