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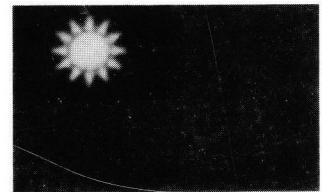
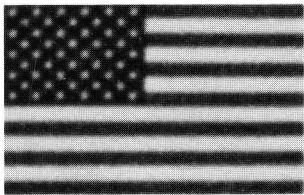
VICE ADMIRAL MILTON E "MARY" MILES

Rear Duke & Perpetual Skipper



50

Years



Adm. Miles watches as
Gen. Tai Li signs SACO Agreement.

JULY 4, 1943

50 YRS! SO LONG AGO SO FAR AWAY...

50 YRS! SO MANY MEMORIES WE SHARE TODAY.



THE GOLDEN YEARS OF SACO

50 YEARS! So long ago... so far away...
50 YEARS! So many memories we share today.
Over a half-century has passed us by
Since the Rice Paddy Navy began as you and I.

Strictly volunteers the operation was to be;
Destined to serve in unknown lands across the sea.
Interviews and indoctrination for each and everyone
Who visited Room 2732 in Washington.

Our destination, heretofore shrouded in secrecy,
Became apparent that China our assignment would be.
Cultures so different were a challenge indeed;
But, in a bond of respect and friendship, we did succeed.

We recall with admiration Gen. Tai Li and Adm. Miles
Whose guidance and protection prevailed as we endured months of trials.
The agreement they reached through their collaboration
Resulted in forming Sino-American Cooperative Organization.

Made up of units, camps... whatever,
Most not knowing the others' clandestine endeavor.
The intent of the arrangement was for the war's duration,
But SACO lives today with friendship beyond imagination.

Today it can be told and SACO Tigers annually gather
To share and re-live those days spent together.
Joining the yearly meetings are our Chinese comrades of the ROC;
Perpetuating a friendship never known in the annals of history.

And so we'll continue to look forward, God willing,
To each annual reunion to share moments fulfilling.
50 YEARS! So long ago... so far away!
50 YEARS! So many memories we share today!

-- Richard L. Rutan



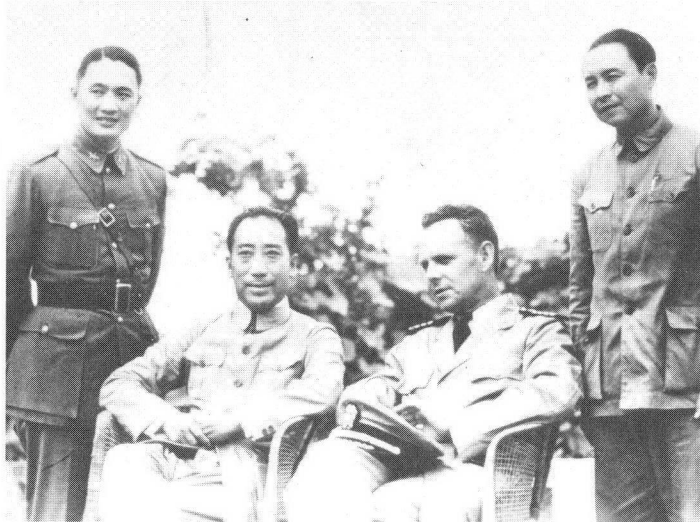
Our "Skipper" - ADMIRAL MILTON E. "MARY" MILES

NOSTALGIA



Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek (center, first row) reviews SACO troops during a visit to the headquarters. With him are (L-R first row) Chinese General Chien, Captain I. F. Beyerly, USN, Chief of Staff to Rear Admiral Miles; (second row) Captain H.S. Scott, USNR; Captain (then Commander) G. M. Bowman, USNR; Captain G. B. Tayloe, (MC) USN, head of the U.S. Naval Medical Unit in SACO, and Commander C. S. Johnston, USNR.





Gen. Tai Li and Admiral Miles



Major Bruggeman's party at Shunan on sampan to Hangchow.



Admiral Miles and General Tai Li sit among orphans at a Christmas Party.



Tai Li and Miles leaving Administration Building.



MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BUREAU
 MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
 SHIHLIN, TAIPEI, TAIWAN
 REPUBLIC OF CHINA

2 October 1992

Mr. Richard L. Rutan
 45-480 Desert Fox Drive
 La Quinta, CA 92253
 U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Rutan:

Thank you very much for your two letters of July 4 and August 31, 1992, which I have received recently.

As you indicated in your letter, next year will be the 50th anniversary of the official signing of the SACO agreement. I share your viewpoint that the golden anniversary of the bond of our two nations is so significant. I do hope that I will be able to attend this momentous historic occasion.

The SACO relationship is unique. I am pleased to see it grows even stronger through these years. Your enthusiastic efforts in annual reunions, Taiwan trips, publishing SACO news, and the related activities are appreciated.

My wife joins me in extending to you, your mother, and other SACO friends our warmest regards.

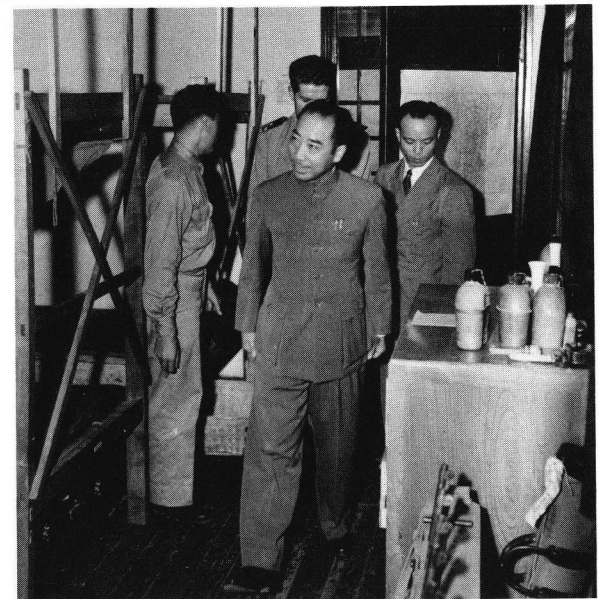
Sincerely,

Yin Tsung-wen

Yin Tsung-wen
 Lt. General, ROC Army
 Director



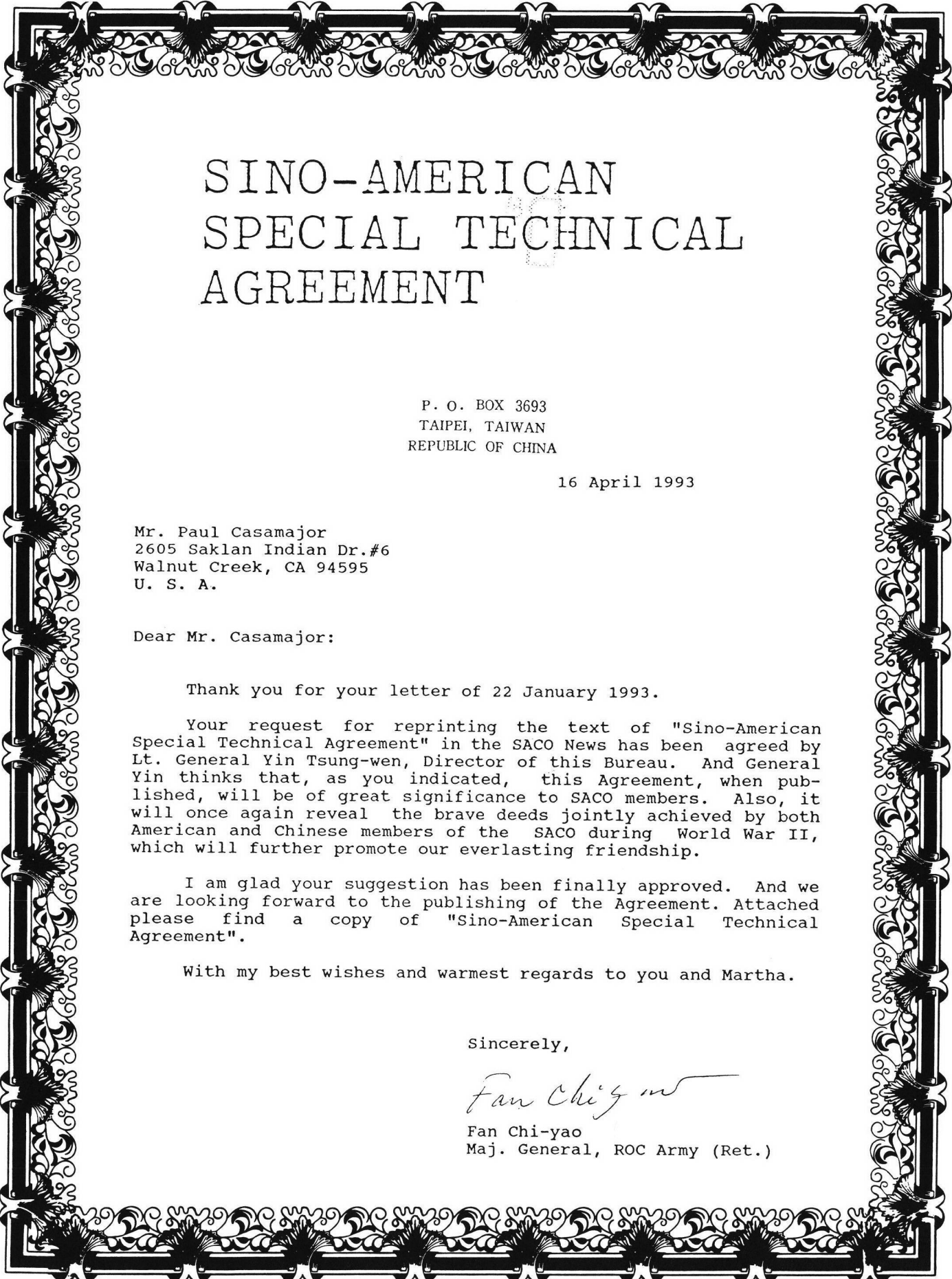
Lt. Gen. & Mrs. Yin Tsung-wen



Gen. Tai Li apparently on inspection tour



Miles and Tai Li toast each other on Double Tenth - probably 1944.



SINO-AMERICAN SPECIAL TECHNICAL AGREEMENT

P. O. BOX 3693
TAIPEI, TAIWAN
REPUBLIC OF CHINA

16 April 1993

Mr. Paul Casamajor
2605 Saklan Indian Dr.#6
Walnut Creek, CA 94595
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Casamajor:

Thank you for your letter of 22 January 1993.

Your request for reprinting the text of "Sino-American Special Technical Agreement" in the SACO News has been agreed by Lt. General Yin Tsung-wen, Director of this Bureau. And General Yin thinks that, as you indicated, this Agreement, when published, will be of great significance to SACO members. Also, it will once again reveal the brave deeds jointly achieved by both American and Chinese members of the SACO during World War II, which will further promote our everlasting friendship.

I am glad your suggestion has been finally approved. And we are looking forward to the publishing of the Agreement. Attached please find a copy of "Sino-American Special Technical Agreement".

With my best wishes and warmest regards to you and Martha.

Sincerely,



Fan Chi-yao
Maj. General, ROC Army (Ret.)

