



CHINA POST # 1 POOP SHEET



June 2002 Year of the Horse

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Note-some names were left out at donors request and some did not make this issue and will be carried over to the next edition

Building Fund Donations

John P Conley
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BUILDING UPDATE

Members of the Post Building Committee met in Houston with several design and build general contractors in early December to arrive at concept plans for the Post Home. We then retained a land-planning firm to lay out the footprint to maximize our capabilities on the property. On 29 January we received sets of landscape plans with several options for the footprint for the building and these were reviewed and the footprint that optimized the building and the use of the land was chosen. We had several elevation plans for the building, and the best selection was presented at the March N. TX meeting and will be available in France to go on to Dhahran. A copy of the proposed elevations will be at future Post meetings and should soon be available on the web page. The next step will be to finish raising the balance that we need to build it, then make it happen. Updates as they occur !

8 DECEMBER N. TEXAS MEET

The North Texas Division held it's quarterly meeting at the **Midway Point** watering hole as called by Post Director **Abe Goldfarb**. Post Big Rooster **Jerry Williams**, with all of his Rooster gear, was joined by other Post B. Shipper winners **B J Robertson**, our current office holder extraordinaire, **Jim Luke** and a fourth un-named conspirator. This could be a breeding ground. **Wayne Lenhart**, who was with the building committee trip, joined **Tom Rohde**, **Larry Harper** and **Chuck Alexander** in discussing building

plans. Actually, we used reproductions of the survey plat as place mats and everyone got to draw their concept without fear that it would actually be used in construction of anything. **Dick Welch** brought son **Kevin** and **Davis Tubre** with wife **Janis**, among the wives in attendance. **Jenny Williams**, our Auxiliary President did not get all of the wives signed up yet but I suspect that they will all be members at the next meeting. **J.C. Bond** sent Jerry a box of emblem sales items that were grabbed up early. If we have a "Best dressed Division" award, the N. Texas Division will give Dhahran a close race. Speaking of the concept drawings on the plats, **Bill Sparkman's** was okay but I am still trying to figure out if any budget would allow us to build the dragon shaped building that **Robert Thundercloud** drew.

MILESTONES

PASSINGS:

Jessie Aderholt, Air Commando "A1", wife of **BGen Heinie Aderholt** and the First Lady of the Air Commandos left us after winning many gallant battles but finally losing to the inevitable fate we all face. Her passing is a great loss to the Post, the Air Commando Community and to Special Operations personnel world wide as well as great personal loss to Heinie and Jessie's International circle of friends.

Joe Bauer, Raven Intelligence officer passed in early April. Joe left the service after his tour in Laos to attend law school and was a practicing attorney in Iowa. In the meantime he returned to the USAF Reserves and served as the Wing Intel. Officer as a Lt. Colonel. He has attended several of the Raven annual meetings and will be missed. In the "infamous" Mexican Bandit photo in "The Ravens", Joe is in the back row.

Enroute to Dallas for the 8 Dec. meeting I noted in the Houston paper an announcement in its Deaths elsewhere column the name of a friend. The widow of aviation pioneer and inventor **Bill Lear**, and the mother of Post Sr VC **John Lear**, **Maya Olsen Lear** has passed on. Our sincere condolences go out to the family

Tilly Kaufman, mother of our now deceased CP Board Co-Chairman **Marty Kaufman** passed away on Christmas Day.

Dennis "David" Ringley, an Air Force Korean War Veteran who became an Engineer and worked for a dozen years in Saudi Arabia passed in November. His wife reported his death to the Post.

USAF Col **John R Rowland**, Korean and Vietnam Veteran who had a second career as an executive search consultant. A Mufti special operator known as the "Dirt Strip Specialist"

"Clean" **Stan Wilson** Air America Maintenance who took over the repair of Raven and other small aircraft in the Laotian operations area succumbed to cancer on April 14th. The Post was informed by **Danny Williams**, the other half of an extraordinary pair of aviation specialists, who if we could recover the data plate from a downed aircraft and return it along with a ball of steel wool and some knitting needles, would build us a new airplane so that the loss could be listed as a minor incident. His many friends from Air America and the Ravens will mourn his loss.

David Wakeman was called to destiny on 18 Dec. Dave was a long time CP member who served in many hot spots around the world both in and out of uniform. Always ready to lend a helping hand and a hearty laugh and a quick smile. Dave loved his Country. In short, an all around good guy who understood the true meaning of "servin'". For those who had the privilege of knowing him, he will be dearly missed.

