

# China Post 1

# **FALL 2019**



# Generals Ward & Chennault & LT Helseth China Post 1 Poop Sheet

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# **Welcome from the Commander**

By 龙老板 Scott Riebel, Commander

There are times when it is challenging to come up with subject matter for the Poop Sheet, and then there are those times when the opposite is true.

We've had a lot going on since the last Poop Sheet. Let's start with the ongoing effort to trademark our logo. China Post 1 has already copyrighted our images and story. This was done to limit the use of our image and story, however copyright does not have the same legal teeth as a trademark. As a result, we started looking into trademark registration of our images and logo. What we found was disturbing. A Chinese company had already trademarked the phrase "China Post 1" in 2017.

Despite all of the obstacles, our own Joe Gentile was able to find a workable solution which included our ownership of the China Post 1 trademark. I am pleased to announce that the phrase "China Post 1", "Soldiers of Fortune Operating in Exile", and the dragon images created by Robert Goingsnake Thundercloud have all been trademarked by China Post 1. Thanks, Joe, for your tenacity in seeing this through.

During the last week of August, I attended the 101st American Legion National Convention in Indianapolis. I spent some time with Carl Phelps, China Post 1 member from Delaware. Carl is the Project Manager for the Veterans Administration mobile apps program. He was manning the Veterans Administration booth in the



vendor area of the Convention Center, inviting veterans to see how these mobile apps are going to improve the quality of life and ease of access for our vets. Congratulations on the success of this program.

In addition, I had the opportunity to have some one-on-one time with the outgoing and incoming National Commanders. The meetings were both productive and informative. Later in the program, China Post 1 presented checks to the Legacy Fund for \$7,000 and another \$2,000 for the Emergency Relief Fund, which was depleted during the recent Government shutdown. The money for the Legacy Fund was raised by our Dragon Riders, with a matching contribution from the Post.

Finally, the China Post 1 reunion in Colorado Springs was, by all accounts, successful. I met many members who, despite being long time members of the Post, were finally able to attend their first reunion. In an ongoing effort to embrace our membership, we will continue to hold reunions in interesting places across the country, and in some case, the world.

It's time to start planning for the China Post 1 2020 reunion in Ft. Walton Beach, FL. More will be coming out on this later, and I look forward to seeing you there.

# China Post 1 2019 Reunion Report

# By Gary Howe, Poop Sheet Deputy Editor

Another successful reunion was held in Colorado Springs during 19-22 September with 92 attendees and guests. There was a well-equipped hospitality suite, where there was always a conversation to join. There were several activities from which to choose prior to the activities on Saturday. An Ultimate Craft Beer Tour took place over several hours on Friday. Colorado Springs is the home of a booming craft beer culture, and this mini-road trip travelled to the most unique establishments that gave a real taste of Olympic City USA!

The Dragon Riders rode on Thursday and Friday. Thanks to Tony Archer for leading the rides. The Friday ride had a stop in the old mining town of Cripple Creek. Also on Friday, Hank Hoffman organized a tour of the Air Force Academy. If that weren't enough, the Pikes Peak Air show took place on Saturday and Sunday.

The General Membership meeting took place on Saturday with our guest speaker, Retired Navy Captain John "Mike" McGrath, a Colorado native. Mike graduated from the Naval Academy with the class of 1962 after which he served 24 years as a Naval Aviator. He flew 179 combat missions in Vietnam before being shot down on June 30, 1967, after which he served almost six years as a prisoner of war. Mike completed his first tour on the USS Ranger, CVA-61 and completed 157 missions. Mike's second tour was aboard the USS Constellation, CVA-64 where he was flying an A-4C with VA-146 on 30 June 1967 when he was shot down. Mike returned on 4 March 1973. We appreciate Mike for taking time from his schedule to attend our reunion. A similar speaking event by Mike is at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1ET0J2GVVI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1ET0J2GVVI</a>

Our banquet guest speaker was our own Hank Hoffman. Hank graduated in 1963 from the Air Force Academy. He went to Vietnam immediately after flight school where he flew in four combat tours in B-52 and A-37 aircraft. Hank talked a bit about the civil unrest in the U.S. that eventually led to the nation's withdrawal from Vietnam. He opened his presentation by projecting a photograph of 17 cadets taken in his Vandenberg Hall dorm room in 1962. Five in the group became colonels (including Hoffman), six retired as lieutenant colonels, and another — Lance Sijan — would posthumously receive the Medal of Honor for valor. Hank concluded by



saying "I don't think we ever got closure on the war. Whenever someone thanks me for my service, and they still do, I always try to talk to them for a few minutes to explain I much prefer hearing 'Welcome Home,' which was something we didn't have back then." Many thanks, Hank, for speaking at our 2019 Banquet. To view a similar speaking engagement, go to <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Rc6278D1i8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Rc6278D1i8</a>

Our new Bullshipper is Jimmy Barfield. The Bullshipper Award recognizes and honors members of the Post, and the list of Bullshippers includes members whose contributions to the Post have been well documented.

I look forward to seeing everyone next year at our 2020 reunion in Fort Walton Beach!

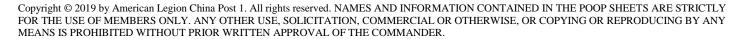
# **Annual American Legion Convention**

## By Hans Stockenberger, Vice Commander

China Post 1 delegates attended the recent 101st Annual American Legion Convention in Indianapolis as part of the Department of France Delegation. This included members of the Dragon Riders, Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion (SAL). Highlights of the convention included participation in the parade through downtown Indianapolis, attending the annual FODPAL (Foreign and Outlying Departments and Posts of The American Legion) breakfast, Membership Awards reception, and presenting a check for \$9000 to the Legacy Fund on behalf of China Post 1.

Below are a few photos from the 101st Annual American Legion Convention held in Indianapolis in August.





# Adjutant's Corner

# By Joe Gentile, China Post 1 Adjutant

A fellow PAX waiting for weather to clear at Dulles asked about the Dragon T-Shirt I was wearing, and what China Post 1 was all about. I said it's about our members who are a group of individuals having distinguished themselves in the military or civilian world to the credit of themselves and our country. Our distinguished membership currently totals 1,583 and is composed of the following Regular and Life members:

- 903 have renewed since July
- 21 new members since July
- 297 members Paid Up For Life
- 362 renewals to go

Given that most of our members do not qualify to be a "spring chicken", our collective and individual efforts to invite prospective members will insure our continued prosperity. Chances are you know someone like yourself, and the best way to identify China Post 1 material. The China Post 1 membership application continues to be by Blue Card. If you need a Blue Card send an email to adjutant@chinapost1.org.

Our Auxiliary and SAL Squadron are also unique. Their membership is generational or immediate family to a Legionnaire, and both contribute to the success of the Post. Their contact information can be found below.

Next up: Travis Weedman, our Webmaster has consolidated and updated our email service. Please change your email Address Book to reflect the Contact Information at China Post 1 Contact Info.

We are still in exile for seventy-one years and counting. So, on a related topic, Editor Hal Hunt and the Poop Sheet Team's results for electronic distribution is excellent, and saves a small fortune in postage every quarter. Below is a worldwide view of where members are reading the Poop Sheet:



Membership cards have been handled going on 101 years. With that said, it's time to get last week's renewals out the door.



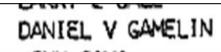
# The History of China Post 1

#### **Blast from the China Post 1 Past**

## By Lewis Barger, China Post 1 Historian

On October 5, 1986 an SA-7 antiaircraft missile aimed by a Sandanista soldier launched skyward and struck its target, a Fairchild C-123. The cargo plane burst into flames, entered a right-hand spiral, and crashed into the ground killing Pilot William Cooper, Copilot Wallace Sawyer, and a Contra radioman. The only survivor was Eugene Hasenfus, a former Marine and veteran of Air America. Hasenfus, an Air Freight Specialist, had been in the back of the plane preparing to eject the cargo over the drop zone. He was saved only because the cargo ramp had already been opened, and he was wearing a parachute. Hasenfus was captured by the Sandanistas less than a day after he landed, interrogated, paraded before cameras, and placed on trial.