SINO-AMERICAN SPECIAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

The National Government of the Republic of China, and the Government of the United States of America, animated by mutual desire to annihilate the common enemy and achieve military victory, have resolved to conclude an Agreement of Sino-American Special Technical Cooperation, and for that purpose have appointed their Plenipotentiaries:-

His Excellency the Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, Chairman of the National Commission of Military Affairs of the Government of the Republic of China:

The Honorable Dr. T. V. Soong, Foreign Minister of the Government of the Republic of China;

General Tai Li, Deputy-Director of the Bureau of Investigation and Statistics of the National Commission of Military Affairs of the Government of the Republic of China;

Lieutenant Colonel Sinju Fu Hsiao, Assistant Military Attache, Embassy of the Republic of China at Washington, D. C.:

His Excellency Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the President of the United States of America:

The Honorable Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy of the United States of America;

Brigadier General William J. Donovan,
Director of the Office of Strategic Services
of the United States of America;

Captain Milton E. Miles, United States
Navy, Chief of the United States Strategic
Services in the Far East:-

Who having communicated to each other their full
powers which have been found to be in good and due form,
have agreed upon the following provisions of the Co-
operative Agreement:-

ARTICLE I

For the purpose of attacking our common enemy along
the Chinese coast, in occupied territories in China, and
in other areas held by the Japanese, the Sino-American
Special Technical Cooperative Organization is organized
in China. Its aim is, by common effort employing American
equipment and technical training and utilizing the Chinese
war zones as bases to attack effectively the Japanese Navy,
the Japanese Merchant Marine, and the Japanese air forces
in different territories of the Far East, and to attack
the mines, factories, warehouses, depots, and other mili-
tary establishments in areas under Japanese occupation.

ARTICLE II

The executive office organization of the said co-
operation is named, "Sino-American Special Cooperative
Organization". "SACO", will hereafter be used as the

short title. Its organization and the distribution of its functions, are to be found in the attached diagram.

ARTICLE III

For facilitating the progress of the work, the United States Government is willing to cooperate with China, and to supply all materials gratis on the basis of friendship. Therefore, in the United States the name is "Friendship"; the English name in China is, "Sino-American Cooperative Organization", and the abbreviation in English is S A C O, which is pronounced similar to the American word, "SOCKO", with the significance of powerful or sudden attack.

ARTICLE IV

All members of this Organization are required to pledge their utmost effort to defeat Japan, and to keep absolute secrecy regarding the organization, and its activities as well as regarding the state of other allied units which have connection with said organization.

ARTICLE V

The present organization shall have a Director and a Deputy Director. The Director will be appointed by the Chinese side, and the Deputy Director by the American side.

ARTICLE VI

The functions of all the sections of this organization will be discussed and determined jointly by the Director and the Deputy Director.

ARTICLE VII

With a view to facilitating their movements and their identification in carrying out their functions in China, the responsible persons and the whole staff of this organization shall be appointed by the Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek.

ARTICLE VIII

Personnel from Burma, Siam, Korea, Formosa, and Indo-China, who have completed suitable training in the United States, have proved their trustworthiness, and have sworn loyalty to the Allied Nations, upon being proposed by the American side and agreed to by the Chinese side, may be permitted to undertake various activities under the direction of the organization. However, in conformity with the principles of secret service, such persons shall be segregated and have no knowledge of the principal section of this organization. All matters regarding the arrangements at the places of their assignments and to the performance of their activities shall be so segregated.

ARTICLE IX

This organization shall establish a long-range aerial reconnaissance squad equipped with aircraft and flying materials and materials and personnel for reading, interpreting, and photographing. The aim and purpose of this unit shall be to take, study, and interpret photographs of all kinds of enemy activities in occupied terri-

teries in China, and other occupied territories in the Far East; thereby enabling the organization to maintain accurate knowledge of all perceptible activities of the enemy, in order to carry out all kinds of effective attacks. With the exception of the pilots, the photographers shall be in great part Chinese.

ARTICLE X

In order to facilitate the laying of mines in the ports, bays, and along the Chinese coast, to deal timely blows against Japanese vessels, the United States Government may dispatch airplanes to survey all the ports and bays, accompanied by participation of the Chinese personnel. In order to preserve military secrecy, all maps and photographs taken shall be exclusively for the use of this organization; shall be kept in archives and shall not be removed elsewhere.

ARTICLE XI

The organization shall establish a propaganda section for the purpose of carrying out psychological warfare against the enemy and the population in occupied territories in China, and other places occupied by the Japanese. All necessary equipment, such as wireless transmitters and receivers, special cameras, printing machines, etc., shall be provided by the United States Government which shall also be responsible for training Chinese personnel to use such equipment.

ARTICLE XII

This organization shall designate personnel at two places, Washington and Chungking, to take charge of the exchange of information between the United States and China.

All information from China for transmittal to the United States Government shall be released by the Director of SACO.

All information from the United States Government for transmittal to China shall be released by the Director of the Office of Strategic Services, or by the Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.

ARTICLE XIII

Any information collected by, or in the possession of this organization concerning sabotage, reconnaissance or mine laying, or any other information directly useful to activities of this organization, may be released for transmittal to the Military Authorities of the United States or China, by the Director and the Deputy Director, jointly, when they deem such transmittal to be necessary.

Wireless transmitting stations of this organization, specially authorized to do so, may communicate with wireless stations of the United States Navy, situated outside China; but use of all other wireless stations of this organization shall be restricted solely to activities of this organization.

ARTICLE XV

This organization shall establish its principal training center in the vicinity of Chungking. In case of necessity, subject to the approval of both High Contracting Parties, training classes may also be established wherever units are working.

ARTICLE XVI

Personnel of this organization for all kinds of training shall be appointed and selected by the Chinese Government, with the exception of those instructors responsible for technical training and of personnel for planning and directing the various types of technical training who are appointed by the American side.

The curriculum and the standards of training will be jointly decided by the Director and the Deputy Director. The distribution and assignment to duty of all trainees, after the completion of their courses, and after they pass satisfactory examinations and practical tests, shall be determined by the Director and the Deputy Director of the organization.

ARTICLE XVII

This organization shall keep a complete detailed record of all trainees, and of all Chinese members of its various sections, during the period of this training, and of their active duty. If any Chinese members acquit themselves with such distinction in their work as to merit a

course of study in the United States, they may be selected by this organization, and upon approval being obtained from Generalissimo Chiang, they will be sent to the United States for study. The United States Government will pay lodging, tuition, and traveling expenses requisite to such instruction.

ARTICLE XVIII

In order to obtain enemy information, this organization will intercept and study transmissions of the Japanese Navy, Army, and Air Force. Personnel responsible for planning and directing such interceptions and study, shall be appointed by the American side. The Chinese side will appoint members to participate in this work.

Enemy codes intercepted and studies shall be dealt with in the premises of the section of the organization concerned, to preserve secrecy.

Should the necessity arise to transmit to the military authorities of both countries, the results of the interception and study of secret enemy codes, such results may be jointly released for transmittal by the Director and the Deputy Director.

ARTICLE XIX

The headquarters of this organization will be established in Chungking, the war time capital of China. Advanced stations and units will gradually be installed in various places, as required by actual situations, to conduct sabotage,

reconnaissance, meteorological work, propaganda against the enemy, and for communication activities necessary to the functioning of this organization.

The following places are tentatively listed for establishment of advanced stations or units: 1: Kanchow, 2: Chenkei, 3: Wenchow, 4: Chuchow, 5: Foochow, 6: Chungchow, 7: Bias Bay, 8: Kaikong, 9: Peihai, 10: Kwangteh, 11: Lihwang, 12: Changteh, 13: Hengyang, 14: Loyang, 15: Area in the vicinity of Kaichow, 16: Area in the vicinity of Linchi, 17: Lanchow, 18: Wuyan, 19: Paoshan, 20: Chuli, 21: Anhsi, 22: Lahsa, 23: Tihua.

ARTICLE XX

Repair shops will be set up in the vicinity of Kanchow and Sian, to facilitate distribution and repair of materials for the various advanced units. These repair shops will be directed by American technicians.

ARTICLE XXI

All materials needed by this organization for sabotage, wireless, arms, ammunition, explosives, communication, photography, meteorology, chemicals, printing, medical equipment, and all other materials required for the diverse activities of this organization, shall be supplied by the American side, which shall be responsible for their delivery at Chungking, to the personnel designated by this organization. Transportation of the above materials from Chungking, to the various areas of activity, shall be taken care of by the Chinese side.

ARTICLE XXII

The Chinese side is to be responsible for salaries and working expenses of Chinese personnel.

ARTICLE XXIII

The American side is to be responsible for salaries and working expenses of the American personnel.

ARTICLE XXIV

The Chinese side is to be responsible for furnishing offices, laboratories, residences, and furniture of the various ranks and grades of American personnel of this organization in China.

ARTICLE XXV

All expenses of the activities of this organization in Burma, Thailand, Indo-China, Korea, Formosa, and so on, shall be paid by the American side.

ARTICLE XXVI

In case of necessity for altering the organization chart and functions, changes will be discussed by the Director and the Deputy Director, and submitted for decision to the Generalissimo and President Roosevelt.

ARTICLE XXVII

This agreement shall be effective upon being signed by the representatives of both sides duly authorized by the Chairman of the National Commission of Military Affairs of China, and the President of the United States of

America. The period of validity will continue from the date of signing this agreement until the end of the war by the allied nations against Japan.

ARTICLE XXVIII

This agreement shall be drawn up in duplicate, both in Chinese and in English, both equally authentic; each party to hold one copy in each language.



T. V. SOONG,
Foreign Minister of the Government of the Republic of China.

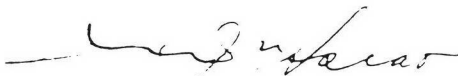


FRANK KNOX,
Secretary of the Navy of the United States of America.

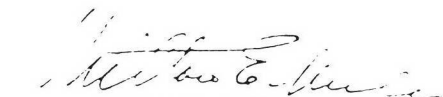
TAI LI,
Deputy-Director of the Bureau of Investigation and Statistics of the National Commission of Military Affairs of the Government of the Republic of China.



WILLIAM J. DONOVAN,
Director of the Office of Strategic Services of the United States of America.



SINJU FU HSIAO
Assistant Military Attache,
Embassy of the Republic of China at Washington, D. C.

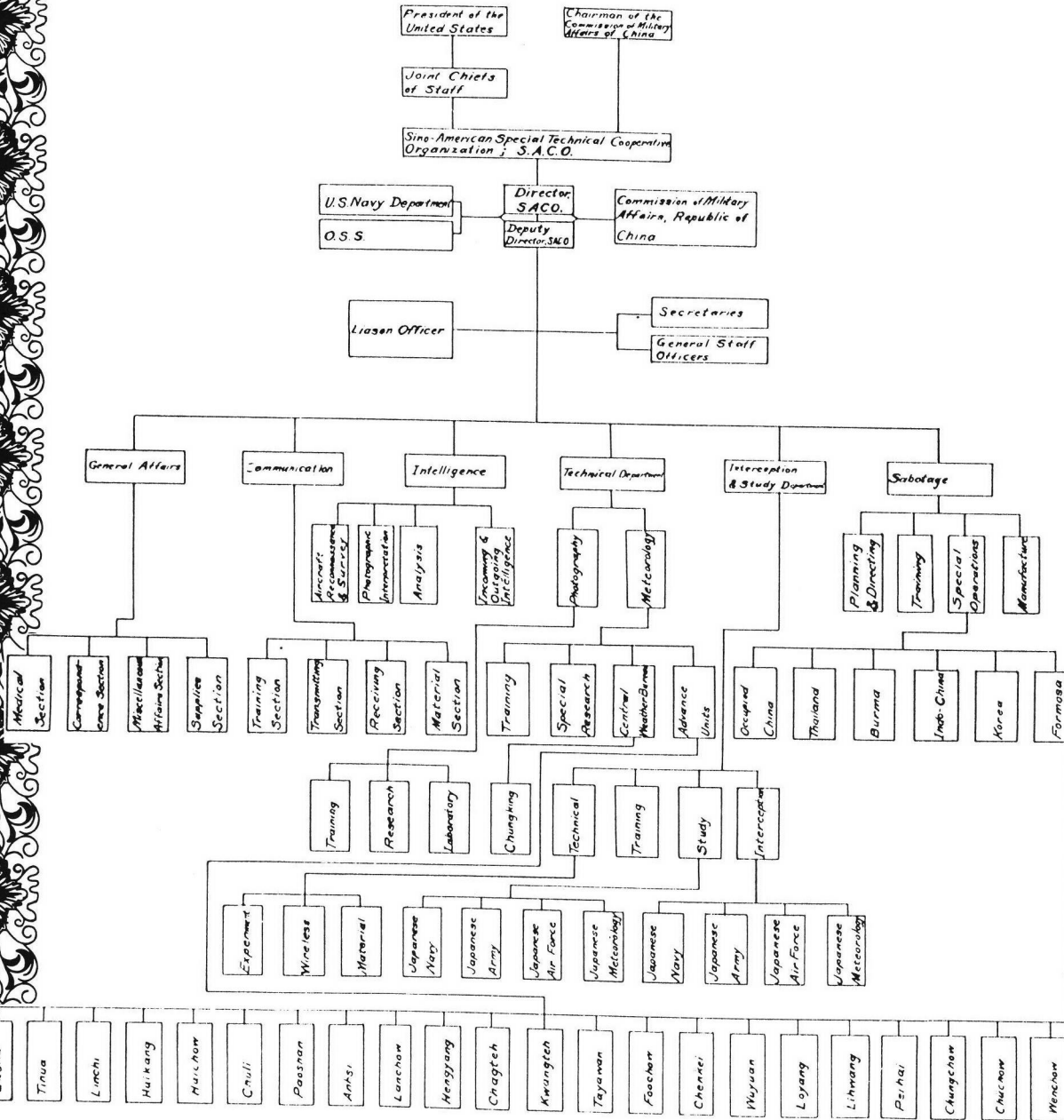


MILTON E. MILES,
Chief of the United States Strategic Services in the Far East.

