



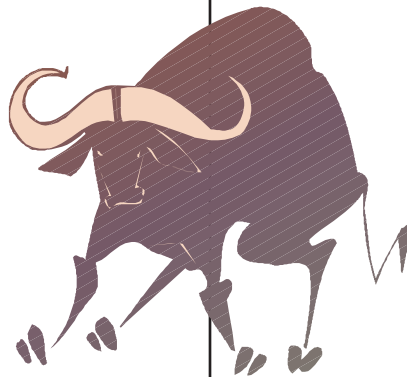
CHINA POST # 1 POOP SHEET

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REUNION LAS VEGAS / ANNUAL CONVENTION 2009 SEPT 24 – 26 "THE FLAMINGO"

Rooms are waiting, the menus are being prepared and the Las Vegas Division is ready to host what should be an outstanding meeting. High on the list of activities will be our annual meeting on Saturday morning the 25th where we will hold a 'Post Everlasting' Ceremony to honor four of our Post leaders who have passed in the last few months. **Jerry Williams, Helen Weight, Dick Schubnell and Hal Fischer** have all left big imprints on the Nation and on this Post. Thursday we will open the Post hospitality suite while some of our members are at the SOAR banquet and we will probably have some light snacks sent up to the room. We will also begin checking in for the events and have the reunion packets available. Friday night's buffet dinner will have a cold selection of greens and vegetables and tri color pasta salad. Hot selections will consist of sliced marinated London broil and fillet of sole rolled with spinach in dill sauce. Fresh pies and French pastries for desert and coffee, decaf, herbal tea and iced tea will also be served. We will have a hotel furnished cash bar. Saturday morning we will have our Post Everlasting service followed by the annual meeting and that evening we will have our sit down plated dinner starting with a tomato basil bisque and a choice of grilled chicken breast with chardonnay sauce and sun dried tomatoes or a pork loin. These are accompanied by seasonal vegetables, potato and rolls and butter. Saturday's desert will be NY style cheese cake with fresh berries. Reservations with the **Flamingo are 1-888-373-9855** and they are blocked as China Post. Start making your room reservations now—you have 72 hours prior to your arrival to cancel without penalty. Since the last Poop sheet our rates have fallen, they are now \$ 45 from Sunday through Thursday and \$ 75 for Friday and Saturday, run of the house with suite upgrades available. For those



starting early or staying over, some rooms in our room block will be available for arrivals as early as the 21st of Sept staying over as late as the 30th if reservations are made early. For the Las Vegas regulars, make sure that you have or sign up for your Harrah's Total Rewards Players card. When you call for reservations they will ask you if you have a card and even if you are only going to risk a couple of bucks on gaming there are rewards and freebies that come with getting your card. Also wearing your CP name tag, hat or shirt will let them know that we have some players and help future negotiations with the hotel. We have

a link on our web site: www.chinapost1.org to the reservations at the hotel so you can also make your room requests on line. Thanks Jim. We will have Emblem sales items available including shirts, golf shirts (with a pocket) ball caps, fore and aft caps and other items.

COMING EVENTS IN AUGUST

On the 5th of August, our Post Deputy Commander

Bill Anton will be inducted into the US Army Ranger Hall of Fame. A high

honor bestowed on only a few who have performed extraordinary acts in combat. The ceremonies are held at Fort Benning, GA and we will have the remarks from the Citation in a later edition.

The American Legion National Convention will be held in Louisville, KY 21 – 27 Aug. The Post will have a delegation there to represent us at the FODPAL breakfast on Monday the 24th.

For those who remember the great picnics that we had at the Northwest Memorial Division hosted by **John & Audrey Greenway** on Bainbridge Island at the end of August for many years, a chance to relive those days will return. The last few years they have not held the picnic but Audrey always wanted to have 'one more'. Since her passing, John has decided on "one more" to be held on Aug 30th at the beach and at the house. John will host CP members, Air

America, and various friends and aviators who make up the Division and those who are in the area. Due to the limited parking, please RSVP if you will attend to: John @ 206-234-8018 or captbad07@msn.com or you can write to: The Greenways PO Box 10013 Bainbridge Is, WA 98110. This is a Memorial to a very special person, Audrey will remain in our thoughts.

FACTOID

In 1919 Hamilton Fish wrote the Constitution for the American Legion but he gave the credit to the other two members of the committee, George Davis of Del and **John Greenway** of Arizona. This was the Grand Father of our SR VC John Greenway.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

The 40 & 8 Promenade Nationale will be held Sept 8 thru 12 in Rochester, NY. Contact our Grand Correspondent **Roger Gowen** for details on getting credentials and housing.

