Generals Ward & Chennault & LT Helseth China Post 1 Poop Sheet

Welcome from the Commander

By 騎龍魁 Ron Burkett, Post Commander

The big event since the last Poop Sheet was our Annual Reunion in San Antonio last month. Based on feedback from participants, we can count it a great success. We had 130 people at the banquet Saturday evening, the best we’ve had in years. Among other attendees was our guest speaker, and SAL member Bill Butterworth IV, who spoke for his father Bill III, A.K.A. WEB Griffin. They have co-authored books together since 2007. For those who were unable to attend but would like to read it, the complete text of the speech is posted on our website at http://chinapost1.org/2018-reunion/cp1-presentations/webgriffin

China Post member and Medal of Honor recipient Ty Carter was also in attendance, a great honor, sir.

We did not have the quorum required by our Constitution and By-Laws to conduct a General Business Meeting, but we did brief the members and their guests after our Joint Director and Executive Committee Member meeting. For the benefit and understanding of all of our members, a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws has been included in this issue of the Poop Sheet at pages 15 through 18. Officers for the coming year were elected. Basically, current officers were nominated for and voted back into their current positions. The exceptions to that were Scott Riebel, Hans Stockenberger, and Joe Hoofnagle, who were voted in as First, Second, and Third Vice Commanders. The Post Adjutant, Jim Lint, was reelected to his position, but had to resign a few days later due to other outside commitments. I will answer the Adjutant’s mail until we are able to identify a qualified replacement. Jim has done well this last year and a half, and we will miss him. He was, among other things, responsible for getting our electronic Poop Sheet project up and running, an accomplishment hailed by all.

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Members of China Post 1 are encouraged to support Veteran’s programs in their communities. However, please keep in mind that we are basically an overseas post, and that we do not want to be seen as competing with local American Legion posts. It is their Area of Operations; offer to assist them. It’s been my experience that we have always been made welcome when we offer our help and support. Be even more circumspect with your recruiting activities.

Just coming in as I am writing this, the second, and last, of our Las Vegas lawsuits have reached settlement, subject to the approval of the court. Details will follow.

Adjutant’s Corner

*By 璸獵士 Jim Lint, Post Adjutant*

This is my final Adjutant’s Corner! I was notified in September that I would be appointed to a new position with the InfraGard Program, which is a partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and members of the private sector. I am the new National Sector Chief of the Defense Industry Base (DIB).

I will be recruiting qualified people into InfraGard, and for some positions, with the DIB. InfraGard is free to join. There are 82 InfraGard Member Alliances/chapters, each paired with an FBI Field Office. The FBI does a background investigation for suitability for membership. Most of those who lived in a clearance world should breeze through it.

As I have been saying since 1 July, we are now in the 2019 Membership year for the American Legion. National has established our membership goal as 1,250 for this year. Our current 2019 membership statistics are a total of 868 members renewed of which 273 are paid up for life (PUFL) and with 16 new members (we had 56 new members in 2018).

In the past, our post has paid the expenses for an office, electricity, telephone and Internet. In the last 18 months, we have not incurred those expenses. Before I retired from the federal government, I observed successful telework situations. China Post 1 has implemented that with Anna and me working out of our house on laptops. We have completed China Post 1 work while on our porch, in Reno, and in Korea. Also, we both have taught for universities for over seven years working from home.

All PUFL cards were sent out by 6 July because National did not send them until 2 July. At the annual reunion someone asked how to get a China Post 1 PUFL hard card. You may order them from national emblem sales at [https://emblem.legion.org](https://emblem.legion.org)

China Post 1 is an amazing American Legion post. It was the first post I joined in 1990, days before I would be sent out of the USA for four years. My former commander and Sergeant Major who encouraged membership for those going overseas are still members of China Post 1. We have some great patriots, and if we added up the years of service to the nation, it would be an incredible number. While I may be stepping down as Post Adjutant, I will still be a member of China Post 1. I will still take care of members as I have over the last few decades. Let’s keep in touch!
2018 China Post 1 Reunion Review
San Antonio, Texas, 22 September 2018
W.E.B. GRIFFIN -- William E. Butterworth III
Delivered by William E. Butterworth IV

This year’s reunion was well attended with more than 130 people attending the plated banquet. In addition to our guest speaker W.E.B. Griffin IV, Ty Carter, CMOH recipient and China Post 1 member, was in attendance. Ty’s heroic actions on October 3, 2009 during the Battle of COP Keating are well documented, and we certainly appreciate his taking time from his schedule to attend the reunion. We raffled off a Henry Golden Boy, which was well received by our membership and help raise an additional $5,000 for our charitable work. And finally, Hank Hoffman was awarded this year’s “Bullshipper Award”. The Bullshipper Award recognizes and honors members of the Post, and the list of Bullshippers includes members whose contributions to the Post have been well documented.”