Done at Washington, D. C., this Fifteenth Day of April in the Thirty-second Year of the Chinese Republic, equivalent to the Fifteenth Day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-three.

Organization Chart,
SINO-AMERICAN SPECIAL TECHNICAL
COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION
of
S.A.C.O.

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

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Captain Milton E. Miles, U.S. Navy,
Navy Department,
Washington, D.C.

You are advised that the Joint U.S. Chiefs of Staff take note of the proposed Sino-American Technical Cooperation Agreement for the conduct and support of special measures in the war effort against JAPAN, and, further, of the exchange of despatches between General Stilwell and the Chiefs of Staff in which General Stilwell expresses approval of the conduct of American participation in these measures by you directly under Chinese command. The Joint Chiefs of Staff approve this arrangement and desire that you cooperate with the responsible designated Chinese authorities in every way practicable for the prosecution of war measures against the Japanese.

The President has been informed and has given approval of the plan to place you in direct charge of the American participation, as set forth in the proposed agreement.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:-

William D. Leahy

WILLIAM D. LEAHY,
Admiral, U.S. Navy,
Chief of Staff to the
Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy.



Louisville, KY

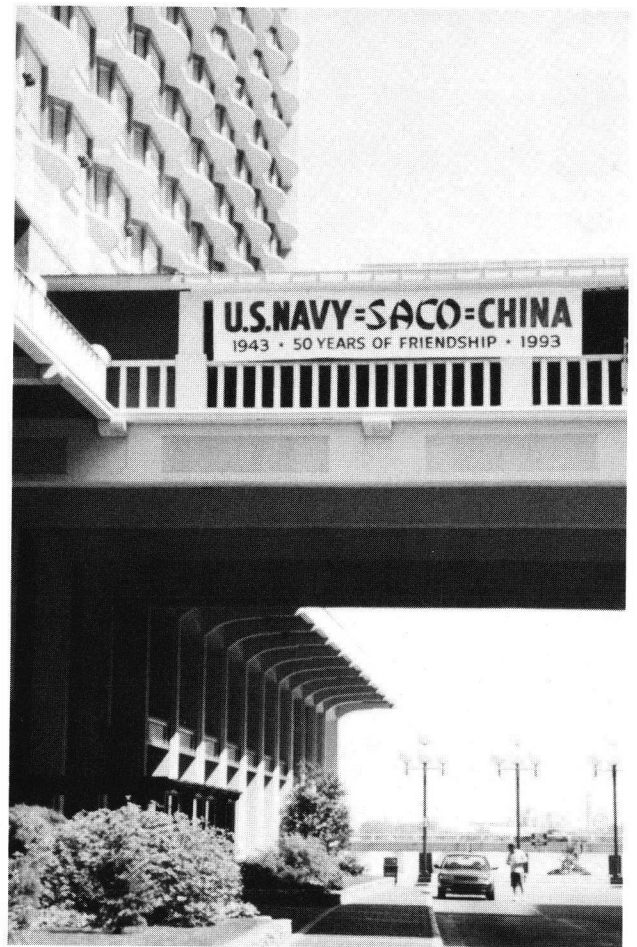
REUNION

May 5-9

1993

It couldn't have been a more perfect time of year! No doubt Arthur and Glenna Wilding along with help from Charles and Laura Sellers had a special botanical rapport in Kentucky and asked the dogwood, redbud and azaleas to welcome SACO in all their magnificent splendor. And, did they ever! The colorful city landscapes and the placid countryside blossomed in breathtaking profusion everywhere we traveled. It was indeed a floral tribute to the 50th anniversary of SACO!.

The Louisville reunion was the largest yet and one of the best. The Galt House East suites were spacious and outstanding. The hospitality suite overlooked the Ohio River and was one of the busiest "bars" of all times! (SACO times that is). (Comment: The Editor should know!)



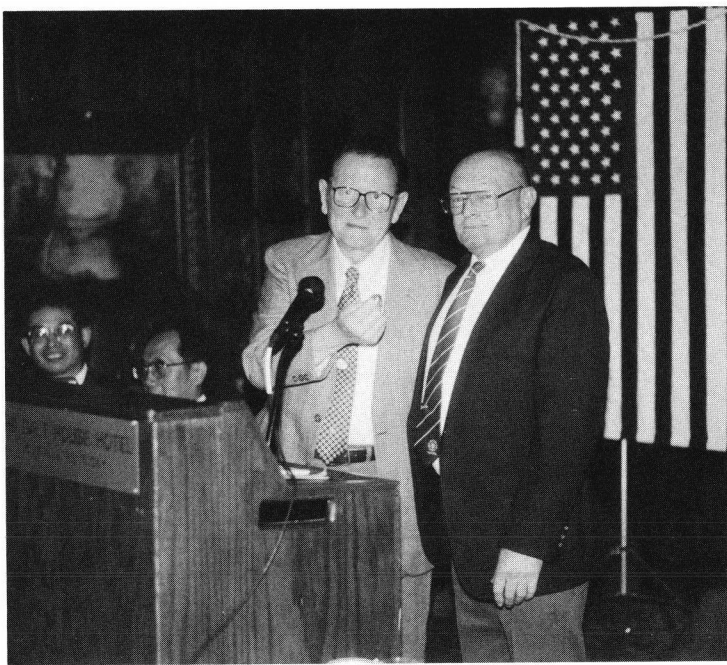
Wednesday, May 5, 1993 there was a three-hour tour of Louisville. Thursday, we enjoyed a horse farm tour and the opportunity to see the beautiful Kentucky countryside. Lunch was served at OLD STONE INN in Shelbyville and many visited



the antique shops which are in abundance in that area. Thursday evening the group boarded the "Star of Louisville" for a 2 1/2 hour dinner cruise. Then came Friday and the big day at Churchill Downs. As usual there were some winners and the usual share of losers. It was great to hear that so many hit the second race longshot at odds a little more than 99-1.



Prior to the races, some participated in an early morning game of golf. There were other optional tours: Hillerich-Bradsby Manufacturing Plant (makers of baseball bats), Phillip Morris Tobacco Plant and the Naval Ordinance Plant.



Arthur Wilding and Jim Murphy

Business meetings were held Saturday morning, May 8th with President Jim Murphy presiding and President Glenna Wilding conducting the Ladies Auxiliary. Art Wilding was elected President of SACO and Dorie Clarke elected President of the Ladies Auxiliary.



Maj. Gen. Fan and Dr. Heimlich

Two hundred and fifty-six SACOs and guests attended the banquet Saturday night with Chairman Arthur Wilding and President Jim Murphy presiding. The invocation and benediction were delivered by Rev. Mr. C. Robert Markert and the guest speaker was fellow SACO member Dr. Henry J. Heimlich.

Honored guests from Taiwan were Major General Fan Chi-yao, ROC Army (Ret.), Mr. H.M. Wang, Mr. H.F. Chou, Ms. C.S.Chin and Ms. C.C.Ou, all of the Ministry of National Defense.

Following dinner featuring Bluegrass Salad, Chicken Marengo, Fillet of Beef, Broccoli Spears, Julienne of Carrots, Rosemary Potatoes, Rolls, Butter and Mocha Dacquoise for dessert, the presentation of the SACO medal was made to 28 men by Maj. Gen. Fan.

Dinner guests were entertained by Robin Loeffler on the Hammer Dulcimer, an instrument indigenous to the region, and the outstanding local choral group, THE THOROUGHBREDS.

At the close of dinner festivities, Gen. Fan distributed gifts from Lt. Gen. Yin Tsung-wen, Director, Military Intelligence Bureau, ROC. After dinner, many enjoyed dancing to the music of Bob Holt & Prime Time, and others went to the Hospitality Suite for last goodbyes.

Thus ended another annual reunion - a most enjoyable event thanks to Art and Glenna Wilding and their co-workers Charles and Laura Sellers. It was an overwhelming experience and we can only extend the Navy's highest plaudit - WELL DONE !

We extend our sincere gratitude to SACO contributors in Louisville:

Anonymous
Bank of Louisville
Beams Brands Co.
Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Kentucky
Diesel Injection Service
Ehrler Candy Manufacturers
Gateway Distributing Co.
Humana Corporation
JEB Advertising
Louisville Convention & Visitors Bureau
Maker's Mark Distillery, Inc.
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Special Acknowledgement to CBIVA-Derby City Basha friends who helped make this convention such a success:

Jim Wilkinson - Registration Desk
Coordinator
Dot Wilkinson
Herman & Elizabeth Stanley
Leonard O'Dell
Bob & Mary Cecil
Mary Louise Mattingly
Jennings & Helen Watkins
Charlie & Marty Cooper
and many others.

LOUISVILLE ATTENDEES

HONORED GUESTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Maj.Gen.Fan Chi-yao (Ret.)
Mr. H.M. David Wang
Mr. H.F. Smile Chou
Ms. C.S. Sancy Chin
Ms. C.C. Patty Ou



Altevogt, Carl/Joan
Alverson, Dayton Lee
Baker, Willie/Audrey
Banner, Richard/Mathilda
Barrett, George/Mrs.
Bartee, Bill
Bash, James H./Mrs.
Blair, Willis/Mildred
Bohus, Arthur G.
Bonin, Harold
Bonin, Priscilla G.
Boos, Joseph/Gloria
Boos, Pat/Mrs.(son of Joe)
Booth, Jr., Elwood "Bud"/Ellen C.
Bradley, Joseph O./Harriet R.
Bradshaw, Conrad A./Mrs.
Buckless, Frank/Evelyn
Burke, Leonard/Ruth
Carter, Edwin M./Annabeth
Casamajor, Paul/Martha
Chu, Stephen
Ciaccio, Sal/Marie
Clarke, David J./Doris M.
Coats, Jerry/Mary
Colson, Thomas/Sarah
Conway, John Mike/Margaret
Cox, Ruth E.
Dalrymple, Vernard F./Gloria E.
Demmer, John/Margaret
Dike, Norman Wayne/Lyndall
Divelbiss, Carl W.
Dorner, Robert "Buck"
Doyle, Edward T./Jean
Dunn, James C./Jean H.

