



CHINA POST # 1 POOP SHEET



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REUNION / CONVENTION HAWAII

I don't know if it was that the trade winds were light or all the hot air, that made the hospitality room a tad warm at the Pagoda, but we sure had a good time. We had most of the members who came out add some time in front to attend the AL National and we were able to get credentials for all of our members who wanted to experience the sessions. In addition the Dept gave anyone who was willing, and myself who had other things to do but went anyway, a committee meeting to attend to represent the Dept. We also had an opportunity to have 1 on 1 meetings with the National Staff, explore the exhibit hall and make the 'political' introductions to National of more of our members. I think this translates that we have 'friends' to cover our back as we continue to operate in our unorthodox, China Post manner as an Independent Post. The out-going National Commander, **Thomas Cadmus** even came to our banquet as he finished his year in office. Of course the highlight of the banquet was when **Bill Anton** passed the bull shipper award to **Hans Stockenberger** who gave his acceptance speech in German. Not sure what he said, but he promises to give us the translation when he passes it on in Ft Worth. **Chuck Baird** and **Ole Olson** were there to help with a lot of the details; read help get the hospitality room stocked. When we were beginning the parade, **Len Nicholls** and **Shirley** joined in to walk the route, take us to the local watering hole and in general step in to take over many tasks to make us out of towners feel like locals. We were really pleased to get to visit with **James and Julie Baker** who were in and to see that Jim is back on his feet. **Blair Barrows** brought us a copy of his book for the Post library. The hotel was one block from the Sam's shopping complex so we were able to make daily ice runs and keep a steady supply of

beverages and sashimi. **James Wengenroth** and your adjutant had a daily contest to see who could eat their weight in raw fish, while James wife **Ann Harrison** gave us an "I'm not with them" look and the Post members who thought we were going fishing wondered why we kept eating all the bait. **Wes** and **Sandra Tribble** and **Robert** and **Pat L Stewart** also helped with the ambiance of the hospitality room and the parade. Even with all of the food venues available in HNL, the fact that we had a full kitchen in the hospitality room led to everyone enjoying **Rosa Brown's** specialty dishes. I think that I gained weight. **Dick Schubnell** and **Sue**; **Roger & Arles Gowen**; **Joe & Adele Hoofnagle**; and **Tim & Rosa Brown** took a night out for a dinner cruise while some of us continued the sashimi marathon. **Dennis Egge** brought by a couple of new recruits from the HNL area. **Hans Stockenberger, Jr** sang for his supper, presenting the National Anthem at the banquet but otherwise joining **H**, his sisters and the **Ownby's** and his dad in snorkeling the various spots. No spear guns so we kept eating the fish from the store. **Jim Luke** presented the Post's financial reports at the business meeting, which was followed by lunch and then the 40 & 8 Prom. Tim and Roger ran the Prom and we made our plans for the Nationale in Ohio. **Jim & Sandy Maupin** with daughter **Dana** were always ready to help, as usual, in running the reunion and the Post thanks Jim for his regular help in picking up the details for the Convention. On Sunday we all went to the Hale Koa, R & R military hotel for the brunch as a last event. Thanks Ole, for getting the extra tables. They also had more raw fish but the contest was over.



2006 POST CONVENTION

The Post's 2006 annual meeting and Convention is set for the **Fort Worth Plaza Hotel Convention Center** 1701 Commerce St Ft Worth 76102.

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Our room block is available from Tuesday 5 Sept till check out on the following Tues 12 Sept 2006. The main events are Thurs, Fri, Sat Sept 7, 8, 9th with a daily rate of \$ 79 single through quad occupants. **Jim Luke** is the reunion planner with **Abe Goldfarb** on our reunion committee. Several other Dallas FW area members are also providing support and we have almost 100 members in the DFW 100 mile radius. We should have a reunion Poop sheet out with the final event registration form in early June and the cut off date for room reservations is set at August 14th for our block after which rooms are on a space available basis with the price based on availability. The Group Code will be **POST**.

