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Welcome from the Commander

By 騎龍魁 Ron Burkett,

Welcome to our first published Poop Sheet since 2010. I'd like to thank our adjutant, Jim Lint, for pushing to get this done.

I'd also like to thank Hal Hunt and the China Post 1 Poop Sheet Team. Hal is our editor and he and the Team worked diligently to put it all together. Realize also, that this is a work in progress, and I'm sure they would appreciate hearing from you all. I know I will.

As most of you know by now, we've reestablished our China Post 1 administrative center in Henderson, Nevada. Moving there from Texas, and putting together a new, decentralized management team has been a challenge, but we did, and we're in business.

Our total active membership is in the 1400 range. Recruiting has to be a major priority. We've brought on almost a hundred new members in the last several months, but we need do more. Two thirds of our members are Vietnam veterans, or older.

I'd like to challenge each of you to bring in at least one new member who is at least 20 years younger than you, including sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, next door neighbors, and whoever. Do keep in mind that, in addition to numbers, we want to maintain our China Post brand.

One last thought, I know Reunion 2018, in San Antonio, is mentioned later, but we'd like to consider other future locations as well. If you are in a position to help put a reunion together in Florida, Northern Virginia, or perhaps somewhere in the Midwest, I'd like to hear from you.

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Adjutant's Corner

By Jim Lint, China Post 1 Adjutant

There are Calendar Years (1 JAN), Fiscal Years for corporations (1 JUL), and Fiscal Years for Government (1 OCT).

When do you pay dues in the American Legion? When is the start of the new Membership Year? The renewal process begins on 1 July for the upcoming membership year. We are currently in the 2018 Membership Year.

Renewal notices are sent out in July, October, January, March and May. When a member renews, they are removed from future renewal notices for that year. There are times when a member pays their dues, but they still receive a renewal notice. If dues are paid to the local post, it takes a little longer for National to be notified about the renewal, so the member may receive another renewal notice. Obviously, National learns of your payment via their online system much more quickly.

The 1 July date is good, because as a volunteer group, could you imagine trying to sort and mail membership cards in December?

To ensure that you get your renewal card in a timely manner, remember to confirm your address if you had a recent move. In this changing world it is also critical for you to keep your email address current with the post.

Commander Ron has sent multiple email notices, and a postcard to those 200 members who do not have email, about the reunion. Our webpage has a whole page about the 2018 reunion <http://xebo.org/chinapost1.us/post-reunion/>. Keep an eye on it for additional information.

Current national American Legion membership is 2 million. Combined with the American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion, membership in what is known as The American Legion Family exceeds 3 million altogether. That is why the American Legion has strength in Congress advocating for us.

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Jim Lint

Adjutant, China Post 1

2017 Reunion Recap

By Jim Lint, China Post 1 Adjutant

China Post 1 Members,

We had a great reunion in Las Vegas. Here's a big thank you to those of you who assisted.

We discussed moving forward with a newsletter, or the old Poop Sheet, to keep our members better informed. We will have many other positions available to help move the process. We will need people to assist and write. There will also be future positions for graphics and coordinators to solicit information from China Post 1 Members. If you are interested, contact me. I will also be sending out more information in the future.

[Click Here for the Full China Post 1 Report!](#) We hope to see more members at the Sept 2018 San Antonio Reunion.

Your board needs your participation. Send me an email at Adjutant@ChinaPost1.email .

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2018 China Post 1 Reunion Plans

By 騎龍魁 Ron Burkett, Commander, China Post 1

LOCATION: San Antonio, Texas

HOTEL: We will be staying at the El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel. <http://www.eltropicanohotel.com> [1] Rooms will cost \$134.26 per night, including all taxes and fees, and a free breakfast buffet. [There will be no resort fee, and WiFi is free. Rooms will be available at this rate for at least three days before and after the reunion. If you need more information, let me know.

TRANSPORTATION: Once you are at the hotel, everything downtown is easily accessible via the trolley. There is a trolley stop a block and a half from the hotel. <http://www.thealamotrolley.com> [2] (For reference, the Alamo is a ½ mile walk from the hotel).

REGISTRATION FEE: to be determined.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Thursday, 20 September

Check into hotel and register. Hospitality Suite is in the Trinidad Room and will be open from Thursday morning, through Sunday, around noon.

