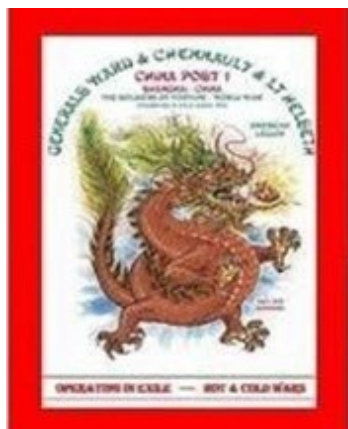




China Post 1

FALL



Generals Ward & Chennault China Post 1[®] Poop Sheet

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Commander's Corner

By Jeff Carson, Commander

From The Commander

Fellow China Post 1 Members,

Fall has arrived and everyone who attended this year's reunion have returned home. San Diego was a great venue, and we were treated quite well. Many members participated on the trip to the U.S.S. Midway where my old friend and former shipmate Ric Denham, gave us a private tour of many spaces that are not open

to the public. Every time I go on the Midway, they have many new displays for the public to enjoy.

After the tour we went to Kansas City BBQ for lunch and we were well taken care of also. The place had a fire there years ago and many of the items from the movie Top Gun were destroyed. They have remodeled it close to what it was, but it's not quite like it used to be.

Many members visited Liberty Station which use to be San Diego Recruit Training Command where I trained seven companies of recruits in my earlier days. Not much left that was there when I trained recruits. Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery was close by and was also visited by many members.

During the General membership meeting Dennis Owens, Department of France Commander, spoke to the members and informed them of the many awards the Department of France was awarded during the National Convention in Tampa, Florida. Commander Owens presented China Post 1 with the following Awards: **100%**

Membership Retention, and **100% Membership Goal** for 2024-2025. These awards don't come easy, as the only two Departments to achieve over 100% were Hawai'i and France. We won the overall at 103%!

Commander Owens then presented pins and certificates to the Vietnam Veterans present, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the April 30, 1975 Fall of Saigon and the end of our nation's involvement in the war.

Commander Carson recognized some new attendees as follows: Don Northcutt, who has stepped up to produce the Poop Sheet along with help from Kokoe Dusina and others. Kokoe also is the President of the Auxiliary, and Clara Pon who was also recognized, is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Auxiliary. Linda Cockrell was presented a plaque for her many years of service as Auxiliary President. Leroy Cockrell was also presented a plaque for being the S.A.L. Commander for the last 10 years! Leroy will continue to be involved as the Adjutant for the S.A.L. and Doug Haggen will take over as the Commander. Well done to the Cockrell's for the many years of service to China Post 1.

John Metcalf was presented a plaque for his hard work and devotion to China Post 1. He raised money that was donated at the National Convention in Tampa, along with assuming the position of Assistant Director of the Dragon Riders. Well Done, John.

Later that day it began to rain, and things got complicated as we were going to eat outside. The hotel staff moved everything inside to the Hospitality room and all went well. Larry Atkins presented a "New Chief Petty Officer" (promoted the day before) a Nursing Scholarship that will help him with his degree. Andres spoke to the members and was very humble and grateful for the 40&8 selecting him.

Overall, the food was great, and the service was fantastic. After dinner, we moved to an adjoining room where we enjoyed *The Pride of Polynesia*, who performed several Hula performances as well as a Fire Knife dance outside. I think everyone was impressed with the performance. I have seen several similar shows all over Asia and I think this one ranked near the top. We also found out we have some talent in our membership as far as dancing! Volunteer dancers Ron Burkett represented Army; Larry Atkins the Navy; Doug Davis (AKA Jimmy Barfield) represented Air Force; and the winner in my book was Lenova Stockenberger, representing the Auxiliary.

We are looking forward to going to Wright-Patterson AFB next year in the Dayton, Ohio area for our meeting. Although this is not firm yet, the plan is for the middle of September.

Hope to see you there.

Jeff Carson
Commander China Post 1
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P.S. If you have any problems with membership, cards etc. call me at (214) 250-7137.

I will personally take it for action. The membership cards that were mailed out this year from National did not print! Many were blank and we had to get reprints. We are trying to get these issues straightened out so as I said if you are experiencing a problem please call me. I do not answer e-mails due to the many hack jobs we have encountered.

Adjutant's Corner

By Terry Lee Parker, Adjutant

I would like to start out by saying a BIG THANK YOU to all those who attended our reunion meeting in San Diego. A good time was had by all.

Many of you have already signed up for our 2026 year. We are well on our way to having a good year with membership.

We currently have 1175 members in China Post and the number is rising every week.

In addition, I would like to suggest that with new members and paying your dues, please use my personal address in Nevada rather than the address for China Post 1 in Texas. I will certainly get both of them, but my personal address might be quicker.

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China Post 1 Sons of The American Legion (SAL) Squadron



China Post 1 Sons of The American Legion Squadron
By Doug Haggan, Squadron Commander
Socco Reeder, Vice Commander

SAL News

I would like to introduce myself to those who may not know me. My name is Doug Haggan, I have been in the American Legion for 51 Years and a member of the SAL for 49 years. I have one son and 5 grandkids who are all members of Generals Ward and Chennault China Post CH01 SAL Squadron.

I have two Priorities for not only Generals Ward and Chennault China Post CH01 SAL, but also the American Legion.

Priority number one is membership; at this time we are close to being 100% for the year 2026. We do have some delinquent members who we will be pursuing in the coming days, but membership is the most important thing because it keeps our organization alive.

Priority number two is communication. I'm very big on communicating. Communication moves our organization. If you ever have any questions, feel free to e-mail me at any time at the following e-mail address dhaggan@sbcglobal.net. Don't hesitate to contact me. I send out a lot of emails weekly, I hope I'm not disturbing anybody with these emails. Most of them have some very good and useful information. If you would rather not receive my emails, please let me know. If at any time you change your mind, I can always put you back on my list.

In closing I would like to thank you for this opportunity that has been given to me, and I will do my utmost to make it a positive experience for everybody, once again thank you.

Doug Haggan
Squadron Commander
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China Post 1 Auxiliary

By Kokoe Estrada Dusina, Auxiliary President



Hello and Greetings to All,

It was a pleasure meeting everyone in person at the CP1 Reunion in San Diego! It was our (myself and Tim “Boss”) first time attending a CP1 reunion. What a great experience – the venue, the banquet, the entertainment, and the people! We had some great conversations and a lot of laughs. We can’t wait for next year’s reunion!

