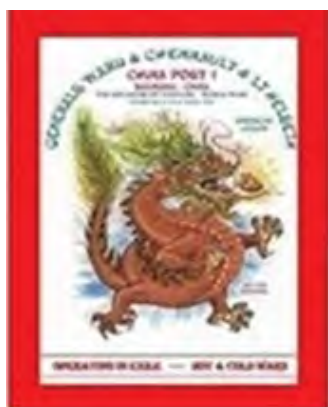




SUMMER



Generals Ward & Chennault China Post 1® Poop Sheet

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Commander's Corner

By Jeff Carson, Commander



FROM THE COMMANDER:

Welcome fellow Legionnaires,

As we enter into the 2027 membership year I would like to let you know your 2026 cards are good until 31-December-2026 at any Legion Hall.

Our 2027 membership cards will be mailed out after 1 July 2026 when the new year starts. Thank you to all the members who have paid. The cards are a little different this year and we had to make some changes to the overprint; they still look good!

I would like to thank the Post1 members that spent their night up voting in the Department of France elections on the 20th of June. Elections were held in Europe, and the time difference was a challenge as are all meetings held there. Congratulations are in order for John Fleming for being elected as our new Department of France Commander and Hans Stockenberger being elected again as our National Executive Committeeman. This is very good to have two exceptional China Post1 members representing the Department.

Donations

We received a very generous donation from the Northern Virginia Memorial Division of over \$5,000.00 . Bennett Hart, a long time China Post 1 member, made this happen. I congratulate them for their donation. Their donation, along with money raised from members donating to the Dragon Fund and sales from our store, will go to the following causes this year:

The Chennault museum \$3,500.00
College of The Ozarks nursing program scholarship \$1,000.00
Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans \$500.00
Tunnel to Towers Houston location \$500.00
National Emergency Fund \$500.00
Veterans and Children's Foundation \$500.00
Voiture 1496 \$500.00
National Legacy Fund, (amount to be determined at a later date)

Along with other approved organizations. We cannot help Veterans, their widows and orphans without a strong membership. I thank the many members who have made donations throughout the year and while renewing their membership.

Annual Meeting/Reunion

This year we will hold our annual meeting/reunion at The Doubletree by Hilton Dayton Fairborn, Ohio near the Air Force Museum. The group code is Soldiers of Fortune Sept.2026 when making your reservations, and ask for the Military discount! Registration will begin on Monday 14-September and the Banquet will be on Wednesday, 16 September. We will have a guest speaker who has a very interesting story to tell us. All information can be found in the POOP SHEET. Banquet dress will be business casual, China Post1 Polo shirt with collar, slacks and the women are also encouraged to wear China Post1 Polo shirts as well. Hope to see you in Ohio!

Jeff Carson, Commander
commander@chinapost1.org



Adjutant's Corner

By Terry Lee Parker, Adjutant

AMERICAN LEGION POST 1, SHANGHAI, CHINA REUNION SEPT 14-17, 2026

DoubleTree by Hilton Dayton Fairborn Ohio, near The Air Force Museum

Located at 2800 Presidential Dr, Fairborn, Ohio 45324

The DoubleTree hotel is a newly renovated guest rooms feature all-new Double Queen Beds or King Beds. The special Group Rate for this event (2 Queen beds or King is \$149.00/night. These rates can be applied three days pre and/or 3 days post reunion dates. Do make your reservations early especially if you plan to stay past the end of our reunion as hotel space will be limited due to a city-wide marathon scheduled for the following weekend. We have also negotiated a discounted breakfast voucher for \$10.00 which can be purchased at time of check-in, a \$14.95 value.

Please make your reservations directly with Double Tree by Hilton Dayton Fairborn Ohio. Room reservation Cut-Off Date is August 14, 2026. **Call: 1 (937) 426-7800.**

Be sure to use Group Code: **Soldiers of Fortune Sept 2026.**

You may also reserve your rooms online with Hilton Hotels via this link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/soldiersoffortunesept2026/>

Room Information

The DoubleTree hotel has newly renovated guest rooms featuring all-new Double Queen Beds or King Beds, as well as brand-new blackout blinds for the perfect night's sleep. Select King Rooms also include an executive chair for added comfort and productivity, while some rooms offer King beds with a pull-out double for additional flexibility in accommodating guests.

Each room is equipped with a Keurig coffee maker, a mini fridge, and a microwave for your convenience. For entertainment, enjoy a state-of-the-art Smart TV with streaming capabilities, and take advantage of multiple charging plugs for all your devices.

The hotel has a modern keyless entry system makes check-in and access seamless. Each guest room also includes a spacious workstation with both stationary and moveable desks, ergonomic seating, task lighting, and high-speed wireless internet access.

The Executive 24-hour Fitness Center is equipped with state-of-the-art machines, providing everything you need to power up your morning workout or unwind after a busy day. For those looking to relax and rejuvenate, our heated indoor pool is available from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM, offering a serene space to refresh and recharge.

Dining

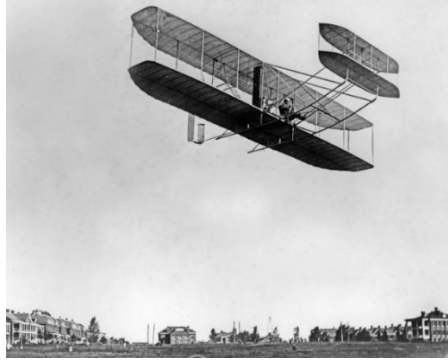
Indulge in a delightful dining experience at The Wright Place Restaurant and Lounge, where we serve a delicious and hearty breakfast buffet each morning. For dinner, enjoy a casual yet upscale à la carte menu, perfect for any palate.

Prefer a quieter evening? Room service offers a relaxed and convenient way to enjoy your meal in the comfort of your room while catching up on the latest news or sports on your Smart TV.

If you're in the mood to explore, there are a variety of restaurants and shopping options just a short distance from the property, offering a range of experiences to suit any taste.

Rate Information:

These rates can apply three days pre and/or three days post-convention with advanced reservation notice, subject to availability. All rates quoted are subject to state and local taxes (12.75%).



REUNION SCHEDULE (Subject to change)

Sunday, 13 September

Advance party arrival and set-up of Hospitality Suite.

China Post 1 Dragon Riders Ride (Tentative, subject to change depending on Riders' interest)

Monday, 14 September

Sightseeing, touring local attractions, visiting Wright Patterson AFB

09:00 – Reunion Registration, Hospitality Suite

09:00 – Emblem Sales, Hospitality Suite

17:00 – China Post Reunion Reception, Hospitality Suite

Tuesday, 15 September

09:00 – Visit Wright Patterson Air Force Museum (Admission to Museum is free)

09:00 – Hospitality Suite opens

16:00 – Dragon Riders Meeting

Wednesday, 16 September

Meeting locations to be announced.

09:00 – Executive Committee meeting

09:00 – Auxiliary Members 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 - 40&8 Promenade

1430 - S.A.L. meeting

18:00 - Cocktails (Cash Bar)

19:00 – Asian Flair Banquet. Guest Speaker: CMSGT (Ret) Ray Snedegar. (C5 Chief Loadmaster of Operation Baby Lift, April 1975, Saigon)

21:00 - Retire to the Hospitality Suite.

Thursday, 17 September

08:00 Clearing Hospitality Suite

11:00 Check-out

DOUBLE CLICK FOR FILLABLE FORM**CHINA POST # 1****AMERICAN LEGION SHANGHAI CONVENTION****DATES: SEPT 14 – 17, 2026****DOUBLETREE by HILTON HOTEL****LOCATED AT: 2800 PRESIDENTIAL DRIVE****DAYTON FAIRBORN, OHIO 45324****EVENT REGISTRATION FORM**

If you will be attending the 2026 China Post Convention and Reunion, please complete this form and mail it with your check as indicated below. This form is for meeting events only.

Make your room reservations directly with the Doubletree Hotel. Room reservation Cut-Off Date: August 14th.