Ediss, Dr. Alexander
Ende, Edward/Catherine
Ende III (A), Edward H./Diane
Erwin (A), Sylvia
Felmlly, Lloyd "Doc"/Peg
Fitzgerald, Joseph F./Mrs.
Fleming, Andrew M.
Floress, Irving
Flournoy, Willie
Gabeline, Donald/Doris
Gallagher, Francis "Joe"
Gang, Dr. Larry/Jean
Gats (A), Irene
Gilroy, Lillian "Slim"
Gleason, Frank/Eunice
Hall, James E./Mildred
Hankins, Ralph/Anna
Harabin, George/Lucille
Harvey, Jack V./Fredrica
Hatterman, Wayne/Fanny
Heimlich, Dr. Henry J.
Hill, Robert G./Lola
Horning, Lorne/Pearl
Jacobson, Keith H.
James, William C.
Karas, Larry/Georgia
Keller, John/Jimmie
Kelly, James
Klos, John
Kuhn, Cornelius "Neal"/Mrs.
Lyll, Robert V.
McGrail, James "Red"/Mary
Miles, Charles "Sea-going"
Miles, Wilma (Billy)
Miller, Jack L./Ann
Miller, Robert G./Mona
Miller,, William M./Sissy
Morgan, Jon E./Mary Lou
Mullen, Ralph/Rosemary
Murphy, Jim/Jackie
Olander, Melba
Olsen, Arthur/Rita
Parkin, Charles/Marty
Parks, Dick/Marge (Rutan guests)
Pease, Cliff/Katy
Petersen, Jack/Beverly
Petosky, Sigmund J./Dorothy
Pohorsky, Jr., Joseph P./Ida M.
Porter, Paul/friend

Prather, Fred/Candy
Purvis, Guy/Kenny McKay
Quinn, Thomas M./Mrs.
Ray, Douglass D.
Rebert, Burnell K./Mary H.
Reising, John/Eloise
Reynnet, Francis D./Caroline D.
Robbins (guest), Madellene
Rolak, Chester/Lillian
Romanki, Harry/Sophie
Rutan, Richard/Erma
Scarborough, Joseph T.
Scurlock, Henry/Laura
Scurlock, James/Catherine
Sellers, Charles/Laura
Shearer, Jack/June
Siegrist, Dr. Jacob C./Harriet
Sizemore, Dr. Robert A./Arline
Smith, Oliver J./Elsie
Smith, Wilbur Elsworth
Smoley, John A./Jeannine A.
Spring, Frank E./Lucy
Springer, V. Aldon
Stoddard, Walter/Julia
Summey, Lottie
Tabor (A), Nancy S.
Tao, Frank/Lilyan
Tedesco, Benjamin
Terpstra, Richard/Martha
Tether, Charles E./Ivaloe
Tracewell (guest), Evelyn V.
Tressler, Don/Helen
Tressler, Jr., Guy D./Rosemary
Troyer, Wm. Royston/Madi
Ulaneck, Julius/Helen
Walker, Wm. Reese/Alice
Waters, John C./Fran
Weber, Robert/Lucille
Welch, Martin J.
Werwege, James/Sue
Weskamp, Herman/Kathryn
Westphal, John C./Lillian M.
White, William/Mary
Whitlock, Friend James
Wilding, Arthur/Glenna
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Zucks, Leon "Duke"/Dottie

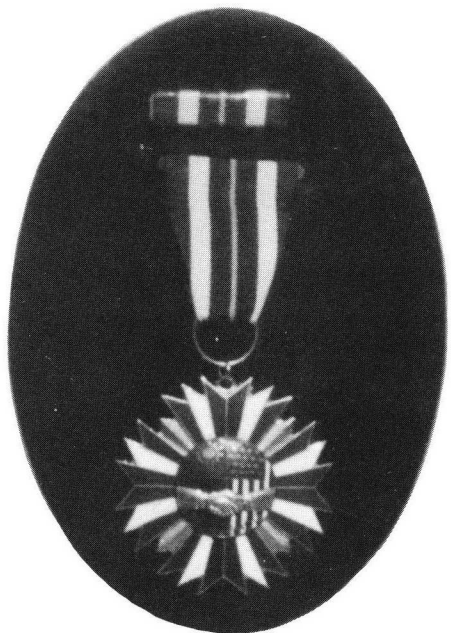


Members of local Chinese-American community model fashions of past dynasties.

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SACO

MEDALS



Louisville, KY

May 8, 1993

Maj. Gen. Fan Chi-yao, ROC Army (Ret.), acting in behalf of Lt. Gen. Yin Tsung-wen, Director of the ROC MIB, presented the SACO medals at the banquet.



Joseph O. Bradley



Stephen Chu



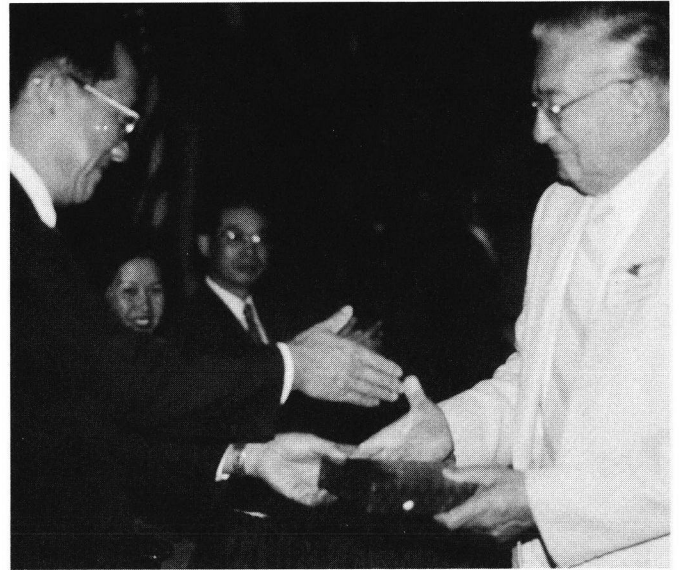
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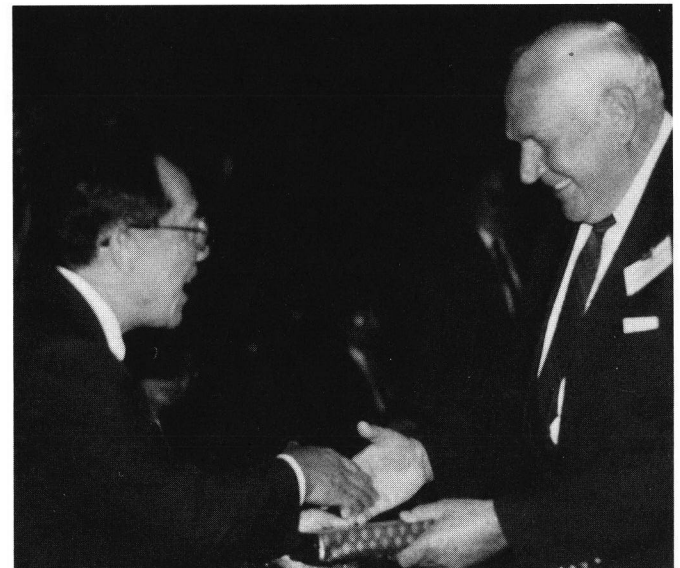
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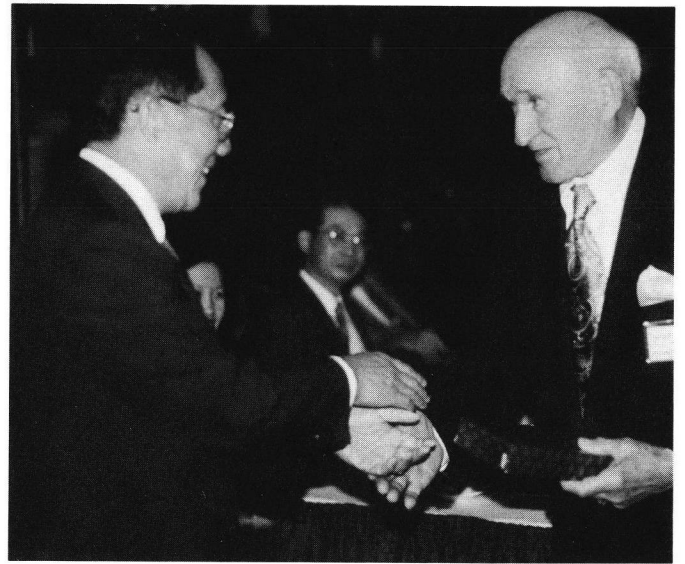
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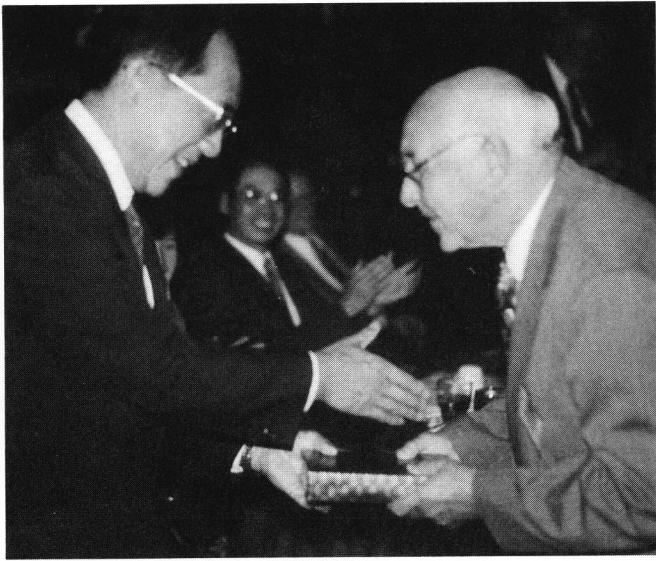
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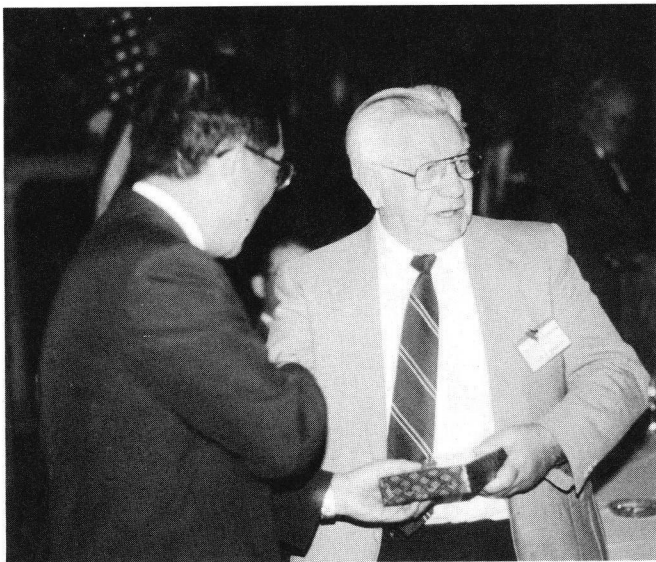
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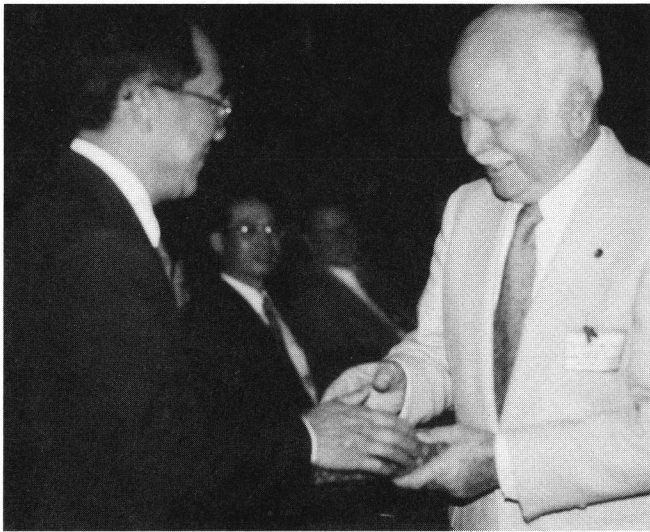
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LETTERS & NOTES



To Buckless (no date)

I just received a SACO NEWS letter from Paul and Rutan and saw where it is time for dues again. Enclosed please find mine. I recall having to ask you to check your records and see if I had paid mine for last year, and I didn't want that to happen again!