SOAR

This year's Special Operations Association Reunion will be at the Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas from 21 Sept thru the banquet on Thurs the 24th. As you should probably note, this will precede our China Post Convention and Reunion which officially starts at the Flamingo on the 24th but we will have rooms available at the Flamingo prior to the start date of our meeting.

OCTOBER EVENTS

The Air Commando meeting will be held over it's traditional Columbus Day weekend starting Oct 8 and running thru the Memorial Service, Bar-B-Que and Auction on the 11th. **Dick Geron** will once again be the host of the hospitality room and we hope to see many other CP members there.

RAVENS

The Ravens will descend on the Randolph AFB Club in due form led by **Ed Gunter** aided by '**Growth**' **Wilson**. At the end of the annual meeting Ed will be responsible for meeting with the club to settle the damages.

DUES ?

As you receive this you should also be getting a notice from **National** for your **2010 dues**. If you look at the return address, the dues return to the CP PO Box in Houston. I hate to print the constant reminder but the Legion operates on the old Federal Fiscal year that is 1 July to 30 June. The 2010 Legion year starts 1 July 2009. If you get your 2010 card please

do not waste a stamp to tell us that you have paid if you get another notice-we are the ones who sent it to you. If you receive another dues notice after you have paid your dues and get a card, those notices are printed about 8 weeks in advance of mailing and the processing time both here and when it gets to National leads to delays and overlap. The biggest casualty of waiting to pay late is the continuous years block that reverts to '0' if National has not received the dues and report by January. Remember, we are entering Fiscal year 2010 starting 1 July 2009.

PASSING

They come too fast. **Richard 'Dick' Schubnell** did not recover from cancer surgery and will be missed by all who knew him and by those members who attended the various Post, National, 40 & 8 meetings plus those members who traveled to France and other locations. Dick was always proud to show that he had one of the few "China Service Medals" in the Post which he always wore on his cap. He was the Parade Chairman for the Post and later the Department at the National Convention, the Sargeant at Arms for the Legion at Post and Department levels, the "Guard de la Port" for the Nationale, Grande and Voiture in the 40 & 8 and the Nationale Aide de Camp holding several positions simultaneously. We suspect that he always took up the "Master at Arms" slots so he wouldn't have to listen to the boring reports inside the meetings and could always be on a smoke break. There were several National meetings when Dick and I were the only ones who could attend and he filled in as the Post's representative with his down to earth no BS sense of getting to the heart of the deals that others were proposing to us. Dick was our designated driver to all of the meetings, even though his picture on the wall of the 'Lone Star' in Bangkok told of his wild days in South East Asia before he went to work through the Middle East offshore on oil rigs. He was working after retirement as an electrician on building projects when it suited him and along with wife Sue on managing a camp ground during the summer.

Col Harold 'Hal' Fischer passed following back surgery in Las Vegas. Hal was the first American Double Jet Ace and was on track to break the records as America's top Ace but he was shot down over China during the Korean War. Unlike the script at the Air Force Museum in Dayton where Hal's scarf, jacket and other artifacts are displayed, he was not sent to China, he was there. When most of the POWs were repatriated, Hal and a few others were held for a show trial in China then expelled. In later years, and after his book Dreams



of Aces was published, the Air Marshall of China took credit for shooting down Hal and he was invited to China to open schools and make public appearances. Hal also held the rights to the English copyright for Red Devils on the 38th Parallel which is a detailed account of the Russian and Chinese pilots and their combat accounts of losses and fighting in Korea. Hal flew and drove until the last few years. At the Air Force 50th held in Las Vegas and when he made a joint appearance with the Ravens at Oshkosh, Hal was swarmed by aviation buffs wanting to get his autograph and shake his hand. His combat decorations include: The Distinguished Service Cross, The Silver Star, The Legion of Merit, The Distinguished Flying Cross, The Purple Heart, Meritorius Service Medal, 8 Air Medals and a number of campaign and service awards.

Bobby Kent Hubbard, aka 'Hub' or 'BK' retired as a Senior Chief Petty Officer from the Navy. He was active with China Post in Southern Thailand but he was "The Man" for the VFW in the Pacific. He was made a 'Cootie' in the Philippines and was the Grand Commander for the Pacific areas. He also was the Commander of District V, VFW Department of the Pacific. In his tireless work to help Veterans, we are honored that BK shared his time and companionship with China Post and the American Legion.

AIR AMERICA CIA SEMINAR AT U.T. D.

