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

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Commander's Corner

By Jeff Carson, Commander

April 26, 1920 - China Post 1's Remarkable One Hundred Six Years of Service

The American Legion's unique Post, China Post 1, was chartered April 20, 1920, having been founded the previous November 28, 1919, at the American Club in Shanghai, China. Through decades of prosperity, economic depression, war, and exile, the story of our Post is one we can all celebrate.

In the HISTORY section of our website you can read about Past Post Commander Frank Delacy Mortimer. chinapost1.org/in-memoriam/frank-delacy-mortimer/ First elected to lead the Post in 1936, Commander Mortimer, before suffering imprisonment in 1942 by the Japanese, securely hide the Post's records, which he recovered at the war's end. In 1948, following the Communist victory in China, General Chennault, Chairman of the Executive

Committee, directed the records be sent to The American Legion headquarters in Indianapolis; our exile and survival can be directly tied to that decision, and we have thrived.

So, on Monday, April 20th, raise a glass to celebrate our chartering, and those men who came before us upon whose shoulders we stand.

Jeff Carson
Commander China Post 1
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AMERICAN LEGION POST 1, SHANGHAI, CHINA REUNION SEPT 14-17, 2026

DoubleTree by Hilton Dayton Fairborn Ohio, near The Air Force Museum
Located at 2800 Presidential Dr, Fairborn, Ohio 45324

The DoubleTree hotel is a newly renovated guest rooms feature all-new Double Queen Beds or King Beds. The special Group Rate for this event (2 Queen beds or King is \$149.00/night. These rates can be applied three days pre and/or 3 days post reunion dates. Do make your reservations early especially if you plan to stay past the end of our reunion as hotel space will be limited due to a city-wide marathon scheduled for the following weekend. We have also negotiated a discounted breakfast voucher for \$10.00 which can be purchased at time of check-in, a \$14.95 value.

Please make your reservations directly with Double Tree by Hilton Dayton Fairborn Ohio. Room reservation Cut-Off Date is August 14, 2026. **Call: 1 (937) 426-7800.**

Be sure to use Group Code: **Soldiers of Fortune Sept 2026.**

You may also reserve your rooms online with Hilton Hotels via this link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/soldiersoffortunesept2026/>

Room Information

The DoubleTree hotel has newly renovated guest rooms featuring all-new Double Queen Beds or King Beds, as well as brand-new blackout blinds for the perfect night's sleep. Select King Rooms also include an executive chair for added comfort and productivity, while some rooms offer King beds with a pull-out double for additional flexibility in accommodating guests.

Each room is equipped with a Keurig coffee maker, a mini fridge, and a microwave for your convenience. For entertainment, enjoy a state-of-the-art Smart TV with streaming capabilities, and take advantage of multiple charging plugs for all your devices.

The hotel has a modern keyless entry system makes check-in and access seamless. Each guest room also includes a spacious workstation with both stationary and moveable desks, ergonomic seating, task lighting, and high-speed wireless internet access.

The Executive 24-hour Fitness Center is equipped with state-of-the-art machines, providing everything you need to power up your morning workout or unwind after a busy day. For those looking to relax and rejuvenate, our heated indoor pool is available from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM, offering a serene space to refresh and recharge.

Dining

Indulge in a delightful dining experience at The Wright Place Restaurant and Lounge, where we serve a delicious and hearty breakfast buffet each morning. For dinner, enjoy a casual yet upscale à la carte menu, perfect for any palate.

Prefer a quieter evening? Room service offers a relaxed and convenient way to enjoy your meal in the comfort of your room while catching up on the latest news or sports on your Smart TV.

If you're in the mood to explore, there are a variety of restaurants and shopping options just a short distance from the property, offering a range of experiences to suit any taste.

Rate Information:

These rates can apply three days pre and/or three days post-convention with advanced reservation notice, subject to availability. All rates quoted are subject to state and local taxes (12.75%).

REUNION SCHEDULE

Sunday, 13 September

Advance party arrival and set-up of Hospitality Suite.

China Post 1 Dragon Riders Ride (Tentative, subject to change depending on Riders' interest)

Monday, 14 September – Sightseeing, touring local attractions, visiting Wright Patterson AFB

09:00 – Reunion Registration, Hospitality Suite

09:00 – Emblem Sales. Hospitality Suite

17:00 – China Post Reunion Reception, Hospitality Suite

Tuesday, 15 September

09:00 – Visit Wright Patterson Air Force Museum (Admission to Museum is free)

09:00 – Hospitality Suite opens

16:00 – Dragon Riders Meeting

Wednesday, 16 September, meeting locations to be announced.

09:00 – Executive Committee meeting

09:00 – Auxiliary Members meeting

10:30 - General membership meeting, all members of the American Legion family are invited, China Post members, Auxiliary members, and Sons of the Legion.

13:30 - 40&8 Promenade

1430 - S.A.L. meeting

18:00 - Cocktails.

