



## CHINA POST 1 SAL SQUADRON

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### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Enclosed with this newsletter is your 2017 membership card. Some members have yet to pay 2017. If you have not renewed your 2017 membership take a moment now to put a check in the mail or send your dues by PayPal ([dues@ChinaPost1.email](mailto:dues@ChinaPost1.email)). Over the next year we will continue to sponsor events and encourage SAL members to attend local China Post Memorial Division activities. Contact me at [SALCMDR@ChinaPost1.email](mailto:SALCMDR@ChinaPost1.email) with your email address so we can circulate info.

Last fall, China Post member Matt Choiniere arranged a visit to Holloman AFB. CP1 members were treated to a tour of Holloman which included a visit with the German Air Force who has had a training squadron there since 1997. The tour also included an up-close hanger visit of the Luftwaffe's Tornado aircraft. It was very informative and included an opportunity to sit in the cockpit.



Pictured at Holloman are China Post 1 Commander Ron Burkett, Marlys Burkett (CP1 Service Officer) , Leroy Cockrell, Vice Commander SAL and his wife Linda, a China Post 1 Auxiliary member. Pictured here with them (on left side) Lt Col Karl-Friedrich Eppler German Air Force Tactical Training Command, Legionnaire 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Matthew Choiniere (second from right) and Lt Col Jan Richter (GAF).

After lunch at the O Club with Col Lyle Drew, Commander of the 49<sup>th</sup> MXG at Holloman, the next stop was a tour of the very capable MQ1 Predator and MQ9 Reaper, both, Remotely Piloted Aircraft. The RPA technology has expanded rapidly in the last couple of decades and was a thrill to see it all up-close! These prop and turboprop aircraft are being used around the world in both combat and reconnaissance operations. Actual takeoff and landing operations are performed at Holloman by a two man crew (Pilot and Sensor Operator) but actual mission operations are executed from Creech AFB in Indian Springs, NV by the 432<sup>nd</sup> Wing.

### AMERICAN MILITARY HISTORY

Members of the US Military who witnessed Japan's surrender on the USS Missouri (BB-63) where individually issued the following:



### GETTING THE WORD OUT

Contact [SALViceCMDR@ChinaPost1.email](mailto:SALViceCMDR@ChinaPost1.email) for any postings or news you would like to include in the next newsletter. Future Newsletters will contain more news items based on your input of your own CP1 activities or other Veteran/Veteran Family support activities.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are glad to have 11 new members sign up/transfer in the latter part of 2016, They are: Heath Gardner, Las Vegas, NV, Kim McGehee, Fountain Hills, AZ, Griffin Gassert of Silver Spring, MD., James Gentile of Columbia, MN., Liam Haggan of Greenwood, MD., Michael McFarland of Glen Burnie, MD., William McFarland of Severn, MD., William Seuberth and Robert Fern both in the Philippines, Jacob Isham of Essex Junction, VT and William Harrison of Riverside, CA. Please be sure to welcome them.

### From the Vice Commander: WHAT'S HAPPENING

This is our second China Post 1 SAL NEWSLETTER! We're anxious to spread our wings as a bona fide and contributing Squadron of China Post 1 so join us in this effort by taking part. Our CP1 leadership is actively encouraging us to be a stand-alone entity within CP-1 ASAP! Things you can do to help us accomplish this mission are:

- Please send me an email at: [SALViceCMDR@ChinaPost1.email](mailto:SALViceCMDR@ChinaPost1.email) with your updated contact information. We need EMAIL ADDRESSES for everyone-snail mail is expensive. This is our most important need at this time and takes just a minute or two to accomplish.
- Make contact with other CP-1 SAL members wherever/however possible (Social media maybe?) Encourage them to follow through with Email request mentioned above.

- There is strength in numbers. Always be on alert for prospective new SAL members that are offspring of Veterans and have exhibited exceptional personal characteristics. Great members do great things. Do we want our service to our Veterans and their families to be anything less than Great?
- Family participation is encouraged! Encourage your own brothers to become CP-1 SAL members or Legion members if they have served. The CP-1 Auxiliary is always ready to welcome spouses of CP-1 Legion and SAL members into their membership.
- 2017 Dues are due. You can remit via PayPal to [dues@chinapost1.email](mailto:dues@chinapost1.email) Regular \$25.00USD, Youth (under 18) \$15.00 USD. You can also remit via USPS to: CP-1 SAL Membership Dues, PO Box 299, Fate, TX 75132-0299.

### CHINA POST 1 REUNION Past and 2017

Last year CP1 members visited Nellis AFB arranged by Hans Stockenburger. That is an F-16 2 seater in the background.



The dates for this year's reunion are September 21-24 at the Westgate in Las Vegas, NV. Please check the: [chinapost1.org](http://chinapost1.org) website for additional information. It would be great if we had sufficient SAL representation to have our own POST meeting while there! The camaraderie with old friends and opportunity for new friendships at the reunion are tremendous.

### TAPS

None reported by post time.

Please submit any announcements or items for the newsletter to [SALViceCMDR@ChinaPost1.email](mailto:SALViceCMDR@ChinaPost1.email) Editor.