Friday, 21 September

Visit the Alamo at 09:00. www.thealamo.com [3] it can be warm there so we'll try to do this while it's cool. El Mercado <http://www.getcreativesanantonio.com/Explore-San-Antonio/Market-Square> [4] late morning, with lunch around noon at Mi Tierra www.mitiercaffee.com [5] Riverwalk, late afternoon and into the evening, explore and dine www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com [6].

Saturday, 22 September, locations will be announced.

09:00: Executive Committee meeting.

10:30: General membership meeting; all members of the American Legion family are invited: China Post members, Auxiliary members, and Sons of the Legion.

13:30: The Auxiliary and the 40&8 meet simultaneously; room assignments will be posted later.

18:00: Cocktails.

19:00: Banquet. Plated, double entrée (beef and chicken), with sides and dessert, \$42.00 per person, including tax and gratuity.

21:00ish: Retire to the Hospitality Suite.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A WORK IN PROGRESS. I'M MERELY TRYING TO PROVIDE A HEADS UP FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. THERE ARE A MILLION OTHER THINGS TO DO IN SAN ANTONIO IF YOU'D LIKE TO EXTEND YOUR STAY.

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China Post 1 on Parade in Reno

China Post 1 was at the 99th Annual American Legion National Convention in Reno, Nevada from August 18 - 24, 2017. See "American Legion Parade Comes to Reno" on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv0MfLfoVYI>. Our contingent is shown from 1 min. 46 sec,

through 1 min. 57 sec. (1:46 - 1:57). Enjoy!

2018 Dragon Fund Donors

Month	Name (Donors)
July 2017	DANNY W ADKINS, ALLEN E CATES, STONNIE S SULLIVAN, PAUL D MATHER, RICK C REID, JOHN C NEWSOME, JAMES G DUEA, RICHARD E DARCY, KEITH D HALL, DAVID S LIS, JOHN R MCLAIN, HAROLD E ALTLAND, COLIN L KELLEY, RONNIE O RINEHART, CHRIS REILLY, JAMES M HYDER, EDWIN B MILLER, WILLIAM G HUTCHINSON, JOSEPH D ROBINSON, WILLIAM U THATCHER, JON E GUHRT, GERALD L DAMEWOOD, RICK DAMASAUSKAS, THOMAS R RILEY, JON B HITTLE, JIM LINT, RICHARD A PILLSBURY, JAMES D SHELDON, BILLY MARTIN, RICHARD E PRINCE, WILLIAM L MARTIN II, THOMAS H WORLEY, CARROLL G DYSON, HARVEY G BRANDE, RANDY D GEORGE SR, GERALD R MILLER, ARTHUR T WILLIAMS, GRIFFIN GASSERT, HERMAN & MARY JO BRITTON, ALLAN F RADCLIFFE, W W LANDRUM JR, TERRY C TURNER, JIMMY YANG (44)
August 2017	DALE HUDSON, FRANK MAYE, MARK E RUWE, MARION O STOKES, GARY D FLEISCHER, THOMAS R CLAYTOR SR, JOHN A PEARSALL, GARREN B BROWN, JON B WOOLERY, DUNCAN P JOHNSON, DAVID LIS, GORDON O LEE, JOHN C DUNCAN, CHUCK T BAIRD, JAY C MAUPIN, BILLY WALKER, MIKE KANDT (17)
September 2017	PAUL R SHEPANEK, MICHAEL R CAGGIANO JR, PHILIP J MOLIDOR, BUD L GONZALEZ, ROBERT W SHUPING JR, RICHARD PILLSBURY, WILLIAM P ESTES, DENNIS EGGE, STEWART A MCGURK (9)
October 2017	RONALD W BURKETT, ANNA LINT, STEVE J BIERNACKI, TERRY J BRUNER, GREGORY A HARRIS (5)
November 2017	RONALD ZAIS, REGAN K SMITH, LARRY G ARDISON, TRAVIS W MILLS, JAMES R LINT, TERRY C TURNER, BEN KERLIN (7)

The Dragon Fund helps keep the post running over and above the portion of dues that National sends us. The above Dragon Donors are appreciated. Please send donations to: American Legion, China Post 1, P.O. Box 50858, Henderson, NV 89016-0858.

China Post 1 Dragon Riders

Riding season is slowly coming to a close for some. It's time to check over your bikes and make sure that they are ready for next season. If you are running DOT 4 in your ABS brakes, check your manufacturer's

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recommendations for having your system flushed and changed. Also check the wear bars and inflation on your tires. That could save you some headaches. It's time to get around to all of those little things that you've put off all year. Have fun. Ride safe!

