Welcome from the Commander

By 騎龍魁 Ron Burkett, Commander

It looks like the New Year is off to a good start. We’ve exceeded our room reservation block at the El Tropicana River Walk Hotel in San Antonio. So far, they are honoring our requests for more rooms, but they can only do that for so long. If you are planning on attending the 2018 reunion, I recommend you go ahead and make your reservations. By March, we’ll have a good idea what our final headcount will be and we’ll put out the menu, schedule, and reunion registration information.

Recruiting new members remains a high priority. Our current membership is made up of WWII vets, 3%; Korean War vets, 10%; VN vets, 63%; and post VN vets, 24%. We need to get the post VN category somewhere above 50%. Over the short term, I might add, not by default.

China Post 1 Memorial Divisions traditionally were associated with our members residing overseas. We want to apply a similar Division concept here in the states, including gathering our members and their spouses together for the occasional social event. This concept is working in the Las Vegas area, Northern Virginia, Phoenix, and we have one planned in San Antonio. This is an opportunity for China Post 1 members to get together between reunions, or to meet with each other if they can’t attend the reunions. You can also include potential candidates for membership. If you are interested in trying this in your area, get in touch and we’ll give you the contact information you’ll need.

The Year of the Dog is just around the corner. I hope to see you in San Antonio.
Adjutant’s Corner

By 瓊獅士 Jim Lint, Adjutant

In the military we all knew our chain of command. We knew who was on top of us, and many were required to know the chain of command to the nation's President for promotion boards. The same thing happens in American Legion China Post 1, which is part of the Department of France, which is part of the Foreign Outlying Departments and Posts of the American Legion (FODPAL), and then the National Headquarters of the American Legion.

Foreign Outlying Departments and Posts of the American Legion (FODPAL)

FODPAL has more than 15,000 members and 250 posts of The American Legion, located in six departments located outside the borders of the continental United States. Those departments include Alaska, Hawaii, France, Mexico, the Philippines and Puerto Rico.

You Are Not Alone

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans’ organization. Focusing on service to veterans, service members and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to over 1 million, and local posts sprang up across the country. Today, membership stands at over 2.4 million in 14,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines.

You Are Not Alone

Check On Yourself and Duplicate Card

There is a way to confirm your address on record and get a duplicate card via http://www.Mylegion. Create an account and login via the INDIVIDUAL link. You can also always send updates to me at Adjutant@ChinaPost1.email.

Upcoming Travel

We are always looking for members to attend various events where China Post 1 should be represented and remembered. We do not belong to a State, and our higher headquarters is the Department of France. The Department of France Convention is 21 Jun to 24 Jun 2018, in Heilbronn, Germany.

I attended the National Convention in Reno last year, and it was interesting and an education. The 2018 National Convention is scheduled for 24 Aug to 30 Aug 2018, in Minneapolis, MN.

Trip to France

The American Legion Centennial is in March 2019. Stand by for more information on a trip for those who want to go to American Legion roots.

The American Legion, chartered by Congress in 1919, is planning an historic centennial celebration. The year-long celebration, kicking off in 2018, is focused on commemorating its first century of service while continuing its legacy into the future. Stay tuned to https://centennial.legion.org for a monthly e-newsletter for the latest news, information and events related to our centennial celebration.
LINKS OF INTEREST:

Centennial PR toolkit introduced

New Emblem Sales catalog features special centennial section

Renew membership online

FODPAL Website https://www.legion.org/fodpal/about

FODPAL Facebook

www.Mylegion

https://centennial.legion.org/oklahoma/post513/1919/03/15/american-legion-was-chartered-congress

https://centennial.legion.org

Department of France Centennial

March, 2019 is firmly circled on the calendar of The American Legion Department of France. That's when Legionnaires across Europe will celebrate the organization's 100th birthday in Paris, where a gathering of soldiers, sailors and Marines that month in 1919 gave birth to what would become the largest organization of U.S. veterans. See the following links:

- [https://www.facebook.com/AmLegionCentennial/](https://www.facebook.com/AmLegionCentennial/)

We may have members who desire to attend. More information will be coming on this Department of France Centennial Event.