See the attached link for a copy of W.E.B. Griffin’s speech

The History of China Post 1

By 龍飛龍 Scott Riebel, First Vice Commander

On August 24 - 30 2018, I had the opportunity to attend the American Legion National Convention in Minneapolis, MN, as a delegate representing China Post 1. This was the 100th anniversary of the first convention, which coincidentally took place at Peavey Plaza, only two blocks away from this year’s site. The Legion is one of the oldest veteran’s service organizations in the United States, and is sustained by individuals like you who continue to serve the Post. We each took an oath to "support and defend the constitution of the United States" and swore a creed to leave no man behind. Perhaps this partially explains the success that the Post and the Legion enjoy. Whatever the reason, the historical significance of this year’s convention was not lost on me. During a break from our busy schedule, I took the time to visit the site of the first convention. The plaque says: "ON THIS SITE WAS HELD THE FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION November 9, 10, 11 1919". Pictured from left to right are Judge Advocate Kerry Kilburn, John Shanahan, and Vice Commander Scott Riebel.
China Post 1 Sons of the American Legion Squadron

By Leroy Cockrell, Squadron Commander
Corey Kilburn, Vice Commander
Joe Gentile, Past Commander

The 2018 Reunion has come and gone now, and what a great gathering it was!

Those SAL members that were not there surely missed an exciting time, as well as a time to get to know our much diversified China Post 1 membership. The El Tropicano Hotel is parked on the north end of the San Antonio River near the Lexington Avenue Bridge. The hotel had undergone extensive remodeling and despite having only one elevator operating while we were there, it was a very comfortable accommodation. Our hat’s off to Commander Ron Burkett and his band of brothers who worked hard so that we all could enjoy ourselves even more than we usually do when a group such as China Post 1 gets together.

We had seven members of the SAL Squadron on hand this year, and can only hope for more to be at the 2019 Reunion. We were able to have a Squadron meeting Saturday afternoon, and discussed several things:

- **Membership**, past, present and where we want it to go in the future. Joe Gentile made a good point that “fertile ground” is most likely within our own organization, and we formulated a plan to seek SAL membership among the offspring of China Post 1’s own Legion Members. Membership at this point is at **41 members with 70% having paid 2019 dues**. In 2019 we have taken the hit on membership as a result of the “automatic” carryover of all the members on the roster — a practice of past Post leadership to sustain a strong roster.

- **A Program of Community Service** that was discussed at the National Convention in the Veteran’s Affairs and Rehabilitation meeting was relayed to the attendees with a favorable response. Discussion ensued with a loose outline of potential parameters for SAL members to undertake on an individual basis while keeping a log of hours spent. Vice Commander Corey Kilburn agreed to keep a monthly log of those hours so that each individual’s time could be reported to National at the end of the year. There’ll be more to come for the Squadron on this important activity.

Four **new members** have joined the SAL Squadron during the summer quarter. They are: George Houts of Fresno, CA, Mikko Kuch of Sacramento, CA, Garry Sevel of Fresno, CA, and our newest member who joined at the Reunion, Shane Metcalf of Richmond, TX. Look for them around any of your local haunts, and let them know you’re glad they have joined this extraordinary Post of the American Legion.

**TAPS:** None reported during the summer quarter.
SAL Member of the Month Bruce Silverman!

Our hats are off to Bruce Silverman for his very generous donation of bulk quantities of rice and diapers in China Post 1’s name at Baguio City in the Philippines! Another great example of a SAL member helping those in need! Bruce has had previous deployments into the Philippines, and many opportunities to ascertain critical needs for their people. His care and concern for those in need is very apparent in this effort! Well done sir, well done!

Date: Sat, Aug 4, 2018 at 10:25 AM
Subject: Thank You Technodream Webworks and Chinapost
To: Bruce Silverman
Dear Technodream Webworks and Chinapost,

I would like to acknowledge that on behalf of Turning Point Orphanage in Tuding, Baguio City I, Alvin Fabian Emuang personally received 100kgs of Rice and 4 packets of Diapers from Bruce Silverman which have already been delivered. On behalf of Turning Point Orphanage, I would like to say thank you to TECHNODREAM WEBWORKS AND CHINAPOST for your generosity and kindness shown to the orphanage.

God Bless you, your families and your business.