The Auxiliary held an informal Meet and Greet, where we had some good discussions and even special guests: Linda (Past Auxiliary President) and (Past SAL Commander) Leroy Cockrell, Commander Jeff Carson, and Rider Director Jeff Kline. Together we were able to lay out some ground work on what the Auxiliary will work towards, and how we as a Legion Family can work together to support the overall success of CP1. We also discussed the idea of building an Auxiliary Unit 1 Online Shop, where we can display and sell apparel, accessory items, and wares in an effort to earn funds for the Auxiliary coffers. Some of the items discussed include: polos, tees, sweaters, hoodies, tote bags, pens, and backpacks... We are still in the brain storming stages and should have at a sample shop open soon, so please keep an eye out for a link to the online store! We are open to ideas and suggestions – send us an email to auxpresident@chinapost1.org.

MEMBERSHIP

In other news, Clara has been working diligently on the unit’s membership roster. In addition to getting membership dues squared away, contact info updated, and new members signed up, she has also been processing 2026 Membership renewals. If you are a member in Unit 1, please take a moment to update your contact information either via email to auxsecretary@chinapost1.org, or by filling in the online form here. The QR code link to the same form is also included if you would like to make updates via iPad, tablet or cell phone.

Scan here for form!



If you have not yet renewed your membership, please take a moment to do so on the CP1 website.

Are you tired of paying annual dues? Consider a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership! When you are a PUFL, you don’t have to remember to pay annual dues anymore! Check out the application and price chart (page 2 of the application) here at our CP Unit 1 Resources Link: [Resources](#)

Veterans, please consider signing up your spouses (husband or wife) and your daughters. The Auxiliary would greatly benefit from more membership and would love to support your dependents as we look out for each other – similarly to military wives/family groups would when you were active duty. When applying please remember to include your proof of qualification along with your membership application. This is your qualifying member’s DD-214, and for spouses, proof of marriage, such as a marriage license.

Any questions or forms may be submitted to: auxsecretary@chinapost1.org and auxpresident@chinapost1.org.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Did you know that Auxiliary members are entitled to certain benefits? These benefits include insurance and other health care, retail discounts, and Disaster and Financial Hardship Assistance. A brochure is available here. Members can join BenefitsHub to save \$\$\$ on thousands of retail shops. alaforveterans.benefithub.com/Welcome

ALA UNIT 1 RESOURCES

Click this link for China Unit 1 forms, applications, and relevant documents.

[Unit Resources](#)

VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day falls on Tuesday Nov. 11 this year. Since we are all located across the world, and cannot meet as a traditional Post / Unit, consider attending one of the Veterans Day Events in your local area. A local Legion Post / VFW Post may have a special event or dinner planned. This is a great way to support a local post and celebrate our veterans!

The history of Veterans Day (as published at VA.gov): World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Read the full history [here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Now: Membership renewal for 2026

Oct. 6-9 – TAL Fall Meetings, Indianapolis

Oct. 13 – US Navy 250th Birthday

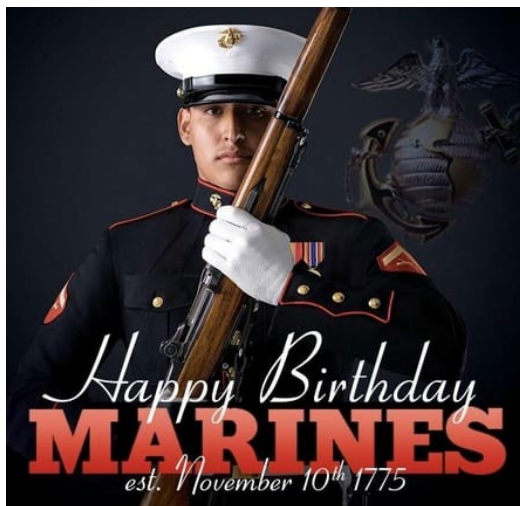
Oct. 27 – Navy Day

Nov. 10 – US Marines 250th Birthday

Nov. 10 – American Legion Auxiliary 106th Birthday

Nov. 11 – Veterans Day

Nov. 27 – Thanksgiving

**OUR NEXT MEETING**

Monday October 27th at 2:00 PM PST / 5:00 PM EST

Zoom Meeting info below:

Topic: China Unit 1 October Auxiliary Meeting

Time: Oct 27, 2025 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86395187550?pwd=vPuhgelS0lmpwduLT19Dk0lT13QJbk.1>

Meeting ID: 863 9518 7550

Passcode: AUX2025

Thank you,

Kokoe Dusina

Auxiliary President

auxpresident@chinapost1.org

Dragon Riders

By Jeff "TAZ" Kline

From the Director/Assistant Director of the Dragon Riders to everyone,

Greetings, China Post 1!

It has been a busy summer with a lot of local events and the National Legacy Run, leading up to the American Legion National Convention and the China Post 1 Reunion.

To start, we currently have 120 members! Our numbers are growing, and we look forward to more joining the ranks in the future. Be on the lookout for potential new members, especially well qualified people who are not associated with an American Legion Post. We want to keep China Post growing, but also do not want to compromise our standards.

Last year the American Legion riders (ALR) were given the mission to help raise funds for the American Legion's Foundation of Hope/Veterans & Children's Foundation (VCF), and the Be the One Initiative. This mission continues for the ALR and we will redouble our efforts to raise as much as possible to support these initiatives.

The mission of the American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation, often referred to as "A Foundation of Hope," provides financial assistance and support to military and veteran families facing unexpected financial hardships.

The American Legion's Be the One initiative is to reduce the rate of veteran suicide, which is the Number 1 issue facing the veteran community. We are actively working on lessening the stigma associated with mental health treatment and empowering everyone to take appropriate action when a veteran or service member may be at risk – one life at a time.

Last year we raised and contributed \$9601.00 for this mission. This was made possible by ALL of China Post 1 stepping up to the plate and making generous donations to the Dragon Riders Legacy Fund. We hope to continue again this year with more events and opportunities to raise even more money for these worthy causes.



In the left photo Dragon Riders Director, Jeff Kline presents the National Commander with \$1601.00 on the last day of the Legacy Run. In the right photo CP1 Commander, Jeff Carson presents \$8000.00 to the Legacy Fund at the AL National Convention in Tampa, FL. In total, the CP1 Dragons Riders contributed \$9601.00.



Eleven China Post 1 Dragon Riders pose on the USS North Carolina during the 2025 National Legacy Run.

In 2026 we challenge the Dragon Riders along with all members of China Post 1 to help us raise \$20,000. We will again donate these funds to the National Commander on stage, at the National Convention. ***This IS our Mission!*** As a team I know we can accomplish this goal. We are already on a pace to meet or exceed that goal, but need everyone to keep pushing to make it happen!!

STORE

RIDERS GEAR

We have Riders Gear available for purchase in the form of shirts, hoodies, and hats. We hope to add exciting new items this year! These items are not available through the store and must be ordered and purchased through the Director. If you are interested and need any order form, contact the Director or Assistant director and we'll send one to you. All money payments for these items will be made on the Legacy Fund Donation Link on our web page. Shirts will only be ordered once per quarter, or when we exceed 30 items in an order. Otherwise the orders will be held until the numbers are met. There is also a new pink shirt / hoodie available for the ladies in the group.