2018 China Post 1 Reunion Plans

By 龙魁 Ron Burkett, Commander

The 2018 China Post Reunion will be in San Antonio, Texas, 20-23 Sept. 2018, at the El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel. Our original El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel room block is already 66% committed. Our guest speakers will be noted authors W. E. B. Griffin (William E. Butterworth, III) and his son, William E. Butterworth, IV.

With the announcement of WEB Griffin’s attendance, I would expect the balance to fill quickly. This should not be a problem if it fills early enough for us to increase our room night commitment. **If you plan to attend, I highly recommend that you make your hotel reservations now.**
Reunion registration forms will be made available when final plans are in place. Use these links for hotel reservations:

Register on line: American Legion China Post 1
Register by phone: 877-736-4311. When guests call they should ask for American Legion China Post 1.

Thoughts on Membership

By Ken Orrock

Keeping China Post 1 Going for the Next 100 Years

Congratulations! Most of you who are reading this deserve congratulations, because you are members of the most admired and selective post in the American Legion. China Post 1 is often times spoken of in whispers by our fellow Legionnaires in other posts, and the sight of the dragon adorning our caps at national Legion functions always draws attention and many times an explanation from those who know who we are to the uneducated in our storied history. China Post 1 is known and respected across the Legion world and each of you is part of this elite and unique group of U.S. veterans.

That being said, we can never lose sight of the need to recruit new members. The challenging aspect of membership in our post is that potential members cannot drop into our post home and speak to someone about joining. We are not hosting pancake breakfast fundraisers or fish fries where we talk to fellow veterans about the benefits of membership, and the strong voice the Legion has in the halls of Congress. Most new members do not come to us; therefore, we must go to them.

China Post 1 membership growth is dependent on “talent spotting” by existing members. What I mean is that we must seek out and identify potential high quality members who have the background and qualifications we require for membership. Then, most importantly, we must ask them to join our elite post. Even if they are already Legion members, we can ask them to transfer their membership to China Post 1 and be prepared to tell them that changing their membership is as easy as filling out the blue card and contacting our post Adjutant@ChinaPost1.email. Either way, be it a veteran first joining the Legion or a transfer, the most important thing is to ask. If each of us just signed up ONE new high quality member each year where would we be next year for membership?

As counterintelligence agents, we were taught to spot, assess and recruit sources. Is finding new members for China Post 1 any different? Spot veterans who we feel might meet our qualifications requirements. Assess their background and experiences to see if they are the type of veteran we want in our post. And finally, close the deal by asking them to join or putting them in touch with the adjutant. It is really that simple, and even those of us who are not “salesmen” will find that talking to our fellow veterans about membership is an easy way to increase our standing. If we do not grow members, we, like a lot of veteran organizations will shrivel up and cease to exist.

Ken Orrock is a retired U.S. Army Counterintelligence Special Agent and former National Membership Chairman of the American Legion. A former state prosecutor and 29 year sworn law enforcement officer, he makes his home in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

[ADJUTANT NOTE: Ken is practicing what he preaches and is growing a South Dakota Memorial Division.]

The History of China Post 1

By 龍飛龍 Scott Riebel, Post Historian
The American Legion will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2019, and there is a push within the Legion to establish provenance for their posts. The American Club on Foo Chow Street, which was to later become China Post 1 in Shanghai, dates back to 1910, and may have its roots as far back as 1905 with the Army’s 15th infantry, the Navy’s Asiatic Fleet and the 4th Marines Legation guards. Sgt. Maj. Daniel Daly had already received the first of his three Medal of Honor nominations for his part in suppressing the Boxer Rebellion near Peking, and the occupation of the 15th Infantry and the Navy’s Asiatic Fleet was essential in keeping shipping lanes and trade routes open. The Army and the Navy both operated YMCAs for their servicemen in order to get a reprieve from the regimentation of daily military life, and provide a place for the GI’s to get a taste of home, see a film, have a dinner, and enjoy some music and dance. The history of a servicemen’s club on Foo Chow Street at the location of the original China Post 1 home is well documented and undeniable. The conversion from the American Ex-Servicemen’s Club in Shanghai to China Post 1 took place on 28 Nov 1919.