19:00 – Asian Flair Banquet. Guest Speaker: CMSGT (Ret) Ray Snedegar. (C5 Loadmaster of Operation Baby Lift, April 1975, Saigon)

21:00 - Retire to the Hospitality Suite.

Thursday, 17 September

08:00 Clearing Hospitality Suite

11:00 Check-out

AMERICAN LEGION CHINA POST 1 REUNION

SEPTEMBER 14 – 17, 2026
DOUBLETREE by HILTON HOTEL
2800 PRESIDENTIAL DRIVE DAYTON FAIRBORN,
OHIO 45324

EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

If you will be attending the 2026 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 **room reservations** directly with the Doubletree Hotel. **Room reservation Cut-Off Date: August 14th.**

Call: 1-(866)-994-7250 (or on-line at: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/soldiersoffortunesept2026/>).

Group Code: **Soldiers of Fortune Sept 2026**

Send Event Reservations to:

Terry Parker
China Post 1 Reunion
1200 Industrial Rd #23
Boulder City, NV 89005

Cell (702) 913-4338
Email: tparker173rd@gmail.com

PLEASE RETURN THIS EVENT REGISTRATION FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT HAVE IT IN THE MAIL NO LATER THAN SEPT 10th SO IT CAN BE RECEIVED AND PROCESSED BEFORE THE MEETINGS.

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| 1. Registration Fee, \$50 for each Legionnaire or SAL Member | \$ _____ |
| 2. Guest Registration Fee, \$40 for each Guest | \$ _____ |
| 3. Wednesday Night Dinner Asian Flair Buffet @ \$ 45 | \$ _____ |
| Total | \$ _____ |

Registration includes a complimentary Reception on Monday Evening for all Attendees!

Please Print Name _____

Spouse / Guests _____

Your Address _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Cell _____ Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Please have this in the mail by Sept 1, 2026

MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN AUG 14th 2026

China Post 1 Says Goodbye to Richard Pillsbury

Richard Pillsbury was honored at a memorial service with full military honors aboard the USS Midway on March 18, 2026, surrounded by family and friends. A proud U.S. Navy veteran, Richard served as a **Seabee in Vietnam**, where he formed lifelong bonds of brotherhood and service.



Attending on behalf of **China Post 1** were Jeff Carson (Commander), Terry Parker (Adjutant), Hans Stockenberger (Executive Committee), Robert Ault, and Michael “Doc” LaMar. Although unable to attend, **Tom Rohde** and **Janie Miller** shared heartfelt memories honoring their friendship with Richard.



Richard was a **dedicated member of China Post 1 for more than 45 years**, taking great pride in the organization and wearing its insignia whenever possible. His loyalty to China Post 1 was unwavering, and throughout his life he remained committed solely to its membership.

Known for his generosity, Richard made significant contributions to **China Post 1** and the **40 & 8**, funding two nursing scholarships that he personally presented in San Diego shortly before his passing.

Richard is remembered as warm, humorous, loyal, and kind—a gifted storyteller, a devoted friend, and a brother to many. His legacy lives on through the lives he touched, the service he gave, and the generosity he shared.

Richard was laid to rest on **March 19, 2026**, at **Miramar National Cemetery** in San Diego, California. Military honors were rendered by the **Patriot Guard**.

Adjutant's Corner

By Terry Lee Parker, Adjutant

We are approaching the end of the 2026 year. It has been a good year for me, and I hope you all can say the same.

Our overall membership is down by about 17 members as far as I can count and guess. We have 1,132 members as of this writing. There are 146 members who have not renewed their membership for the 2027 year. I am sure there will be some who will wait for the last minute to renew. As a footnote, we had 997 members at the end of 2022. I do not have the numbers for the intervening years but I'm sure they have been growing each year.

In a few months we will be starting our 2027 year. You will be receiving your renewal notices soon.

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Terry L. Parker (Coodie), Adjutant, CP1



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:

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/chat>

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

By Doug Haggan, Squadron Commander

Socco Reeder, Vice Commander



Here is some trivia for you

Some of us are dual (American Legion and Sons of the American Legion) members, and some are triple, triple you say, yes (American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Auxiliary) members. Yes if your spouse is an American Legion member you both will be eligible in the American Legion Auxiliary.

End of the trivia.

It is the time of the year when we all start to get busy after the long rest bit know as winter, weather it is around the house, or around the yard, we all have something to doing, by the way don't forget to wash those house windows.

But I want to ask you to do some Veterans planning. Memorial Day will be here before we know it. Take some time on this day to honor those that made sacrificed so we may live in the beautiful country we have. We have 250th Anniversary of the United States of America July 4th this is also a day we can celebrate our Veterans.

Now is the time to start planning to attend Generals Ward and Chennault China Post CH01 Reunion in Dayton, OH in September.

I would like to close by letting you know we need six more members to renew their membership so Squadron CH01 can end 2026 membership year at 100% membership. Look at your membership card if it has 2025 on it you need to renew your membership.

