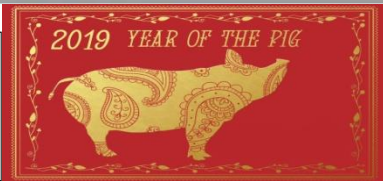


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Welcome from the Commander

By 騎龍魁 Ronald Burkett, Post Commander

This has been an outstanding year for China Post 1. Our recruiting efforts are seeing outstanding results.

1. We have increased our membership during the past year by 83 quality members. Statistically, over 27% of our members are Post-Vietnam Era veterans. Most are in aviation, special operations, and the intel community. The future of our Post continues to look promising and our brand remains intact.
2. We have finally reached a settlement in the Fisher Trust case that has been dragging on for years.
3. China Post 1's archival material has been successfully moved to a climate controlled facility.
4. We have completed the scanning of the Poop Sheets for the years from 1971 – 2011. This is a searchable document. We will begin digitizing our archival holdings, shortly.
5. The China Post 1 History covering the period from 1989 – 2019, is ready for publication and will be available in June.

6. We are supporting programs throughout the world to include the TLC Brotherhood, the American Legion Legacy Fund, and the Chennault Museum, to name a few.
7. The Building Fund remains intact and we have squirreled those funds away in a Certificate of Deposit (CD).
8. The close ties that we share with the Flying Tigers remains strong. We brought 13 of the fourteen remaining Flying Tigers into the China Post this year. That was an honor for us, and they seem to be happy as well.

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I have attached a letter of appreciation below from the Director of the Flying Tigers Association. Joe Li, pictured below, may be joining us in Colorado Springs in September. Hopefully a couple of the other Tigers will be able to make it too.

Speaking of Colorado Springs, don't put off getting your hotel reservations and completing your reunion registration. Things will get hectic as the time approaches. You'll find contact information below in this Poop Sheet.

This has been such a good year, and everything is in such good order, I think it is a good time for me to pass the baton. I will retire effective 12 June 2019 and, in accordance with our Constitution and By-laws, Article IV, Section 2, 1st Vice Commander Scott Riebel will serve the balance of my term as Commander. He and I have been working closely together for some time now, and I anticipate that the transition will be seamless. Scott has certainly earned this opportunity, not only as a valued advisor to me, but as our Dragon Rider Director, Webmaster, and Post Historian. As I mentioned earlier, he has completed the third part of our history, and it will be published soon.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee, our officers, and our membership, for their support and encouragement. Serving as the China Post 1 Commander these past several years has been an honor and a privilege. Thank you all for giving me that opportunity. I will remain on the Executive Committee as long as the Commander feels that I can contribute.

Marlys and I intend to spend the next couple of years traveling and camping. As we pass through your neck of the woods, we'll try to get in touch and maybe share a cocktail.

Again, thank you.

騎龍魁 Ron Burkett

Hello Scott and Ron...

Thank you and your members at China Post 1 for your caring and generosity to our remaining WWII Tigers who served in CBI. They are humbled by your gifts.

I spoke with Joe Li yesterday and his joy made my heart happy. Joe is filled with pride to wear this honor as he does so to share it with all he meets. His daughter Liz was there when it arrived and took this picture. When time permits, I will speak with the others and send pictures when they become available. Kindly thank the membership for remembering our precious Tigers. The work you are doing by carrying their legacy as a living history is all inspiring.

kindest regards,

Charlene Fontaine

Executive Director,

Flying Tigers 69th DRS Association, Inc.

<http://www.flyingtigers69thdrs.org>



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Adjutant's Corner

By Jeff Carson, Post Adjutant

Fellow China Post 1 members,

Membership

The post remains strong. The number of renewals is up and so is the number of new people that we have brought into the Post. Remember all new members MUST have a sponsor's name on the blue card. As a sponsor, you should check the applicant's DD214 Form, as well as, to ask yourself: Is this new member a good fit for China Post 1? There are a lot of qualified candidates out there. We have been at WAR for the last 19 years. There are many young veterans that would definitely be an asset to our organization. We must continue to recruit quality veterans to ensure China Post 1 continues to stand out above all others!

Our recruiting efforts have paid dividends as we welcome 66 new members this year. As of April 22, the Department of France needed two new members to meet its goal of 100%. China Post 1 should be able to help this week in making that happen.