I also saw that you and the "Boss" were celebrating fifty years of married life. I would have said wedded bliss, but I, too, am a married man and realize there is no such thing. In my business I have heard people say, "We never had an argument in our entire married life" -- what a bunch of liars they are! Everyone has had some "downers," but like yourself, they were trivial and soon over and forgotten.

I hope to go to Louisville to the convention and to see you and Evelyn there. You are one of the few "old-timers" that attend. Dallas Kinney, Tommy Thompson, etc. have all been 'among the missing'. I did get a card from Dallas Kinney for a while when he lived in Cincinnati and suddenly his wife wrote and said he was ill and in no condition to write anymore. I'm wondering? Since I was among the first to go over to India and help set this all up, I didn't get much chance to chum-up with many of the gang. Hence, I feel like the Lone Ranger at these meetings until I either see you or Bradshaw that I do remember from being in Calcutta as you came there and also Jorhat with Bradshaw.

In any event, I'll see you in Louisville . . .

Bill White

To Buckless - Xmas '92

Enclosed is my check for my 1993 dues. Have a question - when are the dues supposed to be paid? Is there a specific time that they have to be paid? *

Hope that you all have a nice Holiday Season. Don't know yet if I will be able to make it to Louisville. Have been having trouble with my walking. Have to use the wheel chair now...



Harry Romanki

(Harry came to Louisville with his sister and was his usual cheery self. Great to see you again, Harry!)

* - If you pay your dues EVERY year, we don't care if it is in January or December. It's the continuity of support that counts.

17 Jan 1993

I have been remiss in not informing you what an excellent job you are doing with SACO NEWS. I have enjoyed every issue and you should be commended for your contribution to the betterment of our infamous Navy Unit. My health has not been too good so I have been unable to attend the reunions. I would have liked, but if all goes well, I hope to be in Louisville.

The enclosed article appeared in NAVY TIMES this week. I have subscribed to it for many years. Phil (Bucklew) was a very good friend to many of us during our SACO days. I thought you might like to read it and possibly use some of the article in a future issue of SACO NEWS.

Best,
Don (Leberman)

10 Dec. 1992

Not sure if you use this kind of item in "What the Hell." But I like it!
(Refers to newspaper clipping of their Golden Wedding celebration.)

I was at Camp 1 mostly and finally a few weeks at Camp 6.

Our group arrived at Chungking Headquarters 3 July 1943. The officer-in-charge sent down word for me to get a haircut! (or else). I'd had one in March! The Chinese had just finished a new mess hall for a 4th of July party. Trees, flowers and shrubs were planted also. Great party.

RC (Robert Clark)

(Typesetter's comment: I moved, permanently, from Happy Valley to Kunming just 5 days before THE PARTY and missed it.)

To Buckless 12-10-92

Enjoyed the Nov. Newsletter covering the June convention in San Diego. I especially enjoyed reading the first extensive coverage of the Scouts & Raiders. I volunteered in Nov 1944 and trained at Ft. Pierce. As a member of Roger II, we arrived in Calcutta latter part of April ('45). After a stay in Calcutta, we drove across the Ledo-Burma Road to Kunming; a journey of approx. 30 days. One hundred trucks plus jeeps. Two men to a truck; our entire group that trained in Ft. Pierce. Thanks again to the editors for their coverage of our group.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Rockwell

To Buckless Dec. 1, 1992

Enclosed is my check for dues. Greatly enjoyed the Nov. 1992 issue of "What the Hell" - very informative and interesting.

I will make every effort to attend the 50th Anniversary Reunion in Louisville.

With warmest regards,

Hilly (Hilton Jayne)

(You missed a good one, Hilly. Ed.)

To Buckless Dec. 8, 1992

I saw the list of S&Rs in the latest SACO NEWS. My name should have been in that group - Calcutta, Madras & Jorhat.

Douglas D. Ray (Capt. USAF (Ret.))

(Note: Sorry Doug. The SACO pay location records do not have an "on board" date for every man. There were others with the same problem. Casamajor, Membership Ch.) The only D.D. Ray in SACO records was a S1/c and was paid March through August 1945 in Calcutta.

Dec. 1992

Congratulations to you for your new home. You have been doing a marvelous job in editing the SACO NEWS. We stayed six months in Taiwan and visited China mainland for a month between Nov. '91 and July '92. Plan to move to SFO (San Francisco) to live closer to our son, Tony and his family.

Pat & Sophia Chin

(Pat was in the Military Intelligence Bureau and served as the liaison officer with SACO for many years before 1978. Ed.)

4 Feb. 1993

I have enclosed a copy of a picture I had of Phil Bucklew. I had a print made of it so you would be able to include it with any articles you wished to write about Phil for "SACO NEWS". Phil is the tall individual in the first row.

The picture was taken at the Fourth of July 1945 celebration at COMNAVCHINA, EASTERN COMMAND at Kienyang, Fukien, China. We entertained local dignitaries and students from a local college which had moved inland from Shanghai.

I have also enclosed, at your request, a recent picture of me. It was taken two years ago for the U.S. Naval Academy. For



many years, I have served as the Blue and Gold Officer and Coordinator of Admissions for the Naval Academy in seven counties of Northwestern Pennsylvania. As directed by the Naval Academy, I interview young fellows and girls who have made application to the Naval Academy. The work is time consuming, but I enjoy it. Being retired, it is something for me to do and it keeps me young!

If my health permits, I will attend the reunion at Louisville. I will bring with me several hundred pictures I have of SACO in China. If some of the attendees see their picture, they can keep the print.

It was good of you to answer my letter and I appreciated it very much. Hope to see you in Louisville.

Sincerely,
Don (Leberman)

(Sadly, Don didn't make it to Louisville)

Dec. 1992

Really enjoyed SACO NEWS - just sorry we can't participate in all the activities. Also glad to hear you moved into your new home and that you are enjoying it.

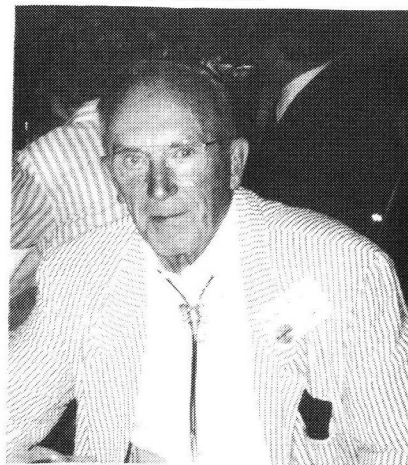
We are struggling to stay put in our home of 52 years. So far, so good - but it gets harder. Fortunately we have Sandy and the girls 12-15 yrs. now. They keep us going. Keep active with golf, swimming, bowling and local concerts and theatre. Not much traveling.

Would love to see you in Louisville in May! Maybe! Still have happy memories of our birthdays in Taiwan and all the happy hours with you in the Hospitality Room.

Kitty & Ken Sheaffer

Dec 1992

Do hope you and yours are all hale, hearty and in fine fettle. You've my sincere thanks for the great effort you've made to keep the SACO family together. The past looms larger in our lives with every passing day. Regrettably, we can also forget. Glad you're enjoying the new residence and trust that enjoyment will continue. Am still trying to give the mis-termed "Golden Years" a good run for it and having reasonable success. Do take care, don't overdo and keep the spirits high. Good luck and God bless.



Warm regards,
Tom Reiner

To Buckless - 1 Dec '92

I enclose my check for \$20. Please apply it to my 1993 dues as a dues-paying member of SACO.

My tour of duty with SACO was at Camp 10 commanded by my friend, Bill Sager. Upon my arrival, I was made Bill's Executive Officer and remained at Camp 10 until the end of the war.

I enjoyed Bill Sager's letter in the May issue concerning Dr. Robert Greif, Camp 10's doctor. I do recall the painting of numbers on the backs of the Chinese with gentian violet in order to be sure they were entitled to be issued a weapon. I also recall using gentian violet to color up the Chungking gin we used to sip on occasion.

I send my best to you and all the other "What The Hell" gang.

Sincerely,
Gene Porter, Maj. USMCR (Ret.)

To Casamajor - 14 Jan 93

Enclosed find my check for \$20.00 for my 1993 SACO dues. (Forwarded to Buckless)

...You heard the old saying: "People

over 40 are over the hill." My 12-year old granddaughter elaborated further. I asked her, "What about me at my age?" She looked at me respectfully and said, "Grandpa, I guess you are over the mountain." SACO Veterans are the best of the best!

Frank (Budinscak, Jr.)

Dec 1992

Congratulations for your moving to a new house. For the forthcoming year, we wish you a notable Chinese expression... "whatever you think will eventually come true." Plus good health and wealth to you.



Joseph & Maria Ching

(Joseph was Deputy Director of the ROC Military Intelligence Bureau from 1982 to 1987. He was the senior Chinese representative to our 1984 convention in Seattle. At that time he was Lt. Gen. Ching Tzu-li. Joseph and Maria now live in Vancouver, B.C. Canada.)

Dec. 7, 1992

I do not deserve to get it, but I still get the SACO NEWS. I have attended only one of the SACO reunions, the one Buck Dormer hosted down in Sanibel, Florida several years ago (it was 1978). I was shocked that Buck and his wife were the only ones I knew, and I did not seem to have anything in common with any of the other SACO members. So, I have just let it go. (C.P. You should hang around, a lot of us never knew each other over there, but we do now and find we DO have things in common and share them. The mere fact that you were in SACO means we ALL share a lot in common! Ed.)

Buck Dormer and Ted Wildman and myself were shipmates dating back to the early 1930's and later members of the Naval Security Group. We were volunteers for

the first group to join Admiral Miles in China. He was truly a great leader and I am really proud to have served with him.

When I think back about my tours of duty in China, I think I should have written a book. My first was in Shanghai 1939-40. Second 1942-44. Ted wrote the book - THE EXPENDABLES. He told me that his first try was turned down by publishers. They told him to make it a little fiction. Even so, it did not catch on, but it is still a great book. Before his death with ALS, he had a lot of copies left and he did not want to leave them for his wife to worry about. So he sent a box of them to four of our original group. He said to keep them for a few years and maybe they would be more in demand. I have about 15 books left and if you would like them for a few of the members, I will be glad to send them along. You can set the price and send any proceeds to his wife....*

I am 82 and still in good health and so is my wife - she is 80.

Sincerely,

C.P. Taylor, LCdr USN (Ret)

* - In response to our request for a source of THE EXPENDABLES in our last issue [#8], C.P. sent 15 copies to our Membership Chairman Casamajor. As a result of the interest shown at Louisville we sold 6 copies - at \$10.00 each - and have forwarded the net \$51.00 to Mrs. Wildman.

To Casamajor - 13 Jan 93

It was nice to be "found" by SACO. I've sent Frank Buckless 1993 dues. Since you seem to be a historian for the Roger Groups, let me send along a list of a few members of our Special Roger Group and a few of my recollections.

In the late summer of 1944, volunteers were asked for by SACO at Camp Peary, the Seabee Training Base at Williamsburg, VA. One hundred enlisted men were joined by 44 new (and young) Ensigns from the V-7 and V-12 programs. We then did 6 weeks of underwater demolition and 6 weeks of Scouts and Raiders (the last two weeks were a "survival course" in the Everglades).

Just after Christmas, we boarded "troop pullmans" for a trip to San Pedro, CA. After ten days, we boarded the "General Morton" for a 42-day trip to Calcutta with stops at Pearl Harbor and Melbourne.