Everybody have a great start to Spring and Summer hope to see you in Dayton.



China Post 1 Auxiliary (UNIT 1)

By Kokoe Estrada Dusina, Auxiliary President



Spring has sprung! It's already April, which means it's getting close to the best time of year – Poppy Season! Poppy Day is May 22, the Friday before Memorial Day.

Each year on the Friday before Memorial Day, Americans wear the red poppy to remember those who gave their lives in service to our nation. First adopted after World War I, the poppy has become a powerful national symbol of sacrifice and gratitude.

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary and the broader American Legion Family distribute handmade poppies across the country. In return, recipients are invited to make a donation that directly supports veterans, active-duty service members, and their families — providing critical medical, financial, and community assistance.

One small flower. One meaningful act. A lasting impact on those who served.

Learn more about Poppy Day here: <https://www.legion-aux.org/national-poppy-day>

OTHER NEWS

Aux Unit 1 has been working on an Auxiliary shop – where our members can purchase Auxiliary themed items such as shirts and drinkware. Here are a few examples of what we intend to offer:



MEMBER CONTACT INFO UPDATES

Reminder: If you are a member in Unit 1, please take a moment to update your contact information either via email to Clara at auxsecretary@chinapost1.org, or by filling in the online form here.

The QR code link to the same form is below if you would like to make updates via iPad, tablet or cell phone.



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:

Kokoe: auxpresident@chinapost1.org

Clara: auxsecretary@chinapost1.org

ALA UNIT 1 RESOURCES

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

[Unit Resources](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

April 1-30 Month of the Military Child

April 1-30 Month Military Saves Month

April 5 – Gold Star Spouses Day

April 5 - Easter

April 9 - National Former POW Recognition Day

April 12-20 – Passover

April 14 Air Force Reserve Birthday

April 23 – U.S. Army Reserve Birthday

April 25 - American Legion Family Day

April 30 – National Military Brats Day

May 1-30 - Month of the Military Caregiver

May 1-30 - National Military Appreciation Month

May 1 - Silver Star Service Banner Day

May 8 - Military Spouse Appreciation Day

May 10 – Mother's Day

May 15 - Peace Officers Memorial Day

May 16 - Armed Forces Day

May 22 - Maritime Day

May 25 - Memorial Day

Dragon Riders

By Jeff Kline, Director, and John Metcalf, Assistant Director

The Legacy of the Dragon Riders

Every great story starts with a spark. For the **Dragon Riders**, that spark ignited in **2005**, when a group of men and women with shared values and a shared vision came together to build something bigger than themselves. They were riders, leaders, friends, and pioneers — each bringing unique strengths to the table. Together, they formed a bond that would grow into the Dragon Riders legacy we honor today.

The Original Riders

Gerald Griffin • Robert Senko • Art Muzzicato • Joel Eisenberg • Gregory Rogers • Gerald Damewood • Gary Howe • Lee Hammoch • George White • Randy Bridges • Scott Hilton • Milt Brown • Tony Riddle • Michael Maloy • Barry Cauley • Stanley Waite • Chip Britton • Kenneth Jones • Ronald Burkett • Marlys Burkett
Their commitment set the tone for every member who followed. Their spirit still rides with us.

A Brotherhood That Continues to Grow

Today, the Dragon Riders have grown to **118 Brothers and Sisters**, all united by a single mission: to support the veteran community — **wherever the road leads**.

Whether riding together or alone, their purpose remains the same. They serve the community and support other American Legion posts through countless behind-the-scenes efforts, including:

- Patriot Guard missions
- Warriors Watch Riders support
- American Legion Legacy Runs
- Funeral escorts
- Parades
- Veteran suicide-prevention support
- Community outreach and volunteer service

And through it all, one truth binds every Rider:

Before anything else, we are China Post 1 members — and that sets us apart.

Service That Makes a Difference

This year, the Riders have continued their tradition of giving back, raising funds quietly and consistently for the **Children & Veterans Foundation of the American Legion**.

Thanks to donations from members — including contributions through the Legacy Fund link on the website — the Riders have raised **approximately \$6,000** so far.



As with last year, anyone who donated **\$30.00 or more** will receive a **custom Dragon Riders T-shirt** as a thank you for supporting the cause. When donating, please include your **color selection (Red or Blue)** and **shirt size**.

Their work is not loud, but it is powerful. It changes lives.

Leadership Today

The Dragon Riders continue to thrive under the guidance of a dedicated leadership team:

Director: *Jeff Kline* **Assistant Director:** *John Metcalf* **Post Commander:** *Jeff Carson*

Their support, direction, and commitment ensure that the Riders remain focused on service, unity, and the mission of China Post 1.

A Message to Our Community

If you see one or more of the Riders out on the road, please say hello. Remember that they ride for **all veterans**, from every generation. Their dedication honors the original Dragon Riders who began this journey in 2005 — and we are grateful for every mile they have ridden in service to others.