Membership in The American Legion is based on a calendar year from January 1st to December 31st. When a member pays their dues, they are paid up for that membership year. They will also receive a subscription for twelve monthly issues of *The American Legion Magazine*. Please remember to keep them up to date. Dues for 2020 are to be paid by 1 Jul 2019 to Anna. Cards will then be mailed. Send your payment to Anna at:

China Post 1
P.O. Box 50858
Henderson, NV. 89016-0858

Reunion Registration

It's getting close. I am donating a survival pack as a giveaway for the reunion. When you register don't forget to write your name on one ticket to win the survival pack! It will be given to the winner at the banquet!

Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws

Finally, in order to conform to the Department of France's Bylaws, and to accurately reflect our current operating environment, in accordance with Article XIV of our Constitution and Bylaws notice is given that we will be making the following changes to the old constitution and bylaws:

Title changes from "DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK" to "DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE"

Article I Section 2 is changed from "STATE OF LOUISIANA" to "STATE OF TEXAS"

SECTION 2 CHINA POST NO. 1 IS INCORPORATED AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN THE STATE OF TEXAS AS GENERALS WARD AND CHENNAULT AND LT. HELSETH POST NO. 1 (CHINA) THE AMERICAN LEGION. THE STATE TEXAS

Article I Section 3 is changed as follows:

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SECTION 3 CHINA POST 1 HEADQUARTERS IS CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 815 BRAZOS ST., STE 500, AUSTIN, TX 78701. ALL NOTICES AND DOCUMENTS ADDRESSED TO THE POST SHALL BE SENT TO AMERICAN LEGION: CHINA POST 1, 815 BRAZOS ST., STE 500, AUSTIN, TX 78701

ARTICLE VIII- SECTION 2 IS CHANGED TO DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE

ARTICLE IX SECTION 1 IS CHANGED TO DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE

ARTICLE IX SECTION 2 IS CHANGED TO DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE

ARTICLE X SECTION 1 IS CHANGED TO DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE

BYLAWS ARTICLE III SECTION 1 IS CHANGED TO INCLUDE EMAIL, OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS

This publication is notice of the proposed changes which will be voted on at the next China Post 1 reunion in Colorado Springs, 19-22 Sep 2019.

Best regards to all,

Jeff Carson

Adjutant China Post1

China Post 1 2019 Reunion

By **龍飛龍** Scott Riebel, Deputy Commander

China Post 1 Reunion 19-22 Sep 2019

Our room block is full! If you've been waiting until the last minute to book a room, you are now out of luck. The National Firefighter Memorial is located in Colorado Springs, and their annual pilgrimage will occur the same weekend as our reunion. Hotels are full from Pueblo to Denver, and if you are fortunate enough to find a room, you will probably pay a premium price for it. However, it might still be possible to find accommodations with Airbnb (<https://www.airbnb.com>) or a third-party hotel booking site.

Information about the reunion can be found on our website at: <https://chinapost1.org/2019-reunion-information>

You can download your Reunion Registration at: <https://chinapost1.org/CP1/docs/Reunion%20Registration.pdf>

Concurrent with the reunion, Hank Hoffman is offering the opportunity for a "behind the curtain" tour of the Air Force Academy, and Tony Archer will be leading rides for our Dragon Riders. Both events offer a great opportunity to experience a part of Colorado that you would not normally have access to. If time permits, I may join the Dragon Riders on the Bishop's Castle run.

The selections for dinner are:

1. Chicken Piccata - Grilled Chicken Breast, Lemon Caper Herb Sauce, or
2. Flat Iron Steak - Grilled Flat Iron Steak, Cracked Pepper Demi, or
3. Vegetable Wellington - Grilled Vegetables, Boursin Cheese and Parmesan wrapped in a Flaky Pastry, Roasted Pepper Coulis

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This is promising to be a fun packed reunion and I am looking forward to seeing you all.

Regards,

龙老板 Scott Riebel,

Deputy Commander, China Post 1

The History of China Post 1

By 龍飛龍 Scott Riebel, Deputy Commander

The *History of China Post 1, Part 3*, compiled from the China Post 1 archives, will be available through Amazon in June 2019. I made the decision to publish through Amazon because the cost of printing and maintaining an inventory, and then mailing out the publications was not only cost prohibitive as well as time intensive. Proceeds, if any, will be deposited directly into the China Post 1 account.