We were billeted at Camp Knox in Calcutta and individually detached to China. I was detailed to a convoy of 400 trucks and 100 jeeps (approx.) that

traveled to Kunming by railway - narrow guage - and barges over the Irrawaddy. I got to Kunming with both front axles of my GMC "6-by" broken.

Most of my time in Kunming seemed to amount to playing softball with the 14th Air Force (Gen. Chennault was a "softball nut").

About two weeks after V-J Day we were flown back to Camp Knox. Then by the General Hayes thru the Suez Canal to New York (stops in Columbo and Alexandria, Egypt). End of story.

Dick Watson

Note: Names forwarded by Dick Watson as mentioned above are:
OFFICERS:

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Ens. Billie Houck
Lt. Charles V. Eikenberg

ENLISTED MEN:

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Ed. C. Collings, CSF
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Franklin B. Moneyhun, BM1/c
Robert J. Neale, MM1/c
Richard H. Watson, CM1/c
Ralph G. Chew, MM2/c
Frank J. McGowan, SK3/c
Vernon E. Herberg, BM2/c

(Note - Casamajor to Watson: I am NOT the historian of the Roger Groups or S&Rs. I AM the Membership Chair of all who were in SACO. I am happy to have all men of SACO step forward and be counted (and included). So many "Rogers" have "washed up on the beach" in the last couple of years, I've been hard pressed to keep up with you. Welcome aboard!!)

To Buckless 22 Jan 93

Here is my \$20.00 dues for this year. I plan to go to Louisville for the '93 reunion - I have not been to one since it was in Chicago (Ed. '59 or '69?) and I went with Dee Waters who I understand is dead. He lived in my village where I was the Chief of Police.

In your Nov 1992 issue #8 (SACO NEWS) Andy Fleming wrote about Roger Group - I was in Roger 3 and we made it to Calcutta and the war ended. Why, I don't know, but they had us drive trucks over the Burma/Stillwell Road to Kunming. We were there for around a week and they flew us back to Calcutta where we were shipped back to the States - never got to use all that training.

Sincerely,

Irv Floress

To Buckless - Dec. 1, 1992

Just now received - and partly read - the most recent issue of the SACO NEWS. Brought back vivid memories, fond and otherwise. One is that I forgot to pay my dues. Check is enclosed with all due apologies (pun intended).

I noticed some interest in the Roger Group of Scouts and Raiders that joined SACO (or started to) in early 1945. So happens that I was with Roger Special, the first contingent to arrive in Calcutta. To be absolutely accurate, the first of us to fly into Happy Valley were four Ensigns: Murde McDonald, George Kennedy, Bill Morris and myself. We had just about settled into the tent complex outside of Calcutta when a memo was circulated requesting personal information. I say 'memo', when in actuality, it was a badly mimeographed half-sheet of paper, smudged typography, obviously hastily done, which asked, "What has been your experience with houses?" The syntax seemed a little strange, but what the hell; we were in a foreign country where people spoke funny. I had done summer work in residential construction, so I replied: "Considerable" - or words to that effect. The ink wasn't dry on the form when the bullhorn squawked for the three Ensigns above and myself to report with full gear to the motor pool immediately! Next thing I knew we were flying the Hump - with none of us knowing exactly what was going on - which offered the first opportunity to think things over. All the officers in the Roger Special program were college athletes of some reputation. Kennedy was basketball, McDonald a swimmer, Harris was very big in that sport with a funny name - "equistri" something or other. Then it began to fit. Kennedy and Mac had both come from Norwich University, a military institution in Vermont where everybody majored in cavalry. Christ! That word on the questionnaire wasn't "houses;" it was "horses!"

After a couple of weeks in Chungking, getting our teeth fixed and our bodies back in shape after five weeks cramped into a troop transport, we dropped in, appropriately enough, on Camp 4 on the Gobi Desert, where the only mode of transportation was Mongolian ponies; later to be joined by Lt. Hank Heimlich, MD and Chaplain Bill LaSor (I went to Lafayette after the war and took a required course in Comparative Religion. First day of class, lo and behold! Bill LaSor is teaching the course - which I passed with difficulty.)

I plan to write Dick Rutan with bits of background on Roger Special, and other relevant items, which he might be able to use in the next issue of the NEWS. Can't tell you how much I enjoy it. Also hope to see you in Louisville in May.

All the best,

Bob Shimer

10 Dec 1992

First off, thank you kindly for the Christmas card and note which we both enjoyed. I had failed to enter your new address into the computer and last night remembered it must be included in the new issue of SACO NEWS. I could hardly move on in the letter without a comment about this edition of the NEWS. It seems impossible to make improvement (I always recall the phrase "Why fix anything that is not broken") and yet this issue, like numerous ones in the past, seems so professional. I can only imagine how much time and effort is crammed into those few pages. I spend hours every day in my computer - mostly writing - and I feel at ease saying this issue is the BEST ever! We are so fortunate in having such dedication united with ability---your contribution to keeping this antiquated organization Fresh, Vital and Active is much underrated, Dick!!!

...Lily, my Black Labrador, had to be put down! What a tragic event for me; we were, indeed, the best of friends! ...I had to give up the dream of attending the S.D. Reunion because of her illness. After "putting her down," we went on to D.C. to see the Vietnam Memorial and caused me to pause and contemplate my personal makeup; I was not in the least impressed, emotionally, by the display--- I thought it COLD and HEARTLESS. I visited again the national cemetery where I was VERY impressed with Bobby Kennedy's grave; its simplicity, its reverence displayed by a simple white cross emphasized my compassion with a display of a few tears. Joe Gallagher came to see me from N.Y.C. while we were in D.C. and that was a thrill---I would have known him anywhere...Joe still smokes 3 packs a day---still drinks---and still smiles; he just had an opening in Nashville of a play he had written years ago. We, Joe and I, have had great sport writing to each other; remembering SACO and the group.



My summer was interrupted by the need for hospitalization in Kankakee, IL; my 9-year old pacemaker took a dive. I have a new and improved model; on demand output. My old one was capable of exciting my heart 72 b.p.m.---this one idles at 60 but, on demand resulting from activity, is capable of going up to 133 b.p.m.---am feeling good, as a result, and although I have problems related to an enlarged

heart, I am looking forward to Kentucky this spring. Sellers and I have been swapping mail for years and am anxious to get there ahead of time and do some serious crappie fishing with him....

I have love and appreciation in my heart of each member of SACO who lives on in my memory. Everyone of them has contributed much to my life in various ways along the paths we have shared and I am grateful! I trust you and Erma will treasure each and every moment of the days you are given, even the difficult ones; they make us stronger and wiser if we just allow it.

Love,

John and Marie (Westphal)

Dec. 1992

After much thought and tears, have sold my home and will be moving to Greenville, Texas in the spring. My daughter and family live there and want and need to be close to family. Have waited over two years and decided it was time to move on with my life and think Marlin would approve. Don't know about Kentucky; will see how busy I am.

The very best to you both always,

Love,

Peg Leshner (Mrs. Marlin Leshner)

Nov. 1992

I just received my copy of the SACO NEWS and was very happy to get it. Congratulations to you and Paul on a job well done! It's both well written and newsy. Some of the news, such as the troubles of the Ulaneks were sad to hear and yet does tell us both sides of the picture. I didn't know Frank Buckless was such an excellent dancer - that has to be attributable to his wife and her patience.*

* - Bill, you ought to hear Frank sing with an orchestra -- almost reminds you of another Frank. You know, ol' whatshis-name.

I suppose by now that you and Erma are both most comfortably settled in your new digs and that Erma has just been elected/appointed Mayor or at least Chief Mother Hen for all the chicks in La Quinta. There's only one wild, wonderful Erma!

The big news from this station is that I have sold my business and retired. The hardest part of it was in the fact that I have three sons and none of them was interested in carrying it on even though they would have been the seventh generation in the business. Ours was the oldest in the USA in its field and one of the larger ones. My wife, my kids and my

accountants thought I should sell, set up a trust fund for my wife and myself with a set income and have a trust officer to handle affairs should I be the first to go. I'm not certain yet that they are right, but I did and have been traveling ever since to keep busy. (Mary and I just returned from a nice eleven days spent in Honolulu and Maui). It was okay, but Erma should have been along with a grass skirt!

See you in Louisville and again, congratulations on a nice newsy letter of the old gang of ours.

Bill & Mary White

December 16, 1992

Your November 1992 issue of SACO NEWS deserves an extremely WELL DONE. The issue is exceptionally well edited and I don't see how you managed an issue of 36 pages. I, for one, am grateful for your efforts.

In several articles of the SACO NEWS, you mentioned the Navy Memorial in Washington. I have been there several times (they show a super movie of operations aboard a carrier) and on one occasion I secured a photo of Admiral Miles from their computer files. I am sending that photo to you for possible reproduction in a future issue of SACO NEWS, or what ever use you may have. The masthead of SACO NEWS carries the legend that Adm. Miles is Rear Duke & Perpetual Skipper, but would it not be appropriate to show his photo as the SACO Tigers knew him?

Also, Admiral Miles wrote a terrific article on SACO in the July 1946 issue of the U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings. It covers 11 pages and includes several photos of Camp Nine. I'm sure that some of our members have never seen it. I have a copy and I will be pleased to send anyone a photocopy if they will include \$0.52 in stamps with their request.

With regard to books about SACO, there is a book titled THE U.S. CRUSADE IN CHINA, 1938-1945 by Michael Schaller and published by Columbia University Press in 1979. I have not read it but understand that it contains SACO material.*

Elizabeth joins me in sending our very best wishes to you and Erma for a happy and festive holiday season.

Sincerely,

Bill (Sager)

* - Yes it does! One chapter entitled "SACO! The Counterrevolution in Action". We still remember when we first heard about this book from Doc Goodwin in about 1986. He was most agitated by what he thought was a lot of mis-information.

To Buckless 12/10/92

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Thanks again to the editor for the coverage of our group.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Rockwell

Note new address: P.O. Box 836
Sparr, FL 32192-0836

To Buckless March 5, 1993

Thank you for the SACO NEWS. We recently returned from a two-month visit to Singapore. While there, I saw that some U.S. Navy personnel had moved from the Philippines to their new location in Singapore.

Enclosed is a check for \$50.00 - \$20.00 for the SACO dues and \$30.00 for the Miles' films on VHS tapes. The SACO magazine says, "Bear in mind, these films will never get a nomination for an Academy Award..." Someone once said, "Never say never." For example, when Pearl Buck wrote her first book, THE GOOD EARTH, people in America, including some Chinese experts, predicted that her book would never sell well because people in America were not interested in a story about Chinese peasants. However, her book was not only on the best-sellers list in 1932, but it also won her the Nobel literature prize in 1938. Besides it has been made into a movie and more recently been put on video tape and viewed by millions of people. Now with the global economic and strategic balances changing so rapidly, especially with those countries of the Pacific rim, who knows but one day Miles' films may become the most important documentary films about the U.S. Navy in China.

Yours truly,

Byron Chen

(Ed. note: The Miles' tapes are still available to dues paying SACO members for \$30.00. Delivery time is about two weeks.)

Jan. 11, 1993

You will be interested to know that SACO is prominently mentioned in a recently published book, THUNDER BELOW, by Admiral Eugene B. Fleckey. See pages 273-275 & 416 in this book. Adm. Miles, Gen. Tai Li, pirate leader Chang Yee-chow, Lt. Carl Divelbiss, U.S. Naval Unit 8, Sgt. Stewart and Bob Sinks are named. Sub action took place in Namkwan Harbor. A truly outstanding accomplishment! Anyone reading this book will be captivated by the exploits of this sub.

Hope to see some of the SACO personnel at the reunion if at all possible.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Fiduk, Major USAF (Ret.)