And this leads us into...

MEMBERSHIP

Riders, again, remember that your spouse, children, grandchildren can be members of the Post, Sons, and Auxiliary, and we encourage that. This Post is about legacy, and those members will carry on yours. So please encourage them to join one of the groups.

Also, if you are a Veteran, please consider joining and supporting our 40&8 Voiture 1496. The membership was down a little bit last year and this group of the China Post 1 Family needs our support!

In Closing, Dragon Riders, we are the most visible public face of China Post 1 and the American Legion. Please conduct yourself accordingly and set the example! Continue to get word to others outside the organization of our mission and what we do to support Veterans, Children, and the Community.

Please mark your calendar for the National Legacy Run, 23-27 August 2026. Next year it will end in Louisville, KY prior to the start of the 2026 National Convention. We anticipate a very good ride next year.

If you have any local events you would like to let others know about, send the details to the Director or Assistant and we'll get the word out. And, remember we have the Dragon Riders Facebook page. Keep on Riding and spreading the word!

Keep the greasy side down and the wind in your face! Thank you for all you do!!

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More about the riders: [American Legion Riders Program – China Post 1](#)



“Wear the Patch – Make a Difference”

China Post 1 Store and Fundraising



Each year, China Post 1 makes donations to various charities as you have seen in the Legion articles online and in our Poop Sheets. In order to raise funds to make these donations to support various causes, we get the funds either from Dragon Fund donations or thru the merchandise we sell on the China Post 1 store: [Shop – China Post 1](#).

There are several updates to the store recently. There are some things that have been marked down to clear these items from inventory or to reduce the large surplus due to clerical error/larger order. We also have an overabundance of service/branch baseball caps that we need to sell – please contact Jeff Kline Director@chinapost1alr.org if you are interested in purchasing these or know of a local American Legion Post or VFW that might want to purchase these for fundraising opportunity.

We also have many new items added, to include China Post 1 flag mounts for cars/trucks/vans/motorcycles/atv/golf carts/etc. We also have new shirts, hoodies, and polos added to the store with some nice graphics on them.

There are even some patches you can get for your jacket, backpacks, duffle bags, etc. (exception: Dragon Rider & American Legion Rider patches are only for Dragon Rider members).

Please take a minute to visit the store and find items that you might be interested in to show your China Post 1 support and pride.



Everyone needs another cap. We have 25 of each the red dragon and the multi-color dragon- this is for our riders' Legacy Fund fundraising \$25 each. If you would like one (even if you are not a rider) contact Jeff Kline at Director@chinapost1alr.org

NEWS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

Volunteer Recognition



While Post members were touring the USS Midway during the San Diego reunion, Rich Pillsbury was recognized for his dedicated volunteer service on the historic flattop. Rick was presented with 15 year volunteer service award. Well done, Rich!

NEW WATERING HOLES



The Bull and Bear Tavern, Larry Atkins, Commander of the Houston Memorial Division of CP1 along with Hans Stockenberger, Vice Commander of HMD CP1 presented LJ, the Manager of the Bull and Bear Pub with an Official China Post Watering Hole Banner! The Houston Memorial Division has been meeting at the Bull and Bear, the first Monday of every month for over 6 years. It was time to recognize their establishment for their dedication and support of Veterans and our organization!! 11980 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX 77077. thebullandbear-houston.com

Jeff Kline discovered that the **Flying Tiger Brewery and Pizza Pub** displays a China Post 1 Watering Hole banner and is not on the official list. Visit them at 506 2nd Street, Monroe, LA 71201. ftbpizzabar.com. While you are in Monroe you can visit the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum, 701 Kansas Lane, Monroe, LA 71203. Visit their website ChennaultMuseum.org.



In south Alabama the **Lillian Community Club**, 34148 Widell Avenue, Lillian, AL 36549, welcomed the China Post 1 Watering Hole on September 28. This is a private social and community club. For entry, press the buzzer found by the inner door, and sign the guest book with "China Post 1" as your sponsor. This was the gathering point for the very successful April 2025 Dragon Riders Legacy Run, and is a very welcoming place. Dragon Riders Assistant Director John Metcalf organized a wall display of Armed Forces flags and the China Post 1 banner. Jimmy Willis, the Club president, is also a member of American Legion Post 48 in Lillian. Lilliancommunityclub.com.



Lillian Community Club president Jimmy Willis (left) receives the CP1 banner from John Metcalf (right), and Don Northcutt (middle). The presentation was during the intermission of a music performance and the red tint is from the red and blue stage lights.



John J. Morris Post 62 in Peoria, Arizona, welcomed China Post 1 as a new Watering Hole. In support, the CP1 banner went up permanently in the Post. “It was an honor when they came to us and asked if they could join us. Several people wore their shirts the day the banner went up.” CP1 member Randy George (left) is welcomed by Post 62 Executive Committee member Don Jeffrey. Post 62 offers a full schedule of activities and a kitchen open Tuesday to Saturday. 9847 W. Desert Cove Avenue, Peoria, AZ. See what Post 62 offers and the menu for the Red, White, & Blue Café at azpost62.com or on Facebook (www.facebook.com/legionpost62) 9847 W. Desert Cove Avenue, Peoria, AZ.



The flag and banner display is the work of John Metcalf. (Ship and ATM not included.)

NEW MEMORIAL DIVISION

Also on September 28 at the Lillian Community Club, the new **EMERALD COAST MEMORIAL DIVISION** held the initial meeting and elected officers: John Metcalf, Commander; Niels Hansen, Vice Commander; and Don Northcutt, Adjutant. Plans and activities will be announced.

FODPAL ELECTIONS

On August 25, The Foreign and Outlying Posts and Departments of the American Legion (FODPAL), elected three China Post 1 members to officer positions. Larry Atkins is second vice president; Doug Haggan is assistant treasurer and breakfast chairman; and Jeff Carson is assistant sergeant at arms. Congratulations!



PHOTOS FROM THE 2025 SAN DIEGO REUNION



Department of France Commander
Dennis Owens performed official
duties as well as enjoying himself.



Department of France Commander Owens administers the
oaths of office to the 2026 officers.



Leroy Cockrell receive recognition for his years of service as the CP1 SAL Commander.



Linda Cockrell receive recognition for her years of service as the CP1 Auxiliary president.





John Metcalf receives recognition for his work with the Dragon Riders.



Rich Pilsbury made a large donation to our charitable causes.



The new 2025-2026 Officers



Above: Department of France Commander Owens presented the official Vietnam War Veteran pins. Authorized by Congress, the program has been administered by the Department of Defense. Doug Davis was first in line. Doug wears his official Bullshipper hat and is ready to pass it on.



Above: Hans Stockenberger receives his pin.