Thanks to Paul Mather, I have been able to locate Poop Sheets from about 1971 – 2016. I am desperately searching for Poop Sheets Numbers 1 through 100. If anyone has copies and would like to “lend” them to the Post for a short period of time (or longer), I would appreciate it. My goal is to digitize/scan and have available all of our poop sheets as part of our historical records.

The big news is that we went to Monroe, Louisiana to present Nell Calloway (Gen. Chennault’s granddaughter) with a memorial plaque and a check for \$1,000.

As previously reported in the Winter 2019 Poop Sheet, on 14 Dec 2018, several members of the China Post 1 Executive Committee: Scott Riebel, Deputy Commander; Kerry Kilburn, Judge Advocate; and Joe Gentile, traveled to Valdosta, Georgia, to Moody Air Force Base (now the home of the Flying Tigers) to present the 23rd Wing with a replica of the plaque that will be presented to the people of Shanghai at the rededication of the Old Post Home. Current Wing Commander Col. Jennifer Short hosted us in the Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF), where we briefed her on the history of China Post 1 and the significant ties between our two organizations.



Pictured left to right Joe Gentile, Scott Riebel, Col. Jennifer Short, 23rd Wing Commander, Kerry Kilburn

On 19 Mar 2019, Commander Ron Burkett, his Service Officer Marlys Burkett, Joe Gentile, Kerry Kilburn and Scott Riebel traveled to the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum (<http://chennaultmuseum.org>) in

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Monroe, LA. The purpose of the visit was to re-establish a relationship with the museum, to present a duplicate of the plaque to the museum and to make a donation on behalf of China Post 1.

We had the opportunity to meet with Nell Chennault Calloway, CEO of the Chennault Museum and granddaughter of Gen. Claire L. Chennault, who was kind enough to escort us through the museum adding a personal touch to each of the exhibits. Following lunch, hosted by Ms. Calloway, we moved into the theater where China Post 1 presented a duplicate of the plaque to the museum as well as a donation for \$1,000.



Pictured left to right are Nell Calloway, Marlys Burkett, Ron Burkett, Scott Riebel and Kerry Kilburn

China Post 1 Auxiliary

By Linda Cockrell, President



The CP1 Auxiliary is saddened by the passing of our sister, Evelyn Brown. She was a very sweet lady and will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, dear friend. If you would like to send a card or letter to her husband Ted, his address is: 23620 NE 135TH Place, Fort Mc Coy, Florida 32134.

We hope to see everyone at the reunion in September. Colorado Springs should be a nice place to visit so I hope you have made your reservations! Information concerning the same is at several places elsewhere in the Poop Sheet!

Remember, if you have Auxiliary news that would be of interest to the readers of the Poop Sheet, please send your article to me (AUXpresident@chinapost1.email) and I'll see that we get it in print!

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

By Leroy Cockrell, Squadron Commander



This report finds our Squadron short one Vice Commander/Adjutant. Corey Kilburn had to step down from the office as a result of increased work related activities. Our hat is off to Corey for his help and of course he will remain a faithful member of the squadron. Be aware that we are on the lookout for a replacement for that office. If, by chance, **you have an interest in this position** please let me know as soon as possible at:

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(Salcmdr@chinapost1.email). It's not a big time consumer, but it does have routine roster maintenance requirements and other duties as assigned.

Hopefully, some of you have figured out some way to help a veteran in your area with our new *Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Project*. We've had very meager interest in this worthwhile effort, and I respect the proposition that maybe I haven't explained it well enough. Let me remind you of a few of the reasons why we belong to this organization:

1. **For our Country**-To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America and to honor our forefathers' service to our country.
2. **For our Family**-To support the American Legion, its programs, and to respect our parent organization. To help teach our youth the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.
3. **For our Veterans**-To help care for all veterans who served our nation by assisting the VA&R and the VAVS programs. Also, to impact our communities in a positive way, by helping and assisting local veterans especially those in need of care.

As previously mentioned, there are two ways to support the effort: monetarily or with hours spent in service. Service can be as varied as we are with respect to age and experience. Certainly, physical efforts like mowing a lawn or raking leaves for that veteran down the street are a great way to help out, but sitting on the porch with that same veteran while he/she tells you of some of their life stories are equally a credible effort. Dinner out with a veteran friend that takes place almost every Friday night counts as well. We never know how much that friendship is enhanced by such visits.