40 & 8 PROMENADE NATIONALE

Richard 'Dick' Schubnell was appointed as Garde de la Porte National, and **Tim Brown** was made an Aide de Camp to incoming Chef de Chemin de Fer **Tom Stockmal**. **Roger Gowen** got a National Committee assignment so we picked up some extra gold chapeaus. **H** stepped down as the National Avocat after his three year term and the other exciting event was when **Walt Landi** was made the 'Madam Presidente' at the Germany dinner. At the Convention the Post and Voiture made a \$1,000 contribution to the National Disaster fund. A big thank you to all of the Post and 40 & 8 members who made this effort, aimed at helping our fellow Veterans. I have to put in the plug from Roger who is the Correspondent for the Grande and the Voiture—**Pay Your 40 & 8 Dues today**.

SPEAKING OF DUES!!!

We are in the 2006 Legion fiscal year. If your card does not say 2006, or your mailing label does not say 2006 or have a code with an "L" after your name, then you are delinquent. They date on the label is the last year that we have processed your dues as this was being mailed out. As you are aware, the USPS raised postal rates about 5% this year. One of the reasons that we changed our Department affiliation was to avoid a dues increase and to be able to absorb the postal increase so our dues remain at \$35 annually. We thought that the

notice would be sent out in June last year with a follow up/reminder in December. In fact they did not send them out until August with the Dec follow up. From the volume of e-mail on the subject I know that a number of members did not apparently get either notice. You can send your dues to the Post's PO Box without further notice and we will get you processed. As an addendum-please send or e-mail your address changes. If you send it in and have the current address change card it also has a spot for phone and e-mail addresses. I just had a members mail come back twice-e-mailed him in Iraq and finally get his correct address for delivery.

KATRINA, RITA AND YOUR OTHER BAD GIRL FRIENDS WHO VISITED

This was the most devastating storm season to hit the US and several dozen of our members were displaced and suffered property damage to their homes and their livelihoods. I received a constant stream of calls asking about **Janet Bond** and was pleased to report back that she had arrived in Houston and that son **Tim** was able to get in with a chain saw and clear a path to the door and begin to assess the damage. Even more worrisome is the fact that this came so close on the heels of losing **JC** and knowing that she would have to call the shots alone on this one. Fortunately, years as the Post Adjutant and dealing with our diverse members makes Janet a strong woman. After deciding that nothing could get started on recovery until she got back, She and Simba (the wonder dog) got a harrowing ride back to begin recovery, staying with relatives who had to put several families into their house which had moderate damage but running water and a generator. It is a slow process with the lack of labor and materials and Janet is fortunate to have had such good relationships with the local contractors. It is a slow process with daily accomplishments in the recovery that will still take some time to accomplish. I will continue to pass your best wishes on but she is busy. We will keep the membership apprised of any changes or significant progress.

KATRINA !!

Rich Vandiver called to ask if the multiple helicopter rescue missions that he flew to the area would count as Post meetings since he had signed

up his #2 for the Post. After deep consultation with the Executive Committee, we decided that having both of them in the same aircraft on a daily basis would not count as a meeting. If he picked up a CP member on a rescue, that would automatically count as a meeting.

DMD AND JMD

The Dhahran and Jubail Memorial Divisions held a joint casino night. From the pictures they sure had fun and in addition raised \$2,500 for the disaster relief fund. The 2006 Division Executive Officers for the Divisions are; DMD CDR **Jimmy Beresky** 1st VC **Randall Rushing** VC **Rey Quijano** VC **Hans Stockenberger** VC **Glenn Raz** Treasurer “**Tom**” **Sedberry** Consultant **Tim Brown** Adjutant **Dan Boothby** MD Compound **Cory Francis**. Jubail Division Executives; Cmdr **Ernest Spetter*** (New Post VC) 1st VC **Hans Stockenberger** VC’s **Jerry Hurych**, **Julia Sterling**, **Tony Smith**, **Fred Gehrman**, Adjutant **Troy Eagan**

MORE ABOUT DUES !

Remember, it’s not the dues that you pay to be a member; it’s the dues that you paid to be eligible for membership in China Post.

VETERANS DAY

The VA-National Medical Musical Group presented a concert in Houston moderated by Shirley Jones and Bill Kurtis. Great Concert with our own **Hon. Craig Duehring**, Principal Dep Sec of Defense as the main speaker. Don’t be surprised if you see the concert on an A & E program and a China Post cap in the front row of the audience. There were a number of Veterans Day activities and parades that Post members participated in that have pictures posted on the web site.