**Shanghai American Club Interior and Shanghai American Club Plaque - Photos by Joe Gentile**


*From China Monthly Review, Volume 10 pg. 511*  “An organization of ex-servicemen of the United States Army and Navy who served during the European War is being formed in Shanghai and a dinner and smoker is to be held at the American Club, at 8 o’clock, Friday night, November 28, 1919. The temporary organization is headed by Major Arthur P. Bassett as chairman and Don D. Patterson of Millard’s Review, 113 Avenue Edward VII, as temporary secretary. It is intended to affiliate the local organization with the American Legion, the association of ex-servicemen now being perfected in the United States. A cover charge of $2.50 a plate will be charged for the dinner. All American Army or Navy men who served during the European war are asked to attend the dinner and to communicate with the temporary secretary.”

This is our provenance, Generals Ward, Chennault and Lt. Helseth China Post 1 is well represented in the beginning of the American Legion, and was instrumental in the foundation, development and continued success of the American Legion. We can all take pride in the fact that we are one of the longest continuously operating Posts within the Legion, despite having the overcome all the obstacles of wars, occupations and eventually exile.

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China Post 1 Sons of the American Legion Squadron

By Joe Gentile, Squadron Commander

Senior Vice Commander H. Ownby’s funeral at the U. S. Air Force Academy

On 1 Dec 2017, a delegation representing China Post 1 and its Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron attended Senior Vice Commander H. Ownby’s funeral at the U. S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. A luncheon/wake was held at the Falcon Club from 1200-1400 hours following the internment. Members of the delegation included Joe Gentile, SAL Commander, Ron Butts, Hank Hoffman, and Larry Margolies. The following day, the group toured the Air Force Academy. Several of the exhibits visited are pictured below:

On the terrazzo in the restricted cadet area, pictured from the left: Ron Butts, Larry Margolies, and Hank Hoffman. Photo taken by Joe Gentile.

The F-4 shown shot down six MiGs in Vietnam, including two by General Richie and three by Robin Olds. Larry shot down three in Israel in a different F-4, and Hank downed a cruise missile with still another one at Edwards AFB during the test program. Photo by Joe Gentile on 2 Dec 2017.

In the Mall of Heroes at the SEA display at the USAFA Association of Graduates, Doolittle Hall. This Photo by Joe Gentile is of Hank Hoffman at the Lance Sijan memorial on 2 Dec 2017. Hank was Medal of Honor (MOH) winner Lance Sijan's first commander in 1961. The "new" dormitory is named for the Academy's first MOH winner. His statue depicts him crawling through the brush with a broken leg and hand. Sijan evaded for 43 days in enemy territory.
Above is a close-up of Hank with the Sijan memorial statue.

Also at the SEA pavilion on the Heritage Trail, Doolittle Hall on 2 Dec 2017, Larry Margolies, Ron Butts, and Hank Hoffman. Note the dragon on the lower right corner of the bronze raised map of Vietnam. Photos by Joe Gentile.

**China Post 1 Support for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship**

Since the inception of the American Legion Legacy Scholarship in 2001 following the September 11th terrorist attacks, The American Legion has offered its support to the children of fallen post-9/11 service members through this scholarship. Beginning with the 2017 award year, The American Legion expanded the scholarship to include children of VA-rated, post-9/11 veterans with a combined disability rating of 50 percent or higher. Our organization remains committed to honoring the memory and service of our fallen and disabled comrades by ensuring their children are afforded the best possible educational opportunities.

Wear a China Post 1 T-Shirt while contributing to a great cause. The available sizes are M, L, XL, 2XL and 3XL. Send $30.00 which includes shipping. Send your payment via PayPal to joe42672@gmail as Friend to Friend (no fees) or mail a check to China Post 1, PO Box 50858, Henderson, NV 89016, with Size(s), Quantity and Shipping Address. Net proceeds go to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.
China Post 1 Dragon Riders

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

Reunion 2018 Rides. It’s a little way out, but Texas offers some great rides, and fellow Dragon Riders Jean Clark and Mike “Maddog K9 Trainer” have agreed to put together a couple of rides for the 2018 reunion in San Antonio. The Twisted Sisters is one ride, and after pulling the map on that ride, it looks like a full day ride just by itself. Another would be a hill country ride which would include a trip to Luckenbach. I wouldn’t mind getting in a couple of days of riding prior to the reunion. I am planning on checking in on Wednesday the 19th and out on Sunday the 23rd. Some of the Dragon Riders from Colorado will be riding down and their wives will be flying in.