Memorial Division News

Northern Virginia Memorial Division

Fred Donner writes: The Northern Virginia Memorial Division of China Post 1 meets once a year on the last Sunday in April to mark the fall of Saigon. I went as an invited guest several times, and decided to join and pay dues this past April because of our common interests. I had a long career in or about S.E. and East Asia. Incidentally, the first I heard of China Post 1 was from J C "007" Bond, a former president I believe, and now deceased. We were both station traffic managers in Air America, I in Danang and he and Janet in Tokyo. (Editor's Note: Fred has published articles at CounterPunch <https://www.counterpunch.org/> that may be of interest to China Post 1 members.)

Meetings Held When Two Members Get Together

Ed and Sarah Connor, Mike Evers and daughter Ruth Evers, John Abaunza, and Hal and Jung "Jodie" Hunt got together on 20 Oct 17 at the Elks Lodge in Fairfax, Virginia. They enjoyed some good conversation and the excellent food served by the Elks Lodge. (Editor's Note: For those who would like to know more about Ed Connor's distinguished career, see <http://3rdstories.yolasite.com/edward-d-connor.php#!>)

Virginia Issues Veteran ID Cards

"On behalf of the Department of Veteran Services (DVS), the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) now issues veteran ID cards to eligible veterans. These cards provide proof of veteran status and permit the veterans to receive discounts from retailers and restaurants." For China Post 1 members who reside in Virginia, more information is available at https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/drivers/#id/vet_id.asp

Nevada Memorial Division

The China Post 1 Nevada Memorial Division has been in operation since 4 May 2016. We have monthly meetings at the Leatherneck Club in Las Vegas, located in the Chinatown area. We also have talks and discussions. Everyone around the table has a turn speaking at both introductions, and again at around the table comments at the end of the meeting. This year, for the second year in a row, we had an Empty Nesters Thanksgiving Lunch at a Buffet Asia. We are connecting to the roots of China Post 1.

We meet 2nd Saturday at NOON at Leatherneck Club, Las Vegas

A New Memorial Division in South Dakota?

China Post 1 members Ken Orrock and Lin Thompson met recently at Lin's barbershop in Rapid City, SD. Besides getting to know each other better, Ken and Lin discussed setting up a watering hole in the Black Hills and the possibility of establishing a Memorial Division for that region. Besides being a barber, Lin and his wife also operate a tour company providing tours of the Black Hills and the Badlands of South Dakota, including Mount Rushmore, the Crazy Horse Monument, and Deadwood. Ken is a Rapid City attorney and operates the largest private security company in western South Dakota. Any China Post 1 members visiting the Black Hills are welcome to contact Ken at Ken@orrocklaw.com for assistance.

Quarterly Feature

Jimmy Jacks Manages a Commercial Drone Operation in Cambodia

China Post 1 member Jimmy Jacks has been featured in several articles on the operation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (also known as UAVs or drones) for remote sensing in Cambodia. The most recent article, by Julia Boccagno, appeared in Circa News on September 12, 2017. The article describes how SM Waypoint, Cambodia's first commercial drone company, benefits Cambodia's agricultural sector. The complete article is on the web at <https://www.circa.com/story/2017/09/12/world/agriculture-drones-in-cambodia-could-save-farmers-money-and-time>.

An earlier article about SM Waypoint appeared on February 26, 2016 in B2B CAMBODIA at <https://www.b2b-cambodia.com/articles/remote-sensing-and-uav-flight-cambodias-new-frontier>.

SM Waypoint's company website is at <http://smwaypoint.com>.



SM Waypoint's all Khmer Flight Ops Team with some of their UAVs

Before embarking on his current business venture in Cambodia, Jimmy began his aviation career as a pilot for Anstalt WIGMO flying for the Congolese Air Force in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Subsequently, Jimmy went to Cambodia where he flew with Tri-9 and South East Asia Air Transport (SEAT). He left Cambodia hours before the Khmer Rouge entered Phnom Penh.

After the fall of Cambodia, Jacks joined TWA/Saudi Arabian Airlines in a special division that flew the Saudi king and his family in addition to other high level government officials and visiting dignitaries, from 1976 till 1984. After 1984 he returned to the United States and continued flying VIPs. Jimmy retired in 2007 and returned to Cambodia. Prior to being tapped for the managing director position with SM Waypoint, Jacks did airline consulting helping startup airlines gain government certification, as well as holding security and strategic planning positions with two airlines.