Back in the United States, Daniel V. Gamelin began organizing a support fund for Hasenfus and his wife Sally. Gamelin handed out flyers with an appeal to help "ease the financial burden on Gene's wife and children," asking for donations "no matter how small." On November 15th, the Sandanista court sentenced Hasenfus to 30 years in prison and his future appeared bleak, but Connecticut Senator Christopher Dodd was able to obtain a pardon for Hasenfus, who returned to the United States on December 18th, 1986.



Gamelin's name as listed in a 1983 roster of China Post members



Hasenfus' ordeal was not over, though. The former covert warrior found himself in the center of the spotlight as both the Tower Commission and the Congress opened investigations into the government's conduct in Nicaragua. We don't know how much Dan Gamelin's appeal was able to help Hasenfus and his family, but Gamelin's response, keeping faith with a buddy and giving of himself to help another, epitomize the comradeship found in the American Legion and China Post 1. Information in this article is based in part on "The Eugene Hasenfus Story" originally produced by PBS and available at: <a href="https://www.pbs.org/video/wpt-documentaries-eugene-hasenfus-story/">https://www.pbs.org/video/wpt-documentaries-eugene-hasenfus-story/</a>

# Post Headquarters in Scottsdale, Arizona

## By Chris Spidle

It may be recalled that in the excellent history of our Post compiled over the last couple of years, it was mentioned that the Post Headquarters was in Scottsdale, Arizona for about 25 years under the leadership of Lt. C.A.S. Helseth.

Lt. Helseth's contribution to the Post is significant, and at times nearly single handed. As returning soldiers wove their lives back into the fabric of civilian life or sought other military careers, Lt. Helseth and his wife dutifully, and of a love for the Post, kept the worldwide membership informed through publication of the Poop Sheet.

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As our membership is spread across the globe and little interaction takes place as in other American Legion Posts, the Poop Sheet gave a sense of connectivity, thus providing a platform our widely dispersed membership could cling to. Lt. Helseth and Emmy are pretty much awarded recognition for the survival of the Post and subsequent growth during, and after, their time of leadership.

About a year or so ago, I sought out the former Post Home through the tax assessor rolls. I was delighted to meet Joe Ray and his wife. It was a "cold call" knocking at the door. I wore my China Post 1 ball cap. When Joe answered the door, I asked if he had ever heard of China Post 1. He replied "yes", because of the items remaining in the home when they bought it.

As it turns out, his wife was home, and upon hearing the story of Lt. Helseth, she commented that her stepfather was a Flying Tiger. We were able to later confirm that was true, and her mother sent several items from his service including a silk (Chinese silk most likely) aviator's scarf along with a photo of him wearing it, for me to photograph. It has on it, and is shown in the photo, the emblem of the unit he served in after the Flying Tigers were incorporated into official government units. That unit was one of the first to use radar to seek out and engage enemy planes at night. The stepfather was in the home many times never knowing it was previously owned by the Helseths and housed the Post Headquarters for so long. Other significant individuals who undoubtedly were guests were Barry Goldwater and John McCain.

So, with that reminder of the significance of the home, fast forward to a few months ago when the dwelling suffered severe water damage from a fire sprinkler head in the master bedroom which inadvertently went off drenching everything. The damage should have been covered by insurance, but the insurance company (nameless here) refused to pay for repairs. After sending the defective sprinkler head to the insurance company, they agreed to pay. However, for some strange reason the sprinkler head was "lost in the mail" on the return to Joe.

With all of the significance of the structure to the history of China Post 1, I made contact with Joe, who assured me that it is nicely repaired, and that areas such as Lt. Helseth's office (now a den) was not damaged, and the garage (apparently Cash's Man Cave) was likewise unaffected. It is my hope for the possibility of having a plaque memorializing the significance of the structure installed near the street and next to the gigantic "rural style" mailbox originally placed by the Helseth's (remaining still today) to accommodate the vast amount of mail for memberships and official Post correspondence. The homeowners have offered to devise a memorial (they are artists), and install it if the Post gives permission. Maybe Joe and I also briefly discussed the possibility of having the structure nominated for inclusion of the National Historical Register. Again, that decision should be made by leadership, and if it is, we can go forward.

Of last note, it is also remarkable that Joe and his wife have never changed the parts of their home that carry the handiwork of the Helseths, especially the garage. Joe said he maintained it that out of respect for the owners, even though not knowing their role in history, and in our Post, our country and the world.



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

By Leroy Cockrell, Squadron Commander



Wow, what a busy summer we have had since the last Poop Sheet was published! Time is a precious commodity that none of us have too much of. I hope each of you had a great summer with your families, and are ready now for the cooling effects of autumn and the promise of more moisture...either rain or snow, depending on your latitude. Here in the southern Rockies we're being told again by NOAA that the white stuff should be more abundant than usual. Copy that!

My wife Linda (China Post 1 Auxiliary President) and I went to the American Legion (AL) Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in late August. You'll recall that the American Legion Headquarters is there, so we concluded our last day with a tour of the facilities.



Some of our China Post 1 and Department of France contingent in front of the AL National Headquarters

The day before, our group stepped up and represented China Post 1 in the parade around the downtown area starting and ending at the AL Headquarters. What fun and fellowship we all enjoyed with our like-minded brothers and sisters supporting the cause! If you've never been to a National Convention treat yourself some day, and you won't be disappointed. The Sons of the American Legion (SAL) are a very active and integral part of the AL Family. Representing your department in a room with a couple of thousand SAL Brothers is an exciting experience. And, with your attendance at any of the several committee meetings, your knowledge and feel for what this great organization is all about will multiply tenfold.



Up Front Parade Duty for Department of France and China Post 1

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And then came September, and the annual China Post 1 Reunion in Colorado Springs. It was orchestrated by our new Commander Scott Riebel who was very busy most of the time, except when he was enjoying and selling China Post 1 Cigars! Rey had his usual buffet of China Post 1 items, and sales were brisk. And with respect to our own fundraising efforts, Joe Gentile was able to get an inventory of the items discussed in a previous email to you all...China Post 1 Wine Stoppers, the Qing Flag and Pins and China Post 1 Coin Holders that are advertised below! Get yours ordered ASAP as quantities are limited! Proceeds from these sales will go to the manufacture of bronze plaques that will be placed in our China Post 1 Watering Holes around the world.

We especially want to thank Josh Peeks of American Engraver <u>www.americanengraver.com</u> who extended a significant discount to China Post in manufacturing our Dragon wine bottle stoppers.





CHINA POST 1 SAL FUNDRAISER ITEMS FOR WATERING HOLE PLAQUES

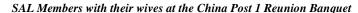
CP-1 (M104 20mm) Wine Stoppers

Remit to: SAL Fundraiser c/o Leroy Cockrell PO Box 731 Ruidoso, NM 88355 SALCMDR@ChinaPost1.email Pricing
Wine Stoppers \$15
Qing Flag \$15
Qing Pin \$8
Qing Flag & Pin \$20
CP-1 Coin Holder \$40
Shipping \$7.90

## China Post 1 Coin Holder



We had a SAL meeting during the reunion and discussed several items of interest. SAL has gotten a good boost on our fundraising efforts with the items mentioned above. Also, we discussed the need for an election of a Vice Commander and Adjutant. We discussed getting nominations together and having an email vote in the next quarter. Watch for an email and discussion of same very soon from your Commander.