All of this is tentative, but it sounds like a blast to me. Who knows, we might even get our Commander and Service Officer, Ron and Marlys Burkett to join us on the rides. Space will be filling up quickly for the 2018 reunion in San Antonio. This is the first time in years that we have not held the reunion in Las Vegas, and there are a number of people chomping at the bit for this opportunity. Register now. Looking forward to riding with you all.

China Post 1 Dragon Riders at the Luckenbach, TX Post Office in the summer of 2017. Individuals Pictured (left-to-Right):

Standing: Larry Ardison, Hans Stockenberger, Scott Riebel, Ron Burkett
Kneeling Jean Clark, Khristine Clark, Vickie Riebel, Marlys Burkett

Photo taken by: Scott Riebel

Emblem Sales

China Post 1 Centennial Challenge Coin

By Rey Quijano, Sr. Vice Commander, Emblem Sales

The new China Post 1 Centennial Challenge Coin will be available on 1 Mar 2018. The price for this 2” diameter coin is $15 each. The first 100 coins will be numbered. I will be taking orders starting 15 Feb 2018 at: EmblemSales@ChinaPost1.email
Memorial Division News

Baghdad Memorial Division (Reorganizing)

By Chris Spidle

Doc Wengenroth started the Baghdad Memorial Division. I hope to reinvigorate it. If there are folks out there who are current members of the Baghdad Memorial Division, or who have been honorably discharged and performed some sort of remarkable duty as a civilian (or service member) in Iraq, please contact me at c@spidle.com, and help us support the reinvigoration of the Baghdad Memorial Division of China Post 1.

Below on the left is a picture from about 2004 of China Post 1 members Ed Gutierrez and Doc Wengenroth. The person on the right is Yam, a Gurkha who was lost in Iraq. Doc and Yam were very close.

I took the picture above on the right at Baghdad International Airport the day I dropped Doc off so he could attend the China Post 1 Reunion in September of 2006. Doc had informed company leadership he was going and it was up to them whether he came back or not. He was going regardless of losing his job. Of course we all wanted him back.

Nevada Memorial Division

By 璞獺土 Jim Lint, Sr. Vice Commander and Nevada Memorial Division Point of Contact

The January meeting was held at the Leatherneck Club in Las Vegas, on January 13th at noon.

Jeff Carson led the meeting with 12 members present. We also had almost more people on sick call: Pete, Mule, Lou and Paul C. Jeff's Topics Discussed:

Bill Anton will be buried at Arlington Cemetery on 22 May 2018 at 0900 hours. I will also push this out on our Facebook site and to our Northern Virginia Memorial Division.

There was a discussion about the VA Medical Care pharmacy issues, and that our own Jeff Carson sits in on the VA Veteran Outreach Meetings. Jeff has a meeting this week with the VA Director of Southern Nevada and will be able to take some of our issues forward.

We meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month at noon at Leatherneck Club in Las Vegas
Northern Virginia Memorial Division

By Jerry Gegan

Jerry Gegan sent this message from the NoVa MemDiv:

"Ron,

My compliments to you and the entire Poop Sheet Team. The new Poop Sheet looks great & represents a job well done!"

Jerry Gegan, Commander, China Post 1 Northern Virginia Memorial Division

Thailand Memorial Division (Reorganizing)

By Ken Stein

On 19 Nov 2017, China Post 1 members Ken Stein and Lou Holub participated in a funeral ceremony for an American airman in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The airman, Jimmie Herschal Sillavan, served in the U.S. Air Force from 1959 to 1963, and later resided in Phnom Penh where he died. As his family had difficulty with the cost of repatriating his remains, a fund raising campaign was conducted by VFW Post 11575 in Phnom Penh to send Sillavan’s ashes to his family. More details can be read in an article by Mathew M. Burke published on 21 Nov 2017 at: https://www.stripes.com/vfw-members-help-rescue-fellow-veteran-s-remains-from-limbo-in-cambodia-1.498774.