Alvin Fabian Emuang

China Post 1 Auxiliary

By Linda Cockrell, President

The American Legion China Post 1 Auxiliary met in San Antonio, TX on September 22, 2018, during the China Post 1 reunion.

Members present were Linda Cockrell, Arlys Gowen, Lisa Ownby, Leigh Robertson, Patti Bogdanowicz, Barbara Goldfarb, Anna Lint, Leova Stockenberger, and Jan Snyder. Four new members were welcomed: Nancy White, Shelly Johnson, Dr. Kris Clark and returning member Vickie Riebel. George White, Esq. was also in attendance.

George White, Esq. and Auxiliary President Linda Cockrell worked this past year to reorganize the Auxiliary as a 501(c) (19) non-profit corporation to allow donors to deduct donations from their taxes. In the reorganization, a Board of Directors was created to lead the Auxiliary in its effort to become an integral part of the China Post 1 family. Linda Cockrell wishes to thank George White for his invaluable help in getting the Auxiliary to its new status.

The China Post 1 Auxiliary Board of Directors will consist of five members, three of which will be Auxiliary officers plus two members of the Auxiliary. The board members (pictured below on the left) are Chairman Linda Cockrell, Arlys Gowen, Patti Bogdanowicz, Jan Snyder and Leigh Robertson.
Election of officers for 2019 was held. The new slate of officers is: President - Linda Cockrell, Secretary - Patricia Bogdanowicz, Chaplain - Arlys Gowen, and Treasurer - Lisa Ownby (not present for the picture above).

Board Chairman Linda Cockrell is looking forward to a great year for the Auxiliary, and will be communicating with board members soon regarding fund-raising ideas and activities for next year’s China Post 1 reunion.

**China Post 1 Dragon Riders**

*By 龍飛龍 Scott “Renegade” Riebel, China Post 1 Dragon Riders Director*

**American Legion Legacy Run**

Legion Riders gathered on stage during the 100th National Convention in Minneapolis to present more donations. In total, a record $1,256,930 was raised - the fifth straight year the ride helped raise more than $1 million.

The American Legion Department of Minnesota led the way, donating $251,000 on the national convention floor -- $51,000 more than the Department delivered a year ago. Other top Department donations on Tuesday were the Departments of Missouri ($93,324), South Carolina ($65,204), Florida ($57,005), Wisconsin ($45,439), and Kansas ($27,717). And Stevens-Christian Post 557 in Wintersville, Ohio, contributed $15,000. Hans Stockenberger presented the check from China Post 1 in the amount of $2,250.00.

The five-day Legacy Run left Kansas and traveled through Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin before finishing outside of Minneapolis. More than 200 motorcycles completed the ride. The American Legion Riders raised $600,000 for the Legion's Legacy Scholarship Fund during the 1,000-mile Legacy Run from Hutchinson, KS, to Minneapolis, MN.

The Legacy Fund provides college money for the children of U.S. military personnel killed on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, as well as children of post-9/11 veterans with a combined VA disability rating of 50 per cent or higher.
This year's legacy run was attended by seven Dragon Riders from China Post 1: Mike 'KNine' Judge, Lewis 'Socko' Reeder, Diane 'Mrs. Socko' Reeder, Leroy 'Kiknbk' Cockrell, Linda Cockrell, Dave Adam, and Hans 'Stroke' Stockenberger (Photos by Hans Stockenberger).
Introducing the Riders of the Fresno Memorial Division (Organizing)


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Memorial Division News

Fresno Memorial Division (Organizing)

By Bob “Doc” Protzman

Our group in Fresno, CA (pictured below on the left) would like to become an "official" Memorial Division. There are many Posts around us that we could help or support. Our group has already participated in the funeral of an SAL member here in Fresno. The Riders have supported two Memorial Runs to date.

Above on the right is a picture of our newest member Charles Hunnicutt, USAF 72-76. He is a quality person and friend.

Houston Memorial Division

By Hans Stockenberger, Second Vice Commander

New China Post Division established in Houston, Texas.

On 12 October 2018, twelve China Post 1 members and one SAL member were present to kick off the opening of the newly established Houston Memorial Division. This was the third meeting since its inception in June, 2018. The Division will continue to hold its meeting at Christie's Seafood & Steak Restaurant, 6029 Westheimer, in Houston. In the coming weeks, members will establish an Executive Committee to develop a Constitution and Bylaws, and establish election for Division officers. Members present included BJ Robertson,

Richard Halferty and Billy Martin suggested Houston as the site for the next China Post reunion in 2019. This idea was supported by the members present. Billy Martin and Richard Halferty will prepare a proposal and forward to the Commander for consideration.

Billy Martin extended an invitation to watch this year's Army vs. Navy game on December 8 at a venue yet to be announced.