Call: 1-(866)-994-7250 (or on-line at: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/soldiersoffortunesept2026/>).

Group Code: **Soldiers of Fortune Sept 2026**

Send Event Reservations to:

Terry Parker
China Post 1 Reunion
1200 Industrial Rd #23
Boulder City, NV 89005

Cell: (702) 913-4338
Email: tparker173rd@gmail.com

PLEASE RETURN THIS EVENT REGISTRATION FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT HAVE IT IN THE MAIL NO LATER THAN SEPT 10th SO IT CAN BE RECEIVED AND PROCESSED BEFORE THE MEETINGS.

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|--|-----------------|
| 1. Registration Fee, \$50 for each Legionnaire or SAL Member | \$ _____ |
| 2. Guest Registration Fee, \$40 for each Guest | \$ _____ |
| 3. Wednesday Night Dinner Asian Flair Buffet @ \$ 45 | \$ _____ |
| Total | \$ _____ |

Registration includes a complimentary Reception on Monday Evening for all Attendees!

Please Print Name _____

Spouse / Guests _____

Your Address _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Cell _____ Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Please have this in the mail by Sept 1, 2026

MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN AUG 14th 2026

POINTS OF INTEREST NEAR DAYTON OHIO

National Museum of the U.S. Air Force

1100 Spaatz St, Dayton, OH 45433

<https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil>

The museum features over 350 aerospace vehicles and missiles and thousands of artifacts amid more than 19 acres of indoor exhibit space. Also featured in this museum is Fred Platt's Party Suit & a French "Forty and Eight" railroad car. Open daily from 9AM.-5PM.



Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

5135 Pearson Road, Building 10, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433.

For more info 937-257-1110

<https://www.wpafb.af.mil/>

Aside from having a great Commissary and BX, Wright-Patterson is one of the nation's most important military installations. The base has a rich aviation heritage. It was here in 1904 and 1905 on Huffman Prairie Flying Field where the Wright Brothers "really learned to fly". Here they flew the first turn, circle, and figure eight. From 1910 to 1916 the brothers operated a flying school at Huffman Prairie. Among their 119 students were Henry "Hap" Arnold who commanded the Army Air Forces in World War II and H. Roy Brown, the Canadian ace who was credited with shooting down the Red Baron in World War I.

The Wright Brothers Museum

16 S Williams St, Dayton, OH 45402

For more info (252) 473-2111

<https://www.nps.gov>

The heart of the Dayton experience begins, for many, at the **Wright Cycle Company Complex**, part of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park where aviation was born. This wasn't just a place where bikes were repaired and sold; it was their primary source of income that allowed them to pursue their true passion: flight.

America's Packard Museum

420 S Ludlow St. Dayton, OH 45402

For more info (937) 226-1710

<https://www.americaspackardmuseum.org/>

The largest public collection of Packard cars and artifacts at America's Packard Museum. Ask the man that owns one was the company's slogan. Packard also licensed the Rolls Royce Merlin aircraft engine that powered the WWII P-51 Mustang fighter.

POINTS OF INTEREST NEAR COLUMBUS OHIO

(Drive from Dayton approx. 2hrs)

National Veterans Memorial and Museum

300 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

For more info (614) 362-2800

<https://www.nationalvmm.org>

The only Museum in America that honors ALL Veterans – from all branches of service, and from all eras of our nation's proud history of military service, both peacetime and wartime. It's a powerful and personal experience designed to give a voice to every man and woman who answered the call for our country.

AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame

13515 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147

For more info (614) 856-2222

<https://motorcyclemuseum.org/>

America is home to some great motorcycle museums, but none are so singularly dedicated to the celebration of its legends, heroes, advocates, promoters and achievers as the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame & Museum in Pickerington, Ohio.

The Center of Science and Industry (COSI)

333 West Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215

For more info (614) 228-2674

<https://cosi.org>

COSI is a nationally esteemed science center that has delighted Central Ohio with all things science for 60 years, inspiring interest in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) topics and delivering our experiential, "hands-on fun" brand of learning. As a trusted educational resource for families, schools, and community partners.

German Village & Brewery District

588 S 3rd St, Columbus, OH 43215

For more info (614) 221-8888

<http://www.germanvillage.com>

South of downtown Columbus lies German Village, one of the most idyllic neighborhoods in the country. Built by German settlers hundreds of years ago, the area is defined by its brick homes and shops, as well as brick-lined streets. Historic charm and modern tweaks exist side by side here.

Ohio Statehouse

Capitol Square (Ohio State Capital), Columbus, Ohio 43215.

For more info <http://www.ohiostatehouse.org>

Guided tours are available every day. On weekdays, walk-in tours start from the Map Room on the hour, every hour. Opened to legislators and the public in 1857 when the House and Senate began meeting in their respective chambers and most of the executive offices were occupied. It was completed in 1861. The Statehouse has been designated a National Historic Landmark by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

POINTS OF INTEREST NEAR CLEVELAND, OHIO

(Drive from Dayton approx. 3hrs)

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame & Museum

1100 E 9th St, Cleveland, OH 44114

For more info (216) 781-7625

<https://rockhall.com/visit/>

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (RRHOF), also simply referred to as the Rock Hall, is a museum and hall of fame located in downtown Cleveland, Ohio, United States, on the shore of Lake Erie. The museum documents the history of rock music and the artists.

USS COD WWII Fleet Submarine Memorial/Museum

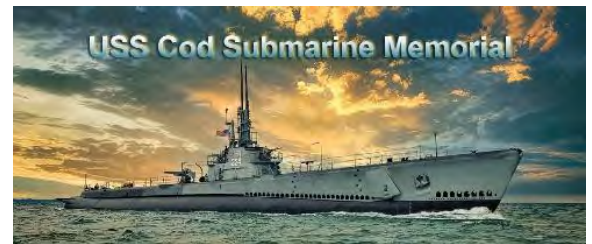
(walking distance from the Rock Hall of Fame)

1201 N Marginal Rd, Cleveland, OH 44114

For more info (440) 832-9722

<https://usscod.org/>

USS COD is open daily from 10am to 5pm (last visitors go below at 4:30pm). Admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors (62+) and veterans (with ID) and \$9 for students K-12. Preschoolers and military in uniform are free.



Pro Football Hall of Fame

2121 George Halas Dr. NW, Canton, Ohio 44708;

For more info 330-456-8207

<https://www.profootballhof.com/>

From its humble beginnings in 1963 to the present day, the Pro Football Hall of Fame has grown in both size and stature. Recognized worldwide as America's premier sports Hall of Fame, it is doubtful that even the most optimistic of those who led the drive to bring the Hall of Fame to Canton, Ohio, could have envisioned the successes it would realize.

House From a Christmas Story

3159 W 11th St, Cleveland, OH 44109

For more info <https://clevelandtraveler.com/christmas-story-house-cleveland/>

The House from A Christmas Story opened to the public. It consists of Ralphie Parker's house, as well as a museum across the street with props and costumes from the film.

West Side Market

1979 West 25th Street Cleveland, Ohio 44113

For more info (216) 293-9830

<https://westsidemarket.org/>

With origins of the land dating back to 1840 the West Side Market is Cleveland's oldest publicly owned market. The market is home to over 70 vendors of great ethnic diversity.