US Navy Vietnam Veteran **Steven F Williams**, a 20 year Post member who spent most of his career in admin posts including setting up postal facilities in forward areas of the Delta in Vietnam during two years on the ground there.

STEPPING STONES

Palm Springs, California was the site for **Col Tom Henry** and **Ursula** to wed in a fun filled ceremony that included **Lew Millett** as best man and overflowed the church. A goodly number of the local politicians and most of the local military community came by to offer toasts and congratulations to the new couple.

2nd Lt. Shawn Cody Hatch, a founding SAL member graduated with the class of 2002 from the USAF Academy.

On Friday 21 June **Lt. Colonel Sherri S Galante** Will take Command of the 17th Training Support Squadron at Goodfellow AFB, Texas.

Max Henry Platt became the latest infant member of the China Post Squadron of the SAL

Great news, **Jim Roper** is now a published author.

His book "THE RAVEN" is available at PublishAmerica.com but you can also try your local bookstore. It has received great reviews and I can personally attest you will enjoy reading it.

Giles Cherrick is now in Portugal, Post members heading in that direction contact the adjutant to make contact with Giles. Wonder if he has found the best Post suppliers yet or if a tour can be arranged. That might be an idea for a side trip from France next year.

SAFE HOUSE CHANGES

Queenies in Menton France has changed to the "Chin Chin" and will be removed from the list since it is no longer a proper CP 1 watering hole. To make sure that our members do not go thirsty in their travels, we have added "Gilligans Hideaway" at 2601 Atlantic Street, Las Vegas, NV Phone (702) 214-8610. Recommended by **Tom Krohn** and Sr VC **Mike Kandt**. You can check them out on their web site (www.GilligansHideAway.com)

THE SEVEN CONTINENTS CLUB (ONLY CP MEMBERS ELIGIBLE) HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

In 1979 **Dr Gale Raymond** held the first (that I could find in the records) recorded China Post meeting at the North Pole. Since then we have expanded to cover over 59 countries and all 50 States as well as all of the Territories of the US. On the 21st of January 2002, CP member, **Deputy Secretary of Defense**, the **Honorable Craig Duehring** flew Post Flags that Senator **Goldwater** had flown for the Post, as well as "Watering Hole" Banners over the South Pole. Concurrent on that date, Post members met on all the other 6 Continents giving us the unique (never to be surpassed) ability to start the "Seven Continents Club" as a distinction available to 2002 CP members. We are in the process of designing a Certificate to mark this event and will establish the process of distribution in the near future. If there was ever a doubt, we have truly earned the sobriquet "WorldWide" on our letterhead. We need to raise another \$400,000 to build our building. Part of the solution will be to request corporate and foundation money, the other is to sell 4,000 Seven Continent Club certificates at \$100 each. We will be making several presentations at the National AL Convention to "salt the mine" and see how far this takes us. Last minute update we only need \$399,900 since **Bob**

Low forced me to take his money to get a certificate.

HONOLULU, ALL FAC MEETING AND DEDICATION CEREMONY

The main purpose of the reunion was the dedication of a Memorial Stone at the Punch Bowl National Cemetery of the Pacific to honor the 220+ American, Australian and New Zealand Forward Air Controllers who died in the SEA War, and our Allies who also perished during the conflict. On Tuesday and Wednesday we tried to notify as many Post members as possible in the Honolulu area so that we could get together for a CP 1 meeting. **Dennis Egge, Len Nichols, Jim Stanford and Helen** with daughter **Cathy, Lew** and **Kathy Hatch** joined poolside at the Hale Koa to introduce fellow CP members to each other. Len was leaving for Beijing and Dennis for SW Asia on Friday but we did have time for a good session for the evening. The events of 9/11 seemed to have an impact on overall attendance but the 250 or so who made the trip were treated to a truly first class event due in large part to the efforts of **Mike Cavanaugh**, Raven, who handled the protocol details with precision. **George "Bud" Day**, Ex-POW and Medal of Honor Recipient was a principal speaker and guest at the week's events. Several Post authors displayed their books for sale including **Jimmy Butler** who had his book "A Certain Brotherhood" available, and

Jim Roper, who had the fliers for his book "Quoth the Raven" but unfortunately, had not received his books in time to bring them. **Larry Sanborn**, Raven President and Post VC received his trip as an Xmas present from wife, and former reigning Post BS'er **Jan** and was responsible for selling Raven books. With the other Ravens, and other CP members we ended up providing more than 10% of the attendees and included Author, part time Post member **Mark Berent, George Ferkes, Terry Murphy, Bob Peck**, and new member **Mike Taylor**, one of the original members of The Special Operations Association, where we of course have a Memorial Division.