PEOPLE PLACES AND THINGS

RUSSELL WINGFIELD, WWII Vet USN then Army for Korea called asking for help in getting copies of his DD 214s. Good advice to all members is to have a copy and have it known where it is.

Tom King’s daughter **Cassie** made All American in the Indoor distance medley and then made All-

American in the 3000-meter steeplechase at the NCAA outdoor finals. She is on athletic scholarship and a senior at UNC-CH.

The August 2005 issue of *Vietnam Magazine* has an article about Air Vietnam and it’s relationship to CASI, the Continental Airline Subsidiary operating in SEA to provide charter aircraft services. **Bob Six, who** was a CP 1 member and a Vice Commander, was the President and CEO of Continental. In the article there is a piece about PUFL member **Paul Montgomery** when he was flying C-54s in 1970 and doing “other things”.

Peter Jutras was enjoying the peace and quiet until he got three planeloads of daughters in for the holidays. He admits that the saving grace is that they are now all old enough to buy him a beer. I wonder why they are not members of our Auxilliary?

All of our FedEx personnel can stop by the FAA Inspectors office and say ‘howdy’ to **Gerald Damewood**. He should be in place for the next year or so until he can return to Singapore.



The December 2005 issue of *Military Magazine* has an article pg 22, about Post Life Member and MOH recipient **Lewis Millet**. Lew turned 85 on 15 Dec.

Speaking of: National Smokejumper Association’s January and April editions carried an article in two parts titled “*Smokejumpers to the Ravens*” about Post member **Gene Hamner**. You can read it on line at www.smokejumpers.com/smokeyumper_magazine/item.php?articles_id=355&magazine_editions_id=25

Post VC and PUFL, **John Conley** has sent us a supply of his Australian Aircraft Sales Pty. LTD 2006 calendars. As usual these are best read if hung upside down. Also, if you are in the market, they have 4 DC-9s, 3 747-200s and 3 DC-10s available for sale.

MISSING MEMBERSHIP CARDS

From **Jim Dickey** getting his pocket picked in Prague to the dozen or more who put their cards through the wash, I can only recommend that you laminate your card after you sign it. We will send

out the current year's card to members who lose them on request if current year's dues are paid.

AIR AMERICA MEETING

The Silver Legacy Casino and Resort in downtown Reno was the venue chosen by **Gary Edwards** who hosted the event, and with the multiple dining facilities, a great hospitality room and the planned activities, another outstanding meeting. About 55 China Post members attended including Post VC **Ed Adams**. Ed found an ethnic restaurant across from the hotel, which was so ethnic they don't speak English. I had to point at the pictures so if we use the Silver Legacy for our 2007 Post Convention, I'm not going there unless I have Ed to help me order. Hint, hint, Gary on helping 2007.

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IN MEMORIUM

Michael F Villani, died at his home in Idaho and funeral services were held in Delaware. Legion Post Idaho # 67 held a memorial service in Idaho. Post SR VC Ed Connor represented the Post at the Delaware service.

Tom Krohn, who was one of our co-hosts in Las Vegas, was killed in an auto accident near his home on Oct 31. A memorial service is planned in the Las Vegas area for Feb 9 and information will be posted on the web site. Tom set up the Las Vegas Division data base and was present to set up the Division meetings. A meeting will be held at our Las Vegas Watering Hole, Gilliagans on the 8th with an inurnment at the Boulder Veterans Cemetery on the afternoon of the 9th of February.

The Post has lost one our long time Executive Committeemen; the Legendary Guerrilla and long

time friend **Lloyd 'Pat' Landry**. Pat passed on the 29th of December in Houston where he has lived for several years. At the viewing, Pat's Order of the White Elephant from the King of Thailand, his Order of the Million Elephants on Gold Pedestal with White Parasol in the grade of Commander from Laos, His Citation for the CIA's Intelligence Star and his Citation for the Flag from China Post were displayed along with the photos and year books for his State Championship HS football team were on display along with other photos and artifacts of his career. Following cremation, details of a memorial service will be posted when they become available.