POINTS OF INTEREST NEAR SANDUSKY OHIO

(Drive from Dayton approx. 2hrs 15min)

Put-in-Bay, South Bass Island & Perry's Victory Memorial

<https://putinbay.com/>

<https://putinbay.com/pib-activities/perrys-victory-international-peace-memorial/>

Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial

Towering 352 feet in the air, Perry's Peace Memorial is a powerful testament to everlasting peace and friendship between nations. Built in 1915, this massive Doric column reopened in 2012. The national monument is an iconic building well-known throughout the Great Lakes region in Ohio and the United States. Perry's Monument symbolizes American tradition & respect for our country's history. **More info 419-285-2184**



Put-in-Bay Winery

A Wine Lover's Paradise located at the Historic Doller House Estate Open Year-Round | Exceptional Wines | Lakeside Views What to Expect Wine Tastings & Tours – Explore a variety of handcrafted wines Wine Garden – Relax in a beautiful outdoor setting Winery Exhibition – Learn about the island's winemaking history Historic Estate – Experience the charm of this Italianate-style home. Put-in-Bay Winery blends education and enjoyment, **More info 419-285-3278**

Benson Ford Ship House

Experience the Magic. Tours Now Available Set against the stunning backdrop of Lake Erie, the Benson Ford Ship House offers visitors a rare opportunity to explore one of the most unique and storied homes in America. Originally a part of a freighter ship built for Henry Ford. **More info 419-502-5101**

South Bass Island Lighthouse Tours

Operated by the Ohio Sea Grant, South Bass Lighthouse is open for tours on select dates from June-October. Tours can be scheduled from April – November by contacting the Stone Lab Bayview office. **More info 419-285-1800**

Perry's Cave

A Put in Bay Historical Natural Wonder, 52 Feet Underground – A stunning limestone cave beneath South Bass Island. Monday- Sunday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm **More info 419-285-2405**

Cedar Point Amusement Park

1 Cedar Point Dr, Sandusky, OH 44870, For more info (419) 627-2350

<https://www.cedarpoint.com>

Cedar Point is more than roller coasters. It's more than thrill rides. It's more than the mile-long sandy beach where our rich history began. Cedar Point is where moments, memories and connections are made. These connections last for generations and are built on tradition – traditions that began more than 150 years ago. If you're looking for things to do near Cleveland, Cedar Point, located in Sandusky, Ohio, is the must-do destination. It's home to 66 amazing rides, from the family-friendly Wild Mouse to the adrenaline-pumping roller coasters like Steel Vengeance and Millennium Force. Live shows, immersive dining and signature summer events add diverse layers to the experience. The amusement park has a little bit of something for every thrill-seeker. And summer splashes are right next door at the Cedar Point Shores Waterpark with its multiple water gadgets, pools for little ones and slides for the whole family.



POINTS OF INTEREST NEAR CINCINNATI OHIO

(Drive from Dayton approx. 50 min)

Cincinnati Museum Center

1301 Western Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45203

(513) 287-7000

<https://www.cincymuseum.org/about-cincinnati-museum-center/>

Cincinnati Museum Center (CMC) is a one-of-a-kind, multi-museum complex housed in Union Terminal, a historic Art Deco train station and National Historic Landmark. CMC's major offerings at Union Terminal include the Cincinnati History Museum, the Cincinnati History Library and Archives, The Children's Museum, the Museum of Natural History & Science and the Robert D. Lindner Family OMNIMAX® Theater. CMC is the largest cultural institution in the city of Cincinnati, with more than 1.8 million visitors per year.

Cincinnati: Ohio River Cruise

For more info <https://www.getyourguide.com/>

Many companies provide river cruises out of Cincinnati on the Ohio River. Various cruise departure times and cruise lengths, Many offer dinner cruises that include entertainment.



Behringer-Crawford Museum

1600 Montague Rd, Covington, KY 41011

(859) 491-4003

<http://www.bcmuseum.org>

"This is a hidden gem of a museum. Both train displays along with the other exhibits are very cool and informative. The level of detail is just incredible. Allow yourself 1 1/2 hours to see everything, longer if you have children as they definitely will want to spend extra time with the interactive train exhibits.

China Post 1 Sons of The American Legion (SAL) Squadron

By Doug Haggan, Squadron Commander

Socco Reeder, Vice Commander



It's hard to believe but we are entering a new Membership Year.

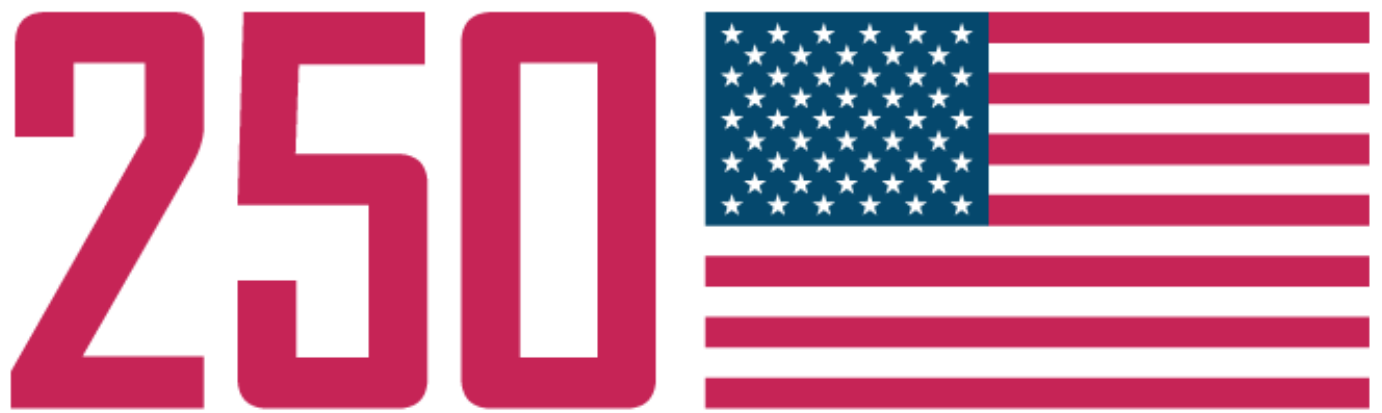
I want to thank every member for being part of Squadron CH01, you helped put the Detachment of France over 100% in Membership.

Now we are starting a new year, 2027. We are asking everybody to renew your membership as early as possible, your membership counts it is the backbone to our organization.

We will be celebrating our 250th Anniversary of this great country shortly and in doing take time to remember those who fought and died for so we could celebrate this great milestone.

Please be safe and enjoy your summer.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

China Post 1 Auxiliary (UNIT 1)

By Kokoe Estrada Dusina, Auxiliary President



Summer is here, and so is the heat! Last week we went on a business trip to Camp Foster in Okinawa Japan. While we were there we got to see some crazy weather - We landed just as a monsoon started, and left the day after Typhoon Mekkhala hit. During the monsoon, we saw winds from 40-60 mph, and heavy rains at 2-3in/hr. During the typhoon, we saw winds from 112-157 mph and rain at about 2in/hr!

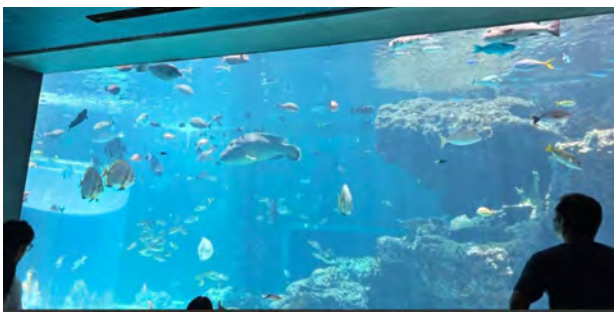
Lucky for us, the weather in between was nice (but hot and humid). We visited American Village, Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium, Shuri Castle, the Harley Davidson and Indian Dealership, Coco Ichibanya Curry House, and the Okinawa American Legion Post 28. Unfortunately, I did not have a CP1 license plate with me, so we will have to bring it next January when we go back again!



Okinawa, Japan; Harley/Indian Dealership – a lot of classic and new bikes to see! We met an American Legion Rider the day we went there – he invited us to the post for happy hour.



Mihama American Village – “American style shopping mall” immersive experience in Chatan.



Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium – one of the largest aquariums in the world; and Ocean Expo Park



Shuri Castle: still under construction, 7 years after a devastating fire. Shuri Castle was built over 500 years ago during the Ryukyu Kingdom period.



American Legion Okinawa Post OK28, above Sam's Club, just outside of Camp Foster Gate 6.