AIR AMERICA MEETING

The Air America Association met in the Seattle area at Renton, WA, standard time, first Saturday in June. There was a tour to the Museum of Flight and side trips to the area sights but mostly an excellent chance to see old friends in a hospitable location with good meals; the hosts did an excellent job. Many CP members in attendance and a couple signed up such as **Barbara Adolph**, new to the Auxiliary and brother **Bruce**, new to the SAL. **Dan Gamelin** did his

usual outstanding job of running the emblem sales and memorabilia; he always seems to get several new items to sell. This year, Dan had several of the new edition Asia Books of iAIR AMERICAî in the large paperback format. This is the newest revised edition with a blast at the poor movie of the same name and corrections of inaccuracies in the earlier editions. We passed around a copy for CP members attending to add to the Post archives. Among those signing were **J. C. Bond, Ron Butts, Larry Fraser** (who will host the AA 2003 reunion in Jacksonville), **Sr VC Mike Kandt, Ted Mauldin, Izzy Freedman** (one of the hosts for the 27-29 Sept í02 Bangkok meeting) **Frank Balsley, Ken Hessel** (Churchbell), **Al Harris, AA President Jack '90' Knotts, Arden Davis, Glen Woods, Chuck Taylor** (who hosted the first CP Stateside reunion at Pinedale), **Finch Calhoun, Bill LaCount, Jerry McEntee, 'Tony' Bertucci, Herm Jackson, Gary Edwards, Jim Milne, Wilber Dukes, Willie Utterback** and **M Gen Larry Taylor**.

John Greenway and **Bob Stensloff** were among the many others in attendance who missed signing.

THE NASTY-YOU'RE NO LONGER A MEMBER LETTER-

If you received this renewal letter from National and were upset you are in good company. We received about 100 pieces of mail saying, ilíve paid my dues and I have my cardî and a few who said íoopsî and paid with the letter. An explanation is in order. There was even an editorial in the Legion dispatch letter to Adjutants that criticized the tone and content. **The Solution is simple—remember that the Legion is on a fiscal year—it does not match your calendar. When you get a dues notice for the Legion, and the return address is to our PO Box in Houston Pay the thing, now!** and we will not have the problem of lost years and the irritation of frequent notices. By the way-the other part that many members fail to read is the notice, admittedly in smaller type but highlighted in red, which says if you have already paid to disregard the notice. **IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY PAID YOUR DUES AND ARE CONCERNED THAT YOU STILL GET ANOTHER DUES NOTICE IN LATE JUNE OR IN JULY IT IS PROBABLY FOR 2003. PLEASE PAY UPON RECEIPT !!! THIS IS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2003 THAT BEGINS 1 JULY.**

HOW ABOUT A FREE SUNDAE? AND YOU WONDERED WHAT THOSE "BENEFITS" WERE

Dairy Queen invites American Legion members, including the SAL and the Auxiliary, to eat at their restaurants during July and they will contribute to the Legionís Childrenís Miracle Network Program. On July 6th receive a FREE 5 oz sundae when you show your Legion, AUX or SAL card.

AND YOU MISSED FRANCE AGAIN !! YOUR LOSS

Once again, despite daily rains for the first time in our many years of doing the ceremonies for VE Day in the South of France, it was a Hoot. There is an indescribable feeling when they play our National Anthem in a foreign country, with the locals paying proper respect, which feels close to standing in an Olympic venue and receiving your gold medal on the podium. The SW Asia contingent of **Tim & Rosa Brown, Hans & Lee Stockenberger** and **Joe & Adele Hoofnagle** met at the TGV Gare at CDG and stocked up with our libations and picnic supplies for the train ride from Paris to Menton. **Mel Rosen**, had made all of our arrangements as usual, and he and **Janet** joined us for most of the meals and activities. The **Eby's** drove down and **Jim Dent and Earl Brown** came by train. **Dr Bob & Mary Eager**, who spend half the year in Sud de France, and **Sid Jenkins**, were in from Germany along with the **Corrigans in** from Paris. The annual side trips to Monaco and San Remo and shopping plus lunch at Floís in Nice were included. They moved the rail station in San Remo out from its central location to a spot a few miles further down the track. Nice station but a long, long walk so we will evaluate side trips to possibly replace San Remo on future trips. In from Strasbourg- an old friend from the Special Ops days of the 60ís and the 70ís, **Aubrey Holmes**, who is now a new member.