Fallen Comrades

In Memory of H. Ownby

Our recently deceased SR Vice Commander - China Advisory H. Ownby is memorialized in the November 2017 issue of The American Legion magazine on page 74 under "TAPS". H. was a former Raven and is mentioned 10 times in Christopher Robbins' book, The Ravens.

In Memory of John Platt

Potomac Falls, VA - John Cheney Platt III (Jack), aged 80, died unexpectedly on January 4, 2017. John was a 43-year member of American Legion. His obituary can be found at

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/washingtonpost/obituary.aspx?pid=183615257>

News from Our Members

*Operating in Exile
Hot & Cold Wars*

Journey to the Original Post Home

In December, 2011, Joe Gentile shot a video of our original Post Home while Hank Hoffman spoke about their purpose in making the journey. The video (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLTF2QP6IS8>) was taken in front of 209 Fuzhou Rd, Shanghai, CN. The building is empty but is now recognized as a historical structure by the Shanghai Government.

Jim Lint's Small World Story

It is a small world when you are a former Marine and find a former Marine, who was a contractor when I was with my last unit in Aberdeen, MD. I was the G-2 for 6 years there; he was there for over a decade. Our activities and paperwork crossed each other's desk. We both teach at AMU....and they had a Las Vegas event... We had an interesting chat, and I discovered he lives in a house about 100 meters from mine! John and I had a small world moment, and now we can give each other rides to the NV Memorial Division meetings each month!

Ken Stein writes from Banchang - Utapao Thailand

Lou Holub and I meet regularly at one of our de-facto watering holes, and will be making them official soon. They are The Camel Pub and Finnegan's Irish Pub and Restaurant, both located in Banchang. Veterans Day was celebrated at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and on the next day during Remembrance Sunday with our British friends. For anyone visiting Thailand who is not sure where we are, we are located about 25 km. southeast of Pattaya Beach. We look forward to welcoming you to our little corner of the world. Both Lou and I are long time members of the American Legion, but new members to China Post 1. We are also very involved in the VFW locally and in the region. So, if you want a tour of the famous Banchang strip or any other local area, let us know and we will meet you at one of the watering holes.

News from Tony Parker in the Philippines

Tony writes: I am a Paid Up for Life Member (PUFL). Unfortunately, being just south of Manila, there are few Americans, and even fewer American Legion members in my area. I have seen a bit about the Baguio China Post 1 guys, but have not made it up that way yet. I haven't been up there in several years, but may plan a trip when my daughter heads off to college next year.

Dan Kaszeta Sends Greetings from London

I've been in London for nearly a decade now. To the best of my knowledge, I'm the only China Post 1 member in London, and I'd happily meet any China Post members passing through. (Editor's Note: To respond to Dan's

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offer, please request his contact info from the Post Adjutant.)

Greetings from Florida from Dave Vaught

If there are other members in Florida or surrounding states, I'd be happy to meet up. (Editor's Note: To respond to Dave's offer, please request his contact info from the Post Adjutant.)

Introducing the Poop Sheet Team

This issue of the China Post 1 Poop Sheet is the result of a coordinated effort by a team of volunteer China Post 1 members. None of them have asked for any public recognition of or appreciation for their hard work. Nevertheless, it should be of interest to the China Post 1 membership to know who these team members are, and what roles they fulfill. Additionally, a brief description of the backgrounds of the "editorial group" members follows.

Jim Lint - Publisher.

James R. Lint joined China Post 1 under the sponsorship of a Sergeant Major in military intelligence in 1990. He was appointed to the position of Post Adjutant in April 2017.

Jim has 38 years of experience in military intelligence with the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Army, government contracting, and civil service during most of which he has carried Marine and Army Counterintelligence Agent badges and credentials. He is an adjunct professor at the American Military University (AMU), and a writer for e-magazines on topics of Military, Homeland Security, and Cyber.

Hal Hunt - Editor.

Hal is a former USMC aviator. He initially joined the American Legion with Saigon Post 34, which disbanded on 30 Apr 75. Hal was sponsored as a member of China Post 1 by Tiger Rydberg during the Tiger's 71st birthday celebration at Lucy's Tiger Den in Bangkok. Hal has lived and worked in eight countries other than the U.S. for more than 22 years. He is a published writer in print and on the internet, and has edited newsletters for both commercial and nonprofit organizations.