One last comment about your fellow SAL members at China Post 1: As mentioned, and discussed in the Summer 2019 Poop Sheet, Joe and James Apel of Team 1 Automotive Experts have donated considerable time and \$ to China Post 1. For these efforts, they are being presented with Lifetime SAL Memberships and a big Oooorah by the SAL Commander and the Executive Committee of China Post 1. We can only hope this sets the bar for even greater accomplishments in support of our Veterans and their Families.

That's all for now but remember to get your dues in ASAP! We need to be at 90%+ Renewal Rate by the end of the fall quarter, and currently we are just past halfway. You can also contribute greatly by purchasing the China Post 1 Wine Stoppers and the Qing Flag and Pin

And, thanks for being a member of this very worthwhile Veterans Organization Family!

TAPS: None reported during the Fall Quarter.

# China Post 1 Auxiliary

By Linda Cockrell, Auxiliary President

# China Post 1 Auxiliary Members at the 2019 National Convention

In August of 2019Leova Stockenberger and Linda Cockrell, members of China Post 1 Auxiliary attended the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN. They attended meetings and even walked in the parade!







Elke Haggan, Leova Stockenberger and Linda Cockrell

Carl Phelps and Linda Cockrell carrying the Qing flag hushand Hans

Leova Stockenberger with

President Linda Cockrell reported the changes made during the National Convention that would affect the China Post 1 Auxiliary. The main change is the wording in the American Legion Auxiliary By-Laws from "wife" to "spouse". Men can now become members.

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## 2019 China Post 1 Auxiliary Meeting at the China Post 1 Reunion

The China Post 1 Auxiliary met in Colorado Springs, CO on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Members in attendance were: President Linda Cockrell, Chaplain Arlys Gowen, Margaret Abbott, Danielle Green, Shelly Johnson, Sandra Maupin, Jan Snyder, Leova Stockenberger, new member Mary Castillo and China Post 1 Auxiliary Agent George White, Esq. Diana Reeder and Mrs. Tony Archer were our guests. We hope to have these ladies become China Post 1 Auxiliary members very soon.







Auxiliary members paying dues and signing in

George White, Esq., CP1 Auxiliary Agent New Member Mary Castillo and Leova Stockenberger

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Cockrell. Minutes from last year's meeting were read and approved. Chaplain Arlys Gowen gave her Chaplain's Report in which she asked for everyone's birthday and correct address.

Due to the resignation of Lisa Ownby as Treasurer, Linda Cockrell has been Treasurer Pro Tem this past year. She gave the Treasurer's Report and explained why 2020 dues are collected from June 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020 instead of January 1, 2020 to Dec 31, 2020. National Headquarters requests the June 2019 to July 2020 timeline so they can get letters and membership cards out before the new year starts.

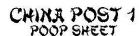
Officers elected for the 2020 year are: President Linda Cockrell, Secretary Patti Bogdanowicz, Treasurer Leova Stockenberger, and Chaplain Arlys Gowen.

The China Post 1 Auxiliary is looking forward to a great new year!

# **New Members**

By Dr. Anna H. Lint

New Members				
Month	Name			
July 2019	Stephen J Eck, Kenneth A George, Thomas M Kirby, Bruce Redman, Dominic E Vanhorn, Julie A Vanhorn (6)			
August 2019	James W Casford, Gretchen M Cranford, Adriel C Lam, David J Teerlink (4)			



	Lee Croissant, Andrew T Hromoko III, John M McGrath, Bryce A Miles, Alex Quade, John G Reddy, Lyle R Rhodes, James E Sheldon, Joshua E Strobel, Jeffrey M Woods (10)
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# **Dragon Fund Donors**

By Dr. Anna H. Lint

Dragon Fund Donors				
Month	Name			
July 2019	Danny W Adkins, Larry G Ardison, Harvey G Brande, Garren B Brown, Gary D Fleischer, Fred A Gowan, Colin L Kelley, Ben R Kerlin, Joseph Li, Granville C Liles, Stella G Malone, Paul D Mather, Travis W Mills, Robert W Morrison, John Pearsall, Richard A Pillsbury, Allan F Radcliffe, Bruce E Redman, Thomas Riley, Mark E Ruwe, William U Thatcher, John A Thompson, Charles Whitney Jr, Robert A Wnukowski (24)			
August 2019	Robert W Buskirk, Gerald L Damewood, Wilbur B Dukes, Bud L Gonzalez, William G Hutchinson, Kenneth L Marsh, Philip J Molidor, Joseph D Robinson, James Sheldon (9)			
September 2019	Ed Garrard, Charles J Pomaski, James E Sheldon, Lyn N Thompson (4)			

# **Memorial Division News**

## **Nevada Memorial Division**

# **September Meeting**

## By Jim Lint

We had a meeting each month, and this is the photo from our September event. The Leatherneck Club had a water heater problem and like good China Post 1 members, we adapted and had a meeting where we got together. 12 people met in the parking lot. Rey and Anna are not in the below picture.



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#### Notes:

- 1. Deputy Commander Jeff Carson, Terry Parker and Rey will be driving to the Reunion carrying emblem sales and documents for the new commander's location for Commander Scott in Colorado Springs.
- 2. I met with the VFW office at the VA Medical Center in Las Vegas, and they are going on post three days a week for recruiting active duty/giving the Transition Assistance Program.
- 3. I learned that the VA in Las Vegas offers 31-day medical rehabilitation after surgery. I found this out while attending a pre-op meeting for my end of the month total knee replacement surgery. I hope to quit learning about medical stuff.

## Colorado Springs, China Post 1 Reunion

#### By Jimmy Barfield

The 2019 Reunion was excellent. Our Commander and his support team did an outstanding job! The weather was great and excellent tours were available. Hank Hoffman, an Air Force Academy alumnus, hosted a VIP tour of the Academy. There was also a Craft Beer bus tour available, which provided a sober designated driver. During the China Post 1 Membership Meeting, we were honored to have a Navy Captain, a seven year resident of the Hanoi Hilton, as our guest speaker. During our banquet, China Post 1 member Colonel Hank Hoffman gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation about some of his Air Force experiences including Viet Nam. The banquet dinner was excellent, and a beautiful China Post 100 year anniversary cake was consumed. The high honor of "Bull Shipper" was presented to Jim Barfield. Next year's reunion will be in Ft. Walton Beach, FL, and research is to be conducted on a possible Reunion in Seward, AK in 2021.

# **Northern Virginia Memorial Division**

#### **Edward D. Connor**

## By Bennett Hart, Division Adjutant

Companions-in-Arms, Silent Warriors and Friends:

On September 26th, I visited Ed Connor and he is in great spirits. At 97, Ed has been admitted to a nursing home. He is one of the founding members of the Northern Virginia Memorial Division and a Past Commander, and has been around for everyone as a mentor and friend. He is former Air Force, and was a "Govie" and served many tours abroad including "AA".

Ed is at Powhatan Nursing Home, 2100 Powhatan Street, Falls Church, 22043.

He is in bed all the time and sleeps a great deal of the time. Cards would be very welcome.

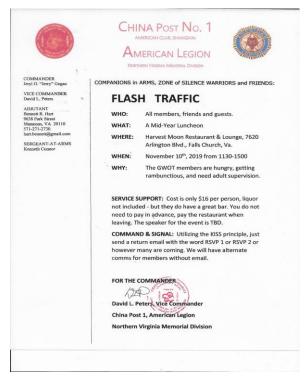
Yours in continuing service to our country,

Bennet Hart



#### **Flash Traffic**

By David L. Peters, Memorial Division Vice Commander



# **Quarterly Feature**

# Mobile Apps Are a Hit

By Brigetta D. Craft, RN, DNP, Senior Director, Reingold, Inc.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Connected Care

Mobile apps are everywhere.