The next meeting of the Houston Memorial Division will be on November 13. BJ Robertson and Billy Martin will coordinate the event.

**Nevada Memorial Division**

*By 瑞獅士 Jim Lint, Post Adjutant*

The Nevada Memorial Division met at Noon on 8 SEP 2018 at the Leatherneck Club, Las Vegas. The 19 attendees were: Robert Ault, Jim Barfield, Ron Butts, Nicole Caimi, Pete Caimi, Toni Carpenter, Jeff Carson, Grumpy, Jim Hanke, Mark Hilton, Jim Lint, Betsy Lloyd, Don Lloyd, James McGarry, Terry Parker, Bud Pattengale, George Rivers, Richard Smith, and Harry Soileau.

Jim Lint missed the last meeting. He thanked Jeff Carson for helping with the attendance list and notes. Anna Lint is in Korea for 10 days. After her return she and Jim will go to the China Post 1 Reunion in San Antonio, TX.

Jeff Carson asked which members are going to San Antonio; 10 out of 40 members planned to attend. Jeff also mentioned the forthcoming Nevada Greek Fest, which is very pro-veteran. See [http://lvgff.com](http://lvgff.com)

Jimmy Barfield, (smart, strong and kind!!) volunteered to help Rey box up emblem sales items for the TX trip.

Armed Forces Appreciation Day at Craig Ranch Park was on the same day as our September China Post 1 Nevada meeting. Next year we may want to decide how many of us would attend and, if we should shift the meeting to the following Saturday, or meet at Craig Ranch Park or somewhere else. See [http://www.nlvevents4military.org](http://www.nlvevents4military.org)
Ron Butts was back in town after moving to Texas. He is training close air support in the air.

George Rivers talked about the “The Wall” at Coronado, CA. He brought a new member, Navy Corpsman Harry Soileau, to the meeting.

Terry Parker talked about the Casper Aviation Platoon reunion next April in Las Vegas.

Richard Smith talked about his time in Iraq.

Jim Lint talked about Rally Point, which has 690,705 veterans. It’s a great way to find old friends online. There are many topics of interest to veterans. See https://www.rallypoint.com

The Nevada Memorial Division meets on most Friday nights at VFW Post 3848, 401 W Lake Mead Pkwy, Henderson, NV 89015. China Post 1 member Dan Atkins is the President of VFW Post 3848.

The Nevada Memorial Division met at Noon on 13 Oct 2018 at the Leatherneck Club, Las Vegas. The 22 attendees were: Dan Adkins, Nicole Caimi, Pete Caimi, Toni Carpenter, Jeff Carson, Al Charters, Mary Lou Curtis, Paul Curtis, Jim Hanke, Mike Kandt, Anna Lint, Jim Lint, Chris Matthews, Dean Padrick, Terry Parker, Bud Pattengale, Rey Quijano, George Rivers, Lou Rothenstein, John Seines, Richard Smith, and Harry Soileau.

A moment of silence was observed for Mule (Jim Parker) who passed away on October 8, 2018.

Jim Lint announced that he has resigned as the Post Adjutant after 18 months due to his appointment supporting the InfraGard Partnership for Protection between the FBI and members of the private sector to be the National Sector Chief for the Defense Industrial Base (DIB). He will be building up more contacts in defense industries and cleared defense contractors. He is in the process of building up Chapter Sector Chiefs for the DIB. They are using the 16 Critical Infrastructure Sectors from DHS and the E.O. on Critical Infrastructures. Anna will help Commander Ron, who will act as Adjutant. Even though he is no longer the Post Adjutant, Jim is still a CP1 member, and will come to the SAT Nevada Monthly Meetings! The best email address for Jim is now JRL.Lint@gmail.com.

The November meeting will be at the Nevada Memorial Division Thanksgiving Empty Nester’s event at Noon at the Buffet of Asia, 2380 S Rainbow Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89146.

This is the last Nevada Memorial Division meeting for 2018. In December we all have many Christmas parties. We have now been meeting for three years, but have not met in December the last two years for the same reason.

Jeff Carson gave the 2018 Reunion report.