Quarterly Feature

By Leroy Cockrell, Vice Commander China Post 1 Sons of the American Legion

The War Eagles Air and Auto Museum is located at 8012 Airport Road in Santa Teresa, NM 88008

The Christmas holidays at our house this year were a little quieter than usual, as our kids and grandkids could not visit. However, we were very happy to have Linda’s sister Jean, and Jean's husband Frank from Newport News, VA visit us. They’re both Air Force Veterans, Frank retired a Colonel and worked in the Communications-Electronics career field (now called Cyber Operations). Jean, a 15-year Air Force veteran worked in the Audio Visual career field supporting base operations and senior general Air Force officers.

Anyway, since precipitation has been almost non-existent in the Sacramento Mountains this year, we had an opportunity to show Frank and Jean some sights of interest in Southern New Mexico. We had heard of the War Eagle Museum since we retired out here 6+ years ago, but had not had a chance to visit. Frank and Jean were interested so we planned a day trip to Santa Teresa, which is only a two and a half hour drive from Ruidoso.

Wow! This vast (60,000 ft²) museum houses an impressive display of 37 Aircraft and 52 Automobiles, motorcycles and military vehicles, as well as several Bonus Displays of various Flight Simulators, Model Collections, Historical Photographs/Information and a special display Saluting Women Aviators. (See the sisters below)
The Museum started as a dream of West Texas engineer, rancher and oilman John T. MacGuire and his wife Betty. Pilots themselves, John and Betty began to amass an impressive private collection of warbirds in the 1980s. As the collection grew, the MacGuires looked for a place to build a museum to display their collection to the public. Reno, Nevada, and Las Cruces, New Mexico, vied for the honor of hosting what became the War Eagles Air Museum. After much thought, John and Betty decided to build the Museum near their home in El Paso. The Dona Ana County Airport, just across the Texas-New Mexico state line, filled the bill perfectly.

Even though it was very accessible to the public, the only road leading to the airport at the time was rough, unpaved dirt. Work on the main exhibit hanger, a storage hangar and a restoration shop started in mid-1987, and on September 13, 1989, the Museum opened its doors. John and Betty could now see the fulfillment of their long-time dream from their home only 11 miles away, high on the western slopes of El Paso’s Franklin Mountains.

As we traversed the display, I remembered the model airplane dog fights my cousin and I had while growing up in the 50’s. Being in an Air Force family we had models of a good number of the aircraft on display in the museum hanging from the ceilings in our bedrooms. Every weekend we were able to spend together began with a trip to the Rexall Drug Store or the BX where we selected our singular choice ($) of a Revell model, and hurried back to Base Housing to assemble and apply the very vivid decals. All of this was in preparation for the next day’s battles near Tinker, Lincoln or Ellsworth AFB, whichever was the “base du jour.”

Seeing these incredible birds in person rekindled my memories of them and the air forces that utilized them. Army Air Corps, Air Force, Navy and Marine aircraft are all represented here as well as German, British and Soviet planes. We browsed the display area for probably three hours and, after we left, I still thought of things that I wished I’d taken more time to examine.
Frank got a real kick out of an up-close look at a T-33, the first aircraft he flew in after joining the Air Force in 1974. “They were great memories…and a lot of miles ago” he commented. “I can remember that flight almost as if it was yesterday…I felt like I had a rocket stuck up my a__!”

OK…I saved the best for last! Imagine walking into the main museum entrance and the first thing you see is a P-40E Warhawk adorned with “Flying Tiger” colors and then, a few steps further, seeing a picture of one of China Post 1’s most famous Commanders!

But yes, it was there, so you can imagine how proud Linda and I were to see that! Frank, of course, was very impressed…as he was equally impressed when he had read the History (Part 1 & 2) of China Post 1 that I had printed for him and Jeanie. The jury is still out, but I expect they will be China Post 1 Legion members by the time this article hits the Poop Sheet! (Note to CP-1 Adjutant: better chase down some more SAL Members, Jim!)