On line information can be found at: <https://www.legion.org/sons/commissions> . Scroll down to VA & R 2018-2019 Mission Plan and then to III. Collaborative Program Efforts, then to A. National Veterans Assistance Day for additional information. Check out the Best Practices section for additional ideas that would be applicable for our individual efforts in a dispersed membership squadron like ours.

At the end of the membership year (June 30), we'll total our hours and dollars spent, and that total will be sent to SAL HQ in Indianapolis, IN. The total hours are multiplied by a dollar amount that is *set* by the American Legion tax advisors in order to quantify the value of the program to our veterans and their families. Please give this effort more than just a passing thought. A couple of hours a month will *add up and make a difference!*

We have one new member to report: **Michael Wiley of Ruidoso, New Mexico** whose father was Ret. Lt. Col. Daniel Wiley. Col. Wiley graduated from USAAF flight training in 1943 and had an illustrious flying career that concluded with his service to the 6th Special Ops Squadron in Pleiku, Viet Nam. No doubt Michael, (a Flight Engineer himself), will have a great time in the Hospitality Suite at our Reunion this year in Colorado Springs! See the photo below for Michael's dad's A-1H (*Wiley Coyote*) in Pleiku, his last combat station.



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And, of course, let's mention at least one more time our 2019 Reunion that will be held 19-22 Sep 2019 in Colorado Springs at the HOTEL ELEGANTE' CONFERENCE AND EVENT CENTER.

TAPS: None reported during the Fall Quarter.

China Post 1 Dragon Riders

By 飛龍 Scott "Renegade" Riebel, Former Director

The Dragon Riders were formed in June of 2006 by our Commander Ron Burkett and his wife Marlys.

For the record and for history's sake here are the details:

1. **Founding Members:** Ronald Burkett and Marlys Burkett
2. **Charter Members:** 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.

I have been a proud member of this organization for ten years now. And for the last five years it has been my distinct pleasure to be the Coordinator/Director of this great organization. Over the course of the last five years, we have seen our membership increase and our contributions to the American Legion Legacy Fund follow suit. This year I will present a check to the American Legion on behalf of China Post 1 for an amount in excess of \$3,500, which will place us in the top contributing posts nationally.

I have had the privilege of meeting many of the new riders, and have enjoyed the opportunity to share the road with many of you, but now is the time for me to turn over this program to a younger, more energetic, dedicated and vibrant personality.

Al Salas, aka "Tailgunner" has enthusiastically volunteered to take over and run the Dragon Riders program. I have known Al and his family for the last ten years. Al is a Minister and has held many different offices within his VFW Post. His life experiences and those duties and responsibilities have prepared him to lead this organization with a fresh new outlook.

Thank you for all of your support over the years and for continuing to make the Dragon Riders the successful program that it is.

Regards,

飛龍 Scott "Renegade" Riebel

FORMER Director, China Post 1 American Legion Riders

China Post 1 members Keith "Train" Francis, Alfredo "Al" Salas and John Ortiz are pictured from left to right.

2019 American Legion Legacy Run

By Hans Stockenberger, Vice Commander



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The 2019 American Legion Legacy Run, 18-22 Aug 2019, is in its final planning stages and registration should be available shortly. The on-line registration form, when finalized, can be accessed at The American Legion website www.legion.org. This year the ride will start in Lady Lake, Florida and end in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The American Legion wants to ensure that higher education is a possibility for children whose parents lost their lives while serving our country. The American Legion and the Legion Riders offer support through the Legacy Scholarship Fund. 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. China Post 1 donates all of its Legion Rider dues to the Legacy Scholarship Fund. In 2018, Vice Commander Stockenberger presented a check for \$2,250 to the National Commander during the 100th American Legion Convention held in Minneapolis.

Eligibility:

1. Members must hold membership in and be in good standing with The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion.
2. Members must be legally registered motorcycle owners or be the legally registered owner's spouse within the state of registration.
3. All operators must be properly licensed and insured per state laws.
4. All members must obey motor-vehicle laws in the state in which they are operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger.



Last year, we had six Dragon Riders participate in the ride. We would like to see more this year. For more information regarding the 2019 Legacy Run contact Hans Stockenberger at Redsea_Diver2000@yahoo.com.