Mike Kandt discussed preserving China Post 1 artifacts. He proposed exploring the hosting of some China Post 1 materials in The EAA Aviation Museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. See https://www.eaa.org/eaa-museum

Lou Rothenstein prepared a write up of Mule’s history. He shared the story regarding: “Mule (Jim Parker)” his book: "The Vietnam War Its Ownself”. Mule always presented interesting and fascinating stories. Many of those stories are on his website at http://www.muleorations.com
Thailand Memorial Division (Reorganizing)

*By Ken Stein*

There is a new Watering Hole in the Land of Smiles: Finnegan’s located in Banchang, Rayong, Thailand. Pictured below are the owners of our latest Watering hole in Thailand. “Sir” Terry Tansley with China Post 1 members Ken Stein wearing the China Post 1 hat, and “Chicago” Lou Holub holding a China Post 1 shirt. Terry is a big supporter of our local VFW Post. In fact the VFW Post home is behind Finnegan’s. Terry will be equally supportive and helpful to any China Post 1 members that stop in.

Banchang is about 25 km southeast of Pattaya. So anytime any of our members are in the area, stop into our new Watering Hole, you will usually find Lou or Ken on hand in case you want to hold a meeting.

The photo looks like it would have been a simple event, but it took a ten man working party and three small boys to get Lou and Ken off their bar stools. Cheers from Banchang, Thailand

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**Fallen Comrades**

**Carl P. Kachikis**

Ernestine Kachikis sent us the sad news that her husband, Carl P. Kachikis, had passed away. Carl was a proud and active member of China Post 1 since 1968 and started a chapter in Israel in the 1970's.

Carl Paul Kachikis, of Henderson, age 87, fell asleep in the Lord, April 7, 2018. Paul, as he was known, was born September 29, 1930, with his twin brother, Peter, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, one of 10 children. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served in the Korean, Laos, and Vietnam wars, and was stationed in Japan, Europe and the Middle East. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ernestine, one sister, one brother, numerous nephews and nieces, and many friends throughout the world. Paul was a Steward of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Las Vegas. He served on the Parish Council of St. John's. He was a 50-year member of AHEPA and served as President of the Las Vegas chapter. He also was a member of China Post 1 of the American Legion. He was decorated with several medals by the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, and was decorated by the King of Laos and General Vang Pao for his services there during the “Secret War of Laos”. He is at rest in the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1900 Veterans Memorial Drive, Boulder City.
Tom Knoll

Jim Lint has shared a notification from the USMC Counterintelligence Association of the death of Tom Knoll. Tom was a long time China Post 1 member and was on the non-disclosure list for a while.

According to the message from the Association, Tom passed away during the night of Friday, 3 August 2018, in Kona, Hawaii, where he had retired.

Tom was known for his immense generosity toward charities. He was one of the original Ironman competitors in Kona, Hawaii. He has self-published two books. He was a dedicated long distance runner who ran entirely across the U.S. twice for charities, ran our continent from south to north for charities, and probably a dozen or more times, ran entirely around the island of Okinawa to raise funds for orphaned children on that island, returning year after year at his own expense for those fund-raisers.

Jim remarked that: “We did lose a giant.”

Margo Hanke

Jim Hanke has shared the following with the China Post 1 membership:

Remembering Margo:

A memorial service was held on 18 August 2018 at 1:30 PM (1330 hrs) at the Liberty Center (Sun City Anthem Community Center) in Henderson, NV

Following the memorial service there was a social gathering of special friends and relatives from 3:30 PM (1530 hrs) on at the Laura Schmitt/Al Guida residence in Henderson.

Attendees included members of the Special Forces Association (SFA) Las Vegas Chapter 51 (LI), American Legion China Post 1, and the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Board.

“Margo, even with her affliction, has created a special place for herself with all who met her. She was the Special Spouse of Colonel James S. Hanke, whose life will be greatly lessened by her loss. As the reigning Matriarch of our family, all of us will miss her terribly.”

Post Adjutant Jim Lint commented:

Margo, a China Post 1 member, will be fondly remembered by all in the China Post 1 family. Jim Hanke/Eagle sent the information above. Margo has moved to the post everlasting. We will miss her. Please keep Jim Hanke/Eagle in your prayers and thoughts.

Also Transferred to Post Everlasting:

Mike Estrada, September 10, 2018

James E. “Mule” Parker, October 8, 2018.
Gerald L. Damewood offers this closing thought:

**WHO ARE THESE MEN?**

Now they are near, now far, now just as assuredly, they are gone. As for where they go and why, we cannot be sure of such things. They leave their tracks throughout the world where the jungles grow, the sandstorms blow, the sun sinks, rivers disappear and they are lost in darkness. Therefore; the truth must be that the routes of such men are untraceable, their missions unknowable, and their ultimate destinations as invisible as the winds. They appear at any moment, to pause uncertainly for minutes, or days, or years; just to disappear again, leaving only memories to mark their passing.