The leadership team looks forward to seeing everyone in **September in Dayton, Ohio**, for this year's Reunion. Plans are already underway for a **group ride** and a **Riders' meeting**. If you can, bring your bike — let's take advantage of the rare opportunity to ride together.

If you are in the Dayton area and would like to help assemble or coordinate the ride, please reach out to the leadership team so we can plan together and make this a reunion to remember.

We also encourage all members: If you meet veterans — or sons, daughters, or family members — who live by the values of China Post 1, consider inviting them to join. We must continue to grow, and we need younger members who carry the same dedication and spirit that built this legacy. Stay safe and keep the rubber side down.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kline, John Metcalf

Director & Assistant Director, Dragon Riders

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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:

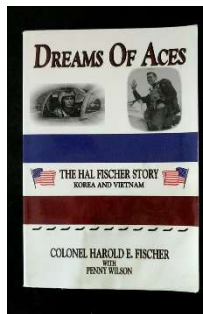
[Shop – China Post 1](#)

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's/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.



**Shown above: Top row – CP1 centennial coin, A-10 Warthog 30 mm round, Anniversary pin and coins
Bottom row – CP1 coffee cup, Dreams of Aces Book by Hal Fischer, CP1 Survival Kit**

News From Around the World

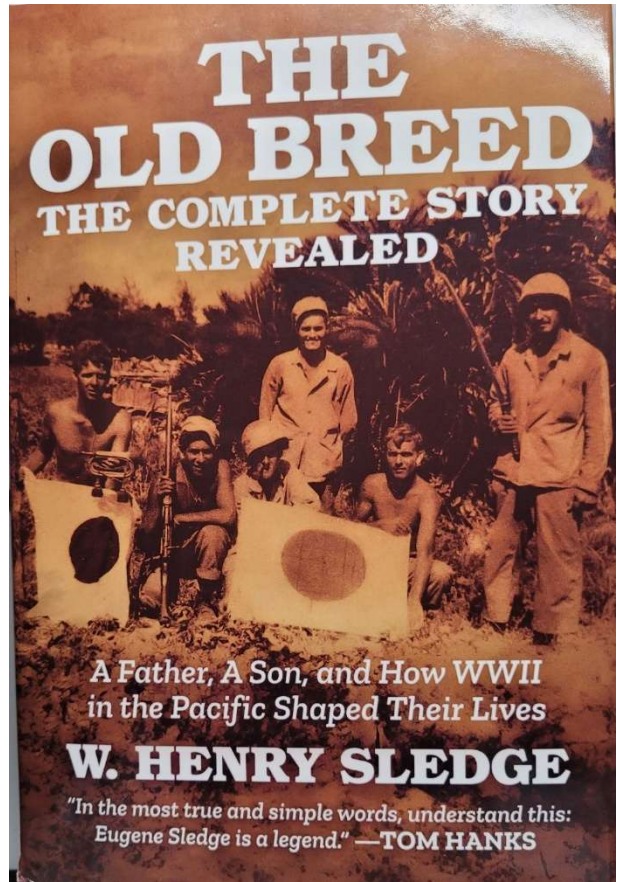
Eugene B. Sledge Commemoration

by Emerald Coast Memorial Division



Sunday, March 1, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the passing of renown Cpl Eugene B. Sledge, USMC, ("Sledgehammer"), author of *With the Old Breed at Peleliu and Okinawa*, the Emerald Coast Memorial Division conducted a wreath laying at his grave site in Mobile, Alabama. Marine Corps League Detachments 447 and 1449 joined us in the honors; 1449 provided the rifle salute and the bugler, while 447 supported the wreath laying by 97 year old China Marine and Korean War veteran Bubba Jackson; Bubba was a childhood neighbor and friend of Eugene Sledge, and is a member of the American Legion. We were especially honored to welcome Sledge's son Henry and his wife Andrea to our ceremony. Henry has edited the unpublished portions of his dad's original manuscript and recently published *The Old Breed, The Complete Story Revealed* (322 pages of new material!) We are very pleased with the event and the new contacts and friends made. The slab on Sledgehammer's grave is covered with coins, demonstrating he is remembered and visited by old and new admirers. Afterwards Anna and I had lunch with Det 1449 and, like all Marines, they are a fun bunch. Professional Fran Barber's photo gallery can be seen at <https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-KKvn55>





The Shanghai Bowl...No, It's Buried Treasure, Not Football

by Don Northcutt

In the 1970s when Anna and I were newly married and serving as Army officers at Fort McClellan, Alabama, our next-door neighbor was Mrs Goodwin, a colonel's widow who became one of our great friends. We lived in a stylish 1920s art deco apartment building. Every evening before retiring Mrs Goodwin would play piano duets with another widow. The music filled the building and, much like Taps, brought closure to the day. At the dinner table we heard many stories of life in the Army of the early 20th century. She was born in the 1890s, the daughter of an Army colonel, very much in the brown riding boots and spurs era. While in the Philippines, contrary to the wishes of her parents, she loved and married a young lieutenant of her own choosing and had a happy and adventurous marriage as an Army wife.