This is truly one of the Southwest’s premier aviation and automotive attractions! If you’re an aircraft groupie like some of us, your time will be well spent at the War Eagles Air Museum. So, if you’re in the neighborhood, plan your own visit and have an unhurried day dreaming or remembering your own experiences with this very impressive part of American Military History. Also, if the wives are not really interested, and they complained at the last air show that you took them to, then drop ’em off at Sunland Park Mall. It’s only 10 or 12 miles away up on Interstate 10, and that way both of you can have a delightful outing. Don’t forget the Gift Shop at the museum because there are many posters, books, and clothing items, patches and models to choose from. You can access their website at: www.war-eagles-air-museum.com. If some of our Western US China Post 1 members are planning a drive to the Reunion in San Antonio later this year, a stop in El Paso might be an enjoyable one indeed!

And another thing, from the American Legion viewpoint…one might wonder how a tour through a museum might, or might not help Veterans and their Families? After all, the dollars spent there go to upkeep on the museum and maintenance/restoration of the aircraft on display there. I have to tell you that we left there bustin’ our buttons proud of the memories we had of every man and woman that has served this great country. And, of the sacrifices they and their families made in the course of defending it! My family will most definitely be a little more generous the next time we’re asked for a donation to any of our many wonderful Veterans Organizations.

**Civilian Employment Opportunities**

*By Mike Eisenhauer and Dave Vaught*
The Poop Sheet staff has challenged Dave and me to develop a regular source of information for China Post 1 members who may be interested in what to do after retirement, or when that current employment contract is about to expire. The active word in our column is “Opportunities.” We will show you what is out there but it is your responsibility to go get it. We do not promise success, you have to make it work, just like you have done all your life. We are going to provide you with links like this:


**United States Department of Labor (DoL)**

The DoL at [https://www.dol.gov/veterans/findajob/](https://www.dol.gov/veterans/findajob/) provides extensive assistance to veterans seeking employment including [https://www.careeronestop.org/](https://www.careeronestop.org/) a source for career exploration, training & jobs such as:

- “Explore Careers”
- “Find Training”
- “Job Search”
- “Find Local Help”
- “Toolkit”
- “Resources For”

**Military Intelligence Civilian Excepted Career Program (MICECP)**

The Military Intelligence Civilian Excepted Career Program is a Headquarters, Department of the Army program managed by the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM). The MICECP Staff under the authority of INSCOM is responsible for recruiting, training, and developing a highly qualified, technically skilled, foreign language capable, mobile civilian intelligence workforce to conduct sensitive intelligence and counterintelligence operational missions worldwide. The MICECP is administered by the U.S. Army Field Support Center, a subordinate element of INSCOM, and is located at Fort George G. Meade, MD.

The contact address is MICECP Accessions Division, ATTN: IAFS-OSA-PM, 375 Chamberlin Avenue, Suite 5904, Fort Meade, MD 20755-5904

**USAJOBS**

This is the official U.S. Government job site at [https://www.usajobs.gov/](https://www.usajobs.gov/)

Job seekers can explore the most urgent hiring needs at [https://www.usajobs.gov/?c=opportunities](https://www.usajobs.gov/?c=opportunities)

- [https://www.state.gov/careers/](https://www.state.gov/careers/)
- [https://www.military.com/veteran-jobs](https://www.military.com/veteran-jobs) Includes:
  - Industry Job Search for Veterans
  - Upcoming Job Fairs
  - Job Hunting Advice
  - Find Veteran Friendly Employers
  - Top Industries for Veterans

BUT, this will not work. Why? All of the good jobs are gone before we can get the info to you.
Years ago there was a shoebox full of index cards, and each card had a complete description of an opening. These cards were filed by Subject Matter (job skills), and the information was provided by a member in the field who was referred to as a Subject Matter Expert. The Subject Matters included Medical, Aviation, Intelligence, Security, etc. Members looking for a job would call in and indicate the Subject Matter, and they would get the up to date information that was available. We want to do the same thing, but this time we won’t use a shoebox, we’ll use a computer. We will ask our membership with a Subject Matter Expertise to assist us in developing our “shoebox”. We will need to establish our Subject Matters in such a way that we can assist our members who worked in the “field” without a college degree, to the member who is an Academy graduate with an engineering degree and higher.