China Post 1 Website

By **龍飛龍** Scott Riebel, Deputy Commander

We have migrated our website (www.chinapost1.org) servers from GoDaddy to A2 Solutions. The reason for the migration was a combination of cost, responsiveness, ease of use and user interface. In addition, we will be migrating our @chinapost1.email to our new servers in order to save some money. All these transitions should be seamless to you. However, as with every big move, there are a few bugs to work out. Thank you for bearing

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with us as we make these transitions. In addition, I have the pleasure to introduce Travis Weedman. Travis is an information technology (IT) professional from Washington State who is assuming the duties and responsibilities of the Webmaster, effective immediately. Travis has the skill and knowledge to take us to the next level as a web presence including but not limited to his programming experience, machine language, and search engine optimization (SEO) expertise. I will be stepping down but will work with Travis as needed. Thanks again for all of your support.

Regards, Scott.

New Members

By Anna H. Lint, PhD

NEW MEMBERS	
Month	Name
January 2019	BENNY KINSEY, ROBERT D LARSON, JOSEPH W LI, CLIFF LONG SR, WILLIAM MCINTYRE, JOSEPH D MORGAN III, PIERRE MUENTNICH, STEPHEN PIMPO (8)
February 2019	DONALD J DAVEY, TERRY G FARLEY, JAMES H OLDS IV (3)
March 2019	DEAN DEANGELO, JOHN M ORTIZ, DALE PRICE, GREGORY QUIGLEY, TIMOTHY RAYMOND (5)
April 2019	CHARLES E CAVIN, WILLIAM L FARRELL, BRAD A REEL (3)

Dragon Fund Donors

By Anna H. Lint, PhD

DRAGON FUND DONORS	
Month	Name
January 2019	DOUGLAS K ERWAY, ROY L HASH, CURTIS E KING, MICHAEL G LAMAR, JOSEPH D MORGAN III, SAVERIO F TODARO, ROBERT W TROY (7)
February 2019	ANDREW R FINLAYSON, DOUGLAS GODSHALL, BERNARD J LOWLESS, HARRISON McCALPINE JR, TOMAS W MILLER, KENNETH J OSBORNE, RUSSELL J PACE, THOMAS H PALMER, JEFFERY L PIERCE, BILLY WALKER (10)
March 2019	JACK BREWER, RONALD W CHIDESTER, PETER F JUTRAS, JEFFERY L PIERCE (4)
April 2019	THEODORE H MOORE, RONALD J ZAIS (2)

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Memorial Division News

Nevada Memorial Division

By **雄獅士 Jim Lint**

REPORT OF: China Post 1 Nevada Memorial Division meeting at Noon on 13 Apr 2019 at the Leatherneck Club in Las Vegas.

Attendees: 19 people.

Jim Lint: Military discount (Kohl's on Monday 15%). InfraGard (<http://www.InfraGard.org>) and the FBI hosted an excellent "Shooting After Action" briefing for Southern Nevada security professionals on 1 Oct 2018.

Jeff Carson: Planning on donating an exquisite China Post 1 engraved box for the 2019 Reunion (Colorado Springs). Jeff passed around a sample of the box. The idea is to use it for raising funds. The due date for submissions to the Spring 2019 Poop Sheet is April 30. The Nevada and Colorado Springs storage areas are being consolidated.

Lou Rothenstein: Introduced the <http://www.Counterparts.net> Reunion in Houston, Texas. The 2020 Reunion will be in San Diego. Lou is a strong supporter of the O.A.S.I.S. program assisting USSOCOM veterans with their VA claims.

Dan Adkins: The Rotary Club of Green Valley, the USO Las Vegas, and the City of Henderson will be jointly conducting the 2nd Annual "Field Of Honor" flag sale and ceremonies on the Memorial Day weekend of 24-27 May 2019. 3x5 flags will be on sale for \$40. Dan is a brand new Army ROTC instructor volunteer. Fish Friday profits are donations.

Terry Parker: The Casper Aviation Platoon Reunion is scheduled for April 20 at the Tropicana. Terry talked about the idea of restoring the website of James "Mule" Parker. Jim Lint looked into this, and found the below copied information on taking over Mule's website. The issue is partly intellectual property. Since the website was not funded, we may have lost all of the data/content. This really has to be arranged with an Estate Administrator before we go to the final parade field. Some of the work Mule gave Jim is located at <http://lc-vans.lintcenter.org/?s=Parker> . It is a small amount.

Randall Heaton: Taking classes at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) for reconstructing the new millennium.

George Rivers: Shared a story about Marines at The Basic School (TBS), Quantico. (50th reunion last year!)