She had many stories about Army life in China in the 1920s and 1930s. Unfortunately, I do not remember where in China they were stationed, but I do recall her talking about Chinese silver, and this leads me to the story of The Shanghai Bowl. Mrs Goodwin possessed an elaborate and extensive Chinese produced silver service. It was stunning and seemed to have pieces without number. So, when I recently heard of **The Shanghai Bowl** and the 31st Infantry Regiment, "The Polar Bears", I turned to the Army Historical Foundation for more detail.

"The 31st Infantry Regiment has played a role in every major conflict and military operation involving the U.S. Army from World War I to the war in Afghanistan. The 31st Infantry is one of a few Regular Army units constituted and organized outside of the United States. Comprised of soldiers from the 8th, 13th, 15th, and 27th Infantry Regiments, the 31st was formed on 13 August 1916 at Fort William McKinley in Manila, the capital of the Philippines.

"Less than a year after the 31st's formation, the United States entered World War I in April 1917. However, the 31st Infantry's first trials were not to occur in the trenches of France, but in the frozen wasteland of Siberia. Due to the chaos of the Russian Revolution in late 1917 and the disintegration of the Eastern Front in early 1918, Russia descended into civil war and anarchy. In an effort to revive the Eastern Front, secure Allied supply caches and the crucial Trans-Siberian railway, and rescue the beleaguered pro-Western Czechoslovak Legion, Allied leaders convinced President Woodrow Wilson to assist in organizing expeditions to North Russia and Eastern Siberia.

"The 31st Infantry was a part of American Expeditionary Forces Siberia (AEFS) that included the 27th Infantry Regiment and several support units under the command of Major General William S. Graves. The 31st departed the Philippines in August 1918 for the Russian port of Vladivostok, arriving on 21 August. The regiment was broken up into several detachments and posted at critical points along the crucial 81-mile rail branch of the Trans-Siberian railroad to the vital coal mines in the Suchan river valley northeast of Vladivostok.



31st Infantry Chow Call in Siberia (National Archives photo)

“With the armistice in November 1918, Allied objectives in Siberia rapidly evolved into an anti-Bolshevik campaign. In early 1919, tensions exacerbated by the brutality of Alexander Kolchak’s anti-revolutionary government along with its mercenary bands of Cossacks and Manchurian bandits reached a boiling point. Under orders of strict neutrality, American soldiers were not to interfere in Russian internal affairs as stated by President Wilson unless attacked by an armed force. As the various Allied sectors came under increased attacks by Red partisans, the Bolsheviks tried to avoid confrontation with the Americans until May 1919, when Red forces in the Suchan sector demanded a complete withdrawal of all Allied troops. When this demand was refused, partisans launched attacks on trains along the Suchan branch. Over the next several months, the 31st Infantry clashed with Red forces at Novitskaya, Romanovka, Novo Nezhino, and other locations in the Suchan Valley.

“By December 1919, the Kolchak regime collapsed and White Russian forces were in disarray. In January 1920, President Wilson, under pressure from Congress and a war weary public, ordered all forces in Siberia be withdrawn. The 31st Infantry began leaving that month, with its last elements departing Vladivostok in early April. Total casualties for the regiment amounted to thirty killed and sixty wounded sustained from forty-two engagements in seventeen months. For its service in Siberia, the regiment was nicknamed the “Polar Bear” regiment; in October 1921, a polar bear emblem was incorporated into the regimental insignia.

“After service in Siberia, the 31st returned to garrison duty in Manila and became the nucleus of the newly activated Philippine Division, comprised of the 31st Infantry, two regiments of Philippine Scouts, and division artillery, in June 1921. The regiment also served as the honor guard of U.S. forces in the Philippine Department.



*Soldiers of the 31st Infantry stand guard at a checkpoint (Number 5) on the perimeter of the International Settlement in Shanghai, China, during hostilities between Japanese and Chinese troops in 1932.
(National Archives photo)*

“When hostilities broke out between Japanese and Chinese forces in Shanghai in early 1932, the 31st Infantry was sent to reinforce the 4th Marine Regiment in the International Settlement of Shanghai. Arriving on 2 February, the 31st assisted in providing security in and around the International Settlement while Chinese and Japanese troops fought in the streets within view of sentries. Tasked with protecting American citizens and property and preventing refugees and armed Chinese from overwhelming the settlement zone, the 31st remained in Shanghai until hostilities ended in June.

“While in Shanghai, the officers of the 31st collected \$1,600 in silver dollars and had a Chinese silversmith craft a silver punch bowl and sixty-five matching cups to commemorate the regiment’s service in Shanghai. The bowl became an important part of future regimental ceremonies.



