



# CHINA POST # 1 POOP SHEET



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## IMPORTANT ITEMS IN THIS POOP SHEET # 2 HAWAII MEETING #1 PASSING OF JC BOND

### HAWAII POST MEETING—MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW

The American Legion National Convention will be held in Honolulu with committee meetings and events beginning around the 15<sup>th</sup> of August. The National meetings that are of interest to CP 1 members start with the National parade on the 21<sup>st</sup> and the FODPAL breakfast on the morning of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sessions for the actual Convention start on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and end just after Noon on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> with the installation of the new National Commander. **China Post officially starts on the afternoon of the 25<sup>th</sup> and ends on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August.** My schedule is to arrive in Honolulu on the 18<sup>th</sup> and depart on the evening of the 29<sup>th</sup> —for information purposes. **OUR HOTEL** is the **Pagoda Hotel**. It is located at 2490 Kalakaua Ave, Honolulu 96815 and the phone numbers for reservations are: From US, Canada and Hawaii Islands, **1-800-367-6060**. **From Oahu or International: 808-941-6611.** Our rate for "Run of the House" 1 – 4 persons per room is \$80 with an additional person charge of \$15 over 4 in a room. Rooms are limited and **Your Reservation deadline is July 15.** If you think that you are going to attend, make your reservations ASAP. You can cancel in advance but rooms are at a premium at this rate. **If you do have to cancel** – please let Fred Platt know in advance by phone or e-mail since we might have a last minute member who can use your reservation but didn't get in under the dead line. **You** must make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel **ASAP** since there is a short deadline for our room block——do not wait until after July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, do it now!! There is a reservation form for

events included with this Poop Sheet to send in to the Post.

We are looking for some of our Hawaii based members for assistance with our convention there.

## JOHN CALVIN (JC) BOND POST EYERLASTING 13 APRIL 2005

JC Bond died peacefully in his sleep at home on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2005. JC organized, formed, advised and/or ran several of the Post's Memorial Divisions through his 35-year membership in the Post. In 1974 JC became the Post's Deputy Commander while overseas and on 1 July 1987 he became the Post Commander while still based overseas with Janet returning to Slidell to take over the position as the Post Adjutant. JC retired from Aramco and moved back to Slidell, LA and in 2000 turned over the Post Commander's job but remained active with the Post as the Commander Emeritus, Co-Chairman of the Executive Committee and running the Post's emblem sales. JC was a Marine first and his career moves with Air America, as an airfreight specialist, and his love of cars all were secondary to being a Marine. The local Marine Corps League provided a moving part of his services. JC was a Master Mason and was initiated as a Sojourner during the Post's prior meeting in Hawaii. JC's wit and humor will be sorely missed as well as his sound judgment in problem solving. The Post's condolences go out to Janet and to son Tim and his family for the loss that they and the Post have suffered. Representatives from many parts of JC's past were present for the services and despite a request for donations to "Toys for Tots" in lieu of flowers the room was packed with floral tributes to an outstanding man. After a funeral convoy from Slidell, JC was interred at Biloxi Ntl Cemetery.

## DRAGON FUND DONATIONS

Rodman Andrews / David Bluth /  
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## MUSEUM FUND DONATIONS

Jim Luke / Hans Stockenberger / James Wengenroth  
Pat Leach in memory of JC Bond

## MILESTONES

**Lt Col Sherri S Galante** will retire from active service at Scott AFB on 1 June and be able to devote more time to our two Jr SAL members. Hopefully the flag that Congressman John Culberson (TX 7) flew over the Capitol will have made it to the ceremony in time for presentation.

**MGEN Ken Bowra** was a featured speaker at this years Vietnam Symposium at Texas Tech and also donated some of his material to the archives there.

**Father Lucien (Luke) Bouchard** known as the walking priest of Laos will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Fr Luke remained in Laos until he was forced to escape to Thailand to avoid capture by the communist forces. He continued to minister to the refugees there until he was sent to Borneo almost 30 years ago. More information is available on our web site.

**Jeff Wendling** has retired from his last assignment with DEA in the Dallas area. Jeff was the Attaché in Manila for a number of years and is still one of our Advisory Executive Committeemen for the area.

**SR VC Helen Wight** moved from Jacksonville to Ohio and Jerry Williams and Ole Olson have passed on her regards to the Post Members and Air America members.

## POST EYERLASTING

**Jerry Fink** who represented Air America and other agencies died May 3 at home. He served with the USAAC (USAF) in WW II and retired from the Air Force Reserves. A graduate of Harvard Law School he also served as the legal advisor to the Sinai Field Mission where another group of CP members came into contact with him. A Post member for over 30 years his counsel and sage advice will be missed.

