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REUNION 2007 RENO NEVADA

This years Post Convention and Reunion is scheduled to precede the American Legion National Convention in Reno, Nevada from **Thursday 23 August until Sunday 26 August**. National dates will start on Friday 24 August through mid-day on Thursday 30 August. The events should include the National Parade on Sunday 26 August and the FODPAL Breakfast on Monday 27 August. If you would like to participate in the Committee sessions they will be up and running on the 24th and the General Sessions will begin on Tuesday the 28th and close with the election of the new National Commander on the morning of Thursday the 30th. We will be at the **Silver Legacy Resort and Casino** located in Downtown Reno at 407 North Virginia St. The hotels reservation #s are **1-800-687-8733** and local **(775) 325-7401**. **Our Group password = POSTONE**. That should get you our special rates of \$ 69 for Sunday through Thursday nights and \$ 119 for Friday and Saturday nights. **Please make your transportation plans and then make your room reservations as soon as possible: our room block expires on 23 July and rooms will be space available after that date. You can cancel your room up to 24 hours of planned arrival without penalty but they cannot build more rooms.** The Post Hospitality room is scheduled to open on Thursday the 23rd and be open through Sunday the 26th. That Sunday is also scheduled for the National Parade so we will return to the Hospitality Suite after the Parade and will go to the FODPAL Breakfast on Monday the 27th where they will pass the Presidency of FODPAL to China Post for the next year. The **Silver Legacy** is a luxury hotel with 1,720 guest rooms and spa suites and it is connected through in door walkways to the El Dorado and Circus Circus Hotels, giving them 28 restaurants in the tri-property complex. The hotel has a full service business center and all of the rooms have data ports and high speed Internet access. There is an on property Hertz car rental service, a health spa, massage

therapy, outdoor sun deck and pool. Since we will arrive in time to register with National, extra activities and tours that have been selected and discounted through National will be available for our members.

Friday Night: We will have an Asian Buffet Dinner at the Hotel with 4 types of salads and seasonal fruit; we will have 6 different hot entrees plus different types of rice and rolls and 6 different desserts with coffee and tea. **Saturday morning:** We will have the Post business meeting and later will have a Promenade of the 40&8. **Saturday Evening:** The Post Banquet is a seated dinner with salads, choice of entrees and dessert. The entrée choices are A. Grilled Chicken Breast with mushrooms, caramelized shallots and Merlot sauce.

B. Broiled Swordfish with tomato, capers and shallots.

C. Center rack of Pork, marinated in Dos Equis Beer and served with Chipolte.

Prices are up slightly from last year due to the increase in food cost but our intent is to break even on the Convention costs, and deliver value to our members.

The **Registration Sheet is enclosed with this Poop Sheet**. Please send it in as soon as practical but try to have it in the mail no later than August 15. Make your room reservations with the Hotel by July 23.

The Hotel charges a \$ 3 per night resort fee but this includes round trip airport shuttle service 19 hours per day, covered valet and covered self parking and unlimited local phone calls.

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PROMOTIONS

Mike Nichols who had previous service with the Coast Guard during the Gulf War has finished his degree and ROTC training and has been commissioned as a 2nd LT.

John Ownby, USAF has just been promoted to Captain in the USAF.

Roger Gowen has just been elected as Commander of his Arizona VFW Post.

AUTHORS

W. E. B. GRIFFIN has released his latest novel in his Presidential Agent Series "The Hunters" and has a China Post reference on Page 51 and Page 64 in the hard cover edition, out now at your book store. His previous book in the series "The Hostage" is now available in paperback. It has a China Post reference on Page 519 in this edition.

FRANCE '07

Once again the USA was represented in the VE Day ceremonies in Southern France with 8 members flying in from CONUS and the Middle East and within Europe to join our Menton resident **Dr Bob Eager** to show the Flag and lay wreaths to honor the GI's who made the ultimate sacrifice in the World Wars. **Cory Francis** came in and **Hans Stockenberger** was en-route back to the Mid-East. **CMSGT Tom Rhode** flew down from his assignment in Germany and carried the US Flag in the ceremonies. **Tim Brown** and newly retired "**BJ**" **Roberson** flew in from Houston, and **Roger Gowen** came in from Arizona and **Dick Schubnell** from Nevada. With almost a half dozen past Post BSers present you can imagine that we entertained ourselves. We didn't ride in the Police cars this year but the Flag Bearers bus transported all of us to the ceremonies in Roquebrune after Menton. I can only describe our hotel in Menton with the phrase that our old Hotel's desk clerk told me when we had to go there for ice, "with 2 stars you do not get shampoo or a hair dryer". Not to worry, we have solved this by finding another Hotel in Menton for 2008 that has better rates and is a comfortable place. BTW, our old Safehouse / watering hole, The Terminus in Menton was sold and closed so that Jocke can retire. We held the 40 & 8 Grande du France Promenade at our new Hotel and the new Grande officers will be announced at the Reno Prom. **Dick, Roger, Tim** and **BJ** traveled up to Paris by train to attend the VFW 605 meeting and to meet the

new Post Commander, **LTC Kelly Carrigg**, who is on a 3 year active liaison assignment to the French Army. She also was signed up for CP 1. We found a new Hotel at CDG Airport that is comfortable and at today's prices, reasonable. **David Ryan** flew in for the weekend and joined us at the VFW and in a Paris tour. I must quote him on our new Hotel "It's like sleeping in an IKEA showroom".

UPCOMING EVENTS 2007

1. By the time you get this the Air America Reunion in Nashville will be over and it will be reported in the next Poop Sheet
2. China Post-Reno I arrive 22 Aug and the Hospitality room opens on the 23rd till 26th.
3. 40 & 8 Promenade Nationale 5-8 Sept in Overland Park, KS
4. SOAR, Las Vegas, NV 17 Sept-20 September. I will arrive on the 15th and we will have a Las Vegas Division meeting to be scheduled by the local members during that period.
5. 5-8 October Air Commando Assn. Ft Walton, FL
6. October 11-14 Raven Reunion, Randolph AFB

2008

1. Aussie FAC reunion with "Yanks" invited Canberra Australia 23-28 April 08
2. All FAC Reunion 1-4 Oct '08-Colorado Spgs, CO

AIR FARE DEALS FOR RENO

The Legion has negotiated AirFare Discounts for travel to Reno as follows:

United Airlines reference tour code 564HT

Northwest Airlines world file number NMBLJ

American Airlines index # A5917SS (by phone)

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