Left: During a solemn convocation of the former and currently serving Bullshippers, Rich Pillsbury was elected to the high office of Bullshipper. He will wear the jester's hat until properly relieved.

Learn about the Royal Order of Bullshipper Award [here](#).



40&8 members prepare to recognize the Nursing Scholarship recipient, Andre Aquino. He is a student in the Master of Nursing program at the University of Southern California, and also a newly promoted US Navy Chief Petty Officer. Andre's lovely wife Abigail joined us for dinner and is also a nursing student.



The 40&8 Nursing Scholarship recipient, Andres Aquino.



This wonderful troupe of dancers entertained after dinner and even provided opportunity of CP1 members to demonstrate their dancing prowess.



One was better than the other four.





USS MIDWAY TOUR

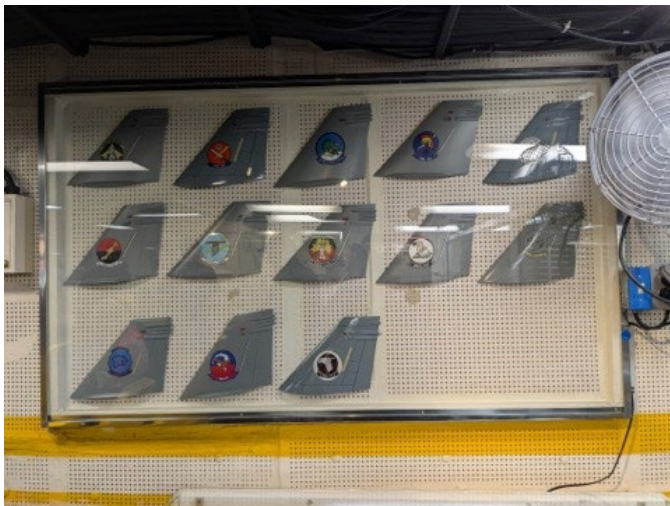


On a beautiful day in San Diego we enjoyed a specially arranged tour of the USS Midway.



CP1's Fearless Leader found the chair he's been searching for, and it's just right!







The world-famous 'Kiss Statue' next to the USS Midway



Top Gunners at the world-famous Kansas City BBQ

FORT ROSECRANS NATIONAL CEMETARY



AMERICAN LEGION POST 820 – IMPERIAL BEACH



AMERICAN LEGION POST 258 – ALPINE POST



Pilots Wanted

by Larry Atkins ljatkins@yahoo.com

There is a new museum near Ellington Air Force Base: the Vietnam War Flight Museum. Their hanger is just south of the Lone Star Flight Museum. These guys have a hanger full of vintage aircraft including 3 Russian Migs! Volunteers come in and donate time to work on these planes to keep them all flight operational. The artifact part of the building is still coming together with parachutes, helmets, you name it! Tons of stuff lying around ready to be placed in displays cases.

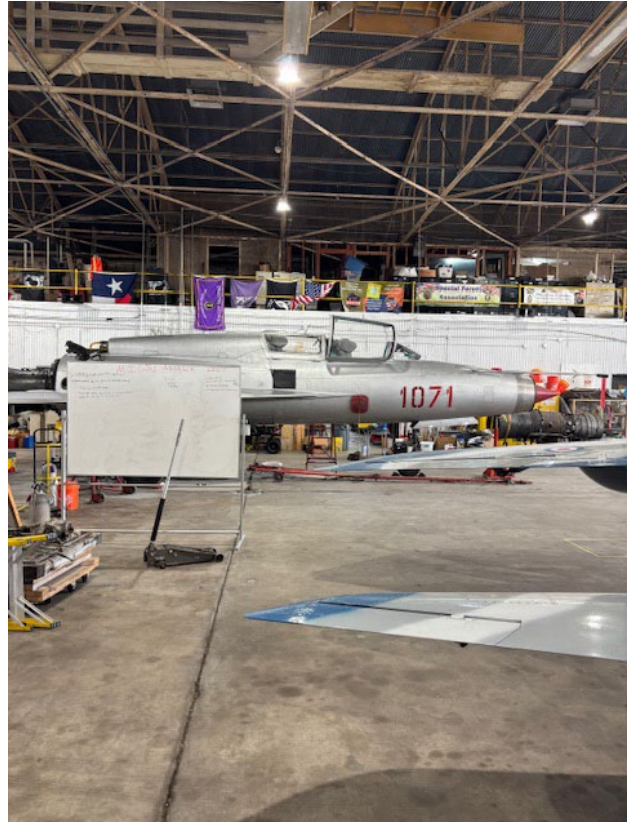
I went out on a limb and created a poster to help memorialize Hal Fisher, a highly decorated pilot who happened to be a member of China Post 1. Hal was not only one of the first pilots to fly jet powered aircraft; he was also one of the first pilots to shoot down a Mig! Hal himself was shot down, unfortunately, and captured/held as a POW in China. I encourage everyone to look Hal up on the internet and have a read. He was a real war hero, a member of CP1 and needs to be remembered.

I was having talks with the Lone Star Museum to see if there was any interest to hang this poster when one of our Houston Memorial Division members introduced me to the guy who was starting the Vietnam War Flight Museum, Rick Sharpe. I got in touch with Rick and asked if he had any wall space that we could use to hang this poster of Hal? Well, one thing led to another and now we have several acrylic posters, memorializing a few of our China Post Pilots, soon to be on display at this museum.

It's funny how things evolve, because Rick has an association with a few other museums with plans to move items back and forth to help keep displays changing and be more interesting. Our posters could also be displayed at the Lone Star Flight Museum and other museums around the country!

We have a few more posters in the works: one for Chennault and one for China Post 1, its story and history. I would like to add a few more pilots to this mix as we have room at the museum to display these on the hanger walls. If you have any interest in seeing your military story displayed, please shoot our Commander or me an email and we'll start from there.

See you at the museum!





Harold Edward Fischer

Colonel Harold Edward Fischer Jr. (May 8, 1925 – April 30, 2009) was a United States Air Force fighter pilot and flying ace of the Korean War. He accrued 11 victories in the war. He is also one of the two flying aces to be Prisoners of War during the war. He was released in 1955 and continued to serve in the USAF until 1978.

Early life

Fischer was born near Lone Rock, Iowa, in a farm on May 8, 1925. As a child, he enjoyed reading magazines about World War I Flying Aces. Fischer attended Iowa State University for two years.

Military service

Fischer enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve on April 17, 1943, and entered the V-5 Aviation Cadet Program on October 8, 1943. Fischer left the V-5 program on July 10, 1944, and reverted to civilian status. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army on February 16, 1949, and transferred to the U.S. Air Force on June 23, 1949. Fischer completed pilot training at Williams AFB, Arizona, in December 1950.