(Note: Steve was a Hump pilot bringing SACO supplies during WWII. He and Andy Fleming met at a CBI convention in Atlanta in 1992 and he was quick to buy a set of Miles' film/tapes. He has indicated an interest in becoming an Associate Member. We can accomplish that at Rapid City in 1994. Thanks for the tip on the book, Steve.)
(Another note: Hey Carl, how come you never told us about this book? Or, are you just finding out about it?)

To Buckless - 9 Dec '92

I am enclosing my check for \$20. for dues for 1993, including a copy of the latest Directory and "hopefully" copies of the Spring and Fall issues of SACO NEWS.

I attended only one meeting of SACO that was held in New York some time ago. I believe I have been pretty regular in keeping up with my dues each year and expect to do so in the future.

I served with Camp 8 and finished up as CM2/c; after serving with permanent shore patrol in Shanghai. I was discharged there; I married a Chinese girl and was finally forced to leave (with her) by the Communists.

Edison H. Clements

To Buckless 25 Jan 1993

Enclosed is my check for my dues which I have been remiss in sending over the past several years. I enjoy getting the SACO newsletters and was most particularly interested in the letter from Paul Tibbets in the most recent issue.

I was in Happy Valley from late December 1944 until August 1945 when I went back to Calcutta to relieve Henry Dillon as Comm Officer at COMINDU. We were in the air over the Hump on 14

August 1945 when the co-pilot on the CNAC plane informed us that the Japanese had accepted the surrender terms. Left Calcutta on a Victory ship for the return home. Recent events in the Middle East seem familiar in a way as the ship was going through the Red Sea and some of the place names are familiar. We were going through the Suez Canal on New Year's Day 1946. Paul and I worked together for the four months I was there, although there was not a lot of work. Just had to steer clear of the communal riots. I remember fondly Plass Owen, Doc Wilson and several of the other guys at COMINDU and, of course, many at Happy Valley including Ralph Stouffer, Johnny Lynn, Griffin, Fee, Crile and Pierce Beauzay who was Warrant Electrician and who was my bunkmate in a little old tumble down shack which had a stove burning tung oil which Beauzay had rigged. On those cold nights, it was the most popular in the Valley. Also remember Rip Collins and the small snake we dispatched at the door of his quarters on night.

Howard (Gillespie)

Dec 1992

Here we are on our bicycle trip down the Danube from Germany to Vienna (refers to picture card). Wish we could share all the beautiful sights we saw with everyone.

Sure enjoyed the publication - you are doing a great job - seems to get better each issue - thanks so much.

Glad to hear you are so happy in your new home - sounds just great. We just got home from 3 weeks in Hawaii, so it's a rush getting ready for Xmas. Hope to get to Louisville (they did!)

All best wishes,

Sissy and Bill (Miller)

May 16, 1993

We had no opportunity to say goodbye to you after the banquet and we want to tell you how very much we appreciate everything you always do to make our SACO reunions so successful. It would not be the same without Erma and Richard Rutan!

We especially thank you for your many kindnesses to us and want you to know how much we value your friendship.

Sincerely,

Mary Helen & Burnell Rebert

(Thank you very much for your complimentary note. It was nice of you to take the time to express your kind thoughts. E&R)

HOW COME??

PART II



by Paul Casamajor

(Mary Miles knew there were many ways in which he and Gen. Chennault could help each other and he needed only a catalyst to get it started. It came in the form of an officer's cap.)

There was no doctor at Happy Valley in the first six months of 1943. Webb Heagy, a Lt. in the Hospital Corps at that time, was Miles' communication officer. And, busy! And, the acting doctor.

One hot and steamy night I felt dizzy and faint at the dinner table and headed for the door (and some fresh air) and went down in a heap at the door.

(At the time I thought it was something about the chow we were getting. Since then I've had one experience that makes me believe I was getting carbon monoxide from the open charcoal brazier in our bedroom.)

Anyhow, it took Heagy two days to come the 100 yards or so from Miles' quarters to ask me how I felt.

They concluded that I should probably see a doctor -- the only available American doctor was a Lt.(jg) at the U.S. Embassy in Chungking.

A trip to the Embassy was a great opportunity to find out if you were really sick or not.

After the mile walk down Happy Valley to the motor pool, you went to Moon Gate (Wan Lung Men) on the south side of Chungking. Then, down 283 steps to the bank of the Yangtze, walk up-stream and negotiate for a sampan

water-taxi to cross the river during which voyage you went about one-half mile downstream.

Then, find the right trail and climb the approximately 300 steps up to the Embassy. Whatever the doctor decided about me is now a blank - maybe all the stair steps and fresh air cleared up my problem. (Maybe he suggested for me to take two aspirin and come back tomorrow. One trip was enough!)

The Lt.(jg) doctor had lost his cap. We compared hat sizes and I told him he was welcome to borrow mine as I had no use for it at Happy Valley. I also told him I was one of six photo interpreters out in Happy Valley with no photos to look at.

The trip back to Happy Valley retraced the morning trek - down the 300 steps on the south bank and across the river. When I got to the bottom of the "283 steps" there were some chair bearers looking for a fare. The price, 100 CN (US \$2.00 at the time). It seemed like the thing to do. I did it! Evidently my action got back to Miles and I heard about it publicly at the next general meeting. It was a "no-no."

My cap got delivered shortly thereafter by courier.

Then, about June 15th, Lt. Col. Jesse Williams, Gen. Chennault's A-2 (Chief of Intelligence) came to the Embassy on business and, over dinner, mentioned a problem he had down in Kunming. His one photo interpreter had come down with perforated stomach ulcers and double pneumonia. And, the daily photo recon materials were piling up. The doctor said, "I know where there are six photo interpreters just a few miles from here."

In a VERY few days we were out of Happy Valley. When Miles came down to see us off on a flight with Gen. Stilwell from Chungking to Kunming, he said - his last words to me:

"GET ALONG!"

I knew he didn't mean this as in "Get along li'l doggie." What he meant was - GET ALONG!

We were too busy to do otherwise.

The 14th Air Force was pretty young at the time (it was created on March 14, 1943 at which time it consisted of the American Volunteer Group - AVG - and some units on detached service from the 10th Air Force in India) and they had a problem with how to handle some Navy types.

On July 1st the six of us were attached to: "Hq. & Hq. Sqdn." By August 1st they had their act together and the orders that date created the 18th Army Air Forces Photo Intelligence Detachment. The first

personnel were:

Captain Morgan B. O'Conner *
1st Lt. Richard C. Wilson
2nd Lt. Sydney Franklin
S/Sgt. Howard M. Arnegard **

Lt.(sg) Charles O. Cook
Ens. Paul Casamajor
Ens. W. Stuart Emmons
Ens. Edward Monsour
Ens. Wm. Reese Walker
Ens. David L. Welsh
RM1/c S.F. Foust
SK3/c S.F. Spirakus
Y2/c F.G. Otis
Y3/c W.S. Lynch

* - Capt. O'Conner was the poor man with perforated ulcers and double pneumonia; we never saw him.

** - S/Sgt. Arnegard had a great drawing talent and designed the 14th Air Force shoulder patch while in our office. After the war he became a successful architect and, now retired, lives in Oklahoma City.

In these same August 1st orders, Lt. Col. Williams moved up to Colonel.

Charles Cook moved into an office near Col. Williams the better to field questions about the photo interpretation. Casamajor worked with 2nd Lt. Franklin at the 18th P.I.D. next door to the 21st Photo Reconnaissance Squadron lab. 1st Lt. Wilson and Emmons, Monsour, Walker and Welsh all went to Kweilin to be closer to the action.



FOURTEENTH AIR FORCE INSIGNIA DESIGNED BY HOWARD ARNEGARD IN CHINA - MARCH 10, 1943

S.G.T.

TO ALL SACO MEN WHO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE 14TH AIR FORCE

If you had any kind of a close association with one or more units of the 14th Air Force, you might be interested in becoming a member of the 14th Air Force Association. This is a very active bunch of about 4,000 current members.

They publish an annual Directory, six excellent "Jing Bao Journals" of stories, anecdotes and news and one annual Pictorial Magazine.

They recognize SACO's existence and seem interested in how we helped each other get the job done.

If interested, send \$15. to:

Ernest R. Kitterman
19830 Allisonville Road
Noblesville, IN 46060-1115

Tell Ernie SACO sent you.



BILL WHITE SELLS AMERICA'S OLDEST MEMORIAL COMPANY

(The following article [in part] appeared in the OBSERVER-REPORTER of Washington, PA February 13, 1993 written by Brant M. Newman and submitted by SACO member Ralph Hankins)

Three of the area's largest monument companies reported strong performances in the face of a weak economy in 1992.

But perhaps the biggest development occurred when one of the three, SIMON WHITE'S SONS in Claysville, ceased to be a family-owned operation for the first time in 181 years.

Owner William F. White, a descendant of the family that founded what has become the nation's oldest memorial company, sold the three-state operation to Richard Clark of Wheeling, W.Va.

(Note: On the the City Tour bus on our first day of the SACO Convention in Louisville, we drove through a cemetery where the mausoleum for President Zachary Taylor was pointed out. Bill White remarked to those around him: "If you'll give me a half an hour, I'll give you a complete set of plans and sell it to you wholesale!")

COMBAT ACTION RIBBON



by
"DOC" FELMLY

I am writing re the Combat Action Ribbon awarded to members of the Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard who have actively participated in ground or surface combat. I was actually unaware of this ribbon (there is no corresponding medal) until early in 1989. My inquiry sent to the Board of Medals and Awards was answered by the National Personnel Records Center, solely in the form of a scribbled note in the margin of my original letter, which was returned to me.

I was told that the dates of eligibility covered service from 1 March 1961 to 15 May 1975. For a moment, I let the matter drop. I also inquired elsewhere as to the cut-off date for awards for performances in WWII, and was told it was "long ago."

Then, out of the blue, along came two items which made me decide to take up the torch once again to try to get the Navy Combat Action Ribbon for those former members of Naval Group China (SACO) who proved eligible. The first item was the introduction of legislation by Rep. Randy Cunningham to award the Bronze Star to US Navy and Marine Corps survivors of the WWII Bataan Death March. On Feb. 7, 1992, SecNav issued an executive order for same. The second item was more pertinent, since it awarded the Combat Action Ribbon to all members of the USS VINCENNES for the ship's downing of an Iranian airliner: same taking place well after the 15 May 1975 cut-off date for the awarding of the CAR.

So, you see, if a congressman feels that a right should be wronged he has a way to do it. Also, if the Navy Dept. higher-ups (civilian or service) want to make the shoe fit, they also have a way to do it. In the case of the USS VINCENNES, the dates of eligibility were obviously extended to fit the situation.

It is my contention that those members of Naval Group China who actively participated in ground or surface combat against the enemy during WWII are eligible for the CAR.

I am fortunate in having been able to take my case to Rep. Michael McNulty (D-NY), a friend and former patient. He is a strong right-arm of the younger people in Congress. Please write your congressman, and have him get in touch with Rep. McNulty's office, with his attention going to Nick Viggiani who is handling our case. Never mind whether your congressman is Democratic or Republican, since it should immediately occur to you that nobody asked you whether you were Democrat or Republican when you offered your services to fight for your country in WWII. And, whether or not you, personally, should prove eligible for the CAR, support the plea of your SACO buddies who are.

Remember, what we need is a RETROGRADE CHANGE IN THE DATES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE COMBAT ACTION RIBBON IN ORDER THAT THOSE MEMBERS OF NAVAL GROUP CHINA WHO PROVE ELIGIBLE MAY WEAR THE RIBBON.

A note from members, personally, will surely help. Write:

Nick Viggiani
c/o Rep. Michael McNulty
217 Cannon House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

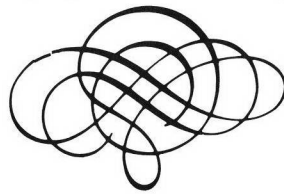
And tell him "Doc" Felmly sent you!