OTHER UPCOMMING EVENTS

RETURN TO SEA SEPT 2002

Several CP members started out last year to host a SKY reunion as a practice to hosting an Air America mini reunion 26 ñ 29 September 2002. The event started with invitations to about 20 people, who then asked if hey could bring a few friends and you know where it went from there. Unfortunately the events of 911 forced a cancellation of the original meeting so the hosts are doing this without practice, but I have

great confidence in them since they are all experienced SEA hands. Venue is the Ambassador Hotel on Sukumvit with rates around \$28 per day. There are a number of tours and the hotel rate is good three weeks before and three weeks after the reunion dates. Air America, Ravens, SKY, CAS, China Post members, Air Commandos, Special OPs and other SEA hands, and friends of the above are invited as well as several other types where I have seen the announcement on their web sites. **Izzy Freedman, Les Strouse, Mac Thompson, and Jeff Johnson** are the incountry hosts with several old friends expected, Full information on the event is at www.thaitourism.com/sea2002/index.html

REUNION INFORMATION

THE CHARLOTTE MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE PARK

You must register as **China Post #1** in order to get our rate. Our room block opens on Tuesday Aug 27 and ends on Sunday Sept 1. If you want rooms past or before those dates, you must make your reservations within the room block and then ask to add additional days. (They will not be at our rate) ((Monday, Sept 2 onward was at \$74)) I do not know what the rate for earlier days are, I expect that they are at \$95. Our rate when you register as China Post #1 is \$75. The phone number for the hotel is (704) 527-9650 (FAX 7458) or Marriott's reservation number is 1-800-228-9290. Please make your reservations as soon as practical. Our cut-off date for reservations is **Tuesday 6 August** after that date they release our rooms and you are on your own. The hotel has 297 rooms. Do the math- if you try to reserve after our block and you want room reservation # 298 you might be sleeping in your car or somewhere else. Please, please make your hotel reservations as soon as you receive this. You can cancel if your plans change but the hotel cannot make more rooms and it is important that we fill our block as soon as possible. The Department of Illinois will be billeted at our hotel during the AL National Convention so there will be transportation from the hotel to the convention center during the National meeting. **HOTEL AMMENITIES:** Our hotel, in addition to the suites we will be using for our hospitality room, has a concierge level, facilities for persons with disabilities and nonsmoking rooms available. There is an indoor/outdoor pool with sauna and whirlpool, exercise room, lighted tennis courts and volleyball and basketball courts. There is a pool bar, the Sun Sun Hut, and the Gratz Bar and grill serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. High speed Internet connec-

tion, irons and hair dryers furnished in rooms. **Airport transportation:** the hotel furnishes round trip transportation to the Charlotte Airport. There is an **Amtrak** station in Charlotte for those desiring to travel by rail and there is also Greyhound Bus service to the city. Local Taxis are metered and charge approximately \$1.50 per mile plus a base fare.

DISCOUNTS FOR YOUR TRAVEL; US Airways discounts 5 ñ 15% Special phone # (877) 874-7687 from 8 AM ñ 9:30 PM Eastern time. Valid Aug 18 to Sept 3. Use Gold file # 63662182 Northwest/KLM/Continental Airlines

All handled through NW Meeting Services Reservations Desk @ (800) 328-1111. Open M-F from 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM. WorldFile # NEMUE. Travel dates Aug 18 ñ Sept 3. Delta Airlines call (800) 241-6760 from 8 AM to 11 PM every day. Travel dates not mentioned but I assume that they are the same as the others, Delta File #185539A and discounts are supposed to be 5 ñ 15%. United Airlines 5 ñ 12 % Dates are Aug 18 ñ Sept 3 and the reservation # (800) 521-4041. Mention Tour Code number 500ZV. Remember, you or your travel agent can use these to make your reservations but most of our members who are on the Internet might find lower fares than these by going on line to either the airline's site or through one of the discount ticket services. **Rental Cars:** Remember, the Hotel provides airport transportation. The American Legion has group rates for cars in Charlotte available from Aug 16 ñ Sept 2 from **Avis** discount number G343699 **Hertz** meeting sales desk at (800) 654-2240 Meeting # 022Q0696 **National Car** ID # for the AL Convention 6800966 and **Enterprise** by calling them at the Charlotte Airport location or online at enterprise.com and using the National Convention ID # 53W1313. Remember #2, you may be able to beat these rates on your own if you are a member of the rental car company's own plan or get your reservation on line or through your airline booking.