Korean War

Fischer was assigned to the 80th Fighter Bomber Squadron in Korea in April 1951. Based at Kimpo Air Base, he flew ground attack missions in the Lockheed F-80 Shooting Stars until May 1952, when he was assigned to the 41st Fighter Interceptor Squadron, flying the North American F-86 Sabre. Serving with the 39th Fighter Interceptor Squadron of the 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing at Suwon Air Base, Fischer shot down eleven MiG-15s, while flying more than 175 combat missions. On April 7, 1953, he was shot down and ejected from his F-86 Sabre north of the Yalu River, in a dogfight with three MiGs that extended into Chinese territory, an area that the Air Force had specifically ordered its pilots not to enter. Contrary to these facts, the Soviets did not admit their operations alongside the Chinese in the Korean War, and dispute the consideration that a Chinese pilot had shot down Fischer. Peasants surrounded him; then Chinese soldiers pulled up in a jeep. Ten days later, he was taken to the prison near Mukden.

Prisoner of War

Fischer was taken captive by Chinese military personnel and imprisoned near Shenyang, Liaoning Province. Although the Korean Armistice Agreement called for the release of all prisoners of war, Fischer was not freed. For most of that time, he was kept in a dark, damp cell with no bed and no opening except a slot in the door through which a bowl of food could be pushed. After a thwarted escape attempt nine months into his captivity, he was routinely tortured and ultimately admitted to trumped up charges that he had been ordered to enter Manchuria and that he had participated in germ warfare. After a short mock trial in Beijing on May 24, 1955, Fischer and the other pilots Lt. Col. Edwin L. Heller, 1st Lt. Lyle W. Cameron and 1st Lt. Roland W. Parks — were found guilty of violating Chinese territory by flying across the border while on missions over North Korea. It led to his release in May 1955. Fischer was returned to active service two months later. He spent 784 days in captivity and was released on May 30, 1955, nearly 2 years after the Korean War ended.

Post release and Vietnam War

After his release, Fischer received an Air Force Institute of Technology assignment to Iowa State College. He received his degree and then remained at the college, serving as an instructor in the Air Force ROTC program there from August 1957 to August 1960. Fischer next served as a Target Analyst at Offutt AFB, Nebraska, from August 1960 to November 1961, and then as an Intelligence Officer at Ramstein AB, West Germany, until August 1962. His next assignment was as a fighter pilot with the 389th Tactical Fighter Squadron of the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing at Chaumont AB, France, where he served from August 1962 to September 1963. He then received another AFIT assignment to Oklahoma State University, where he received his PhD in February 1966. Fischer then served as a Human Factors Officer with the Test Design Division at Sandia Air Station, New Mexico, from February 1966 to August 1968. He was a research associate at the MIT Center for International Studies from August 1968 to August 1969, and then served as a Planning and Programs Officer at Headquarters USAF at the Pentagon from August 1969 to September 1971. During the Vietnam War, Fischer was assigned as an Air Force Advisor to the Republic of Vietnam Air Force at Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, from September 1971 to October 1972. Fischer served mainly as a helicopter pilot and flew more than 200 missions over South Vietnam. Fischer served as Vice Commander and then Commander of the Air Force Human Resources Laboratory at Brooks AFB, Texas. Fischer's final assignment was at the Pentagon, where he retired from the Air Force on May 31, 1978.

Personal life

Fischer was first married to Dorothy Herron and they had a son named Harold E. Fischer, III. The marriage ended in divorce shortly before he became a Prisoner of War. An Air Force widow, Mary Jane Erickson, wrote to Fischer during his captivity and the two married shortly after his release. His wife had a six-year-old daughter. Later, Fischer had two more sons with Mary Jane, Kurt and Clint, and a daughter who died in infancy. After the couple divorced, he was married to Jean Cramlin. They had no children together and the marriage also ended in divorce.

Later life

Fischer learned that Chinese pilot Han Decai was credited with shooting him down in 1953. Fischer met Decai, when he joined a group of Flying Tiger pilots who had been invited to visit China. He met Decai and presented him with an F-86 model. He later became friends with him. Fischer died on April 30, 2009, in Las Vegas, Nevada, from complications after back surgery at the age of 83. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Section 59.

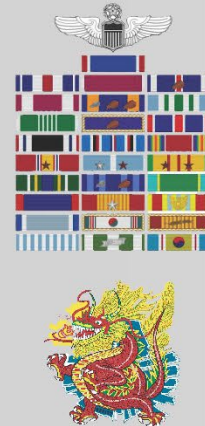
Awards and decorations

Fischer served for a full 30 years, receiving many decorations, including the Silver Star, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, and the Distinguished Service Cross.

Distinguished Service Cross citation

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Air Force) to Captain Harold Edward Fischer, United States Air Force, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United Nations while serving as Pilot of an F-86 aircraft, 39th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing, Fifth Air Force, in action against enemy forces in the Republic of Korea on 16 February 1953. On that date, while leading a flight of two F-86 Sabre Jets on an air superiority mission over North Korea, Captain Fischer sighted a formation of sixteen enemy MIG-15s heading south across the Yalu River. Disregarding the odds against him, he immediately initiated an attack. Although under intense enemy fire, Captain Fischer tenaciously pursued the leading MIG-15 through violent evasive maneuvers until he had destroyed it. Completely disregarding the fact that several enemy aircraft were still firing at him, Captain Fischer skillfully maneuvered his Sabre into firing position on another MIG-15 that was attacking his wingman. Again demonstrating extreme courage and outstanding flying skill, Captain Fischer pressed his attack until the MIG-15 was destroyed. These two victories in the face of counter attacks by such superior numbers unnerved the enemy to the extent that they withdrew into Manchuria before further attacks could be made. By his outstanding heroism, his complete disregard for personal safety and high sense of duty, Captain Fischer reflected great credit upon himself, the Far East Air Forces, and the United States Air Force.

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Hank Hoffman

Early life

Born April 28th 1941 in Detroit.

Plucked from the inner city of Detroit at age 13, Hank received a scholarship to Cranbrook School, a prep school in the suburbs. This would change his life.

Military service

Realizing he could not afford college, he applied for and received an appointment to the new USAF Academy in CO in the school's fifth class, graduating in 1963. After that, pilot training at Williams AFB, AZ and B-52 school at Castle AFB, CA. In the B-52 he was based at Sheppard AFB, TX and Pease AFB, NH and had three combat tours flying out of Guam, Okinawa and U Tapao Thailand. He then volunteered for fighters, getting an A-37 to Bien Hoa, Vietnam. He flew 205 combat missions there and was made an instructor

After combat, he went to Arizona State University for a MSE in Industrial Engineering, and from there, straight to USAF Test Pilot School at Edwards AFB, CA, graduating in 1973. There he flew the very last Zoom mission in the F-104, going to Mach 2 and then pulling the nose up to trade all that speed for altitude, topping out at 80,000 feet. As a test pilot, he was stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB OH and then back to Edwards AFB by way of Armed Forces Staff College. He conducted the first launches of a cruise missile from the B-52, earning a Missileman Badge as commander of that unit. He also tested the stretched YC-141B, doing much of the air refueling testing. After being passed over for promotion to LTC, he taught at TPS for about a year before going to the AF Reserves at Norton AFB, CA.