We use them to order food, get directions, play music, edit pictures, post content on social media, and catch up on the news. The digital age has affected almost every facet of our lives, and accessing our health care is no exception.

As a Veteran receiving care through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, there are many ways to play an active role in your health care — and to save time in the process! A recent <u>SOTI survey</u> found that 75% of patients felt that mobile apps led to a

faster and more convenient health care experience than traditional methods.

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# **VA App Store**

If you're unfamiliar with the mobile apps VA offers, the <u>VA App Store</u> should be your first stop. The website organizes dozens of apps into categories, and spotlights some of the more popular ones. The app store got a brand-new design earlier this year and is easy to navigate. Try filtering by "Veterans."

- <u>VA Video Connect</u> enables Veterans to connect with their health care team from anywhere through video appointments.
- MOVE! Coach is a weight loss app for Veterans, service members, their families, and others who want to lose weight.
- <u>PTSD Coach</u> provides Veterans with tools that can help them manage the everyday stresses associated with PTSD.
- <u>REVAMP App for Veterans</u> (Remote Veterans Apnea Management Platform) pairs Veterans with their continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine and enables them and their VA sleep care team to track their sleep data.

## VA Launchpad

<u>VA Launchpad for Veterans</u>, released in August, is VA's newest app. It organizes all of VA's apps into five categories for Veterans: health management, health care team communication, vital health information sharing, mental health improvement, and quality of life improvement. If you plan to use several apps, VA Launchpad is a great starting point because it requires a single login.

The app also includes several mental health care and personal improvement tools for individuals who aren't enrolled in VA health care services. These tools are free and do not require secure logins to use.

# My HealtheVet

Over 4.9 million Veterans have registered for VA's My Healthe Vet since it launched in 2005. Veterans use the patient portal to refill their prescriptions, download and share their medical records, schedule and view VA appointments, and send secure messages to their health care teams.

My Healthe Vet has refilled more than 143 million prescriptions over the last 14 years. You can order your next prescription with only a few clicks and have it delivered to your doorstep.

It's easy and completely free to sign up for an account. To access all of My HealtheVet's features, you'll need to <u>register</u> and upgrade to a premium account, which is easy to do. A VA staff member can get you set up during your next appointment.

VA has developed a suite of apps and online portals that save Veterans time. Check them out! You'll be pleasantly surprised.



# **Fallen Comrades**

#### **Dave Goodman**

On July 13, Travis Weedman sent the following: "Dave Goodman passed away last week and I am not sure who all knew him. I posted his obituary on the website (<a href="https://chinapost1.org/david-goodman/">https://chinapost1.org/david-goodman/</a>). I will also send an email to the Baguio, Philippines crew, as he was active with them when he lived there.

**Joseph Wilkin Tays, Jr.**, August 15. His obituary can be seen at: <a href="https://www.news-reporter.com/articles/joseph-wilkin-tays-jr/">https://www.news-reporter.com/articles/joseph-wilkin-tays-jr/</a>

**James Briggs Diuguid, II**, August 27. Obituary is at: <a href="http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/national-cremation/obituary.aspx?n=James-Diuguid&lc=2705&pid=193760543&mid=8837720">http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/national-cremation/obituary.aspx?n=James-Diuguid&lc=2705&pid=193760543&mid=8837720</a>

# **News from Our Members**

#### Jim Anderson

On August 23 Jim sent a link at (<a href="http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1161497.shtml">http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1161497.shtml</a>) to an article in the Global Times entitled "US "Flying Tigers" families cherish lasting bond with China". The article includes interviews with Cynthia Chennault, daughter of the legendary late General Claire Lee Chennault, Edward Beneda, son of US Flying Tigers veteran Glen Beneda, and James Bryant, son of Flying Tiger veteran James E. Bryant. At the article's conclusion, links are provided to three other related articles:

- As "Flying Tigers" families share golden memories, a relay of China-US friendship
- Visiting Chinese defense minister honors US Flying Tigers veterans
- Remembering the 'Flying Tigers' eight decades later

#### Lerov and Linda Cockrell

Leroy and Linda celebrated their 50th Anniversary on the island of Maui in the "Paradise of the Pacific". The happy occasion was attended by their children and grandchildren. Leroy commented that, "We didn't make Pearl Harbor on this trip, but thoughts of the Arizona and others were on our mind."

## **William Cowell**

Jim Lint forwarded a message from Bill Cowell on July 25 with an annotated photo of the future National Army Museum. Bill's message was: "They sent me this. Thought you might like to see it. It might even be nice to put in the Poop Sheet for the benefit of the Army guys. The museum doesn't open until next year.

Bill"

Jim also added: "In 1990 Bill Cowell recruited me into China Post 1. He worked at NARA [National Archives] on the Nixon history tapes for decades. Great guy! He is in the District of Columbia area and has attended many China Post 1 events in Virginia."

The Post Executive Committee has voted and approved a donation of \$2,500 to the Army museum. The China Post 1 name will appear in the Veterans Hall as one of the organizations that donated to the construction operations and maintenance of the museum.

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#### **David DeSoucy**

David let us know on July 12 that he: "Noted the 75th Anniversary in Normandy of D-Day...I was there also...I was one of the paratroopers jumping in the commemorative jumps...3 times. It was an honor and hoot."

#### **Andrew Ertl**

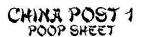
In June 2019 Andrew joined the Sea Power Centre in Canberra, Australia as a Visiting Navy Fellow. "The Sea Power Centre - Australia hosts a Visiting Navy Fellows Program, which is a core element of the Royal Australian Navy's, international defence engagement. Visiting Navy Fellows produce 10,000-word policy papers on maritime strategy and defence policy issues of critical importance to their home countries and Australia. Fellows meet with senior Royal Australian Navy officers, Australian policy makers and defence policy experts, and attend academic and policy conferences and official functions related to the Sea Power Centre's core program of maritime strategy research." Further information is available at <a href="http://www.defence.gov.au/annualreports/17-18/Features/SeaPower.asp">http://www.defence.gov.au/annualreports/17-18/Features/SeaPower.asp</a>

#### Dan Kaszeta

Dan, the Managing Director of Strongpoint Security in London, has informed us that his new book on the history of nerve agents is due out next spring. The book is entitled "Toxic: A History of Nerve Agents, From Nazi Germany to Putin's Russia" and will be "A dark and chilling story of the invention, proliferation and use of nerve agents." For more information see <a href="https://www.hurstpublishers.com/book/toxic/">https://www.hurstpublishers.com/book/toxic/</a>

# **Carl Phelps**

"Good afternoon from the Great state of Delaware. Carl Phelps here. From May 16 to 20, American Legion Post 17, Lewes, Delaware was proud to sponsor the Viet Nam Wall as it travels around the country. It was my honor to be accepted as a volunteer to read aloud the names listed on the wall. Starting on the morning of May 17, and continuing daily from 0700 until 2200, the names were read throughout the weekend. I had the privilege of reading for 30 minutes on Friday afternoon, and returning on Sunday morning to assist visitors find specific names on the wall. I have to say, reading names really pulled at the heart strings, but walking a family member down to where their loved one's name was engraved on the wall really makes one look at the enormity of the



Wall, and its meaning to so many. As a CP1 member here in Delaware, I do hope I can represent and bring honor to the Legion and CP1.

I have attached a couple of pictures...

Carl J. Phelps Capt. SF Ret."



## **Kenneth Stein**

Here is something from Banchang, Thailand:



China Post 1 members Lou Holub (L) and Ken Stein display the Post banner in the newest watering hole in Thailand located at VFW Post 12146; 90/100 Moo 1, Phala, Banchang 21130 Thailand. Stop by when you are in the area.