Titled "Air America: Upholding the Airman's Bond" a symposium was held to acknowledge Air America's rescue efforts during the Vietnam War. The Post was well represented on the panels and in attendance. Asst Sec of the AF **Craig Deuhring** made the opening followed by **Tim Castle** and **Jim Glerum** with the purpose of turning over 10,000 pages of declassified documents reporting on Air America's activities in rescuing downed US aviators and crew as well as some of our allied forces especially in Laos but also in other areas of SEA. **Abe Goldfarb** from our Executive Comm. plus a number of **Ravens** were there for the presentation. Two panels met for the seminar session, **Sam Jordan** sat on the panel that dealt with Site 85 and the second panel that dealt with combat rescue operations in South Vietnam as well as Laos and featured **Ed Adams** who flew fixed wing aircraft and **Marius Burke** who served as the Chief Pilot for helicopters for Air America. The epilog in the official program was written by **Mike Kandt**.



AIR AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING

The first weekend in June is still the preferred date for the annual meeting and UT Dallas is the rotating site to allow a visit to the archives and this year to add an addendum with 10 more names and rededicate the Air America Memorial Plaque. 39 Post members could be counted among the attendees along with several 'lapsed' members who promised that they

would reinstate. For those with an interest in Military Aviation history and aviation in general it is always a unique pleasure to be in the room telling war stories with the likes of **Heinie Aderholt** and **Felix Smith**. The legendary **Bill Lair** and legendary humanitarian **FR Luke Bouchard** who was known as the walking priest in Laos, then spent several decades in Indonesia also showed up and were included among the speakers. Our current Bull Shipper **Ron Butts** held his title and it always good to run into one of the stalwarts of the N Virginia Division **Ed**

Connor. In a special note, **Ed Adams** 'charmed' the Spoetzel brewery to donate Shiner Beer in bottles and kegs for the hospitality room.

INTERNET PROTOCOL

I am standing on my soapbox. It is now the year 2009. In 1999 as everyone was talking about the sky falling with year 2K and the internet was filled with wild stories and rumors, chief among those that stuck out was that Barbara Walters was nominating Jane Fonda as one of the women of the century. Didn't happen, don't even know if there was such a designation. I probably got over 1,000 emails about this most of which said "Forward this to everyone you know". Jane Fonda is a low life form of carbon and I believe that she committed treason. No one in the government chose to file charges and some how this piece of garbage got to go on with her life. I can't even begin to tell you how many FALSE stories usually accompanied the email. The ex-pow association publicly disproved many of the stories that appeared with this email with the persons who were 'supposedly' affected by her actions. About 3 years ago this story and the email reappeared, and again last year and I just got it from one of our members with the instruction to "forward this to everyone you know". Don't misunderstand me, I abhor Jane Fonda and would have loved to see her punished for her activities but!!! This story is over 10 years old, most of it is false and I believe that anyone who forwards / sends email to "everyone", who sends out email with a stack of other email addresses instead of using the BCC feature, and anyone who uses "reply all" when ALL are not interested in your reply deserves to go on

my junk mail list and be permanently blocked. Off the soapbox. Don't be a fool and forward anything you are not absolutely sure about and that it is true and then only to people who might have a direct interest in the information.

PERSONAL HIGHS

Mike Anton continues to have an outstanding ERA in the Angels farm system so we still have our bid in for World Series tickets when he makes it.

Randy Bridges is consistently a top 5 finisher in his Limited Modified race car # 46. He is doing the dirt track circuit in SE Texas and LA and if we can get him to stick to one car for more than 2 races we will put a CP decal on it.

Jeff Wendling, after retiring from DEA has a Captain's position with the Kerrville, TX PD. I don't know if you have a better chance to talk your way out of the ticket but I would keep my CP card next to my drivers license and insurance card.

We lost track of **Tom Miller** when he moved from the embassy in Bagdad to Moscow and his mail was returned. E-mail located him at his new position at the embassy in Beijing. **Hans** has proposed that we drop in on him after next years trip to Menton, France.

THIS IS A TEST

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman Trophy winners.
3. Name the last five Miss America winners.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name five out of six on the last winners of the Academy Award for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last ten winners of the World Series.

HOW DID YOU DO ?

The point is most of us do not remember the headlines of yesterday. These were the best in their field but awards tarnish and achievements are forgotten.

HERES ANOTHER QUIZ

1. List a teacher who helped you through school'
2. Name three friends who helped you through difficult times. (It is entirely possible that all 3 served with you in the military).
3. Name five people who taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who make you feel appreciated.
5. Think of five people that you enjoy spending time with.

WAS THIS TEST EASIER ?

The point is, and a thank you to Charles Schultz of the Peanuts comic strip, the headliners do not matter over the long run. You can look up the answers to the earlier questions, but you do not have to think hard to answer the second set.

It's not the dues you pay to be a member, it's the dues you paid to be eligible to be a member.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE IN LAS VEGAS