He spent eight years flying the C-141 globally at Norton, was twice promoted and retired as a full Colonel in 1988. For four years of this time he had two reserve jobs, C-141 at Norton AFB and instructing in T-38 and gliders back at Test Pilot School.

Awards

He counts only the two Distinguished Flying Crosses, nineteen Air Medals and the Vietnam Service Medal with eight stars. And a couple of medals from the Vietnamese. See photo.

FAA Ratings

Instructor, single and multiengine land, instrument and glider. Helicopter, instrument. Type - B-707/720, B-737, B-757/767, A-300, DC-10, L-300, L-400, MD-80, Lear jet.

Post Military

20 years with American Airlines, retired Captain in 2001. Last test program with Marsh Aviation on the OV-10M, and flying deliveries to Colombia, South America in 2005. Currently teaching Aerodynamics at USAF Academy, serving on the Assn of Graduates Board of Directors and lecturing.

Personal

Married three times, he finally got it right with Nancy. Two children, Heid and Henry IV, two grandchildren, Jennica and Jeremy Dombrowski.



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Claire Lee Chennault

Early life

Claire Lee Chennault (September 6, 1893 - July 27, 1958) was an American military aviator, adventurer, mercenary, businessman and past China Post 1 Commander. He was born in Commerce, Texas and grew up in Gilbert and Waterproof, Louisiana.

Early military career

Chennault attended Louisiana State University between 1909 and 1910 and underwent ROTC training. At the onset of World War I, he graduated from Officers' School at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana, and was transferred to the Aviation Division of the Army Signal Corps in 1917. He learned to fly in the Army Air Service during World War I. Following the war he graduated from pursuit pilot training at Ellington Field, Texas, on April 23, 1922, and remained in the service after it became the Air Corps in 1926. After graduating from the Air Corps Tactical School in 1931, Chennault became Chief of the Pursuit Section at the Tactical School.

Military Service

At the onset of the First World War he was commissioned a first lieutenant on November 1917 and learned to fly in the Army Air Service. Following the War he led the Army Air Corps aerobic team "Three Musketeers" which he later reorganized as "The Flying Trapeze". Due to health and promotion concerns he resigned from the military on April 30, 1937.

The Chinese recruited him to go to China in 1937, shortly after the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese War, to survey and assess the Chinese Air Force. In 1940, he was made a brigadier general in the Chinese Air Force and put in charge of recruiting pursuit pilots for the American Volunteer Group, which became famed as the Flying Tigers. The Flying Tigers were incorporated into the 14th Air Force after the United States entered the war.

Chennault was recalled to active duty by the Army Air Force April 15, 1942 as a colonel and was promoted to brigadier general a week later. In July he became commanding general of the U.S. Air Force in China and in March 1943 was promoted to major general and named to command the 14th Air Force in China. He came home in July 1945 for a brief assignment to Headquarters Army Air Force and he retired from the service October 31, 1945.

Chennault returned to China in 1946 and stayed there until 1950 as president of Civil Air Transport, which later became Air America. During the period, he became Chairman of the China Post 1 Executive Committee in Shanghai and was responsible for saving the Post from oblivion by sending the Post's records and books to U.S. in late 1948. The Post has operated in exile ever since.

Awards

U.S. Army Air Forces Command Pilot Badge, Army Distinguished Service Medal with bronze oak leaf cluster, Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with bronze oak leaf cluster, Air Medal, World War I Victory Medal, American Defense Service Medal with service star, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one silver and three bronze campaign stars, World War II Victory Medal, Order of Blue Sky and White Sun (Republic of China), Order of the Cloud and Banner 3rd Grade (Republic of China), Order of the British Empire Honorary Knight Grand Cross (United Kingdom), Légion d'honneur Chevalier (France), WWII Croix de Guerre with bronze Palm (France), Order of the Bath Knight Commander (KCB) (United Kingdom), Order of Polonia Restituta Knight's Cross (Poland), and China War Memorial Medal (Republic of China).

Death

On July 18, 1958, the U.S. Air Force awarded him the grade of lieutenant general he died nine days later, on July 27 at the Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans. He is interred at Arlington National Cemetery, Section 2, and Grave 873-4. There is a museum in his honor, Chennault Aviation and Military Museum, located in Monroe, LA. Claire Lee Chennault's headstone at Arlington National Cemetery, Memorial Day, 2017. Buried on the right is Col. John Stephen Chennault, his eldest son from his first marriage.



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Alfred G. "Fred" Platt

Early life

Fred was born in Houston, Texas on February 4, 1941. A 1958 graduate of San Jacinto High School, he graduated from The University of Texas in 1963 and then on to Air Force Officer Candidate School.

Military Service

During the Vietnam War, Fred was determined to participate in combat air strikes in Southeast Asia to defend and protect our ground troops that were dying in rapid numbers. Initially he was sent to airtraffic control school because there weren't enough slots open for pilot school. He finally made it to pilot training and flew as co-pilot in B-52's for about a year. He continued to volunteer for service in Viet Nam and finally in 1968, he was transferred to Phan Rang, RVN.

Fred attended Escape and Evasion school in the Philippines and was an honor graduate. He then checked out in the O-1 Birdog, and flew fac (forward air control) and other missions in support of Mac V Sog until December of 1968, when he volunteered for the Steve Canyon Program which was Top Secret (Project 404) an all volunteer outfit. He quickly went to Bien Hoa, RVN to receive his certification to fly the T-28 close air support aircraft. After being checked out in the T-28, Fred flew a U-17 from RVN to Thailand as a replacement aircraft for the Steve Canyon Program. Fred was then "sheep dipped" which was the removal of all military identification, uniforms, records, etc. so as to appear as a civilian. The Steve Canyon Program was designed to provide forward air controllers, aircraft, mechanics and other clandestine personnel to combat the Pathet Lao and the NVA in Laos. Fred was usually flying out of Long Tieng, an airfield shown on the secret CIA maps as LS 20 A (Lima Sight 20 Alternate).

Fred's call sign over the PDJ (Plain des Jars) was Raven 47. He wore cowboy boots most of the time and was called Cowboy by his friends in the Ravens, probably more a result of his gung ho behavior rather than his boots. His monicker soon became "Magnet Ass" due to the inordinate number of rounds his aircraft took from enemy combatants.