Yours in Comradeship,

Kenneth A. Stein Senior Vice Commander Department of Pacific Areas Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

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# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS THE GENERALS WARD & CHENNAULT & LT. HELSETH POST NO. 1 (CHINA) THE AMERICAN LEGION - DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE October 5, 2019

## **CONSTITUTION**

#### PREAMBLE:

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE, ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER; TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT AMERICANISM, TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS IN THE GREAT WARS: TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION; TO COMBAT THE AUTOCRACY OF BOTH THE CLASSES AND THE MASSES; TO MAKE RIGHT THE MASTER OF MIGHT; TO PROMOTE PEACE AND GOOD WILL ON EARTH; TO SAFEGUARD AND TRANSMIT FOR PROSPERITY THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY; TO CONSECRATE AND SANCTIFY OUR COMRADESHIP BY OUR DEVOTION TO MUTUAL HELPFULNESS.

## **ARTICLE I- NAME AND HEADQUARTERS**

<u>SECTION 1</u> THE NAME OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE THE GENERALS WARD & CHENNAULT AND LT. HELSETH POST NO. 1 (CHINA) ALSO KNOWN AS CHINA POST NO. 1 THE AMERICAN LEGION

SECTION 2 CHINA POST NO. 1 IS INCORPORATED AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN THE STATE OF TEXAS AS GENERALS WARD AND CHENNAULT AND LT. HELSETH POST NO. 1 (CHINA) THE AMERICAN LEGION. THE DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION PRESENTLY SERVE ON THE POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE OFFICERS ON THE POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE AS THE OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION, AS ESTABLISHED IN THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

SECTION 3 CHINA POST. 1 HEADQUARTERS IS CURRENTLY IN EXILE. UNTIL SUCH TIME A LOCATION IS ESTABLISHED, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BY MEMORANDUM TO THE ADJUTANT, WILL DESIGNATE A MAILING ADDRESS IN THE UNITED STATES AND AN ADDRESS FOR SERVICE IN TEXAS OR AS OTHERWISE PRESCRIBED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 4 CHINA POST NO. 1 WILL BE PERMITTED TO TRANSFER POST HEADQUARTERS FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER OR MAY TRANSFER TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO THE TRANSFER OF INDIVIDUALS FROM ONE POST TO ANOTHER (REFER TO ARTICLE VII: TRANSFERS OF POST, BY-LAWS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION) SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT AND POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

#### **ARTICLE II- OBJECTIVES**

<u>SECTION 1</u> THE OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES OF THIS POST AND ITS SCATTERED MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE TO PROMOTE THE PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES SET FORTH IN THE FOREGOING PREAMBLE, AND THE NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTIONS AND BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

SECTION 2 AND TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY AND FOUNDING OF CHINA POST NO. 1, THE AMERICAN LEGION.

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#### **ARTICLE III- NATURE**

<u>SECTION 1</u> THE POST IS A CIVILIAN ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP THEREIN DOES NOT AFFECT OR INCREASE LIABILITY FOR MILITARY OR POLICE SERVICE. RANK DOES NOT EXIST IN THE AMERICAN LEGION.

<u>SECTION 2</u> THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE ABSOLUTELY NON-POLITICAL AND NON-SECTARIAN AND SHALL NOT BE USED FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF PARTISAN PRINCIPLES NOR THE PROMOTION OF THE CANDIDACY OF ANY PERSON SEEKING PUBLIC OFFICE OR PREFERMENT.

#### **ARTICLE IV- MEMBERSHIP**

<u>SECTION 1</u> ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THIS POST SHALL BE AS PRESCRIBED BY THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

<u>SECTION 2</u> APPLICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE MADE IN WRITING ON THE POST'S APPLICATION FORM UNDER SUCH REGULATIONS AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE PRESCRIBED BY THE POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. FUNDS SHALL ACCOMPANY APPLICATIONS AND SHALL BE PAYABLE IN U.S. CURRENCY OR CHECKS DRAWN ON U.S. BANKS.

SECTION 3 ALL APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE ACTED UPON BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPON RECEIPT OF SUCH APPLICATION AND SHALL BE ACCEPTED, REJECTED OR REFERRED FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND CONSIDERATION. IF THE MAJORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CASTS A VOTE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID APPLICANT, THEN SUCH APPLICATION SHALL BE RECORDED AS ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE POST.

SECTION 4 NO PERSON MAY BE A MEMBER AT ANY ONE TIME OF MORE THAN ONE POST

SECTION 5 MEMBERS MAY BE SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED FROM THIS POST OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ONLY UPON PROPER SHOWING OF CAUSE. CHARGES SHALL BE BASED UPON DISLOYALTY, NEGLECT OF DUTY, DISHONESTY OR OTHER CONDUCT UNBECOMING A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. ALL CHARGES MUST BE MADE UNDER OATH IN WRITING BY THE ACCUSERS, AND NO MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING SHALL LOSE HIS MEMBERSHIP UNTIL GIVEN A FAIR TRIAL BY THE CHINA POST NO. 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SUCH MANNER AND FORM AS THE NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTIONS AND BYLAWS SHALL PRESCRIBE. THIS ACTION SHALL GOVERN PROCEDURE WHENEVER CHARGES ARE BROUGHT AGAINST ANY PERSON AT ANY TIME APPEARING UPON THE ROLLS OF THIS POST AS A MEMBER UPON THE GROUNDS OF HIS INELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE POST, ALL CHARGES MUST BE FILED WITH THE POST ADJUTANT.

<u>SECTION 6</u> A MEMBER WHO AS BEEN EXPELLED OR SUSPENDED FROM THIS POST FOR ANY CAUSE MAY BE REINSTATED TO MEMBERSHIP BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND PAYMENT OF CURRENT DUES FOR THE YEAR WHICH THE REINSTATEMENT OCCURS.

<u>SECTION 7</u> AN APPLICANT FOR MEMBERSHIP WHO HAS BEEN EXPELLED FOR ANY REASON FROM ANOTHER POST SHALL NOT BE ADMITTED TO THIS POST WITHOUT A WRITTEN CLEARANCE FROM THE EXPELLING POST OBTAINED BY HIMSELF BY LETTER ADDRESSED TO THIS POST RECEIVED AND AUTHENTICATED.

<u>SECTION 8</u> ANY MEMBER OF THIS POST IN GOOD STANDING DESIRING TO TRANSFER TO ANOTHER POST IS ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE FROM THE POST STATING HIS MEMBERSHIP, DURATION THEREOF, AND THE DATE TO WHICH HIS DUES ARE PAID.

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#### ARTICLE V- OFFICERS CHINA POST NO. 1

SECTION 1 THE ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS OF CHINA POST NO. 1 DUE TO THE PECULIAR NATURE OF OPERATING ON A WORLDWIDE BASIS BECAUSE OF THE EXPULSION FROM SHANGHAI, CHINA SHALL EXCEPT AS MAY BE OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY THE BY-LAWS, BE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF AT LEAST FIVE (5) ELECTED MEMBERS. THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL BE FOR ONE YEAR AND SHALL CONFORM TO GOVERNING LAWS. THE POST, BY ITS BY-LAWS, MAY PROVIDE FOR SUCH STANDING COMMITTEES AS THE BUSINESS OF THE ORGANIZATION MAY REQUIRE.

SECTION 2 THE OFFICERS OF THE POST SHALL BE A COMMANDER, AT LEAST THREE VICE COMMANDERS, AN ADJUTANT, A TREASURER AND ONLY SUCH OTHER OFFICERS AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS ORGANIZATION. THEY SHALL BE NOMINATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POST BY-LAWS PRECEDING THEIR ELECTION. THE FIRST VICE COMMANDER SHAL ALSO BE KNOWN AS THE DEPUTY COMMANDER.