News Items:

- 1) Poop Sheet coming out in May 2019.
- 2) 2019 reunion in Colorado Springs.
- 3) OASIS (helping VA claims).
- 4) Kohl's military discount (Monday 15%).

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Attendees: (Starting at Jim Lint going clockwise.) Jeff Carson, Lou Rothenstein, John Seines, Jim Barfield, Jim Hanke, Dan Adkins, Terry Parker, Randall Heaton, Robert Ault, Toni Carpenter, Bud Pattengale, Harry Soileau, George Rivers, Tami Rivers, Pete Caimi, Nicole Caimi, Tom Southwick, Anna Lint (not in the picture: photographer).



REPORT OF: China Post 1 Nevada Memorial Division meeting at Noon on 9 Feb 2019 at the Leatherneck Club in Las Vegas.

Attendees: 23 people.

Jim Lint: Reported on San Diego visit and Marine Corps Air Base (MCAB) Miramar (rapid technology innovation).

From the 1950s through the 1980s, people living or working at the Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, were potentially exposed to drinking water contaminated with industrial solvents, benzene, and other chemicals. The best summary of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) information is at <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/exposures/CLPoster.pdf#> . Further information is available at https://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/exposures/camp_lejeune_brochure.pdf?_ga=2.117159302.1497504605.1549896962-2122553471.1547950674 .

Jeff Carson: See the China Post 1 webpage for information about the China Post 1 2019 Reunion in Colorado Springs, CO, on 19-22 Sep 2019. When you propose a new member and/or transfer a member to China Post 1, you must sign the Blue Card as the sponsor. Deputy Commander Scott Riebel will review and approve. Jeff would like the next meeting to review Bylaws with Nevada Memorial Division members. VFW Post 10047, 4337 N Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89115 has a free dinner for veterans over age 60 every Thursday at 5-8 p.m.

Mike Kandt: Asked a question about the post home and museum (hoping to see it soon).

Lou Rothenstein: Showed the Ambassador for Peace Medal from South Korea (medal is shown below).

Toni Carpenter: Asked a question about the 2019 Reunion and hopes to bring it back to Las Vegas in the future.

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Terry Parker: The Casper Aviation Reunion is on April 20 at the Tropicana Hotel.

George Rivers: Shared a story about his wife's death related to the possibility of water contamination in MCB Camp Lejeune.

Jim Hanke: Talked about how some units need double rations vs. worrying about staying thin.

Pete Caimi: Related a story about the 3rd Marine Wing (MCAB Miramar), discussed a short time exercise that put all aircraft in the sky in a short time. (An amazing story.)

News Items:

- 1) Winter 2019 Poop Sheet.
- 2) 2019 Reunion in Colorado Springs.
- 3) VA Kiosk (insurance review section with MCB Camp Lejeune water contamination).

Attendees: (Starting at Jim Lint going clockwise.) Jeff Carson, Pete Caimi, Nicole Caimi, Robert Ault, Su Phelps, George Rivers, Toni Carpenter, Bud Pattengale, Harry Soileau, Tom Southwick, Don Loyd, Betsy Loyd, John Seines, Chris Matthews, Betty and Lou Rothenstein, Jim Hanke, Terry Parker, Jim Davey, Mike Kandt, Richard Smith, Anna Lint (not in the picture: photographer).



Northern Virginia Memorial Division

By Michael "Mike" Evers, Memorial Division Adjutant with Hal Hunt

On Sunday, 28 Apr 2019 the Northern Virginia Memorial Division (NoVA MemDiv) held its traditional annual luncheon at the BPOE Elks Lodge 2188 in Fairfax, Virginia. Following a cash bar and social hour starting at 1130, lunch service began at 1300. Attendance was more than 45 members and guests, an increase of eight over last year's luncheon.

While the plated lunch was being served by the Elks Lodge staff, MemDiv Commander Jeryl O. "Jerry" Gegan called the meeting to order. Commander Gegan led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer, after which he nominated David L. "Dave" Peters to fill the vacant position of MemDiv Deputy Commander. Dave's election was approved unanimously by acclamation. Jerry also expressed the thanks of the MemDiv to the Elks Lodge for providing the venue for the annual luncheon for the sixth consecutive year.

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Commander Gegan then introduced the featured speaker for the event, Dr. Richard E. Schroeder. Dr. Schroeder has more than thirty years of service with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) including Deputy Director of the CIA Center for the Study of Intelligence and CIA Chair and Professor of Political Science at the National Defense University's Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He has also been an adjunct professor in the graduate Security Studies Program and the undergraduate Science, Technology, and International Affairs Concentration of the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. He is the author of the book, *The Foundation of the CIA: Harry Truman, The Missouri Gang, and the Origins of the Cold War*.