The fabulous Shanghai Bowl with 65 cups. Dragon handles and the Polar Bear emblem surrounded by dragons! (National Archives photo)

“Following service in China, the 31st returned to Manila and the monotony of garrison duty. However, with the threat of war looming in the Pacific, General Douglas MacArthur, who was the military adviser to the Philippine government, began instituting a program for national defense and augmentation of the Philippine armed forces. Focusing on the defense of Luzon in the event of a Japanese invasion, the Philippine Division was the nucleus of a largely Filipino defense force.

“After the Japanese struck the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on 7 December 1941 [8 December in the Philippines], Japanese planes struck American aircraft at Clark and Iba Fields on the morning of 8 December, destroying most of MacArthur’s airpower. The Philippine Division was held in reserve around Manila and the Bataan Peninsula to support the beach defense forces if needed and prepare defenses on Bataan and Corregidor Island. Japanese landings on 10 December encountered little resistance from the lightly-armed Filipino reservists. The arrival of the Japanese Fourteenth Army at Lingayen Gulf on 22 December and Lamon Bay the following day forced MacArthur to order a hasty withdrawal to Bataan and Corregidor. The 31st Infantry was assigned to cover the withdrawal of units onto the peninsula. As a result of the rapid retreat, many units were forced to abandon crucial supplies and heavy weapons.

“In order to allow the defensive lines time to stabilize, MacArthur ordered five thousand men, including the 31st, to fight a delaying action against elements of the Japanese a few miles south of the destroyed-Layac bridge on 6 January 1942. The 31st incurred heavy casualties by the time it rejoined the main defensive line at Abucay on 9 January. Despite dwindling supplies and mounting losses, the 31st and other units defending Bataan managed to halt the Japanese advance and forced them to withdraw and await reinforcements from China over the next several weeks before renewing their offensive.

“Disease such as malaria and dysentery became rampant on both sides, particularly the Americans and Filipinos when medical supplies were exhausted. Fifty percent of the 31st Infantry and the rest of the defenders were sick and malnourished by the time the Japanese renewed their offensive in early April.

“As American and Filipino forces on Bataan surrendered to the Japanese on 9 April, remnants of the 31st escaped to Corregidor aboard the gunboat USS Mindanao, with the regimental colors and the prized Shanghai Bowl. Two captains from the 31st, Earl R. Short and George A. Sansep, buried the Shanghai Bowl and cups in a waterproof box on Malinta Hill [*buried treasure!*] and burned the colors before Corregidor fell on 6 May. Several men of the 31st who did not surrender managed to link up with other American soldiers and Filipino guerrillas and continued the fight.

“By the time of liberation in September 1945, over 1,000 soldiers of the 31st Infantry died in captivity, including most of the regiment’s officers and senior noncommissioned officers. Captain Short, who was promoted to the rank of major after his release from captivity, returned to Corregidor on the orders of Major General R.J. Marshall, Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Armed Forces, Pacific Theater, to find the buried Shanghai Bowl. After a two-month search, the prized bowl and cups were recovered with only a small dent on the side of the bowl.”

“The 31st Infantry continued its distinguished service in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Today, 4th Battalion is assigned to 2d Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, at Fort Drum, New York. It remains the only active battalion of the 31st Infantry to uphold a proud legacy that includes six Presidential Unit Citations, a host of other unit awards, and twenty-five campaign streamers.”



The Shanghai Bowl is visible in this 4th Battalion 31st Infantry photograph taken at Fort Drum, New York. Imagine how many gallons of punch could be prepared in that bowl.

The Shanghai Bowl is the prized possession of the 4th Battalion and is proudly used during ceremonies and functions. Remember, this is a punch bowl with 65 cups. The original 31st regimental punch includes every sort of alcohol imaginable and is powerful! I doubt that in today's Army the punch is ever concocted.



A closer view of the dragon handles and Polar Bear wreathed by dragons. (Photo 4Bn 31Inf)

Source: <https://armyhistory.org/31st-infantry-regiment/>

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Link for Airshow tickets: [Redwhiteandblueairshow.com](https://redwhiteandblueairshow.com)

Link for Chennault Museum: chennaultmuseum.org

**Red White and Blue Airshow
 May 1-2-3, 2026 and Visit the Chennault Aviation & Military Museum in
 Monroe, Louisiana**

A group of China Post 1 members are getting together at the RED, WHITE, AND BLUE AIRSHOW in Monroe, Louisiana on May 1, 2, and 3. If you are interested in joining us please order tickets online at a discounted rate, the link is above. Find your own hotel room, but all the hotels are filling up and getting pricey, so don't delay.

Is anything formally organized? Not really. Are family and friends included? Of course!

The airshow will benefit The Chennault Aviation and Military Museum, located near the Monroe Regional Airport. Nell Callaway, granddaughter of our Post's namesake, Lieutenant General Claire Chennault, is President and CEO of the museum. Every year, China Post 1 financially contributes to the museum.

Friday, May 1 – Afternoon meet up at the Chennault Museum, 701 Kansas Lane, Monroe, LA.