SECTION 3 ALL OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN SHALL BE ELECTED FOR A ONE YEAR TERM AND THEY SHALL HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS AND ELECTED AND DULY INSTALLED OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED. ANY OFFICER OR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN MAY BE REMOVED FOR INEFFICIENCY BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, A TWO-THIRDS VOTE FOR SAID COMMITTEE BEING NECESSARY TO EFFECT SUCH REMOVAL.

<u>SECTION 4</u> EVERY MEMBER OF THIS POST IN GOOD STANDING SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD OFFICE IN THIS POST.

<u>SECTION 5</u> THE DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN SHALL BE THOSE USUALLY APPERTAINING TO SUCH OFFICERS OR COMMITTEMEN AND AS FURTHER PROVIDED BY THE BY-LAWS.

#### ARTICLE VI- FINANCE

<u>SECTION 1</u> THE REVENUE OF THIS POST SHALL BE DERIVED FROM MEMBERSHIP INITIATION FEES AND, FROM ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE POST.

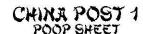
<u>SECTION 2</u> THE POST SHALL PAY TO DEPARTMENTAL HEADQUARTERS THE NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE POST.

<u>SECTION 3</u> THE AMOUNT OF MEMBERSHIP OR INITIATION FEES AND THE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL POST DUES SHALL BE FIXED AND DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

<u>SECTION 4</u> ANY FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE POST OR DEDICATED PURPOSES SHALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR IN SEPARATE GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNTS. SUCH FUNDS WILL ONLY BE USED FOR THOSE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THEY WERE SOLICITED OR DONATED.

<u>SECTION 5</u> DISBURSEMENT OF THE POST FUNDS SHALL BE THE DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OFFICERS AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND AS MAY BE FURTHER PROVIDED BY THE BY-LAWS.

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#### ARTICLE VII- CHARTER & FOUNDING MEMBERS

<u>SECTION 1</u> MEMBERS WHO JOINED THIS POST PRIOR TO 20 APRIL 1920 (OR MEMBERS WHO JOINED THIS POST PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF ITS CHARTER) SHALL BE KNOWN AS CHARTER MEMBERS.

<u>SECTION 2</u> MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AT THE TIME A POST HOME IS RE-ESTABLISHED SHALL BE KNOWN AS FOUNDING MEMBERS.

#### **ARTICLE VIII- AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

<u>SECTION 1</u> THE POST RECOGNIZES AN AUXILIARY ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE AUXILIARY UNIT OF CHINA POST NO. 1 THE AMERICAN LEGION.

<u>SECTION 2</u> MEMBERSHIP IN THE SAID AUXILIARY ORGANIZATION SHALL BE GOVERNED BY SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THEREAFTER APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

#### **ARTICLE IX- SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

<u>SECTION 1</u> THIS POST RECOGNIZES A SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON OF CHINA POST NO. 1, THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE.

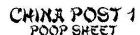
<u>SECTION 2</u> MEMBERSHIP IN THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SHALL BE GOVERNED BY SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THEREAFTER APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

#### **ARTICLE X- AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1 THIS CONSTITUTION IS ADOPTED SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE, THE AMERICAN LEGION. ANY AMENDMENT TO SAID NATIONAL OR DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION WHICH IS IN CONFLICT WITH ANY PROVISIONS HEREOF SHALL BE REGARDED AS AUTOMATICALLY REPEALING OR MODIFYING THAT PROVISION OF THIS CONSTITUTION TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT.

SECTION 2 THIS CONSTITUTION MAY BE AMENDED BY VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF SAID POST. PROVIDING THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHALL HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE MEMBERSHIP PRECEDING THE VOTE OF SAID POST, AND PROVIDING FURTHER THAT WRITTEN NOTICE SHALL HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS AT LEAST 90 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE DAY WHEN SUCH AMENDMENT IS TO BE VOTED UPON, NOTIFYING SAID MEMBERS THAT A VOTE TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION IS TO BE VOTED UPON.

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# **BY-LAWS**

#### **ARTICLE I- NAME AND OBJECTIVE**

<u>SECTION 1</u> THE POST EXISTING UNDER THESE BY-LAWS IS TO BE KNOWN AS THE GENERALS WARD & CHENNAULT AND LT. HELSETH POST NO. 1 (CHINA) OR CHINA POST NO. 1, THE AMERICAN LEGION.

SECTION 2 THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS POST ARE AS SET FORTH IN THE POST CONSTITUTION.

#### **ARTICLE II- ADMINISTRATION**

SECTION 1 THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE POST AFFAIRS AND ALL DAILY OPERATIONS AND OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE POST BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE POST EXCEPT AS MAY BE OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THESE BYLAWS SHALL BE HANDLED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE POST'S ADJUTANT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 2 THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TOGETHER WITH THE OFFICERS OF THE POST SHALL BE INSTALLED FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR. ALL ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN SHALL BE BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP. THE POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE POST OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER. THE CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED TO THE RESPECTIVE OFFICE OR OFFICES FOR WHICH THEY ARE CANDIDATES, AND THEY SHALL HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSOR ARE DULY INSTALLED OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED. CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE SHALL BE PROVIDED BY A NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. NOMINATIONS PRIOR TO ELECTIONS SHALL BE PERMITTED FROM THE FLOOR. ANY ELECTIVE OFFICER OR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN MAY BE REMOVED FOR INEFFICIENCY BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 3 ALL VACANCIES EXISTING IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OR IN ANY OFFICE OF THE POST FROM ANY CAUSE OTHER THAN THE EXPIRATION OF TERM OF OFFICE, SHALL BE FILLED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, AND A PERSON CHOSEN SHALL HOLD OFFICE FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OR THE OFFICER WHO HE SUCCEEDS. A VACANCY SHALL EXIST WHEN A MEMBER OF OFFICER IS ABSENT FROM HIS POST FOR A CONTINUOUS PERIOD CONSIDERED DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTEREST OF THE POST BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

#### **ARTICLE III- POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

SECTION 1 THE POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY COME BEFORE IT AT THE CALL OF THE POST COMMANDER. THEREAFTER THE POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT THE CALL OF THE COMMANDER AS OFTEN AS SAID COMMANDER MAY DEEM NECESSARY. THE COMMANDER SHALL CALL A MEETING OF THE POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPON THE JOINT WRITTEN REQUEST OF THREE OR MORE MEMBERS OF SAID POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; FOUR MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM THEREOF. DUE TO THE SCATTERED MEMBERSHIP, TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALLS, FAX, EMAIL OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS, AND POSTAL FACILITIES MAY BE UTILIZED AS AN OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IF AGREED UPON BY MEMBERS OF SAID COMMITTEE.

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SECTION 2 THE POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR THE POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTING THROUGH THE ADJUTANT SHALL HIRE SUCH EMPLOYEES AND OR INDEPENDANT CONTRACTORS AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SHALL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE ALL EXPENDITURES, SHALL HEAR THE REPORTS OF POST COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMORIAL DIVISIONS, AND GENERALLY SHALL HAVE CHARGE OF AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THIS POST BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE POST.

<u>SECTION 3</u> ALL PERSONS HAVING ACCESS TO, OR CUSTODY OF, POST FUNDS WILL BE PROPERLY BONDED AS NECESSARY AND AS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION WITH SUCH BONDS TO BE PAID BY THE POST.

#### **ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

SECTION 1 DUTIES OF THE POST COMMANDER. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE POST COMMANDER TO PRESIDE AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE POST AND TO HAVE GENERAL SUPERVISION OVER THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE POST AND SUCH OFFICER SHALL ALSO BE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE POST AND SERVE AS A DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION. HE SHALL APPROVE ALL ORDERS DIRECTING THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS AND SHALL MAKE AN ANNUAL REPORT COVERING THE BUSINESS OF THE POST FOR THE YEAR, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR, WHICH SHALL BE READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND A COPY THEREOF IMMEDIATELY FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT. HE SHALL PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS DIRECTED BY THE POST.