**News from Our Members**

**Major Michael R. Wagers inducted into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame**

Christopher “Chris” Rivers writes: “One of our own China Post 1 members was just bestowed the honor of being inducted into the U.S. Army RANGER Hall of Fame. My dear friend and comrade in arms was inducted on 18 July 2018. RLTW”

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**Jimmy Barfield pays China Post 1 respects to William Terrence Anton**

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Post Adjutant Jim Lint comments that Bill Anton was a long time member and was Post Adjutant for Post Commander Fred Platt and that CAPT Doherty was also a long time member.

**Poop Sheet Contributions Wanted**

We welcome contributions to the Poop Sheet from all of our members, including links and photos that are directly related 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.email 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 below or on our website at [http://chinapost1.org/contact-us](http://chinapost1.org/contact-us)

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PREPARATE:

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER; TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE; TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS IN THE GREAT WAR TO INCLUDE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION TO INSURE THE PERSISTENCE OF BOTH THE CLASSIC AND THE MASSES; TO MAKE RIGHT THE PAST OF MIGHT; TO PROMOTE PEACE AND GOOD WILL ON EARTH; TO SUSTAIN AND PROCLAIM THE PRINCIPLES OF THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE; TO CONCEIVE AND SUSTAIN OUR COMRADESHIP BY OUR DEVOTION TO MUTUAL HELPLESSNESS.

ARTICLE I - NAME AND HEADQUARTERS


SECTION 3. CHINA POST NO. 1 HEADQUARTERS IS CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 36428 JACKSON ROAD, SLIDELL, LOUISIANA 70458-3511. ALL NOTICES AND DOCUMENTS ADDRESSED TO THE POST SHALL BE SENT TO THESE HEADQUARTERS.

SECTION 4. CHINA POST NO. 1 WILL BE PERMITTED TO TRANSFER POST HEADQUARTERS FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER OR FROM ONE COMMANDER TO ANOTHER COMMANDER IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO THE TRANSFER OF INDIVIDUALS FROM ONE POST TO ANOTHER COMMANDER.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES


SECTION 2. TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY AND FOUNDING OF CHINA POST NO. 1, THE AMERICAN LEGION.

ARTICLE III - NATURE

SECTION 1. THE POST IS A CIVILIAN ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP THEREIN DOES NOT AFFECT OR INCREASE LIABILITY FOR MILITARY OR POLICE SERVICE. RANK DOES NOT EXIST IN THE AMERICAN LEGION.

SECTION 2. THIS ORGANIZATION IS ABSOLUTELY NON-POLITICAL AND NON-SECTARIAN AND SHALL BE USED FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL PRINCIPLES AND THE PROMOTION OF THE CANDIDACY OF ANY PERSON SEEKING PUBLIC OFFICE OR PRECEDENCE.

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Article V - Officers, China Post No. 1 (Cont'd)

Section 2. The Officers of this Post shall be a Commander, at least three Vice Commanders, an Adjutant, a Treasurer and only such other Officers as may be deemed necessary by the organization. They shall be elected in accordance with the Post By-Laws preceding their election.

Section 3. All Officers and Executive Committee Members shall be elected for one year term and they shall hold office until their successors are elected and duly installed or as otherwise provided. Any Officer or Executive Committee Member may be removed for inefficiency by the Executive Committee, a two-thirds vote of said Committee being necessary to effect such removal.

Section 4. Every member of this Post in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in this Post.

Section 5. The duties of officers and the Executive Committee shall be those usually appertaining to such officers or committee members and as further provided by the By-Laws.

Article VI - Finance

Section 1. The revenue of this Post shall be derived from membership or initiation fees, from annual membership dues, and from such other sources as may be approved by the Post Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Post shall pay to departmental headquarters the National and Departmental Annual Membership dues for every member of the Post.

Section 3. The amount of membership or initiation fees and the amount of annual post dues shall be fixed and determined by the Post.

Section 4. Any funds received by the Post for dedicated purposes shall be kept in separate accounts. Such funds may only be used for those purposes for which they were solicited or donated.

Section 5. Disbursement of post funds shall be the duty of the post adjutant and the Executive Committee and as may be further provided by the By-Laws.

Article VII - Chapter E Founding Members

Section 1. Members who joined this Post prior to 23 April 1990 (or members who joined this Post prior to the issuance of its charter) shall be known as Founding Members.

Section 2. Members in good standing at the time a Post is re-established shall be known as Founding Members.

Article VIII - American Legion Auxiliary

Section 1. The Post recognizes an Auxiliary Organization known as the Auxiliary Unit of China Post No. 1, the American Legion.

Section 3. Membership in the Said Auxiliary Organization shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the National Executive Committee of the American Legion and thereafter approved by the Department of New York American Legion.