Putting things together is not going to be easy or quick, but it can be done. Dave is going to figure out the computer end so that the Subject Matter Experts can input the “opportunities” and how we can notify members immediately of specific opportunities in the Subject Matter of their choice.

We need every member who has the ability to identify an opening NOW to contact either Dave or I ASAP. We need recommendations for the posting of Subject Matter categories and more important, we need those members with a Subject Matter Expertise to step up and help our Brothers/Sisters.

[Editor’s Note: Your response to Mike’s and Dave’s request should be addressed to: PoopSheet@ChinaPost1.email with the Subject: “Civilian Employment Opportunities”.

Fallen Comrades

A Service for LTC Bill Anton at Arlington National Cemetery

Jeff Carson let us know that he talked to Arlington National Cemetery on 19 Dec 2017, and services for Bill will be on Tuesday 22 May 2017 at 0900. He expects that there will be more information from Bill’s daughter, Susan, to follow.

News from Our Members

A Message from Colin L. Kelley

Colin writes, “I love the Poop Sheet. I have been a Post 1 member for many years and really missed it. And thank you also for bringing me up to date on Jimmy Jacks, one of my Gulfstream instructor pilots with Saudi Arabian Airlines, Special Flight Services.” (Editor’s Note: Colin also wrote that he sponsored Jimmy for membership in the Post.)

Thomas Tinnish Moves to Maryland

Tom Tinnish has relocated from Souderton, Pennsylvania to North East, Maryland. He now works for Lockheed Martin in their Corporate Air Department in Middle River, Maryland, and flies out of Martin State Airport.

Another Watering Hole in the Philippines

From Garrett Bridges: I would like to establish a watering hole here in Solano, Nueva Vizcaya, Philippines.

There are two China Post 1 members here, Donald K. Carr USA, CPT Ret. and myself, who are excited about representing China Post 1 in a positive way in the community. I also have two potential members, Gary Sanchez, USA and Michael Stang, ANG, SFC Ret.
Don and I have identified a place for the watering hole. The owner of the establishment, Rocky Mountain Café, is a Kuwaiti gentleman who is very appreciative of what US Forces did for him, his family and his country, and jumped at the chance to allow his place to be used as a watering hole for China Post 1. The proposed watering hole is the Rocky Mountain Café, Plaridel Street, Barangay Quezon, Solano, Nueva Vizcaya, Philippines.

**Update from Mule**

From Jim Parker on 30 Nov 2017: “Fellow China Post 1 members, I was out of sorts for most of the Fall; that was finally diagnosed as lower colon cancer. I start a regimen of chemo next week, though the amount is not yet set because the stage of the cancer isn't yet known. Got a good team of doctors at the Comprehensive Cancer Center of Nevada, and we're optimistic as to the outcome, and then I'll be back at work as the Las Vegas chapter's historian.

In the meantime, take a look at Rants and Yarns section of my muleorations.com for a collection of stories, quandaries and observations on Duty, Honor, and Country themes. Some of the stories go back a few years, though you can keep them fresh with your comments and questions. Ask me anything, and I'll give you an answer.

For example I can tell you, in confidence, how to get rich quick. Go get yourself 50 male deer. And then go get 50 female pigs. You know what you'll have, right? A hundred sows and bucks.”

**Help Build the Legion’s Database of Veterans Memorials**

Mark Halferty shared a link to the American Legion website:

https://www.legion.org/dispatch/240199/help-build-legions-database-veterans-memorials

“The American Legion’s Veterans Memorial Identification Project is an opportunity for the Legion Family to build a database of memorials and monuments that honor U.S. military service and sacrifice.”

Mark commented: “I think this might be something where people in China Post 1 scattered around the world would be able to add memorials, either on bases or off. I think it would show the worldwide reach of China Post 1.”

[Editor’s Note: When I visited Peleliu, there was a monument at the top of Bloody Nose Ridge, maintained by a U.S. Navy SeaBee detachment in Palau. There are also memorials of the Vietnam conflict that I visited near Ocean Springs, MS and in Winfield, KS. It will be my task update the database with those memorials.]

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