SECTION 2 DUTIES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE COMMANDER, HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE DEPUTY COMMANDER. THE DEPUTY COMMANDER SHALL ASSUME AND SHALL DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF THE POST COMMANDER IN THE ABSENCE OF OR DISABILITY OF, OR WHEN CALLED UPON BY, THE POST COMMANDER. THE DEPUTY COMMANDER WILL ALSO SERVE AS A DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION.

<u>SECTION 3</u> DUTIES OF THE POST VICE COMMANDERS. THE POST VICE COMMANDERS WILL, IN ORDER OF SENIORITY, DISCHARGE SUCH DUTIES AS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMANDER AND/OR THE DEPUTY COMMANDER.

SECTION 4 DUTIES OF THE POST ADJUTANT. THE INDIVIDUAL ELECTED TO THE POST ADJUTANT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE OFFICE REQUIRED TO HANDLE THE DAY-TO-DAY ADMINISTRATION/OPERATION OF THE POST'S AFFAIRS TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MAINTAINING RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS OF ALL OFFICIAL MEETINGS; KEEPING SUCH RECORDS AS THE NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION MAY REQUIRE; RENDERING MONTHLY AND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORTS; OR WHEN CALLED UPON AND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMANDER, WILL HANDLE THE CORRESPONDENCE OF THE POST INCLUDING ANNUAL FEDERAL AND STATE TAX REPORTS AND THE WRITING AND PUBLICATION OF THE POOP SHEET (NEWSLETTER), THE PERSON HOLDING THIS OFFICE SHALL ALSO SERVE AS A DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION.

IN ADDITION, THE ADJUTANT WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE TO ESTABLISH AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE AND SAFE STORAGE FOR THE POST'S ARCHIVAL MATERIAL AND MUSEUM ARTIFACTS IN A MANNER TO BE APPROVED AND MONITORED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE ADJUTANT OF THE POST SHALL HAVE CHARGE OF ALL FINANCES AND SEE THAT THEY ARE SAFELY DEPOSITED IN A DULY AUTHORIZED BANKING INSTITUTION AS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SHALL REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THE CONDITION OF THE FINANCES OF THE POST, WITH SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS AS HE MAY DEEM EXPEDIENT OR

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NECESSARY FOR RAISING FUNDS WITH WHICH TO CARRY ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE POST. HE SHALL SIGN ALL CHECKS ON THOSE ACCOUNTS CONTAINING THE OPERATING FUNDS OF THE POST AND SHOULD BE ONE OF THE REQUIRED SIGNATURES ON ALL ACCOUNTS THAT REQUIRE MORE THAN ONE ENDORSEMENT FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS.

SECTION 5 DUTIES OF THE TREASURER. THE TREASURER IS RESPONSIBLE TO RETAIN LOCAL CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT SERVICES TO FILE ALL REQUIRED GOVERNMENT REPORTS AND WILL CERTIFY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTIONS AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE A FINANCIAL STATEMENT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS AUTHORIZED, AT POST EXPENSE, TO RETAIN A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT SERVICE TO PROVIDE AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE POST AS DEEMED NECESSARY.

#### **ARTICLE V- FINANCES AND DUES**

<u>SECTION 1</u> THE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL POST DUES SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EACH MEMBERSHIP YEAR.

SECTION 2 A MEMBER WHOSE DUES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR HAVE NOT BEEN PAID BY JANUARY FIRST HALL BE CLASSED AS DELINQUENT. IF HIS DUES ARE PAID OR BEFORE FEBRUARY FIRST HE SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY REINSTATED IF HE STILL DELINQUENT AFTER FEBRUARY FIRST, HE SHALL BE SUSPENDED FROM ALL PRIVILEGES AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE POST. IF HE IS STILL UNDER SUCH SUSPENSION OF JUNE THIRTEENTH OF SUCH YEAR, HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN LEGION SHALL BE FORFEITED. A MEMBER SO SUSPENDED OR WHOSE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN SO FORFEITED MAY BE REINSTATED TO ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING BY A VOTE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND PAYMENT OF CURRENT DUES FOR THE YEAR IN WHICH THE REINSTATEMENT OCCURS. THESE PROVISIONS MAY BE WAIVED WITH REFERENCE TO FORMER MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN PREVENTED FROM THE PAYMENT OF DUES BY REASON OF ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE.

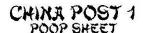
#### **ARTICLE VI- DELEGATES**

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO REPRESENT THE POST AT ALL MEETINGS OR CONVENTIONS AS MAY BE REQUIRED, PURSUANT TO SUCH PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION COVERING SUCH DELEGATE OR ALTERNATES AS MAY BE PROVIDED FOR BY THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, SHALL CONSIST OF THE COMMANDER AND THE DEPUTY COMMANDER AND OTHERS SELECTED TO REPRESENT THE POST BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

#### ARTICLE VII- APPOINTMENTS

THE POST COMMANDER WILL APPOINT STANDING COMMITTEES CONSISTING OF SUCH MEMBERS AND THE CHAIRMAN THEREOF AS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE POST AND THE IDEALS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AS SET OUT IN THE CONSTITUTION. THE COMMANDER MAY FURTHER APPOINT AD HOC OR TEMPORARY COMMITTEES AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THE POST FUNCTIONS AND AFFAIRS ARE PROPERLY HANDLED, AND ADVISORY VICE COMMANDERS AND ADVISORY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN TO HANDLE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND ASSIGNMENTS AS THE NEED ARISES.

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#### ARTICLE VIII- RESOLUTIONS

ALL RESOLUTIONS OF STATE OR NATIONAL SCOPE PRESENTED TO THIS POST BY A MEMBER OR REPORTED TO THIS POST BY A COMMITTEE SHALL MERELY EMBODY THE OPINION OF THIS POST ON THE SUBJECT AND A COPY OF SAME SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS FOR ITS APPROVAL BEFORE ANY PUBLICITY IS GIVEN OR ACTION OTHER THAN MERE PASSAGE BY THE POST IS TAKEN THAT REFLECTS THAT OPINION ON THIS POST OR THE AMERICAN LEGION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES SET UP BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, RESOLUTIONS WILL NOT EMBODY POSITIONS THROUGH WHICH NON-LEGION ORGANIZATIONS SEEK TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS.

#### **ARTICLE IX- MEETINGS**

<u>SECTION 1</u> A REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE POST SHALL BE HELD AT THE POST HEADQUARTERS OR AT A PLACE DECIDED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT WHICH MEETING MAY BE TRANSACTED SUCH BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY BE BROUGHT UP FOR ACTION.

<u>SECTION 2</u> THE POST COMMANDER OR A MAJORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO CALL A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE POST AT ANY TIME.

SECTION 3 A QUORUM FOR A MEETING SHALL CONSIST OF ONE HUNDRED OF THE MEMBERS OF THE POST.

SECTION 4 ABSENTEE BALLOTING OR VOTING BY PROXY IS NOT ALLOWED

#### **ARTICLE X- NOTICES**

<u>SECTION 1</u> EACH MEMBER SHALL FURNISH THE POST ADJUTANT WITH AN ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES AND WILL INFORM THE ADJUTANT OF ANY CHANGE IN SUCH ADDRESS INCLUDING EMAIL ADDRESS.

<u>SECTION 2</u> THE POST NEWSLETTERS, THE POOP SHEET, IS THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE POST. AS SUCH, IT WILL BE USED TO FORWARD NOTICES TO ALL MEMBERS AS REQUIRED. SPECIAL NOTICES MAY ALSO BE SENT OUT FROM THE ADJUTANT IF NECESSARY.