Article IX - Sons of the American Legion

Section 1. This Post recognizes a Sons of the American Legion Program known as the Sons of the American Legion Squadron of China Post No. 1, the American Legion, Department of New York.

Section 2. Membership in the Sons of the American Legion shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the National Executive Committee of the American Legion and thereafter approved by the Department of New York American Legion.
ARTICLE III - POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

SECTION 1. (CONT'D). COMMITTEE SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM TEOFRC, DUE TO THE SCATTERED MEMBERSHIP, TELEPHONE CONFERENCES CALLS, FAX, AND POSTAL FACILITIES MAY BE UTILIZED AS AN OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IF AGREED UPON BY MEMBERS OF SAID COMMITTEE.

SECTION 2. THE POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR THE POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTING THROUGH THE ADJUTANT SHALL HAVE SUCH EMPLOYEES AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SHALL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE ALL EXPENDITURES, SHALL HAVE THE REPORTS OF POST COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS ON DIVISIONS, AND GENERALLY SHALL HAVE CHARGE OF AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AFFAIRS OF THIS POST BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE POST.

SECTION 3. ALL PERSONS HAVING ACCESS TO, OR CUSTODY OF, POST FUNDS WILL BE PROPERLY BOUND AS NECESSARY AND AS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION WITHIN WHICH THIS POST IS LOCATED.

ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF OFFICERS


SECTION 4. DUTIES OF THE POST VICE COMMANDERS. THE POST VICE COMMANDERS WILL, IN ORDER OF SENIORITY, DISCHARGE SUCH DUTIES AS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMANDER AND/OR THE DEPUTY COMMANDER.


ARTICLE V - FINANCES AND DUES

SECTION 1. THE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL POST DUES SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EACH MEMBERSHIP YEAR.

SECTION 2. A MEMBER WHOSE DUES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR HAVE NOT BEEN PAID BY JANUARY FIRST SHALL BE CLASSED AS DELINQUENT. IF HIS DUES ARE PAID ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY FIRST HE SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY REINSTATE. IF HE IS STILL DELINQUENT AFTER FEBRUARY FIRST, HE SHALL BE SUSPENDED FROM ALL PRIVILEGES AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE POST. IF HE IS STILL UNDER SUCH SUSPENSION ON JUNE THIRTIETH OF SUCH YEAR, HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN LEGION SHALL BE FORFEITED. A MEMBER SO SUSPENDED OR WHOSE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN SO FORFEITED MAY BE REINSTATED TO ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING BY A VOTE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND PAYMENT CURRENT DUES FOR THE YEAR IN WHICH THE REINSTATEMENT OCCURS. THESE PROVISIONS MAY BE MODIFIED WITH REFERENCE TO FEEERS MIFERI AND HAVE BEEN PREVENTED FROM THE PAYMENT OF DUES BY REPRISE OF ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO REPRESENT THE POST AT ALL MEETINGS OF CONVENTIONS AS MAY BE REQUIRED, PURSUANT TO SUCH PROVISIONS HEREIN, SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE POST. DELEGATES OR ALTERNATE AS MAY BE PROVIDED FOR BY THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONS AS MAY BE APPOINTED TO ATTEND ANY CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

ARTICLE VII - APPOINTMENTS


ARTICLE VIII - RESOLUTIONS

ALL RESOLUTIONS OF THE POST OR NATIONAL OR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS PRESENTED TO THE POST BY A MEMBER OR REPORTED TO THE POST BY A COMMITTEE SHALL BE ACTED UPON AS SEEN TO THE EFFECT OR AS APPROVED OR AS MENTIONED TO THE POST BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ITS APPROVAL. ANY PUBLICITY GIVEN OR ACTED ON OTHER THAN HERE PASSING THE POST IS TAKEN TO REFLECT THAT OPINION ON THE POST OR THE AMERICAN LEGION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES SET UP BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, RESOLUTIONS WILL NOT DISCUSS POLITICAL OR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS SEEK TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

SECTION 1. A REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE POST SHALL BE HELD AT THE POST HEADQUARTERS OR AT A PLACE SELECTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT WHICH MEETING MAY BE TRANSACTIONS SUCH BUSINESS AS MAY BE BRIEFED OR APPEAR FOR ACTION.

SECTION 2. THE POST COMMANDER OR A MAJORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO CALL A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE POST AT ANY TIME.
ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS (CONTD)

SECTION 1. A QUORUM FOR A MEETING SHALL CONSIST OF ONE QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS OF THE POST.

SECTION 2. ABSENTEE Balloting Voting by Proxy is Not Allowed.