There are numerous tourist attractions close enough to Charlotte for day trips and there are numerous dining, shopping and tourist venues within the city area.

DRIVING TO THE HOTEL: I-77 South exit 5 (Tyvola Rd) address is 5700 Westpark Dr. There is parking on site. The hotels # (704) 527-9650 FAX 6918. Coming out of the airport take US 521 (The Billy Graham Parkway) to I-77 South to the next exit #5 and there is a cluster of hotels on the SE side of Tyvola RD. Ours is the **Charlotte Marriott Executive Park**-important, there are several Marriott Hotels in Charlotte. The hotel is about seven miles from the airport and 5 miles from downtown Charlotte.

MENUS

FRIDAY NIGHT ASIAN BUFFET

Ginger Slaw
Seaweed Salad with Sesame Dressing
Mongolian Beef
Chicken and Broccoli
Scallion Fried Rice
Stir Fried Snow Peas and Carrots
Assorted Desserts, Coffee,
Decaf Herbal and Iced Tea

SATURDAY NIGHT CONVENTION DINNER

Tossed Garden Salad with Choice of Dressings
Entrees of Choice
Grilled Breast of Chicken with Pommery Mustard
Or
Sliced London Broil with Sherry Mushroom Sauce
Or
Grilled Salmon with Lemon Dill Sauce

All served with
Wild Rice, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables,
Rolls and Butter
Chef's Dessert Selection, Coffee, Decaf, Teas

We will serve wine with dinner for the toast

**The American Legion Convention Sessions begin
on the floor 27 August**

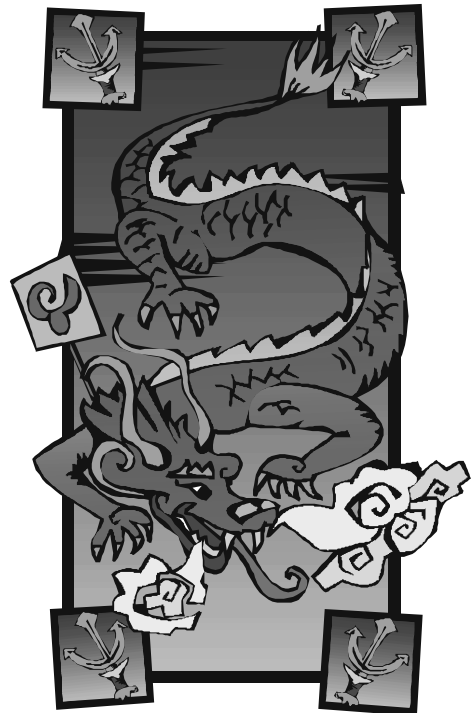
**The American Legion Convention ends on
August 29**

**The FODPAL (foreign operating departments and
posts of the American Legion) breakfast is on
August 26**

The National Parade is on Sunday 25 August

Please let me know with your registration
if you are planning on attending any of
these events.

40 & 8 scheduled for Friday 30 August



**YOUR EVENT REGISTRATION FORM IS ON THE REVESE SIDE.
PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK.**



CHINA POST # 1
AMERICAN LEGION SHANGHAI
CONVENTION 2002
AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 1
CHARLOTTE, NC
CHARLOTTE MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE PARK

EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

If you will be attending the 2002 China Post Convention and Reunion please complete this form and mail it with your check as indicated below. This form is for meeting events only. Make your hotel reservations directly with the Charlotte Marriott Executive Park Hotel (704) 527 9650 FAX 7458 or 1-800- 228-9290 **BE SURE TO TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE WITH THE CHINA POST #1 EVENT BLOCK** to insure that you are on our rate plan. **MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE !!**

Send Banquet Reservations to :
China Post Reunion
PO Box 570607
Houston, TX 77257-0607

Message Phone (713) 334-2266
FAX (713) 789-1150

Please mail this form no later than August 19, 2002

1. _____ Registration Fee @ \$ 20 per person for each person in
 Your group attending the Convention (You may order extra
 Banquet tickets without registration fee for guests) \$ _____.
 2. _____ Friday Aug 30 Asian Buffet Dinner @ \$ 35 \$ _____.
 3. _____ Saturday Aug 31 Banquet # Grilled Chicken _____.
 @ \$ 35 London Broil _____.
 Grilled Salmon _____ \$ _____.
- (All events = \$90 per person) Total \$ _____.

Please Print Name _____.

Spouse / Guests _____.

Your Address _____.

City _____ State/Country _____ ZIP _____.

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