OTHER NEWS

Aux Unit 1 has been working on an [Auxiliary Mini Shop](#) – where our members can purchase Auxiliary themed items such as shirts and drinkware. Here are a few examples of what we intend to offer:



MEMBER CONTACT INFO UPDATES

Reminder: If you are a member in Unit 1, please take a moment to update your contact information either via email to Clara at auxsecretary@chinapost1.org, or by filling in the online form [here](#).

The QR code link to the same form is below if you would like to make updates via iPad, tablet or cell phone.



Consider a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership! When you are a PUFL, you don't have to remember to pay annual dues anymore! Check out the application and price chart (page 2 of the application) here at our CP Unit 1 Resources Link: [Resources](#)

Veterans, please consider signing up your spouses (husband or wife) and your daughters. The Auxiliary would greatly benefit from more membership and would love to support your dependents as we look out for each other – similarly to military wives/family groups would when you were active duty.

When applying please remember to include your proof of qualification along with your membership application. This is your qualifying member's DD-214, and for spouses, proof of marriage, such as a marriage license.

Any questions or forms may be submitted to:

Kokoe: auxpresident@chinapost1.org

Clara: auxsecretary@chinapost1.org

ALA UNIT 1 RESOURCES

Click this link for China Unit 1 forms, applications, and relevant documents.

[Unit Resources](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

JULY

- 4 Independence Day, 250th Anniversary
- 18-25 Girls Nation
- 21-25 Boys Nation
- 27 Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

AUGUST

- 4 Coast Guard Birthday
- 7 Purple Heart Day
- 28-Sep 3 National Convention – Louisville, KY
- 29 Marine Forces Reserves Birthday

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Labor Day
- 11 Patriot Day, 25th Anniversary
- 14-18 China Post 1 Reunion
- 18 Air Force Birthday
- 19 POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 27 Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day

OCTOBER

- 13 Navy Birthday
- 26 National Day of the Deployed
- 31 Halloween



KNOW THE SIGNS OF A CRISIS: Recognizing red flags and knowing when to get help can make a difference in a veteran's life. Read more at:

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/education/signs-of-crisis>

If you feel you are in a crisis, whether or not you are thinking about killing yourself, please call. The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. People

have called for help with substance abuse, economic worries, relationship and family problems, sexual orientation, illness, getting over abuse, depression, mental and physical illness, and even loneliness.

CALL: Veterans and their loved ones can dial **988** and Press 1 to speak with a caring and qualified responder.

TEXT: Veterans and loved ones can also send a text message to **838255** to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, or call your local 24-hour mental health crisis line.

Veteran Combat Call Center - Combat vets and families can call any time 24/7/365: **1 (800) 927-8387** to speak with other combat vets and families about any issues from military experience to readjusting to civilian life.

CHAT ONLINE: Veterans Chat 24/7/365 Confidential Support is just a Click Away. If you're a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, responders at the Veterans Crisis Line online chat offer help that can make a difference. Caring, qualified VA professionals are standing by to provide free and confidential support:

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/chat>

Dragon Riders

By Jeff Kline, Director, and John Metcalf, Assistant Director

We like to recognize and thank the our members for their generous donations through out the 2025-2026 Membership year.

Dragon Fund

Don Northcutt, Thomas Worley, Chad Swedberg, Joseph Mento, Roch Courreges, Donna Benson, Marcus Jones, Leroy Cockrell, Terry Fisher, James Olds III, Lyn Beacham, Thomas Riley, Joe Cavallero, George Snyder, Cloyd Forrest, Richard Lively, Sidney Kirkley, Roger Todd, Robert Dutton, Robert Morrison, Ed Robbeloth.

Veterans & Children Foundation (Previously known as Legacy Fund)

Stanley Waite, Michael Rogers, Brian Kanke, Leroy Cockrell, Terry Forbes, Robert Wolff, Robert Nagley, Thomas Ruhl, Larry Ardison, Mike Simmons, Stacy Cope, John Metcalf, Philip Vasington, Bruce Donnelly, Terry Fisher, James Olds III, Randy George, Gerald Damewood, Billy Kidd, Keith Bush, David Vaught, Bruce Shepherd, Drew McCauley, Lewis Reeder, Jean Clark, Richard Lively, Travis Middlebrook, Matthew, Lowry, Kokoe Dusina, Mark Robinson, Michael Gonzales, Jeff Kline, Donnie Camp, Thomas Riley, Michael Laws, Robert Phelps.



Sincerely,

Jeff Kline, John Metcalf

Director & Assistant Director, Dragon Riders

China Post 1 Store and Fundraising

Each year, China Post 1 makes donations to various charities as you have seen in the Legion articles online and in our Poop Sheets. In order to raise funds to make these donations to support various causes, we get the funds either from Dragon Fund donations or thru the merchandise we sell on the China Post 1 store:

[Shop – China Post 1](#)

There are several updates to the store recently. There are some things that have been marked down to clear these items from inventory or to reduce the large surplus due to clerical error/larger order. We also have an overabundance of service/branch baseball caps that we need to sell – please contact Jeff Kline (Director@chinapost1alr.org) if you are interested in purchasing these or know of a local American Legion Post or VFW that might want to purchase these for fundraising opportunity.

We also have many new items added, to include China Post 1 flag mounts for cars/trucks/vans/motorcycles/atv's/golf carts/etc. We also have new shirts, hoodies, and polos added to the store with some nice graphics on them.

There are even some patches you can get for your jacket, backpacks, duffle bags, etc. (exception: Dragon Rider & American Legion Rider patches are only for Dragon Rider members).

Please take a minute to visit the store and find items that you might be interested in to show your China Post 1 support and pride.



Shown above: Top row – Performance Polos, CP1 Coffee Cups 12oz and 20oz, CP1100 Year Anniversary pin
Bottom row – CP1 Bronze Challenge Coins, The Story of China post 1 Book, American Club Ball Cap

News From Around the World

China Post 1 Represented at Department of France's 98th Annual Convention

Thirteen members of China Post 1 proudly participated—either in person or virtually—in the 98th Annual Convention of the Department of France. This year's convention was held at the Best Western Hotel Polisina in Ochsenfurt, Germany, providing a fitting setting for camaraderie, leadership, and recognition among attendees.

A highlight of the convention was the election and reappointment of several distinguished leaders closely connected with China Post 1. Longtime member John Fleming, who resides in Germany, was elected as Department Commander. His leadership, experience, and dedication to the organization were widely recognized by fellow members. In addition, Hans Stockenberger, a valued Executive Committee member, was reelected to serve another two-year term as the National Executive Committeeman, reflecting continued confidence in his service and commitment. Larry Atkins was also reappointed as Department Finance Officer, ensuring continuity and steady stewardship of the department's financial affairs.

China Post 1's presence at the convention was further distinguished through recognition of its membership efforts. The Post was honored as the Runner-Up for "Post with the Most New Members," an achievement that underscores the group's ongoing commitment to growth and engagement.

The convention concluded on a celebratory note with an awards dinner on Saturday evening, where members gathered to reflect on accomplishments, strengthen bonds, and look ahead to the future.

China Post 1's strong participation and recognition at this year's convention highlight the Post's continued vitality and dedication within the Department of France and beyond.





FRANCE



American Legion National Commander Visits U.S. Forces in Europe

China Post 1 Executive Committee Member **Hans Stockenberger** accompanied **National Commander Dan Wiley**, his **Aide Doug Hensley** and **National Security Director Sean Counihan** on a 10-day visit to U.S. and NATO installations across Europe, May 24–June 3, 2026. It was the second of such trips in his capacity as the National Executive Committeeman for the Department of France. The trip began in the United Kingdom with a solemn tribute to the **3,812 WWII service members** buried at the Cambridge American Cemetery, followed by a tour of the Imperial War Museum at Duxford and its American Air Museum honoring the 8th Army Air Force. A full day at **RAF Lakenheath** allowed the delegation to observe F-35 operations, meet with airmen, and discuss quality-of-life concerns unique to overseas assignments. The evening ended with a dinner hosted by the Department of France and American Legion Post EG01.