Fred usually went up in his O-1 heavily armed. His favorite weapons were a Swedish K 9mm SMG and a Browning Hi Power 9MM pistol. He often carried an AK 47 and an M 79 grenade launcher. Fred went into combat heavily armed for good reason: he was shot down 11 times! Fred accumulated 745 combat missions while in Laos. He claimed to have neutralized more than 5,000 Pathet Lao and NVA troops, KBA. His stories of near escapes and miraculously being picked up by an Air America chopper or a fellow Raven landing on a dirt road to pick him up only 100 yards in front of the swarming NVA are the stuff legends are made of. Fred's experiences and those of many other Ravens are preserved in the book The Ravens by Christopher Robbins.

The last time Fred crashed, he was severely injured and left partially paralyzed. He was medically retired with the rank of Captain. It took Fred two painful years of physical therapy to regain the use of his legs.

Awards

Captain Fred Platt USAF, received the following decorations: The Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, 26 Air Medals, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Gold Palm, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star for service in South Viet Nam, 3 Purple Hearts, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit award with Combat V and 1 Oak Leaf Cluster.

Post Military

After the war, Fred dedicated his life to helping others. Over the course of the next 40 years, Fred helped raise millions of dollars for local charities. He became a fixture in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, he founded the 189 Club which provided funds to firemen, police officers and or their families of those killed or injured in the line of duty. He became active in the Ward and Chennault Post 1, China, of the American Legion (China Post 1, Operating in exile) serving as the Commander of the China Post for many years. Fred also became a well-known aficionado of rare old Scotch whiskey, fine cigars and vintage Port.

Fred died in April, 2016.



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Captain A.R. (Rich) Vandiver United States Marine Corps Reserve

Early life

Born on June 6, 1943 in Birmingham Alabama and grew up in the "Cradle of Naval Aviation" Pensacola Florida. Captain VANDIVER'S father retired as a US Navy Chief. One of his earliest aviation memories is of accompanying him to one of his night shifts in the Flight line maintenance shack aboard NAS Saufley Field Pensacola, Florida. Later in his Navy career he was assigned as an aircraft maintenance mechanic with the US Navy "BLUE ANGELS" Flight demonstration team.

Military service

In early September 1963 Captain VANDIVER enlisted in the USMC as a MarCad (Marine Aviation Cadet). He received orders to report to CNATRA (Chief of Naval Air Training) U.S. Naval School of Pre-Flight NAS Pensacola Florida at the end of September 1963.

In the following 20 months, Captain VANDIVER underwent Naval Flight training at the following bases: NAS Pensacola, Fla., NAS Saufley Field Pensacola Fla, NAS Meridian Meridian, Miss., NAS Kingsville, Tx. Where he received his Carrier Qualification landing and take off training aboard the US aircraft carrier Lexington in the Gulf of Mexico (Carrier Qualification)

In early May 1965 at NAS Kingsville, Captain VANDIVER having completed the prescribed course of flight training was awarded his "Wings of Gold" and designated as a Naval Aviator. At the same ceremony he was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. USMC (R). On the 22nd of May Captain VANDIVER married the former Xochitl Rodriguez-Meza.

On the 15th of June 1965, He received orders to report to VMF-334 MCAS El Toro, California flying the F-8 Crusader. On 10 October 1966 He received orders to report to 1st Marine Air Wing DaNang Viet Nam. On arrival at DaNang, Captain VANDIVER was assigned ground duties with MASS-2 (Marine Air Support Squadron 2). From October 1966 through December 1966, He acted as a Senior Air Director (watch stander) in the DASC (Direct Air Support Center) "LANDSHARK" located in the 1st Marine Division Command Center. The DASC was tasked with co-ordination of US Marine ground combat units with Marine Air assets (fixed and rotary wing aircraft) within the DaNang TAOR (Tactical Area of Responsibility). At the end of December 1967, Captain VANDIVER was transferred to fill the position of Officer in Charge of "Devastate Bravo" with MASS-2. Dev Bravo was a TPQ-10 Installation on a mountain top West of DaNang. The TPQ-10 was a fully air transportable (helicopter) ground controlled all weather radar bombing system. In April 1967, He was ordered to join HEADQUARTERS and MAINTENANCE SQUADRON (H&MS-11), MARINE AIR GROUP-11 (MAG-11). MAG-11 was located on the west side of the DaNang Air Base. Captain VANDIVER was assigned flight duties as a FAST FAC (Fast Forward Air Controller) flying a Grumman TF9J COUGAR aircraft. He flew 136 combat missions comprised of the following combat mission types:

Close Air Support for Marine units engaged with the enemy, Armed reconnaissance, Artillery Spot, Naval Gunfire Spot, Locate assigned enemy targets, call in and control air assets-after attack obtain Bomb damage assessments. In November 1967 at the completion of his Viet Nam duty assignment, Captain VANDIVER was transferred to VMF/VMFA-333, MCAS Beaufort SC. He flew the F-8 CRUSADER and the F-4 PHANTOM. He was released from active duty in November 1969.

Military Awards

Air Medal—eight awards (includes one Single Mission award)
National Defense Service Medal
Viet Nam Service Medal
Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry
Vietnamese Civil Affairs Medal
Vietnamese Campaign Medal

Civilian Aircraft Ratings

FAA Airline Transport Pilot (Multi-Engine Land)
FAA Commercial Pilot (Single Engine Land)
FAA Airline Transport Pilot (Rotary Wing Helicopter)

Type Ratings

CASA-212, SWEARINGEN METROLINER (Single Pilot authorized), CESSNA CITATION, DOUGLAS C-47

Post Military Life

In the summer of 1970, Captain VANDIVER became a Criminal Investigator with U.S. Customs. In 1973 he was transferred to the newly created DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION in the position of SPECIAL AGENT/PILOT. He retired from the DEA in January 1998. Subsequent to his retirement, he was hired as an EMS Helicopter Pilot with Petroleum Helicopters Air Medical flying a Bell 407 helicopter. He retired from PHI (PETROLEUM HELICOPTERS, INC) in 2022

Personal Life

Captain VANDIVER is married to the former Xochitl RODRIGUEZ-MEZA of Nuevo Laredo Mexico. Our children are as follows; Richard VANDIVER, Xochitl VANDIVER-GASKIN, Hudson VANDIVER. Captain VANDIVER is a member of QUIET BIRDMEN and the AMERICAN LEGION CHINA POST 1.

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SAL MEMBERSHIP (NEW) CHINA POST 1

China Post 1 Sons of The American Legion Squadron Annual Dues is \$35.00 or \$ 20.00 if under age 18. Veteran whom your eligibility is established must have Honorably served or is serving in a War Era. Mail this application and dues to the address on Page 2 or transmit this application by email to SALCMDR@ChinaPost1.email and pay dues to address shown below.