<u>SECTION 3</u> TO PROTECT MEMBERS PRIVACY AND SECURITY THE POST WILL NOT PUBLISH ADDRESS LISTS. ALL POST MATTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE WITH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WILL BE THROUGH THE ADJUTANT'S OFFICE.

#### **ARTICLE XI- RULES**

THE ORDER OF PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS OF THIS POST SHALL BE GOVERNED BY ROBERT'S RULES OR ORDER, REVISED, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN.

#### **ARTICLE XII- LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

THIS POST SHALL NOT INCUR, NOR CAUSE TO BE INCURRED ANY LIABILITY OR OBLIGATION WHATEVER WHICH WILL SUBJECT TO LIABILITY ANY OTHER POST, SUBDIVISION GROUP, MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL CORPORATION OR ORGANIZATIONS.

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#### ARTICLE XIII- MEMORIAL DIVISIONS

SECTION 1 PREAMBLE: WHEREVER AND WHENEVER THERE ARE CONSISTENTLY TEN (10) POST MEMBERS AVAILABLE IN A GEOGRAPHIC AREA OR WHOSE COMMON EXPERIENCES ALLOW THEM TO BAND TOGETHER TO PROMOTE THE COMRADESHIP OF AMERICANS AND LEGIONNAIRES IN A GIVEN AREA OR AS A MEMBERS WHO HAVE SHARED COMMON EXPERIENCES, THEY MAY CREATE A MEMORIAL DIVISION OF THE POST FOR THE COMMON GOOD OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND THE COMMUNITY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

<u>SECTION 2</u> THE MEMORIAL DIVISION NAME IS TO BE SELECTED WITH CARE AND IN KEEPING WITH THE SITUATION. THE POST WILL OBTAIN AND PAY FOR TWO PODIUM BANNERS; ONE TO BE RETAINED BY THE POST FOR ARCHIVES AND REUNION PURPOSES, THE OTHER TO GO THE DIVISION FOR THEIR USE, CARE AND DISPLAY.

SECTION 3 THE OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSES OF THE MEMORIAL DIVISIONS SHALL BE TO PROMOTE THE PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES SET FORTH IN THE CHINA POST CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS AND MEMORIAL DIVISION PREAMBLE ABOVE IN THE ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONS AND BY-LAWS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

SECTION 4 MEMBERSHIP: ONLY MEMBERS OF CHINA POST. NO. 1 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A MEMORIAL DIVISION OF THE POST. MEMBERSHIP IN A MEMORIAL DIVISION SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE MEMBERS IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OR THIS SPECIFIC ORGANIZATION THAT THE MEMORIAL DIVISION IS FORMED TO REPRESENT. POST MEMBERS MAY BE MEMBERS OF MORE THAN ONE OR OF NO MEMORIAL DIVISION. RESIDENCE IN A PARTICULAR AREA DOES NOT OBLIGATE INDIVIDUAL POST MEMBERS TO MEMBERSHIP IN A MEMORIAL DIVISION FOR THAT AREA NOR IS IT NECESSARY FOR MEMORIAL DIVISIONS TO ADMIT ALL ELIGIBLE MEMBERS WITHOUT THEIR SPECIFIC ELECTION TO THE DIVISION MEMBERSHIP. ALL POST MEMBERS ARE MEMBERS OF THE POST AS INDIVIDUALS AND ARE FREE TO ASSOCIATE WITH MEMORIAL DIVISIONS AT THEIR CONVENIENCE.

SECTION 5 ADMINISTRATION OF DIVISION AFFAIRS BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE MEMORIAL DIVISION SHALL BE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A DIVISION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHICH WILL CONSISTS OF A MINIMUM OF THREE (3) MEMBERS, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE THE PRESENT MEMORIAL DIVISION COMMANDER. MEMBERS OF THE POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY SENIOR POST VICE COMMANDERS, WHEN IN AREAS OF OPERATING MEMORIAL DIVISIONS, SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MEMORIAL DIVISION.

SECTION 6 THE MEMORIAL DIVISION OFFICERS SHALL CONSISTS OF AT LEAST A MEMORIAL DIVISION COMMANDER, A VICE COMMANDER AND AN ADJUTANT WHOSE CEREMONIAL DUTIES WILL CORRESPOND TO THOSE OFFICES WITHIN THE POST. SUCH OFFICERS HAVE NO AUTHOITY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS OF THE POST AND THESE POSITIONS ARE STRITCLY FOR THE SOCIAL STRUCTURE OF DIVISION. THE MEMORIAL DIVISION OFFICERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING COPIES OF ALL DIVISION CORRESPONDENCE TO THE POST ADJUTANT'S OFFICE. THE MEMORIAL DIVISIONS MAY NOT CHARGE DIVISIONS DUES RELATED TO THEIR OWN ACTIVITIES. THE MEMORIAL DIVISIONS SHALL NOT OBLIGATE THE POST FINANCIALLY NOR ARE THEY AUTHORIZED TO FORM A DISTINCT BUSINESS OPERATING UNIT.

<u>SECTION 7</u> ALL CORRESPONDENCE FROM MEMORIAL DIVISIONS ADDRESSED TO NATIONAL, TO DEPARTMENT, OR TO OTHER OPERATING MEMORIAL DIVISIONS, MUST COME TO THE ADJUTANT'S OFFICE OF THE POST FOR TRANSMITTAL.

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SECTION 8 THE POST ALLOWS BOTH THE CREATION OF MEMORIAL DIVISIONS AND THEIR AUTONOMOUS OPERATION FOR THE MOST PART. HOWEVER, THEY ARE STILL INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE POST AND CAN ONLY EXIST, OPERATION, AND SELECT THEIR OFFICERS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SHALL CONTINUE IN OPERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULE AND REGULATIONS OF THE POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

#### **ARTICLE XIV- AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1 THESE BYLAWS ARE ADOPTED SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTIONS AND BYLAWS. ANY AMENDMENT TO SAID NATIONAL OR DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTIONS OR BY-LAWS WHICH ARE IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS HEREOF, SHALL BE REGARDED AS AUTOMATICALLY REPEALING, AMENDING, OR MODIFYING THAT PROVISION OF THESE BY-LAWS TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT.

SECTION 2 THESE BY-LAWS MAY BE AMENDED AT ANY REGULAR POST MEETING CALLED BY THE POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT WHICH A QUORUM IS PRESENT BY A VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS ATTENDING PROVIDED THAT THE AMMENDMENTS SHALL HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED IN WRITING AND READ AT PRECEDING REGULAR MEETING OF THE POST. PROVIDED FURTHERMORE, THAT WRITTEN NOTICE VIA THE POOP

SHEET SHALL HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE WHEN SUCH AMENDMENT IS TO BE VOTED UPON NOTIFYING THE MEMBERS THAT AT THE MEETING A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS IS TO BE VOTED UPON.

#### ARTICLE XV- SPECIAL PROVISIONS

<u>SECTION 1</u> NO OFFICER OF THE POST SHALL SELL, CONVEY, MORTGAGE OR DISPOSE OF ANY OF THE TEMPORALITIES AND PROPERTY OF THE POST EXCEPT BY AND UNDER IT'S DIRECTION DULY HAD OR GIVEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

SECTION 2 THE NAMES, ADDRESSES AND INFORMATION ABOUT POST MEMBERS THAT ARE MAINTAINED BY THE POST AND THAT ARE PUBLISHED IN POST COMMUNICATIONS ARE FOR THE USE OF MEMBERS ONLY. NO PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT CHINA POST NO. 1 OR IT'S MEMBERS DERIVED FROM THESE SOURCES IS AUTHORIZED BY MEMBERS WITHOUT WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE POST COMMANDER AND/OR DEPUTY COMMANDER.

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