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

**Special Operations Association** will hold it's annual SOAR XXIX in Las Vegas at the **Orleans Hotel and Casino** from 26 – 30 September. Note: this is a Monday to Friday time frame to avoid the higher weekend rates. The pre-reunion packet should be mailed to members in mid July.

**Air Commandos** will meet in Ft Walton Beach, the Hurlburt AFB area, over Columbus Day weekend from the 7<sup>th</sup> of October through the 9<sup>th</sup>. Reservation details should be in the next newsletter.

**Ravens Reunion** will be held at Randolph AFB over the October 21 – 23<sup>rd</sup> weekend.

**Bangkok** 19 – 25 October, which overlaps the Ravens and the CASI meeting is being hosted by Jim Traywick for anyone who served in SEA. More info on his web site at <http://bangkokreunion2005.myevent.com/index.php>

**Start Planning now for Bangkok September 21 to September 24, 2006.** AESEA (The Association of Expatriates in Southeast Asia) which is composed of former Thai and American employees of Air America, CASI, USAID, Embassy, USIS, IVS, US Military, SKY, SKY Fag, Thai SGU, etc. **Les Strouse** and **MacAlan Thompson** will be our principal contacts for this gathering. We will keep you apprised of the planning and events as they are firmed up. Hmmm! Might be a spot for the 2006 Post Convention.

## AND YOU MISSED FRANCE AGAIN

China Post members **Jim Luke, Jerry Williams, Roger Gowen, CMSgt Tom Rhode, Tim Brown, SSGT James (BJ) Robertson, Leigh Robertson and Hans Stockenberger** assembled in Paris on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May to attend and lay wreaths at the V-E Day ceremonies in the suburb of Issy-les-Moulineaux. The 5<sup>th</sup> was spent gathering up our members, stocking a room as a hospitality room and getting over jet lag. On the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup> our local VFW members drove out in several cars to pick up our group and take us into town for the meeting of VFW Post 605, The Benjamin Franklin Post into which we have merged our CP VFW Post. We are well represented with CP members **John Davis** the Commander and **Paul Kulazon** the Sr Vice. The VFW meeting was followed by a lunch at a local restaurant and afterward we went to see the sights, especially the Eiffel Tower since this was the first Paris trip for several members. On the 7<sup>th</sup> we took the airport bus to the Opera district and then walked around the corner to the British Royal Legion building for the **40 & 8** Promenade of the Grand du France. Since we were running late for this meeting, the scheduled CP 1 meeting was held with the members on the bus in attendance en-route. Grand Chef **Frank Corrigan** had a resolution to disband the Voiture Local (832) and merge its members into the 100% CP Voiture Local (1496). Since their 832 group has a large number of CP members and just a few older Legionnaires the motion was passed and we will operate the Grand with one Voiture that is approximately 90% CP 1. The British Legion will apparently be our venue for these future meetings in France. Our next meeting for the 40 & 8 will be at the Post Convention in Honolulu. On the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> a private bus picked up CP from the hotel and dropped us off for the first of six wreath laying ceremonies in Issy-les-Moulineaux. We then attended a Medal Ceremony where 5 French troops were decorated and adjourned to a "Vin de Honour" at the Mayor's office with the French troops and a lot of the towns people. There was a banquet scheduled for the afternoon but we also had passes for another "Vin de Honour" at the Paris Mayors office, which we had thought to do. At the last minute we skipped having wine with another mayor and accepted the hospitality of our hosts at the banquet which turned out to be spectacular. We were all given watches by the town which has the 'key', town seal in the center and the 4 local regimental crests at 12, 3, 6 and 9 positions. An interesting note was that we first noticed on the Regimental Honor Guards in ceremonial

uniform and then with the troop honor guard and further on the uniform of all the French officers and men a gold framed blue ribbon. President Harry Truman presented these particular regiments with a Presidential Unit Citation after WW II. The China Post members in attendance came in from CONUS, Italy, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Germany. Next year the planning is to return to the Riviera and alternate there with the Paris Ceremony.