Dr. Schroeder's presentation at the luncheon explained how President Harry Truman put together an intelligence framework that contributed to winning the Cold War and became the CIA. Some notable quotes from his presentation include: "Harry S. Truman created the CIA to address the reality of the new global cold war we found ourselves in." and "The CIA put analysis at the center of the [intelligence] process."

The photos below show on the left, Commander Gegan opening the meeting and on the right, Dr Schroeder addressing the attendees.



Quarterly Feature

By William Doheny and Kerry Schacht

Fundraiser for the 7th Special Forces Team while deployed in Afghanistan

In December 2018 members of China Post 1 conducted a fundraiser in Greenwood Lake, NY for SSGT William "Billy" Sahler and his Special Forces Team deployed in Afghanistan! Greenwood Lake is SSGT Sahler's hometown.

A raffle for an '03 Springfield rifle generated \$2,000 and an Army Navy Football Game Box generated another \$500. Additionally, Joseph and Maureen Anthony, owners of The Irish Whisper Pub in Greenwood Lake ran a "Drink with a Soldier" program in which they donated dollar for dollar every time a customer bought a small plastic soldier in support of the Team. \$3,000 was generated! All monies went to buying comfort items for the Team, which were sent to Afghanistan in early January 2019.



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Pictured above on the left are China Post 1 members Kerry Schacht and William Doheny in SantaCon attire; in the center, the patrons that attended SantaCon and Army Navy Game Party that started off the Fundraiser; and Maureen “Moe” Anthony, the owner of the Irish Whisper Bar in Greenwood Lake on the right.

Moe is a retired New York Police Department (NYPD) Sergeant. She is holding a plaque that was made with the help of some Senior NCOs at the US Military Academy West Point who are friends of William Doheny. The plaque is now featured prominently in the Irish Whisper Bar, below on the left. SSGT William “Billy” “Sahler is pictured in Afghanistan below at the right.



Award Presented by the New York Police Commissioner

Following his safe return from Afghanistan, SSGT Sahler was one of several individuals whose service was recognized and honored by the New York Police Department (NYPD). On 22 Mar 2019, at NYPD Aviation Unit Floyd Bennett Field, Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill presented a plaque in appreciation to SSG Sahler for his service in Afghanistan. Commissioner O'Neill also presented plaques to several Medal of Honor

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(MOH) recipients. There were sixteen MOH recipients in New York City of whom six were present at the NYPD Aviation Unit that day. All sixteen were awarded plaques/citations by the Commissioner but only six were actually presented in person.



The photo above on the left shows SSGT Sahler at the right side of the Commissioner with Kerry Schacht at the Commissioner's left side during the presentation. The photo in the center is of Sean Frey on the Commissioner's right side and William Doheny on the Commissioner's left side. The right-hand photo shows, left-to-right, Liam Swords, William Doheny, and Kerry Schacht.

Shown below on the left and center are members of the award recipient group.



The last photo, above right, is of Billy Sahler with his father, William Sr., taken on 20 Mar 2019 at the Irish Whisper Pub in Greenwood Lake. The Irish Whisper assisted with raising funds for Billy's unit, the 7th Special Forces Group (SFG) while the Group was deployed to Afghanistan.

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Fallen Comrades

Albert Leslie Harris

On 19 Feb 2019 Curtis King wrote:

“Just to let you know that our Class Act friend Albert Leslie Harris passed on 18 Feb 2019, (born 17 Jun 1935) as a result of complications from a persistent blood infection and severe pneumonia. He left this world as he entered it, without pain and without fear.

From conversations with Al's daughter and son, Al had prearranged for his cremation and his obituary. At this time, there are no immediate plans for funeral or Celebration of Life services. Down the road, time-wise, as present issues develop into clearer focus, Al and Barbara's children, Greg and Jennifer, will decide what, when, and how to honor their father's extraordinary life.

In the meantime, written condolences may be sent to Al's wife Barbara, daughter Jennifer Harris and son Gregory Harris at the following address: 4835 S.W. 91st Way, Gainesville, Florida 32608. E-mail correspondence may be sent to alpagosa4334@gmail.com.”