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CHINA POST 1 – DRAGON RIDERS



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**Membership/Continued Membership is contingent upon annual dues being current with host program and the riders program*

Name (as shown on AL member card): _____
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 Spouse (if Applicable): _____
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 Membership type (AL, SAL, AUX): _____
 American Legion Member #: _____
 Are you a PUFL or Annual Dues Member: _____
 AL / SAL / AUX dues current? _____
 Make/Model/Y ear of Motorcycle: _____

1) Dues for China Post 1 ALR are \$25.00 and paid via the ChinaPost1.org website. The dues must be paid by October 1st each year. Honorary Membership is available to current Riders who due to circumstances outside their control (such as health) prevent them from continuing to ride a motorcycle.

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/ /		☐ Birth - 17 ☐ 18 and over			
Date of Birth (Required)		Unit #		Location	
Have you been a member previously? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, fill in below.)					
Previous Unit City/State				ALA ID # (if known)	
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Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18)				Date	

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Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name)					
If Living: American Legion Member ID # Post # City State					
☐ Deceased—If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records. For Veteran's DD214 Discharge Papers: www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records					
Veteran Served:					
☐ WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)					
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Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:					
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Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification				/ / Date	

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Recruiter's Name		Unit/Post #		City State	

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance.
 Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. *Membership pending approval of application.*

The Editor's Page

Anyone on a writing or publishing deadline dreads the unexpected as that deadline draws near. My dread was realized when my computer's motherboard died during what was once called "the paste up" phase for this, the Fall, issue. Days went by as I searched for a replacement and then slowly confirmed all the files were accounted for and nothing was lost. I am back in the game!

Poop Sheet Contributions Wanted Send to poopsheet@chinapost1.org

We welcome contributions to the Poop Sheet from all our members, including links and photos that relate directly to our Post, its members, and their activities and accomplishments. However, please DO NOT send anything classified or sensitive, including topics of a political, sexual, or religious nature. Your contributions to the Poop Sheet should be sent to poopsheet@chinapost1.org with the Subject: Poop Sheet Article. **Please send all other notices, requests for information or support, and any other messages to the appropriate individual in the directory that follows.**

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As your editorial team, Kokoe and I are dedicated to providing the members of the CP1 Family with the Poop Sheet promptly on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July, and 1 October. In addition to promptness, we want it to be filled with timely information and interesting content. ***To be successful we need the cooperation and assistance of the officers and program heads to send us the information. The deadlines for each issue: five (5) days before the issue's publication date.***

Deadline for 10 January 2026 is 5 January 2026

News From Around the Globe A Continuing Feature

Members, we also need input from you. What are you doing, where have you been, who have you met up with, what have you celebrated? If you know of a member's passing let us know, and the Adjutant as well! We need photos...jpgs are easy to work with. Our incredibly interesting members are doing incredible things, so bring us up to date. **Remember OPSEC. Submissions to poopsheet@chinapost1.org**

Members: Do you want daily updates about China Post 1? You should be on our **Facebook** group where something is posted nearly every day. Only 25% of our members follow us on Facebook. The official and genuine CP1 Facebook group is [AMERICAN LEGION: CHINA POST 1 | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/AMERICAN.LEGION.CHINA.POST.1) Request to join and answer the questions.

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Hallo, fellow Voyageurs and CP1 members!

It was great to see so many in San Diego and a BIG BIENVENUE-WELCOME to those who chose to join the Grande de France of the 40&8! We DO appreciate your trust in us, the organization, and its programs, notably the Nurses Training program and Child Welfare. These two are the programs that make the 40&8 unique, differing from most other veterans organizations' programs. If any of our CP1 members are still wondering whether s/he should join, send me a note at

voiture1496@yahoo.com or call me at 520-450-2244: I will send you whatever info you need. Note, however, that I will be in Europe until mid-November: any snail-mail info will have to wait. To those members who still have not paid their dues (\$60 for dues and program pins): Please DO pay your dues and buy the pins that support our programs but hold on mailing stuff until early November: that way your money doesn't linger in my PO Box and you wonder why your check(s) don't get cashed! I hope that, after a rather dismal membership year, France will shine again next fall: I caught a lot of flack about what happened in the last few years: Didn't feel good

Along that line we again extend our congratulations and best wishes to our latest scholarship recipient who was presented with a \$1000 check at the Reunion Banquet and thank CP1 for their much-appreciated annual donation. Likewise, a big-hug-Thank You to Richard Pillsbury (my Cookie Monster) and Leroy Cockrell for their monetary support of the programs.

The National Promenade that just ended in Gettysburg, VA was a nice affair with one of the better banquets I have had over the years. The guest speaker was one of Marine guards of the Teheran embassy hostage situation "back in the days": It was not only informative but also interesting, getting information from (literally) an insider and lasted less than half-an-hour!

The new Chef de Chemin de Fer (National Commander) is Jim Vissers from somewhere in the Cold White North. He has worked for the organization and its programs for many years in both program and leadership positions and his election was well-deserved!

For planning purposes: Next year's Promenade Nationale will be held again at the Eisenhower Conference Center south of Gettysburg, and the 2027-2028-2029 Promenades will be in Wichita, KS: General problems with hotel contracting gets a bit easier if contracts are made for several years

Final Note: Please keep Roger Gowen in your prayers: he has been the Chef of France and Vice Commander for CP1 for years and is "not really doing well"!

Final Final Note: Thanks to Gary Howe to has been the Cheminot for several years but work- and health issues in the family made him step down.

Personal Final Note: I talked to one of our new members about possibly taking a much-needed position 'in France' but I honestly can't remember who it was: he was new and I hadn't internalized his name yet: Whoever you were: Please get back to me so I can send you the info that I promised to send!

Looking forward to seeing you all next year in an exciting place! In the mean time: Stay well, Do your Buddy Checks, and Stay in touch!

Larry Atkins
 Chef de Gare
 Grande du France
 Voiture 1496
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"Shadow" (Ron Butts)
 Chef de Gare
 Grande du France

Gary Howe
 Chef de Gare
 Voiture, 1496

Janie Miller
 Cheminot
 Grande du France



KNOW THE SIGNS OF A CRISIS: Recognizing red flags and knowing when to get help can make a difference in a veteran's life. Read more at:

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/education/signs-of-crisis>

If you feel you are in a crisis, whether or not you are thinking about killing yourself, please call. The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. People

have called for help with substance abuse, economic worries, relationship and family problems, sexual orientation, illness, getting over abuse, depression, mental and physical illness, and even loneliness.

CALL: Veterans and their loved ones can dial **988** and Press 1 to speak with a caring and qualified responder.

TEXT: Veterans and loved ones can also send a text message to **838255** to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, or call your local 24-hour mental health crisis line.

Veteran Combat Call Center - Combat vets and families can call any time 24/7/365: **1 (800) 927-8387** to speak with other combat vets and families about any issues from military experience to readjusting to civilian life.

CHAT ONLINE: Veterans Chat 24/7/365 Confidential Support is just a Click Away. If you're a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, responders at the Veterans Crisis Line online chat offer help that can make a difference. Caring, qualified VA professionals are standing by to provide free and confidential support:

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