## DUES INDICATED ON ADDRESS LABELS

The address label on this Poop Sheet should have your name on the top line followed by numbers or letters. If the letters are 'L' or something that has an 'L' in it, it means that you are Paid Up For Life. There are a few in this mailing that have 2006 (7) which means that your dues for 2006 are pre-paid. Most of our members should have '205' which means that your dues are current for the 2005 year. **If your label indicates your dues have not been paid** which means it has 204 or some other figure other than the above, it indicates that your dues **were not** paid since that year. Once again-the Legion fiscal year is 1 July to 30 June. **2000 starts on 1 July 2005.** For our PUFL (Life) members your cards should be sent out to you and you should not receive a dues notice from National. For all other members who have **205** or **204**, you should be receiving a dues notice sent from National HQ. It should have the Post's PO Box in Houston as the return address. This **is** your dues notice, please send it in as soon as practical. **If you do not get a dues notice?** Your label probably has 203 or an earlier date, which means that the Legion has dropped you even if we continue to send you our Poop Sheet. I do not know how much longer we can continue to send Poop Sheets to members who have not paid their dues since '99 or 2000 but it is unfair to the rest of the Post membership. **FAQs:** I just got my card last month/ or my card is for 2005, I'm paid? / Why am I being billed "again" when I just paid? **ANS:** See above: we are talking about **2006. The Carrot?** OK, I listened. Since a lot of members did not use the 'day planner' that we sent out or got it late because their dues were paid late, we are sending out a **Post Koozie.** The sooner we get your 2006 dues, the sooner you can show off your beverage in a China Post Koozie. And, you will save your Adjutant several hundred hours of extra labor when we do not have to 'make' a card because National did not pre-print one (since they dropped you as a member) or 'fiddle' with

the continuous years block since they leave you blank or with fewer years than you think should be there.

## WE'VE MOVED BUT DIDN'T "MOVE"

In 1960 **Cash Helseth** was informed that we 'had' to affiliate with a Department in the Legion since we could not operate as a totally independent Post under rules formalized by National in 1959. It was a bit of a 'shotgun wedding' that put us "under" the Department of Hawaii on June 18, 1962. They insisted that we were "Post 43 – Department of Hawaii". In 1976, we had negotiations with the Department of New York, led by **Marc Wood**, that moved us to "affiliate" with their Department, restore our CP 1 designation and operate as we do now: Off their rolls except for accounting purposes. New York raised their dues this year, which would have necessitated a dues increase on our part if we retained that "affiliation". Beginning in August, **Dick Schubnell** joined me in negotiating with 8 to 10 Departments about moving when we were at the National Convention. We came down to the 2 finalists who were Nevada and France. **France** is our 'best' deal to operate as we have in the past. As an Independent member of the FODPAL (Foreign and Outlying Posts of the American Legion) group, where we continue to run our Adjutant functions directly with National as if we were a 'Department' for most purposes except membership numbers accounting. **We did not 'move'** we just changed our "accounting affiliation" so we avoided a dues increase. It was an amicable move and from the memberships stand point nothing has changed. Underlying the "Hot and Cold Wars" stamp on your card will be FR instead of NY in 2006. I hope that this clears the questions I have received about the move. Your dues notices will still be sent out directly by National with the return address for remittance will still be our PO Box in Houston.

## EMBLEM SALES

As you have been aware, **JC Bond** handled the Post's emblem sales from Slidell, LA. Orders that he had on his desk will eventually be filled, but for the time being emblem sales are suspended. We will inform the membership of details when they resume.

## OTHER ITEMS

**Jimmy Beresky**, Dhahran Division Commander visited while in Houston and met me at our unlisted Safe House where we talked over some of the events that the Divisions are involved with.

In March I was at a meeting of the Las Vegas Division with **Hal Fischer, Mike Kandt, Tom Krohn, Dick Schubnell, Dave Kouba** and **Bill Anton** amongst others. Afterward we adjourned to **John Lear's** for Chinese food and cigars. John and **Shelby Friend** were presented with their PUFL cards and we left the 50-Year Certificate at Gilligans Hideaway for **William Heller** who was unable to attend.

I didn't get an After Action Report from the Northern Virginia Memorial Division but I did get a chance to talk to **Jim Roper** who was the speaker at their annual meeting. He said that he had a good time getting to meet **Mike Evers** and **Ed Connor**.

As we move into another era in the Post's history with the 'attachment' to a new Department, I would like to thank two people who are so vital to the Post operations. **Jenny Williams** runs our Auxiliary and has kept us in the 100% + category since she took over. **Rosa Brown** has spent many days and hours in the office helping to keep it organized and saving me many hours with the files and records. **THANKS!**

**Sorry** about the business like nature of this Poop Sheet but we are rushing to get it out to you so that you can finalize your plans for the Hawaii meeting.

## LAST WORDS ON HAWAII

Remember the **Pagoda Hotel** run of the house 1 –4 people for \$80. Telephone #s **USA 1-800-367-6060 International 1-808-941-6611. Deadline to make reservations 15 July 2005.** The hotel has a 72 hour cancellation policy if you need to cancel but if we have filled our block then you are taking a chance after the 15<sup>th</sup> of July.

The enclosed sheet for **Event Registration** should be **in the mail no later than 10 August.**

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