ARTICLE X - NOTICES

SECTION 1. EACH MEMBER SHALL FURNISH THE POST ADJUTANT WITH AN ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES, AND WILL INFORM THE ADJUTANT OF ANY CHANGE IN SUCH ADDRESS.

SECTION 2. THE POST NEWSLETTER, THE POOP SHEET, IS THE OFFICIAL PUBlICATION OF THE POST. IT WILL BE USED TO ANNOUNCE SPECIAL EVENTS AND IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS. IMPORT ANITICIPATE THE POST ADJUTANT'S OFFICE. THE POST NEWSLETTER MAY ALSO BE SENT OUT FROM THE ADJUTANT'S OFFICE, IT WILL BE USED TO ANNOUNCE SPECIAL EVENTS AND IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SECTION 3. TO PROTECT MEMBERS' PRIVACY AND SECURITY THE POST SHALL NOT PUBLISH ADDRESS LISTS. ALL POST MATTERS MATTERS AND INFORMATION CONCERNED WITH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WILL BE KEPT IN THE ADJUTANT'S OFFICE.

ARTICLE XI - RULES

THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AT MEETINGS OF THIS POST SHALL BE GOVERNED BY ROBERTS' RULES OF ORDER, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN.

ARTICLE XII - LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

THIS POST SHALL NOT INURE, NOR BE USED FOR ANY LIABILITIES OR OBLIGATIONS TO WHICH IT IS SUBJECT TO LIABILITY ANY OTHER POST, SUBDIVISION, OR OTHER CORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION.

ARTICLE XIII - MEMORIAL DIVISIONS

SECTION 1. MEMORIAL DIVISIONS SHALL BE PROMOTED JERI AND WHERE THERE ARE CONSISTENCY TEN (10) POST MEMBERS AVAILABLE, IN A GEOGRAPHIC AREA WHERE SUCH EXPERIENCES ALLOW THEM TO GATHER TOGETHER TO PROMOTE THE MEMBERSHIP OF AMERICANS AND LEGENDIANS IN A GIVEN AREA OR AS MEMBERS HAVE SHARED COMMON EXPERIENCES, THEY MAY CREATE A MEMORIAL DIVISION OF THE POST FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND THE COMMUNITY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 2. THE MEMORIAL DIVISION NAME IS TO BE SELECTED WITH CARE AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SITUATION. THE POST WILL OBTAIN AND PAY FOR TWO SUID WITH ONE TO BE KEPT BY THE POST FOR RECORDS AND REASON PURPOSES, THE OTHER TO GO TO THE DIVISION FOR THEIR USE, CARE, AND DISPLAY.

SECTION 3. THE OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES OF THE MEMORIAL DIVISIONS SHALL BE TO PROMOTE THE MEMBERSHIP AND THE POST IN THE CHINA POST CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. ANY AMENDMENTS TO SAID NATIONAL OR DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTIONS OR BY-LAWS WHICH ARE IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS HEREOF, SHALL BE REGARDED AS AUTOMATICALLY REPEALING, AMENDING, OR MODIFYING THAT PROVISION OF THESE BY-LAWS TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT.

SECTION 2. THESE BY-LAWS MAY BE AMENDED AT ANY REGULAR POST MEETING CALLED BY THE POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT WHICH A QUORUM IS PRESENT BY A VOTE OF MEMBERS OF THE MEMBERS ATTENDING SUCH REGULAR MEETING. ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENT MAY BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING AND READ AT A PRECEDING REGULAR MEETING OF THE POST, PROVIDED FURTHERMORE, THAT WRITTEN NOTICE VIA THE POOP SHEET SHALL HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE AT SUCH MEETING IS TO BE VOTED UPON NOTIFYING THE MEMBERS THAT AT THE MEETING A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS IS TO BE VOTED UPON.

ARTICLE XV - SPECIAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. NO OFFICER OF THE POST SHALL SELL, CONVEY, OR DISPOSE OF ANY OF THE TEMPELATIONS AND PROPERTY OF THE POST EXCEPT BY AND UNDER ITS DIRECTION ONLY AND OR GIVEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

SECTION 2. THE NAMES, ADDRESSES AND INFORMATION ABOUT POST MEMBERS THAT ARE MAINTAINED BY THE POST AND THAT ARE PUBLISHED IN POST COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE USE OF MEMBERS ONLY. NO PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT CHINA POST NO. 1 OR ITS MEMBERS DERIVED FROM THESE SOURCES IS AUTHORIZED WITHOUT WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE POST COMMANDER AND/OR DEPUTY COMMANDER.

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