Gary Howe - Deputy Editor.

Gary is a former USAF Weapon Systems Officer (WSO), who spent time as an Air Liaison Officer with the 10th SFG (A) and 3rd ACR. While on active duty, he had additional assignments with the Iraq Survey Group, and Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO). He initially joined the American Legion with Manitou Springs Post 39, and later transferred to China Post 1 in 2008. After retirement, Gary worked as a contractor in Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia. He has been with Bell Helicopter since 2012, where he is an Air Safety Investigator.

Michael Eisenhauer - Inbox Coordinator.

Michael is a former Army Counterintelligence Special Agent. He initially joined China Post 1 in the early 80's at the urging of a business associate who was a former BearCat in the Delta of Vietnam. He let his membership lapse and joined American Legion Post 28 in Millsboro, DE, but recently rejoined China Post 1. Michael served in Europe and SE Asia with primary duty in Vietnam with the MACV J2 CI Division to liaise with SOG, SF, SMIAT and I Corp MI. In the States he served with the 112th & 114 Intel Group. Mike left military service, and he thought, the intelligence business, but founded three successful businesses before he retired in 2006.

Toni Carpenter - Proofreader and Reviewer.

Toni is new to China Post. She flew for Continental Airlines, with a DOD card, on MATS and later MAC flights to Vietnam, the Philippines, Korea, Japan, Okinawa, Thailand, Guam, and Wake from 1966-1973. She has had significant experience in editing and proofreading newsletters, magazines, and labor contracts. She also lived and worked in Hong Kong and other Asian cities for several years. Her husband, Bud, was in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

Dave Vaught - Proofreader and Reviewer.

Dave is a global operational integrity advisor. His experience includes:

- 28 years of experience in military, industrial, and public safety,
- Emergency and Crisis Management Professional,
- Experienced HSE Manager in drilling and oilfield service industries,
- Extensive background in high level/high profile (criminal, industrial safety, and root cause) investigations,
- Former Law Enforcement Officer (Narcotics, High Risk Warrants, and Fugitives), and
- Professional Firefighter/Paramedic.

Eddie Webber - Proofreader and Reviewer (Future).

Eddie served as a civilian with a GS ranking in Laos and Thailand for CAS and PA&E in the capacity of translator and liaison for Chief Pilot's Office in Vientiane. After she returned stateside, she taught English courses at various levels, became Mayor and Councilmember for the city of Hermosa Beach, California. She is now retired and living in Arizona, although she still writes articles for various magazines.

Paul Curtis - Contributor (Future).

Paul is a U. S. Navy veteran having served in Pacific Rim countries. He spent most of his time at work wearing a business suit and listening to folks speaking a foreign language to talk about him or other topics because they believed there was no way he could understand them. He learned a lot!

After a career in law enforcement, he enjoys a high degree of comfort in the areas of Computer and Cyber Forensics, Open Source Intelligence, Counterintelligence, Investigations, and writing, and takes great joy in using technology to locate fugitives, non-custodial parental abductees, and runaway juveniles.

Richard Smith - Contributor.

Richard is the co-owner of Communications Consulting Service LLC (CCS), and chief technical translator for the firm. Richard's profile can be seen at <http://ccstranslations.com/aboutus.html>.

In addition to the editorial group members, we have the support of a number of Correspondents who have offered to report on activities, events, awards, and other material of interest from our associated groups, memorial divisions and geographical locations outside the CONUS. The following are China Post 1 members who have currently volunteered to support the Poop Sheet as Correspondents:

- Linda Cockrell, China Post Auxiliary,
- Scott Riebel, China Post Dragon Riders,
- Joe Gentile, China Post Sons of the American Legion Squadron (Primary),
- Leroy Cockrell, China Post Sons of the American Legion Squadron (Alternate),

- Mike Evers, Northern Virginia Memorial Division,
- Charles Meiselman, Republic of the Philippines, and
- Ken Stein, Kingdom of Thailand.

Although we now have the support of a number of volunteers with impressive backgrounds, credentials, and skill sets, the door is still wide open for others who would like to participate as members of the Poop Sheet Team.

We would especially welcome a volunteer Graphics Specialist to assist with the capture, editing, and formatting of graphical images such as logos and pertinent photos, and preparation of unique designs for inclusion in the Poop Sheet.

