



SACO

Sino American Cooperative Organization
Our Perpetual Skipper Vice Admiral Milton E. "Mary" Miles



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Dear SACO Veterans, Associates, and Friends:

We are happy to announce that the 68th SACO Convention plans have been finalized. On behalf of all the Original Veterans, Dan Levendowski, as host and with the help of Carolyn Arnold and the other SACO officers, is working hard to ensure a memorable and educational event. The convention will take place in the beautiful city of San Diego, California, from Wednesday, August 17th, 2022, through Sunday, August 21, 2022. Embassy Suites in the downtown area is our destination and group rates will be available at \$215/night for a city view room. This price includes all taxes and fees, hot and cold breakfast, free open bar for all hotel guests from 5:30 pm to 7 pm nightly (separate from the SACO hospitality suite). That room rate applies to either 2 double or one king bed and all suites include a separate living room with a pull-out sofa bed. If more than 2 adults are staying in a room, a fee of \$20/night will be charged for each additional adult.

Please make your hotel reservations by using the link embedded in the flier, typing this website address into your browser: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/sinoamericancooperative/>, or by calling, 619-696-9184, and an agent will be happy to help you. Our SACO block of rooms will be held through July 23, 2022, or until the rooms sell out. Be sure to mention, "SACO." The SACO group rates will also apply to those wishing to arrive earlier or stay a little later than the official convention dates.

Each person attending the convention will need to fill out a registration form which may be completed online at our website, www.saconavy.com, under the 'reunions' heading. Again, check out the flier for a link to the form. If you prefer, the registration form can also be printed from the SACO Newsletter available to SACO members via email.

The convention schedule includes a Point Loma bus tour of the Mount Soledad Veterans Memorial and Cabrillo National Monument, followed by dinner in Old Town San Diego. Friday includes a tour of the USS Midway followed by a ferry ride to Coronado Island for an Italian dinner overlooking the San Diego bay. The Trustees and General Membership meetings will occur on Saturday morning. The Saturday night banquet will include a guest speaker from the Navy Seals with catering by San Diego Wine and Culinary. We've prepared a flier that includes embedded web links so you can access more information about each venue. Just place your mouse over each photo in the flier and double click.

The costs listed in the flier **ONLY** apply to **non-SACO members**. If you are an **Original Veteran** and plan

on attending, all of your convention expenses will be covered - hotel, tours, meals, banquet, and all fees. If you are a **SACO Member**, the tours and all dinners described in the flier will be complimentary for you and any children under the age of 18 that accompany you. Of course, the hospitality room will be available to both members and non-members for your social pleasure and historic reminiscing during the week. Should you like to become a SACO Member, instructions to do so online can be found at the website, or a check for \$35 can be mailed to our Treasurer, Dairus Reynnet, at 8608 E. Vermontville Hwy., Dimondale, Michigan (MI) 48821.

The San Diego Airport (SAN) is less than 2 miles from the hotel, however the hotel DOES NOT have an airport shuttle, you'll need to use Uber, Lyft, or a taxi. Car rentals are available at the airport, although you probably will not need one. We can assist you with a wheelchair during the days of the convention so long as you include this in your registration form.

Those Original Veterans attending that are eligible for, but have not yet received the SACO Medal, please notify our Historian, Jack Coyle, at jackwcoyle@bellsouth.net, so we can recognize you at the banquet.

Contact Carolyn Arnold at grace17@pacbell.net with any questions or suggestions regarding the convention. We do so hope to enjoy time with you next August!

As my late father, Richard I. Terpstra and Original SACO Vet, would say,
"At Your Service, "accompanied by a hearty, "Ding Hao,"

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