The visit continued with a stop at the historic **RAF Grafton Underwood**, former home of the 384th Bomb Group, where local media documented the Legion's tribute to fallen airmen. The delegation then traveled to **Aviano Air Base** in Italy for mission briefings with the 31st Fighter Wing, tours of the Fire Department, 555th Fighter Squadron, and 56th Rescue Squadron, and candid discussions with airmen and families about challenges faced while serving in Italy. Throughout each stop, the Legion team emphasized its commitment to advocating for service members stationed abroad. The team continued to **Vicenza's Caserma Ederle**, receiving briefings from **SETAF-AF** and the Vicenza Garrison Commander. They met with TAP staff and transitioning service members, toured the Health Clinic, Child Development Center, and Fitness Center, and held a working lunch with Soldiers and their families. The day concluded with a meeting of the **Retiree Council**, reinforcing the Legion's commitment to supporting all generations of service members.

In Belgium, the delegation engaged senior diplomatic and military leaders, including **U.S. Ambassador to NATO Matthew Whitaker** and **U.S. Ambassador to Belgium William White**, who expressed strong support for The American Legion's legislative priorities. Visits to **NATO Headquarters**, **SHAPE**, and **US Army Garrison Benelux** in Chievres Belgium provided additional opportunities to assess quality-of-life issues and reinforce the Legion's role in supporting U.S. forces overseas. The tour concluded with a visit to the historic battlefield at **Waterloo**, underscoring the enduring ties between American service and European history.















Niels Hansen was in Normandy for the D-Day 82nd anniversary.

"If you know me and happen to be in Saint Mere Eglise France, I'm hanging outside the STOP Bar!"



We shall return!

An apparent 1920 filler announcing the new Post in Shanghai doing well with 160 members. Then, in exile during 1957, a dinner in Los Angeles presided over by legendary Post Commander C.A.S. Helseth.



China Post 1 At The Red White and Blue Airshow

by Jeff Kline

On a beautiful Saturday, May 2, 2026, members of China Post 1 gathered under the clear, sunny skies of Monroe, Louisiana, for the annual Red, White, and Blue Airshow. It was a day filled with the roar of engines and the spirit of camaraderie, but for our Post, the event held a much deeper significance than just a weekend outing.

Members in Attendance

We were proud to have a great turnout for the event. Members who made the trip included Thomas Rhode, Don Northcutt, Mark Roberson, Patty Evans Laguerta, and Jeff Kline. Marcia Whyte was also present, representing the Auxiliary.

A Legacy of Support

The airshow shares a unique, personal legacy with China Post 1. The event's curator, Nell Calloway, is the granddaughter of one of our namesakes, weaving a direct thread from our history to the modern-day celebration of aviation. This deep connection is why China Post 1 proudly donates to the Chennault Aviation & Military Museum at the airfield every year, ensuring these stories live on.

A Call to Action: The Northcutt Challenge for May 2027

Challenge 1: Looking ahead to next year, Don Northcutt has issued a special challenge to the membership! If you own a vintage airplane or helicopter, we want to see it. Don is calling on all members to bring out their aircraft for the 2027 show and help us represent the Post in the sky and on the tarmac.

Challenge 2: Don't have a bird of your own? You can still make a difference. We are looking for members to join us as volunteers to help greet guests and support the show's operations. It's a rewarding way to give back and enjoy the festivities from behind the scenes. More on this call for volunteers later in the year.

Northcutt Sage Advice: We wisely chose VIP/Preferred tickets for the obvious benefits. Though more expensive than regular admission, we were provided with a exclusive smooth as silk entrance gate and this was a short walk to the VIP/Preferred tent seating area. There was a bar where we redeemed our drink tickets as well as tables and chairs. All this was right on the flight line. This was the best way to view the airshow while with our China Post 1 friends.

And then on to our Watering Hole

Saturday night we gathered at The Flying Tiger, our Watering Hole in Monroe. The owner, David, runs a welcoming brew pub and pizza place. Over the bar is an aircraft nose (P-40?) with Flying Tiger nose art that sets the tone. Some of us had conversations with the friendly locals. This place is well worth the visit if you are in the area. Website ftbpizzabar.com.

Plan Your Visit to the Chennault Museum

I highly suggest that if you are in the Monroe area, you take the time to visit the Chennault Aviation & Military Museum. It is a treasure trove of historical items from General Claire Chennault and other veterans who shaped aviation history. It's more than just a museum; it's a powerful reminder of the bravery and innovation that defines our community. Website www.chennaultmuseum.org



Nell Calloway, taking a break from her busy date, was surrounded by manly men from China Post 1, Jeff Kline, Mark Robertson, Don Northcutt, and Tom Rohde.





Mark and Kim Robertson, Tom Rohde, Marcia Whyte, Don Northcutt, Patty LaGuerta, and Jeff Kline.



The Usual Suspects plus Jean Clark, with Nell Calloway at the Chennault Military and Aviation Museum. General Chennault approves.

ROCKWALL VETERANS BREAKFAST



They say whenever two or more China Post 1 members get together, it's an official China Post 1 meeting. On the morning of April 1st, we had six of our members at the Standard Service Restaurant in Heath Texas for our bi-weekly Rockwall Area Veterans Breakfast meeting. As a special treat, we were joined by LtCol (RET) Allen West, United States Army. As a Congressman, Allen West represented Florida's 22nd congressional district in the House of Representatives from 2011 to 2013 and served as the chairman of the Republican Party of Texas from 2020 to 2021. He was the chairman of the Dallas County Republican Party from 2024 until April 2026. Allen is also a member of the "Terry Fisher American Legion Post 117" in Rockwall, Texas. Mr. West is a great motivational speaker and talked to our group about service, current events and Americanism.

Many thanks go out to Jean Clark for arranging Allen's visit. It was also really good to see Joe Hoofnagle, one of our long-time members. L-R Mark Robinson, Joe Hoofnagle, Mack Marconi. Richard Caetano, Allen West, Tom Rohde, and Jean Clark.

Upcoming Events

DALLAS AREA CHINA POST 1 LUNCH **- SUNDAY, JULY 19 @ 1:00PM**



Tom Rohde invites members to join the lunch at our Watering Hole
St Pete's Dancing Marlin in Deep Elum
2730 Commerce St, Dallas, TX 75226

The origins of our Watering Hole association with this restaurant are lost in the mists of time, but there is an old style China Post 1 banner on the wall so there is a history to be discovered. Come on out for a good time with China Post 1. Check out the menu www.stpetesdancingmarlin.com

WATERING HOLES

FIND 'EM, FIX 'EM, ENJOY 'EM

We need your immediate assistance as we work to update our records and expand our network map. Our primary goal is to identify all "watering holes" around the globe that aren't currently listed on our website or shown as in operation.

To give you an idea of what we're looking for, we recently came across a fantastic location in Monroe, Louisiana:

Flying Tiger Brewery and Pizza Bar

506 N 2nd St, Monroe, LA 71201

info@ftbpizzabar.com

Hours: Tue–Thu & Sat 11 AM–10 PM, Fri 11 AM–10 PM, Sun 11 AM–9 PM, Mon Closed

This local spot is a WWII-themed brewery and restaurant, widely known for its in-house craft beers, scratch-made pizzas, a fully stocked bar, and a welcoming outdoor patio.

If you know of any active, unlisted, or newly discovered establishments like this - whether at home, during your travels, or through friends—please help us keep our network current! All we need are the following details:

- Name of the establishment
- Physical address
- Phone number and website
- Hours of operation

Once you have this information, please send it directly to our Webmaster, Travis Weedman, at **partisan@msn.com**. Travis will ensure these great spots are added to our official website database for all members to enjoy.

Thank you in advance for your help and for being such a vital part of our growing community. Your input makes a real difference!

China Post 1 Team



Claire Lee Chennault Was a Problem

submitted by "Doc" LaMar



By 1937, he'd spent 20 years in the U.S. Army Air Corps developing tactical theories that his superiors hated. He believed pursuit aircraft—fighters—should be the backbone of air power, not bombers. He believed tactical coordination and surprise mattered more than raw performance.