An article in *Washington Way Magazine* was forwarded to the Post to report the death on 2 Jan 2006 of **Paul M Krueger** due to cancer while in the Houston Medical complex. Paul received a Silver Star in Korea for leading his troops in an encounter with N Korean forces despite his own wounds. He also received a Purple Heart and the CIB and was eventually medically discharged as a CWO for Combat Related wounds. After the military he joined Morrison Knudson and was with the company and its successor for 40 years working in the Middle East, Far East and Africa. He was a 24-year member of the Post and our condolences go out to his family.

Wayne C "Corky" Watkins SF, Abn, Vietnam era who was vetted to the Post by legendary **George Morton** went to Post Everlasting on 15 Dec. He had an MBA from Wharton and was fluent in Mandarin. Services will be held in Shrewsbury, PA on 21 January 2006.

William "Bill" Dettori, a Korean era USAF member lost his long battle to cancer in Bangkok on 3 January. He had been flying as a 747 flight engineer for Saudia before settling in Thailand. His wife, Davonne brought him home and will be relocating to the US.

AUTHORS

The December issue of *Air Force Magazine* has an article by **Darrel Whitcomb** titled '**Farm Gate**' about the first operations of the **Air Commandos** and the **Jungle Jim** program that marked our first steps into the Vietnam War.

Lance Greenwald has had his book "**Cork Tales**" published. As suggested by the title, it is

storyteller's view of wine and the grapes woven between history and fables. An excellent gift for the vinofile on your gift list. Lance@corktales.com

Now the Post's most prolific author, **W.E.B. Griffin** has a new book out '**The Hostage**'. On page 323: "Will it count as another question, Chief, if I ask you where you're going to get those security arrangements?"

"As soon as I get to Washington, sir, I'm going to call **China Post** and see who's available."

"What the hell is that?" Fernando asked.

"Some allege, Fernando," McNab explained, "that

China Post Number One in Exile of The American Legion-your cousin and I are members-functions as an employment bureau for former and/or retired special operators seeking more or less honest civilian employment." He turned to Castillo. "If you'd like Charley-excuse me, Chief-I'll give **China Post** a heads-up call and tell them you'll be calling" "

Now my suggestion: 1. Buy a copy of the book. 2. Use your current Post membership card as your bookmark at page 323. 3. When someone asks what are you reading, show them the book, already marked at this page with your card. You will probably start some interesting conversations. No, Bill has not offered to share any royalties for this suggestion but it should increase sales by the number of our members.

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often frustrated by the one-megabyte files of pictures that I get that tie up my computer.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Saigon Mission Association, US Embassy/DAO will hold its annual reunion 28-29 April '06 at the Holiday Inn, in Richmond, VA. POC is John Guffey by e-mail john.guffey@netzero.net

American Legion National Convention, Salt Lake City, UT August 18 –23rd.

Return to SEA Reunion 2006 will be in Bangkok with meeting dates set for 21-24 September. There is more information and links off of our web site and at aesea2006@yahoo.com

RAVENS Reunion 2006 is set for October 12-15 at the usual Randolph AFB venues

40 & 8 Promenade Nationale will meet at the Traverse Resort and Spa in Traverse City, MI from October 18th – 21st.

France: The combination China Post and 40 & 8 meetings and the combination VFW and Cooties meetings will be held on the 6th and 7th of May. The order has not been established. On the 8th we will be involved in the wreath laying ceremonies in the French cities of Menton and Roquebrune. The hotel will be the Chombour where we have stayed in the past.

EMBLEM SALES

I have received volunteer notification from a several members who are willing to take on the function. When we have had a chance to get some of the goods together and can discuss the job in depth with them; such as coming to the Post Convention with emblem sales items, mail, banking etc. we will get this back in operation.

SAL CARDS

The Sons of the American Legion cards are in our office and we will be sending them out shortly.

DELINQUENT MEMBERS

As shown on the mailing label, the last year paid or an 'L' designation should come after your name. We have some members who have not paid dues in 6 – 10 years that we have carried. Each year we

have about 35 or 40 members who reinstate after 2 or more years, and we also realize that some of our members have extenuating circumstances. With the increase in postage this may be **the last Poop Sheet** for members who we have not heard from in 5 or more years.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

It is either 4803 or 4073 or 4704 depending on my local paper, the local restaurant or advice I got from my old Chinese restaurant owner. The only thing they all agree on is **HAPPY YEAR OF THE DOG!**