Saturday, May 2 – Enjoy the Airshow – We suggest you purchase PREFERRED tickets and enjoy the show with Post members.

Saturday night – We will gather at our Watering Hole, Flying Tiger Brewery & Pizza, 506 N. 2nd St, Monroe, LA

Sunday, May 3 -On your own!

During the airshow the museum will be open, as usual, Friday and Saturday, but closed on Sunday, and the admission is always FREE.

Got questions now or at the Airshow?

Contact Jeff Kline (940) 758-4216 or Tom Rohde (214) 538-6661.



SAL MEMBERSHIP (NEW) CHINA POST 1

China Post 1 Sons of The American Legion Squadron Annual Dues are \$5.00 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.org and pay dues to address shown below.

The American Legion's membership and fiscal year is 1 Jul thru 30 Jun. China Post 1 is a 501(c)(19) veteran's non-profit organization. Contributions to our "Dragon Fund" are tax deductible and appreciated. These contributions, along with our annual dues support a number of programs. Checks payable in US Dollars, please.

Contact: SALCMDR@ChinaPost1.org for questions about paying dues on line or membership information.

Visit:
www.ChinaPost1.org

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP - MEMBER UPDATE

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____ Serving from _____ to _____

Applicant Name _____ Spouse _____
Last First MI

Mailing Address _____
Street

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Military Service or I am a Legionnaire Member # _____

Branch of Service _____ Grade or Rank _____

Date Entered Service _____ Date of Discharge _____

Business or Profession _____

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

E-Mail Address _____

X _____
 APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

YOUR CP#1 SAL SPONSOR (PROPOSER) MUST PRINT NAME & PERSONALLY SIGN.

Proposed By _____ Date _____

Application Approved (date) _____ By _____
Post Commander/Quartermaster
 SAL Squadron Commander

OFFICE USE

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High School 1 2 3 4 COLLEGE 1 2 3 4 5 +

Birthdate _____	Education (Encircle Year Completed) _____	Where _____
Military or Government Specialty _____	Civilian Specialty _____	
Read Write Speak What Non-English Languages _____	Con conversationally Fluently Some _____	
Foreign Areas Worked Served In _____	Number of Years _____	
Flying Status, Military and Civilian Ratings, Const, Mtnce, Avionics, Ordnance, Tech Reps, Security, etc. _____		
Present Job Description/Title _____	Secondary Capabilities _____	
Brief Background / Work History. _____ _____ _____ _____		

CP1 Sons can become a member of China Post 1 American Legion Riders.
 If interested, email: director@china-post1.org



The American Legion Riders are a diverse group of motorcycle enthusiasts sharing common goals. All are members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion—and all are united by patriotism. They answer the call to ride in service to America's military, her veterans, and for the children and youth of our country.



Address all communications to:
 SAL Squadron
 China Post No. 1 - World Wide
 PO Box 731
 Ruidoso, NM 88355
 Or: SALCMDR@CHINAPOST1.org





American Legion Auxiliary MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ (Last)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

Date of Birth (Required) _____ Birth - 17 18 and over _____ Unit # _____ Location _____

Have you been a member previously? Yes No (If yes, fill in below.)

Previous Unit City/State _____ ALA ID # (if known) _____

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

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:

WWII (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):

Global War on Terror Panama Vietnam WWII

Gulf War Lebanon/Grenada Korea Other Conflicts

Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:

Male Spouse Female Spouse Mother Grandmother Sister Self

Daughter Granddaughter

To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____ Date _____

HELP US GET YOU CONNECTED!

I am interested in learning more about:

Volunteering for Veterans, Military, and Their Families

Youth Activities, Including ALA Girls State, Junior Member Programs, and Scholarships

Member Discounts and Services

Other

Please contact the following individual about volunteering or joining the American Legion Auxiliary:

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

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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.**

CHINA POST 1 – DRAGON RIDERS



American Legion Riders - Membership Form

**Membership is only for China Post 1 Members who ride a motorcycle*

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

Name (as shown on AL member card): _____

Desired Nickname/Road Name: _____

Spouse (if Applicable): _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Membership type (AL, SAL, AUX): _____

American Legion Member #: _____

Are you a PUFL or Annual Dues Member: _____

AL / SAL / AUX dues current? _____

Make/Model/Year 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.

2) The undersigned agrees that they will abide by traffic laws when riding and agrees that The American Legion, China Post 1, and the American Legion Motorcycle Association (henceforth referred to as "The American Legion Riders", "Dragon Riders", or simply as "Riders"), shall not be liable or responsible for damage or injury to persons including myself during any Rider activities, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all Riders members and their guests participate voluntarily, and at their own risk in all Riders activities. I release and hold the Riders officers, the American Legion, and China Post 1 harmless for any injury or loss to my person or property that may result through my participation in the Riders program and/or their activities. I understand that this means that I will not sue Rider's officers, whether local, state or national, nor the American Legion or China Post 1, for any injury resulting to myself or my property in connection with any Rider's activities.