He believed dog fighting was a sucker's game.

The Air Corps establishment disagreed. Loudly. They believed in strategic bombing. In massive formations of bombers that didn't need fighter escorts. Technological superiority solving all problems.

Chennault kept arguing. Kept writing memos. Kept pushing his theories. In 1937, the Air Corps essentially fired him. They retired him early at the rank of captain due to "health reasons"—chronic bronchitis and partial deafness. The real reason: he was a pain in the ass who wouldn't shut up about tactics no one wanted to hear.

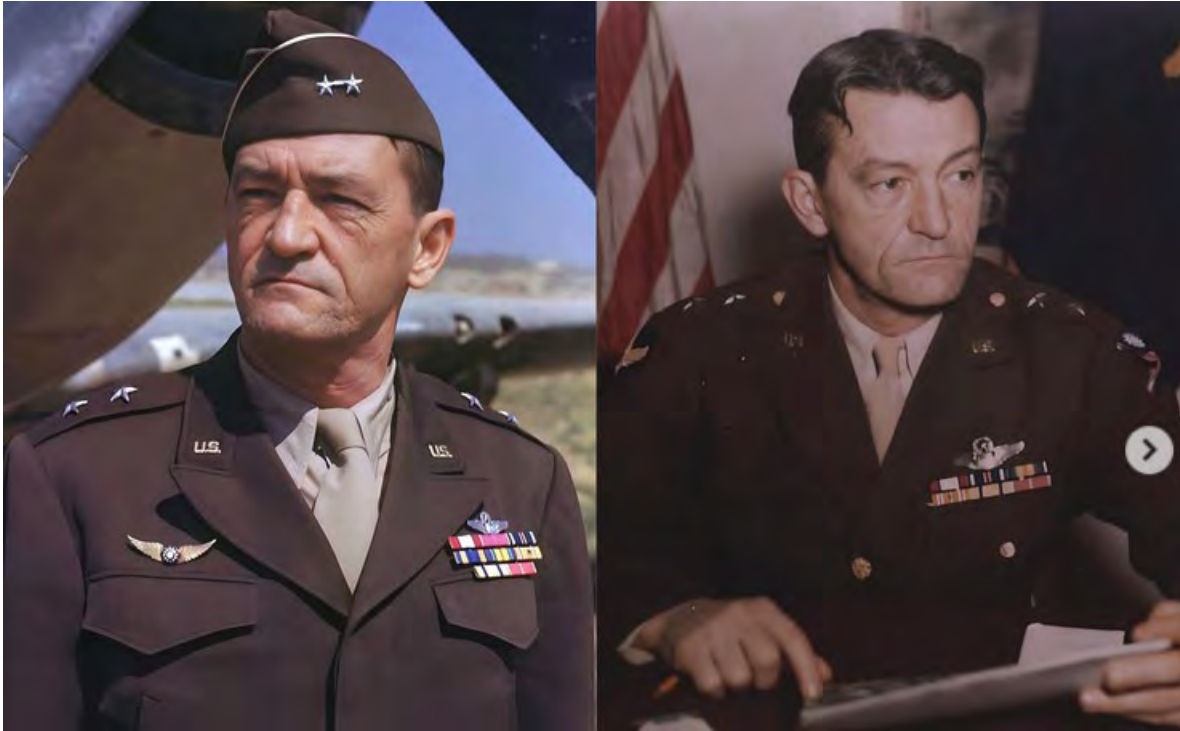
Claire Chennault was 47 years old, retired against his will, and convinced the entire U.S. military establishment was wrong about how to fight an air war. Then he got a job offer from China.

Chiang Kai-shek, leader of Nationalist China, was fighting a losing war against Japan. Japanese aircraft were bombing Chinese cities with impunity. China had almost no air defense. They needed help desperately. They hired Chennault as a civilian advisor.

In 1941, with secret approval from President Franklin Roosevelt, Chennault formed the American Volunteer Group—the AVG. He recruited American pilots from the Army, Navy, and Marines with a simple pitch: come fight in China. We'll pay you \$600 a month plus \$500 for every Japanese plane you shoot down. They were mercenaries, technically. Volunteers officially. Patriots in their own minds.

Chennault gave them Curtiss P-40 Warhawk fighters—planes the British had rejected as obsolete and sold to China instead. The P-40 was tough and heavily armed, but it had critical weaknesses. It was slower than the Japanese Mitsubishi A6M Zero. It couldn't turn as tightly. It couldn't climb as fast. In a traditional dogfight—circling, turning, trying to get on the enemy's tail—the Zero would win every time. Most commanders would have looked at that matchup and despaired. Chennault saw an opportunity. He completely rewrote how his pilots would fight. "You will not dogfight," he told them. "You will climb higher than the enemy. You will wait. You will dive at high speed. You will fire one pass. And then you will exit immediately and climb back to altitude. You will not turn with them. You will not chase them. You will not engage in equal combat."

It was hit-and-run warfare applied to air combat. Use the P-40's strengths — diving speed, heavy armor, powerful guns—and avoid its weaknesses by never fighting fair. The pilots hated it at first. They were fighter jocks. They wanted to dogfight. Wanted to prove their skill in turning battles.



Chennault didn't care what they wanted. "You fight my way or you don't fight at all."

Then he did something even more radical: he built a ground warning network across hundreds of miles of Chinese territory. Chinese villagers were stationed with binoculars and radios. When they spotted Japanese aircraft, they reported altitude, direction, and numbers. Radio operators relayed the information to Chennault's headquarters. Pilots launched before the Japanese bombers even reached their targets. By the time Japanese formations arrived, P-40s were already at altitude, positioned perfectly for diving attacks. The Japanese had no idea what hit them.

On December 20, 1941—two weeks after Pearl Harbor—the Flying Tigers flew their first combat mission. Ten P-40s intercepted a Japanese bomber formation over Kunming. They climbed to 18,000 feet. Waited. Dove at over 400 mph. Fired into the bomber formation. could react. They shot down three bombers without losing a single aircraft. The tactic worked exactly as Chennault had designed it. Over the next 7 months, the Flying Tigers flew 31 combat missions. They faced a Japanese air force that outnumbered them, outperformed their aircraft, and had been dominating Chinese skies for years.

The results were devastating. For Japan. The Flying Tigers destroyed approximately 300 Japanese aircraft. Some estimates go higher. They lost 12 pilots in combat—a kill ratio of roughly 25:1. Twenty-five to one. With obsolete aircraft. Against superior fighters. Using tactics the American military establishment had rejected. Chennault had proven his theories were right. He'd just had to go to China and fight a war as a civilian contractor to do it. The P-40s became iconic. Chennault had them painted with shark teeth on the nose—a design borrowed from RAF aircraft in North Africa. The shark-mouthed P-40s became one of the most recognizable aircraft markings in history, symbols of aggressive, unconventional warfare.

But the real innovation wasn't the paint. It was the system. Chennault had built an integrated air defense network in a country with almost no infrastructure. He'd trained pilots to fight against their instincts—to avoid "honorable" combat and fight only on their terms. He'd coordinated ground observers, radio operators, and pilots across hundreds of miles. He'd done all of this with chronic fuel shortages, limited spare parts, no supply chain, and pilots who were technically civilians fighting in a war their country hadn't officially entered yet.

After Pearl Harbor, everything changed. The U.S. officially entered the war. The AVG was absorbed into the U.S. Army Air Forces as the China Air Task Force, later the 14th Air Force. Chennault was recalled to active duty—this time as a brigadier general. The same Air Force that had forced him into retirement now needed him to run air operations in China. Washington still didn't fully accept his methods. They still prioritized strategic bombing over tactical air superiority. They still sent him minimal resources while pouring aircraft and supplies into Europe.

