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REUNION 2011 FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS
Meeting 2011 The Flamingo Hotel, on the Strip in Las Vegas. Rooms available from the 19 of Sept through the 26th for those who arrive early or stay over. A reunion **REGISTRATION FORM IS INCLUDED IN THIS POOP SHEET.** The hotel reservation # is 1-800-557-3606. Our room code is **SFCP11**.

Important: the **room cut off date is Aug 15**. Make your room reservation as soon as possible. You can always cancel if your plans change but we cannot add more rooms to the block. The official reunion dates are: Open hospitality room on Thursday Sept 22 (officially, earlier if possible) We will have a **SLUNCH** on Friday the 23rd at 2:30 PM (1430 Navy time) consisting of Dim Sum and two carving stations plus other food. This will allow members who want to make plans for a show or other Dinner activities to have time for a Friday evening in Las Vegas. The 40 & 8 will meet after the 'Slunch'. On Saturday we will have the annual meeting at 11 AM with the afternoon free and the Post Banquet on Saturday night. Happy hour starts at 6 PM (1800) with the Banquet at 7 PM. We will bring the emblem sales to Las Vegas and will make up 'goody bags' for the attendees. You can also use the canvas bags for your slot money in the casino. For the **Auxiliary** and other members who want to get in touch with their feminine side, **Anne Aderholt** and **Lisa Ownby** plan to duplicate last year's Magical Miracle Shopping tour of Las Vegas bargain stores and thrift shops. If you want to be well accessorized on the cheap, they would like to drag you to shopping venues they have discovered that you could probably not find on your own. If you do not have

a **PLAYERS CARD**, sign up when you get there and remember to insert it in the machines, even if you are only killing time at the penny slots.

DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE CONVENTIONS

Hans, H Ownby, Tom Rohde and Kerry Kilburn went there to represent us at this year's meeting in Germany where they passed an updated Dept

Constitution and By-Laws which hopefully, now that they are in writing, will keep several folks from saying that they say something that they absolutely do not. H was the 'Bell Cow' on the rewrite so they reflect 'the law' not opinions of it.

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QUOTE FROM SHAKESPEARE (IF YOU DON'T REMEMBER YOUR HS ENGLISH CLASS)

Henry the Sixth, Part 2 Act 4 Scene 2. 71-78

Dick:

"The first thing we do, **let's kill all the lawyers**"

Cade:

"That I mean to do."

NOT the Attorneys noted on the back of the letterhead that you will receive with your 2012 card, but the ones in Las Vegas who have absconded with lots of money from the trust that **Hal Fischer** left to the Post for the building fund. Between the amount that he left and what has been withdrawn by the "Trustee's Attorney" and a legal fight with the children that Hal intended to disinherit, there has not been a distribution since the first attorney turned over a minimal amount and he has fought us to the Nevada Supreme Court. That has tied up funds in various accounts with legal authorities in Nevada and built up 6 figure legal bills. We are still fighting and we have had the "Trustee" replaced but still do not have the distribution of the body of the Trust and the bills still pile up. It is a slow, tedious process and I cannot predict when it will be complete but the frustration grows and grows and grows.

PUFL MEMBERSHIPS

Over the past two years National decided to raise the cost of PUFL memberships to the point that you now have a 36 month option to pay your dues on a monthly basis or to do a onetime payment to multiply by 36, the monthly rate based on dues. Using a couple of age blocks ie: 50 – 54 it's 32 x 36 or \$1,152 for a PUFL. At 55-59 it's 28.97 x 36 or \$ 1,043. At 60 – 64 the amount is 25.83 x 36 = \$ 930 / 65 – 69 = 22.72 x 36 = \$ 818. As you are beginning to see at 70 – 74 it's 19.67 x 36 or \$ 709 and at 75 -79 16.67 x 36 = \$ 600 / 80 – 84 = 13.97 x 36 = \$ 503 and finally over 85 years it is steady at 12.08 x 36 = \$ 435. As you see by these numbers, a PUFL membership is not a bargain and I do not recommend that any members sign up for them in the future unless you've just won your State's lottery and are looking for a tax deduction. For those who habitually forget their dues for a year or two, either due to sudden attacks of the dreaded CRS disease, moves, remote assignments or if

you need the dues payment because you can't afford your meds, then I would no longer suggest that a PUFL is a viable option unless they change the rules (Unlikely). We will still take advance payments for several years at a time which are marked on your permanent file card at the Post. You will get a dues notice annually but if you remind us, if we do not catch it at the first of the Legion year and send you your card, we will send your card out. In this same vein, we will no longer have the FOUNDERS PUFL'S since they no longer make economic sense. They are also initiating a pay by credit card program to go direct to National this year. The Post's portion of your dues will be held at the Department as a credit against what we would pay them for members who renew in the regular mail fashion. I'd guess that we settle up with them when they owe us too much from the escrow or if we use it up in renewals and we owe them some additional. NOTE: There does not seem to be anywhere in this system for additional DRAGON FUND donations so those must still be sent directly to the Post. The difference that I see so far is that we do not pay a credit / debit card processing fee and National records you and sends a temporary 90 day card. We will still have the postage to send your card plus the other 'goodies' but we will also not get your address change from National so use the card enclosed in your packet or e-mail address changes to the "click on Commander" on the web site. The message line is almost useless due to spam mostly in Chinese.

DUES SUGGESTION

When you get your annual dues notice, pay that one. If we are too overloaded it might take up to 50 days or so, to get you processed but you will not get 2nd or 3rd notices, especially the ones that arrive when you have paid and have your annual card in your hand.