3) Further, I certify that I meet the proper license, registration and insurance requirements for the state or country in which I reside, that I am a current member of China Post 1 and that the above information is true and correct.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Completed form with proof of insurance is to be emailed to Director@chinapost1alr.org

If mailing thru USPS:
Jeff Kline
4015 Montecristo Ln
Sanger Texas 76266

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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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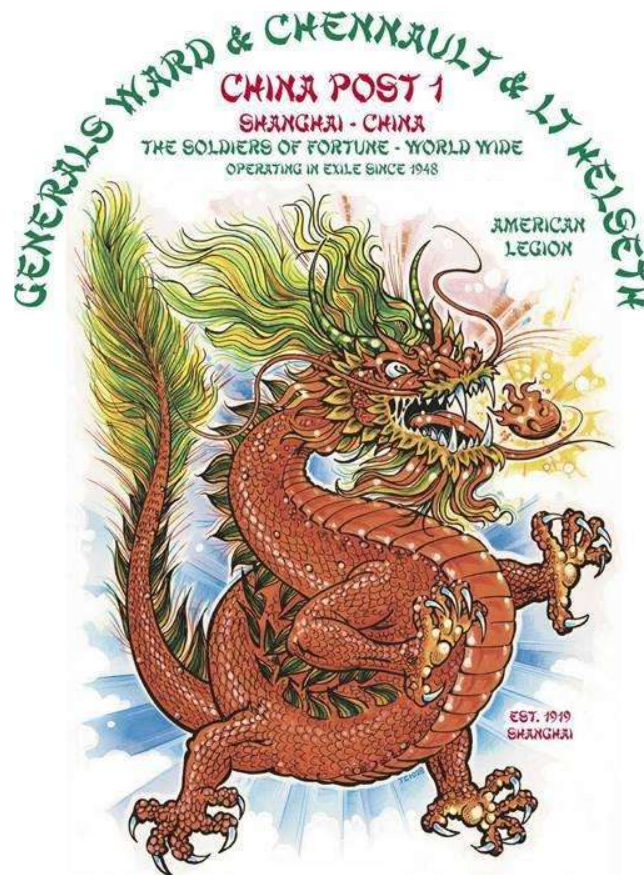
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The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness.

40 & 8 Voiture 1496 (La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux)



My Fellow Voyageurs,

I wanted to take this opportunity to speak about one of the most important activities within any organization, member participation. It's all too easy to attend our yearly reunion and call it good. But I encourage everyone to break out of that habit and get involved with your local veterans' communities as well as consuming copious amounts of adult beverages and "old war stories" at our yearly festivities.

It's no mystery, that we as a group, have experiences that most people only read about in books and most of us can't talk about, as per 18 U.S. Code § 798, for at least another ninety years. But that doesn't mean we can't attend events like the Promenade Nationale in Gettysburg this fall. Or the Grand functions, such as the Southland Dixie Prom, the Mid-Atlantic Cheminot, or the North Carolina Grand Promenade, just to name a few. There is nothing more entertaining than showing up at a local American Legion function wearing a CP1 shirt and a Grand du France ball cap. The inquiries will be instantaneous and tinged with disbelief.

This benefits the Voiture, CP1, and each of you individually. All of you have something to contribute. Get out there and get involved in any of several programs both 40/8 and American Legion have available. Don't become a hermit with a single yearly event, who refuses to leave their man cave. You'll live longer, be happier, and maybe inspire a young man or woman to become a steely eyed, heart breaker and life taker that will fill our ranks.

Oh, and by the way, please pay your membership dues. If I didn't add that Janie would've beaten me brutally, and not in a fun way.

Thank you for your support,

BJ Robertson, Troublemaker at Large

WHAT IS THE 40 & 8?

La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux (The Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses), is an independent, invitation only, honor society of American veterans and service members; more commonly known as The Forty and Eight.

The Forty and Eight is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Our purpose is to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, to promote the well-being of veterans, their widows, widowers and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors, which include programs that promote child welfare and nurses training.

The titles and symbols of The Forty and Eight are derived from the experiences of U.S. troops during World War I. Americans soldiers were transported to the front on the French rail system. Cramped into narrow gauge boxcars, each stenciled with "40 Hommes/8 Chevaux," denoting its capacity to hold either 40 men or 8 horses. This uncomfortable mode of transportation was familiar common experience for every Doughboy that fought in the trenches; a mutual small misery among American soldiers. Thereafter, they found "40/8" a lighthearted symbol of the deeper service, unspoken horrors and shared sacrifice that bind all who have endured combat.

The Forty & Eight was founded in 1920 by American veterans returning from France. Originally an arm of The American Legion, the Forty & Eight became an independent and separately incorporated veteran's organization in 1960. Membership is by invitation of honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the United States Armed Forces

Learn more: <https://www.fortyandeight.org/>