Chennault kept fighting. Kept using his hit-and-run tactics. Kept building warning networks. Kept proving that tactical innovation could overcome numerical and technological disadvantages. By the end of the war, his forces in China had destroyed over 2,600 Japanese aircraft while losing fewer than 500 of their own. He was

promoted to major general. Given command of the entire China theater air operation. Vindicated in every way that mattered. But here's what makes Chennault's story extraordinary: he didn't just win with inferior equipment. He fundamentally changed how air combat was understood. Before Chennault, dogfighting was considered the pinnacle of fighter combat. Turning battles. Pilot skill measured by maneuverability. Chennault proved that was nonsense. The best fight is the one where the enemy can't fight back. The best tactic is the one that uses your strengths and avoids your weaknesses. The best victory is the one where you don't give the enemy a chance to win.

"Boom and Zoom" became standard fighter doctrine. Energy fighting. Altitude advantage. Hit fast and disengage. The tactics Chennault invented with the Flying Tigers became the foundation of jet-age air combat. Korean War. Vietnam. Modern air superiority doctrine. All of it traces back to a fired Air Force captain who went to China with obsolete planes and volunteer pilots and proved the establishments wrong. Claire Chennault retired—again—in 1945. He died in 1958, largely forgotten by the Air Force that had rejected him. But the pilots he trained, the tactics he invented, and the shark-toothed P-40s he led became legend.

"You've got to get there first, hit hard, and get out," Chennault said. That's not just a tactical instruction. It's a philosophy. Don't fight on your enemy's terms. Don't accept limitation as permanent. Don't let conventional wisdom dictate what's possible. Claire Chennault was told his ideas were wrong. Told his tactics wouldn't work. Told to retire and stay quiet. He went to China instead. Took obsolete planes and volunteer pilots. Invented a new way to fight. And destroyed 300 Japanese aircraft with a 25:1 kill ratio before America even officially entered the war. Sometimes the person everyone fires is the one who was right all along. They just had to prove it somewhere else first.

Eudaimonia!

Michael / "Doc" LaMar

A Selfless Hero

Submitted by Al J. Robb

*A valiant dream realized
As he signs the dotted line
To serve his country with honor
To protect what's yours and mine.*

*He fights for your right for freedom
He fights for your right to speak
Loyalty, Courage and Sacrifice
Are the morals he always seeks.*

*He doesn't ask for thanks
He's not interested in [raise
What he does deserve is your respect
For the selflessness of his ways.*

*There are places full of people
Who can't rest easy at night
They're not strong enough to protect
themselves
They need his help in their fight.*

*The call to arms is made
To the warriors of our land
All the training he has worked at*

He will now experience first hand.

*Weeks and months go by
He begins to fulfill his dreams
Of fighting against the enemy strong
And relentless tyrant regimes.*

*Easy as it might be
To forget this distant reality
We owe freedom to these gallant soldiers
"Tis a question of morality.*

*He is the bravest of the brave
Who swore to protect and defend
He chose to do what many wouldn't
To fight until the end.*

*The protective guardian, the strong pillar
Without him, freedom is but a dream
We salute you, brave soldier,
Our hero. Our shining beam.*

--Jalashree Bell, May 2014

SAL MEMBERSHIP (KEY)

CHINA POST 1

China Post 1 Sons of The American Legion Squadron Annual Dues are \$5.00 for \$10.00 if under age 18. Veterans whose year eligibility is established must have Honorably served or is serving in a War Era. Mail this application and dues to the address on Page 2 or forward this application by email to: SALCMR@ChinaPost1.org and pay dues to address shown below.

The American Legion's membership and fiscal year is 1 Jul thru 30 Jun. China Post 1 is a 501(c)(3) veteran's non-profit organization. Contributions to our "Dragen Fund" will be deductible and appreciated. These contributions, along with our annual dues support a number of programs. Checks payable in US Dollars, please.

Contact: SALCMR@ChinaPost1.org for questions about paying dues for this membership information.

Visit:
www.ChinaPost1.org

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____ Serving from _____ to _____

Applicant Name _____ **Spouse** _____
Last First MI

Mailing Address _____
Street

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Military Service or I am a Legionnaire Member # _____

Branch of Service _____ Grade or Rank _____

Date Entered Service _____ Date of Discharge _____

Business or Profession _____

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

E-Mail Address _____

X _____
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

YOUR CP1 SAL SPONSOR (PROPOSER) MUST PRINT NAME & PERSONALLY SIGN:

Proposed By _____ Date _____

Approval Approved (date) _____ By _____
Post Commander/Quorum
SAL Squadron Commander

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP - MEMBER UPDATE

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Birthdate _____	Education (Encircle Year Completed) _____	Where _____
Military or Government Specialty _____	Civilian Specialty _____	
Read Write Speak What Non-English Languages _____	Conversational Fluently Some _____	
Foreign Areas Worked Served In _____	Number of Years _____	
Flying Status, Military and Civilian Ratings, Const, Mtn, Avionics, Ordnance, Tech Reps, Security, etc. _____		
Present Job Description/Title _____	Secondary Capabilities _____	
Brief Background / Work History: _____ _____ _____ _____		



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Ruidoso, NM 88355

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CP1 Sons can become a member of China Post 1 American Legion Riders.

If interested, email: dragoon@china-post1.org



The American Legion Riders are a diverse group of motorcycle enthusiasts sharing common goals. All are members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion—and all are united by patriotism. They answer the call to ride in service to America's military, her veterans, and for the children and youth of our country.





American Legion Auxiliary MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (First)		(M.I.)		(Last)	
Address					
City		State		ZIP	
Home Phone		Cell Phone		Email Address	
Date of Birth (Required)		☐ Birth - 17		☐ 18 and over	
Unit #		Location			
Have you been a member previously? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, fill in below)					
Previous Unit City/State				ALA ID # (if known)	
Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18)				Date	

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name)					
If Living:					
American Legion Member ID #		Post #		City	
				State	
☐ Deceased—If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records: For Veteran's DD214 Discharge Papers: www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records					
Veteran Served:					
☐ WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)					
☐ Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):					
☐ Global War on Terror		☐ Panama		☐ Vietnam	
☐ Gulf War		☐ Lebanon/Grenada		☐ Korea	
				☐ WWII	
				☐ Other Conflicts	
Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:					
☐ Male Spouse		☐ Female Spouse		☐ Mother	
☐ Daughter		☐ Granddaughter		☐ Grandmother	
				☐ Sister	
				☐ Self	
To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.					
Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification				Date	

HELP US GET YOU CONNECTED!

I am interested in learning more about:					
☐ Volunteering for Veterans, Military, and Their Families					
☐ Youth Activities, including ALA Girls State, Junior Member Programs, and Scholarships					
☐ Member Discounts and Services					
☐ Other					
Please contact the following individual about volunteering or joining the American Legion Auxiliary:					
Name		Phone		Email	
Name		Phone		Email	
Name		Phone		Email	
Recruiter's Name		Unit/Post #		City	
				State	

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance.
 Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. **Membership pending approval of application.**

CHINA POST 1 – DRAGON RIDERS



American Legion Riders - Membership Form

**Membership is only for China Post 1 Members who ride a motorcycle*

**Membership/Continued Membership is contingent upon annual dues being current with host program and the riders program*

Name (as shown on AL member card): _____
 Desired Nickname/Road Name: _____
 Spouse (if Applicable): _____
 Emergency Contact: _____
 Home/Cell Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, and Zip: _____
 Membership type (AL, SAL, AUX): _____
 American Legion Member #: _____
 Are you a PUFL or Annual Dues Member: _____
 AL / SAL / AUX dues current? _____
 Make/Model/Year of Motorcycle: _____

1) Dues for China Post 1 ALR are \$25.00 and paid via the ChinaPost1.org website. The dues must be paid by October 1st each year. Honorary Membership is available to current Riders who due to circumstances outside their control (such as health) prevent them from continuing to ride a motorcycle.