PASSINGS

CSM TERRY F SWAFFORD, who this year moved up to the position of Post Sr Vice Commander, had 21 years of Special Ops and Intel in his career was active in the Special Operations and Special Forces both on a National level and worked with the Las Vegas Chapter of the SFA.

USN CAPT(RET) THOMAS M TERPINAS, MD, a WWII vet and Surgeon, Life Member of the Marine Corps League and a 25 year member of China

Post. He originally came to the Post in the Jeddah Mem Division in '85 and was a Fellow of the Mayo Clinic where he received his degree in Oral Maxillofacial surgery.

RICHARD P 'DICK' GERON JR, USAF, Korea, Post Vice Commander. Dick was the "perpetual" hospitality room host for the Air Commandos and ran the hospitality room for both of our CP Reunions in Ft Walton Bch. He was also the Vice President of the ACA several terms, and a good friend who will be missed.

MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER HAROLD FREEMAN, A WW II veteran who's 30+ decorations include a Silver Star from WW II with a career that began as a Navy Frogman serving on 5 submarines as well as on Aircraft Carriers. He had the Navy's Seal Special Warfare Insignia as well as Navy Parachutist and Air Crewman's badges. Upon his retirement he was the Navy's senior linguist in Chinese and was fluent in several other Eastern languages as well as Russian. He was a life member of the Special Operations Association.

Norvel "Tick" Bostick the owner of our Philippine Safe House, the DMZ Bar which has been for sale for several years. He sold this year and moved to California where we are informed by those still in the PI, mostly up in Bagio City that he died. He was a 28 year Post member. There are probably some bar napkins with drool and scribble on them as evidence that two or more members got together for a meeting but fortunately they were not forwarded to HQ.



OTHER EVENTS

USAF Air Commando **Joe Robinson** SOA, 20A 67 sent us a copy of Edgar Allen Poe an illustrated companion to His Tell-Tale Stories by EAP's cousin Harry Lee Poe. Great book and an addition to the Post's library.

I guess that I should not leave out **Big Al Newman** who makes an annual donation of various books to the membership during SOAR each year.

Post SR VC **Hans Stockenberger** retired from Aramco and took a diving trip to the PI and Thailand. The PI trip was also to meet with "JD" **Keller** and a group who want to form a new Memorial Division in the PI, Headquartered in

Bagio City. The meeting went well, Hans vetted a group of the guys and they are in the process of forming the new Division with a Watering Hole to replace the DMZ Bar in the Philippines.

While in Thailand, Hans met with **Mac Thompson**, and **BJ Robertson** who was on a leave from SW Asia. BJ sent an e-mail that he returned to Pattaya after Hans left and found a place to establish a new Memorial Division in Southern Thailand. That will probably happen after a Nov dive trip to Thailand when they are going through whatever divers do to keep from getting the bends.

AIR AMERICA

This years meeting was held at the USAF Museum in Dayton in conjunction with the release of 900 pages of Agency de-classified documents. Our own **Craig Duehring** was the principle speaker and a lot of members attended. Thanks to **Gene Hamner** for getting me back to the hotel after we found a new Safe House in Dayton. Next year's Air America Reunion will be held in San Diego May 30 – June 3, 2012. They have eliminated the reunion service and **Terry Bruner** (our SAL) will be hosting with the Air America Assn Reunion Committee.

AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION

This year's National Convention will be in Minneapolis, MN starting on about the 27th of August running through the 31st. Rooms are available for CP at the headquarters hotel through **Doug Hagan**. **Jimmy Foster** of Alaska's term ends and Fong Wong of New York, who turned down our offer to switch to CP when he finished his term as Dept Cdr of NY will be elected.

40 & 8 PROMENADE NATIONALE

13 September through the 17th Vancouver, WA, just across the river from Portland, OR.

AIR COMMANDO ASSOCIATION

The ACA will meet at their standard time, Columbus Day weekend at Hurlburt Field, Ft Walton Bch, FL. The events start on Thursday the 6th of October and run through the Memorial Service at the Air Park on Sunday the 9th.

RAVEN REUNION

Randolph AFB, October 13th, those who can drive

leave on the 16th or stay over in the hotel for another night.

CHINA SEA – PHILIPPINES

Our newest Memorial Division is also one of our most active. A lot of the members came from VFW and the Cooties Pup Tent there in PI and they were present in Bangkok where we had a CP meeting with **Mac Thompson** during the VFW Dept of Asia Convention. **J D Keller** put the Division together and we now have about 50 members and a lot of "Allied Friends" who join them in fund raising, monthly get-togethers, with the ex-pat community and they provide funds and support for the School for the Blind. They have their own blog, twitter and web page which have drawn praise from our Web Master **Jim Lint**.

THE WEB PAGE-CHINAPOST1.ORG E-MAIL, BLOGS AND STUFF

Postage keeps going up, so more people use e-mail and the USPS loses money and cuts service which forces more people to communicate electronically, so they lose more money and try to cut service further. Our mail costs have increased in an ever upward spiral and I know that we tried this in the past, without a lot of success but, we need to try to get more of our members to get the Poop Sheet by electronic means. When you renew, please let us know your e-mail address. Also let us know when you change providers. If you do not have e-mail, or like myself are electrically challenged, we will still send you the printed edition but if you are lining the bird cage with the printed version, I would like to see if we can start getting more of the membership to go online. It's faster and it saves both printing and postage costs. Jim has set up blogs, members only sections, a virtual museum and many other features, plus, you can get your own e-mail address and be the first to know when major events, sick calls etc affect the Post. **WARNING- IT IS NOT A PLACE TO SHARE THE LATEST JOKE WITH EVERYONE.** Most of us get the same joke from half a dozen sources when it goes viral and then what you thought was funny is just SPAM, not the edible variety.