Lawrence Phillip “Larry” Roerig

Lisa Rusher (Larry's wife) shared the sad news of Larry's death on 25 Mar 2019. His obituary follows:

Lawrence Phillip Roerig (1938 - 2019)

Springfield, IL - Lawrence "Larry" Roerig passed away unexpectedly on Monday, March 25, 2019. He was born on the 24th of February 1938 at West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, Illinois, to Theophilus and Mildred (Kanter) Roerig. They preceded him in death, as did his sister, Nancy Burdick of Arizona. Larry is survived by his wife, Lisa Rusher; son, Steven Roerig of Arkansas; sister, Lynne Peshek of Arizona; a niece; and several nephews.

Larry truly had a "lust for life." He served in the United States Air Force and developed a love for all modes of transportation. He worked overseas in Iran and twice in Saudi Arabia. His travels took him to Greece, Spain, England, Scandinavia, and France, where he snuck out of the hospital (mono) to attend Le Mans.

Larry was a lifelong Chicago Cubs and Bears fan, through thick and thin. He was a member of the USO, Music Maker, ACLU, Amnesty International, Commemorative Air Force, Red Tails, Experimental Aircraft Association, American Legion China Post 1, World Affairs Council of Central Illinois, and Sangamon Auditorium. He donated his time to Downtown Springfield, the Springfield Area Arts Council, and the Illinois Central Blues Club. Larry was a lover of all forms of music from blues to jazz, country to folk, and many more genres. He was a founder of "Old Capitol Nights—Jazz and Blues" in 2001, co-founder of Music In Communities and Education, and a participant in the first SOJO Music Festival.

Larry attended Hinsdale High School in Claredon Hills. He worked in Information Technology, but he laughed that he believed the computer was a toy. However, his concern was always for the end users, and he was quite the debug man. Most of his employment was as a contractor for the State until he joined State employment in November 2010.

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Larry always found the good in people, was quick with a joke or compliment, and had many friends and fans throughout the community. He was so loved by people that even his ex-wife and the children of women he dated adopted him. Although he and Lisa had only been married since November 2011, they had been together since June 1999. She said they truly never went to bed angry, and he told her several times a day how much he loved her and how lucky he felt to be with her. Lisa considered Larry her husband, best friend, lover, and her boyfriend.

Cremation will be by the Lincoln Land Cremation Society, and a celebration of life is being planned for June. Please visit lincolnlandcs.com to offer your condolences.

Funeral Home

Lincoln Land Cremation Society
917 S. 7th St. Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 523-4646

The above obituary was published in print in **The State Journal-Register** on 28-29 Mar 2019.

News from Our Members

Vice Commander Stockenberger attends the American Legion Washington Conference

Vice Commander Hans Stockenberger attended the American Legion's Washington Conference, held February 24-27 at the Washington Hilton. The Washington Conference, held annually in our nation's capitol, gives our organization's leadership a chance to meet with elected officials to discuss legislative initiatives and priorities important to Legion members, veterans and their families. It also provides a forum that allows Legionnaires to hear from senators, representatives, and officials from the White House and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as they address our members at the conference. Among those addressing conference attendees were Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Jason Vanderhaden.



On February 25, The American Legion hosted a Fireside Chat that featured the House and Senate VA Committees leadership: Chairman Rep. Mark Takano, Ranking Member Rep. Dr. Phil Roe, Chairman Sen. Johnny Isakson and Ranking Member Sen. Jon Tester.

On February 26, National Commander Brett Reistad held Commander's Call, after which Legionnaires headed to Capitol Hill to meet with their respective members of Congress. Vice Commander Stockenberger and Department of France Service Officer Frank Phillips met with Senator Ted Cruz' staff as well as with staff from the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs. Specific issues discussed were:



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1. Inadequate access to the Foreign Medical Program (FMP) for non-retiree veterans living in Europe who do not have access to military facilities.
2. Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD): Especially in Europe there is virtually no support for retirees or non-retiree veterans. Non-retirees may obtain PTSD assistance from local psychiatrists, but many are not fluent in the English language, nor do they have the required security clearances to handle PTSD issues relating to classified missions.
3. Suicide Prevention hotline: There is very little support for Veterans overseas to be able to contact the Suicide Hotline.



American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad took center stage during the conference on Feb. 27 when he addressed a joint session of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs.

Poop Sheet Contributions Wanted

We welcome contributions to the Poop Sheet from all of 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.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 that follows.**

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