2) The undersigned agrees that they will abide by traffic laws when riding and agrees that The American Legion, China Post 1, and the American Legion Motorcycle Association (henceforth referred to as "The American Legion Riders", "Dragon Riders", or simply as "Riders"), shall not be liable or responsible for damage or injury to persons including myself during any Rider activities, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all Riders members and their guests participate voluntarily, and at their own risk in all Riders activities. I release and hold the Riders officers, the American Legion, and China Post 1 harmless for any injury or loss to my person or property that may result through my participation in the Riders program and/or their activities. I understand that this means that I will not sue Rider's officers, whether local, state or national, nor the American Legion or China Post 1, for any injury resulting to myself or my property in connection with any Rider's activities.

3) Further, I certify that I meet the proper license, registration and insurance requirements for the state or country in which I reside, that I am a current member of China Post 1 and that the above information is true and correct.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Completed form with proof of insurance is to be emailed to Director@chinapost1alr.org

If mailing thru USPS:

Jeff Kline

4015 Montecristo Ln

Sanger Texas 76266

EDITOR'S PAGE

by Don Northcutt

Being a member of China Post 1 keeps me busy. Since the last issue of The Poop Sheet I have attended events in Alabama and Louisiana, went to Sweden and served as a virtual delegate to the Department of France Convention in Germany, and found time for editor duties. I am a true roving reporter.



The Dragon Riders in Alabama held a successful Legacy Run starting from our Watering Hole at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian. It's always a fun time in Lillian.

The Red, White and Blue Airshow was a great success. Visiting the Chennault Military and Aviation Museum gave me the opportunity to see some of General Chennault's American Legion memorabilia. I especially enjoyed seeing his China Post 1 cap. It serves as a tangible reminder that General Chennault led China Post 1 out of China and into the wider world where we flourish, yet still in exile.



is photo is from a previous and drier year. Memorial Day 2026 I led the observance at the Mississippi Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Ocean Springs. Of course, we had a major rain storm so the ceremony moved into the Civic center. In addition to the names of the 667 Mississippi casualties there are nearly 600 photographs as well. On Memorial Day we added 12 new photographs to the gallery. We have more photographs to collect. China Post 1 member Larry Hutchins performed chaplain duties for us.

During the Department of France Convention I was in Sweden visiting family and, being in the time zone, I volunteered to serve as a virtual delegate and voted for our China Post 1 members who serve in

Department offices. Have laptop, will travel.

I encourage everyone to submit photographs and stories about your own Legion and Veteran activities. I know our members do interesting things, so tell us! As the First Sergeant might say, "Memorial Divisions, Report!"

It's one thing to publish The Poop Sheet, but another thing getting in your email box. There are members who are working diligently to update the email lists. We know that some members have ancient email addresses that may or may not be functioning. If you received this issue of The Poop Sheet you are in the system. If you know of a member who does not receive The Poop Sheet, or any other email from the Post, please let me know at poopsheet@chinapost1.org

And finally, I always want to thank the assistant editor, Kokoe Estrada Dusina. She also wears the Auxiliary President's cap, which means she is dedicated to making our Post successful. Kokoe insures The Poop Sheet gets finished on time. Thank you!

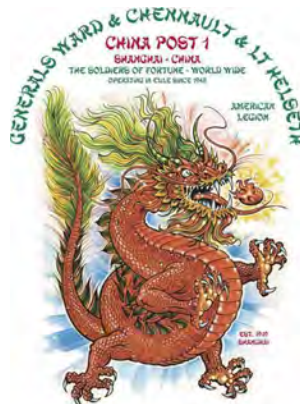
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HALLO AGAIN, FELLOW VOYAGEURS AND CP1 MEMBERS!

THE YEAR OF THE HORSE IS UPON US!



Let's start with happy news:

- ★ We have received a scholarship application (2 of 2) from a highly-recommended student: Ms Miranda Hensley: The check was properly presented at AL Post 86 in Overgard, AZ in the company of her department chair and the professor who recommended her in the first place.
- ★ We actually got some input that members want to attend the Promenade National in Gettysburg! Note that Promenade practically back-2-back for the Ohio Expedition so that you attend both on one trip! (... I don't even go home from there but straight to my Fall Junket to Europe)
- ★ We are short just 8 members to make 100% membership!
- ★ I had a wonderful time attending the Cayun Wreck in Lafayette, LA, meeting old friends and making new ones! You might just want to try it (you will also appreciate to belong to France!!) To that end I put the list of upcoming functions (as available) at the bottom of these musings!



Promenade Nationale: The 2026 Promenade Nationale will be held again at the Eisenhower Conference Center in Gettysburg from 22-26 September 2026. If you want to attend, please send in for your registration (and make reservations for accommodations as needed) and let me know so I can add you to the delegate list. Here is the link with all information:

<https://www.fortyandeight.org/promenade-nationale>

Membership:

- ★ We put the information out a while ago but some might not have seen it: We finally linked up the account to the Zelle system making payments infinitely easier for all involved. Payments would go to voiture1496@yahoo.com with the account being held at Wells Fargo bank.
- ★ For the comparatively large number of members who are still Annual members, here is the "price list" should you choose to become a PUFL, making things easier for all involved. Note that things are considerably cheaper than in the Legion, which might have been a thought/reason why many have decided NOT to go life – and there is a payment plan too!!

AGE	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85->
COST/\$	910	830	746	660	573	485	416	348	284	227	182

- ★ With that said we – again – invite our CP1 members to join. If you are interested, please send me a note at voiture1496@yahoo.com or call/text me at 520-450-2244 and I will send you whatever info you want/need.

NATIONAL LEVEL OFFICERS: If any of the France members would like to get involved by accepting a position supporting the programs at the National level, please let me know and I can pass that on to the national administration.

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES: and the 2027 and 2028 Promenades will be in Wichita, KS [dates TBA]

Dates	Function	Location
10-12 July 2026	Arizona Grande Promenade & Rendezvous	Sierra Vista, AZ
17-18 July 2026	North Carolina Grande Promenade & Rendezvous	Winston-Salem, NC
8 August 2026	Michigan Grande Promenade & Rendezvous	Okemos, MI
Additional functions (as sent in) can be found at https://www.fortyandeight.org/events-408		

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encourage everyone to attend one of those functions if it is in your area: They are fun and being a guest you get treated well and have zero responsibilities! Check with the Grandes or Voitures in your area: 99% are collocated with the AL (haven't got the memo that those two separated in 1960!): <https://www.fortyandeight.org/directory-of-40-8-websites>

Final Note: Please keep Roger Gowen in your prayers: he has been the Chef of France and Vice Commander for CP1 for years and is "not really doing well"!

Personal Final Note: While in San Diego, I talked to one of our members about possibly take a much-needed position 'in France', notably helping with the accounting, but I still haven't figured out who it was: Please DO get back to me so I can send you the info that I promised to send!

Looking forward to seeing you this fall in "some place in Ohio"! In the meantime: Stay well, do your Buddy Checks, and stay in touch!

Janie

Janie Miller

40&8 Just About Everything and

CP1 Chaplain

WHAT IS THE 40 & 8?

La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux (The Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses), is an independent, invitation only, honor society of American veterans and service members; more commonly known as The Forty and Eight.

The Forty and Eight is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Our purpose is to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, to promote the well-being of veterans, their widows, widowers and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors, which include programs that promote child welfare and nurses training.

The titles and symbols of The Forty and Eight are derived from the experiences of U.S. troops during World War I. Americans soldiers were transported to the front on the French rail system. Cramped into narrow gauge boxcars, each stenciled with "40 Hommes/8 Chevaux," denoting its capacity to hold either 40 men or 8 horses. This uncomfortable mode of transportation was familiar common experience for every Doughboy that fought in the trenches; a mutual small misery among American soldiers. Thereafter, they found "40/8" a lighthearted symbol of the deeper service, unspoken horrors and shared sacrifice that bind all who have endured combat.

The Forty & Eight was founded in 1920 by American veterans returning from France. Originally an arm of The American Legion, the Forty & Eight became an independent and separately incorporated veteran's organization in 1960. Membership is by invitation of honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the United States Armed Forces

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