Good Luck!

(Ed. note: And, for another good reason, see the 2nd from last paragraph of THE JORHAT CREW story elsewhere in this issue.)



SICK BAY



April 14, 1993

Thank you very much for your phone call today. Am sorry that no one was here when you called.

Hope you and Erma are enjoying your new home.

Bobbie and I had planned to go to Louisville, but yours truly has been sick with different ailments for several months. The latest body part to cause trouble is my heart. I've been in the hospital three times within the past few weeks. The Dr. is trying to get things stabilized with medication, but we are not sure yet. I have a blood test every week to see if everything is O.K. If not, they call right away and I have to change. It may be mental now to be able to have the self-confidence that all is well.



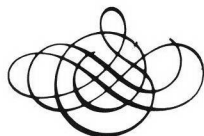
Since things are so unstable, we decided it would be best not to get too far away from home, so thought it best to miss the Louisville meeting. We were looking forward to this one, but will surely miss not being there.

Please extend our hello's and well wishes to everyone.

Kindest regards,

Bill & Bobbie (Hall)

(Ed. note: We did miss you both!)



To Buckless April 23, 1993

I am sending you my dues for 1994.



Dolores and I will not be able to be in Louisville this year. I mailed my fees for the convention, but had to write Arthur Wilding and cancel out.

Last year I went through radiation therapy for my prostate. The cancer was taken care of, but I had damaged blood vessels. I had a sigmoidoscopy to cauterize the blood vessels twice this year. I am scheduled for another next week, so that will knock out the trip to Louisville.

Dolores and I were looking forward to the convention. I wish you and everyone a good time there.

Sincerely,

Leonard Fintak

(Note to Len & Dolores: We DID miss you!)



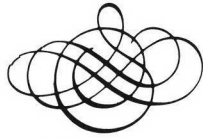
To Buckless (No date)

Marge and I haven't been to a reunion since we retired. We usually go to Michigan for our vacations to spend time with our kids.

This past year has not been too good for me. I had a 5-way by-pass and am recovered. But now I have a problem with my back. We do hope to make Louisville if my back surgery turns out OK.

I really enjoy the SACO NEWS. Dick Rutan does a fine job. I want to do my part to keep it going. Am enclosing my dues. Hope I'll be able to get to Louisville and see you all again.

Vincent Drury



To Ken and Helen Rhicard:

Stone and I were so happy to hear from you. Sorry to hear Helen hasn't been well. Hopefully, she is doing better.

Stone is up and around - he still has problems, but has made such amazing progress - due in part to the many prayers being said for him. Thank you for yours.

We would love to go to Louisville, but have another problem now. My mother is with us and is in very poor health. If all goes well with Stone, it will take some doing for us to get off.

It is great to hear that you have friends that are keeping in touch. Our prayers are with you and Best Wishes for 1993.

As ever,



Helena (Cooper)

(The above letter received by the Rhicards 1-22-93)



To Buckless 22 Jan 1993

Here, finally, is my dues. Hope all of you have a good get-together in Louisville. I fell a few months ago; broke my hip and pelvis bone, so I will be laid up for quite a while.

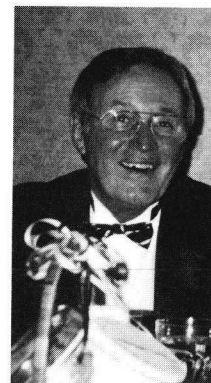
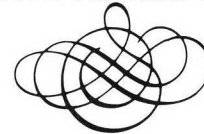
It was 50 years ago this month I arrived in Camp 2, Nanyo, China, Hunan Province.

Louis Oberschulte



RUTH COLGROVE BREAKS HIP

Ruth, wife of Earl Colgrove, broke her hip a few weeks ago. Prior to the Louisville convention, Earl said she was not suffering pain as much as earlier and they had Ruth taking a few steps. Have tried contacting for an update on her condition, but assume Ruth is recuperating at their daughter's home nearby the Motion Picture Home.



WILL RICE OK FOLLOWING STROKE

A phone call to us just prior to the Louisville Convention from Will and Pauline Rice (our hosts in Charleston, SC in 1989) revealed Will had another bout with cancer-this time prostate-and had suffered a stroke. He stated he was clear of cancer and, following surgery on a carotid artery, he had no side effects from the stroke. He has a positive attitude and was glad to be almost back to normal. Some of you will recall that Pauline was in the process of having knee implants; she said that was extremely successful and she has no pain anymore. Good news from good friends and we all wish you well in the future! Ed.



THE JORHAT CREW

by
Jack V. Harvey

Not many people know the real story of how and why a bunch of navy men wound up making oxygen for the army in the foothills of the Himalayas. What happened was this:

Sometime in early 1943, the skipper (Miles - then a Captain) was back in Washington on a scrounging trip. One night he had dinner with Capt. John Bay, an engineering officer at BuShips; they had met years earlier when both attended PG school at Annapolis in the 20's. Miles asked Bay what he was doing interesting these days, and Capt. Bay told him about a program he was heading to install portable (not mobile) oxygen manufacturing plants on various island advanced bases in the Pacific, and training crews to operate them. The navy used huge amounts of oxygen for ship repair, and obtaining it from the states was difficult because of lack of shipping and an acute shortage of the heavy brass cylinders in which the oxygen was stored under pressure.

Miles knew that at that time the ATC had more than 100 cargo planes a day stuck on the ground in India for lack of oxygen for Hump flights. In planning the Hump operation, no one had taken into account the quantities of oxygen that would be needed. The nearest commercial source was Calcutta, the limited supply there had to be shipped in heavy cylinders some 600 miles by rail to Assam. Then some of it had to be shipped by air into China, in those heavy cylinders, for use on return trips. The army had several trailer-mounted mobile oxygen plants in the area, but they were lightweight and usually out of action for lack of spare parts.

Miles told Bay he wished he could get a couple of navy oxygen plants to India, as he felt he could get anything he wanted from the ATC in return. Evidently Capt. Bay told him: "You've got 'em." So Miles went back to India and made a deal with the ATC brass under which he would deliver two navy oxygen plants complete with operating crews, in return for which the ATC would guarantee shipment of x number of tons of navy supplies per month over the Hump. The number I heard was 2,000 tons per month, but in retrospect that seems excessive. In any case we were trading material.

Art Franson and his nine-man crew arrived in Jorhat in late summer, 1944, and I followed with my group in December. Just for good measure, Capt. Bay threw in a navy acetylene generating plant, with crew, to be included in my group. By early 1945 we were supplying all seven ATC airfields in Assam with both oxygen and acetylene and, starting in February, 1945, we were shipping liquid oxygen over the Hump to Kunming and Myitkyina (Burma)

and converting it to gas on the other side, thus eliminating the shipment of thousands of pounds of brass cylinders over and back.

In toto, the gear which the navy shipped by sea to Calcutta and thence by rail to Jorhat, for our plants, came to 525 tons. It included four complete oxygen generating units (two per plant), a complete power plant made up of six huge diesel generators, two 40x100 and two 20x60 quonset huts, a 37-ton trailer-mounted acetylene generating plant (which we had to float up the Brahmaputra River on a barge), 2,000 full oxygen cylinders and 500 full acetylene cylinders, two trucks, two jeeps, and thousands of pounds of tools and spare parts. We were almost completely self-sufficient.



Acetylene generating plant (trailer in the middle) between two quonset huts for storage.

In spite of all this, Adm. Miles said in his book that the army never did live up to its end of the bargain; evidently SACO never got the full tonnage of supplies over the Hump that were promised.

The admiral also mentioned in his book, rather bitterly, that after the war SACO was pretty much ignored, especially when they started handing out medals. He said that despite the many heroics of SACO personnel in China, SACO was probably the least decorated unit in the entire navy.

Ironically, in that regard, I was one of the lucky ones. While I may have been one of the least deserving in SACO -- especially compared with some of the China hands -- I received the Navy

Commendation Medal (the one with the green and white ribbon) for planning and establishing the high-altitude flights of liquid oxygen to China and Burma. Deserved or not, I have always been very proud of that award; very few ensigns received it.

I was lucky in another way. My crew and I were actually slated for Okinawa, but were diverted to India even before our training was complete. I know we were much better off in Jorhat than we would have been in Okinawa!



THE JORHAT CREW

Back L-R: Harry William, Bob McGunnigle, Paul Cahalane, Bill Dawe, Tommy Thompson, Louis Keefer, Pete McCaleb, Frank Lombardi, George Swink, Bill Porr, John Marley, Mac Maguire, , Bob Herron.

Middle: Frank Taylor, Paul Schreiner, George Winstanley, Bill Rinsdale, Bill White, Alex Rogers, Paul Condict, John Ripoli, Joe Bettendorf, Howard Carpenter, Howard Crapsey, Jerry Shubert.

Front: Walter Benson, Walter Kerch, , Bill Denham, Joe Pohorsky, Art Franson, Conrad Bradshaw, Jack Harvey, Harold Gurin, Russel Yoke, Jim Goose, Leo Fogle, John Ryder.



Lt. (jg) Art Franson & Lt. (jg) Jack Harvey
The peg-legged parrot emblem on the jeep - mentioned in Adm. Miles' book - was designed by MMG2/c Guy Leese.

SACO NEWS RECOGNIZES
GENEROUS BENEFACTORS

WILLIAM T. ATHEY, in addition to being a charter dues-paying member, contributed \$80. last Dec. "toward supporting SACO NEWS which I think is an excellent periodical and should be continued if possible."

S. SHEPHERD "SHEP" TATE has made a second \$100. donation (former one in behalf of Paul Casamajor). "Our good friend Carl W. Divelbiss has served ably as our Legal Counsel. I am enclosing a check (\$100.) payable to the SACO Foundation in his honor." (SACO salutes you two gentlemen for your kind words and generous support).

Obituaries



TO THOSE I LOVE AND THOSE WHO LOVE ME

When I'm gone, release me, let me go -
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave to you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while if grieve you must;
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part;
So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on,
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile, and say,
"WELCOME HOME."

-- Author unknown



MONICA DICKENS

(Submitted by Leo Fletcher, the following article appeared in the BERKSHIRE EAGLE in Pittsfield, Mass. 27 December 1992.)

LONDON - Monica Dickens, who followed in the footsteps of her great-grandfather Charles Dickens and wrote more than 50 books, has died at the age of 77.

Ms. Dickens lived in the United States for 35 years and opened the first American branch of The Samaritans, a worldwide volunteer organization that counsels the depressed and suicidal.

Clare Harrington, a spokeswoman for Dicken's publisher, Viking, said yesterday that the author had cancer and was in Dunedin Hospital in Reading 36 miles west of London, for an operation when she died Christmas Day.

Born in London on May 10, 1915, the daughter of barrister Henry Charles Dickens, Dickens was a debutante in the 1930s. But she rebelled against high society and went to work, first as a servant, then as a cook, a nurse and a newspaper reporter.

'Escape route'

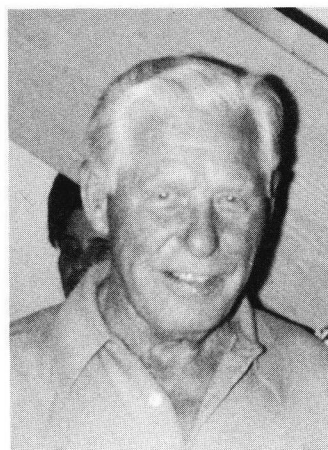
"It was an escape route for me," she once said. "I have a great feeling for the bottom and the background of things."

Monica Dickens' two years as a live-in servant inspired her first book, "One Pair of Hands." It was published in 1939, became a best-seller and established her reputation as a writer.

Being the great-granddaughter of Charles Dickens created problems, however, as no one else in the family was supposed to be a writer.

"Dickens was god," Monica once said. "It was like someone coming along after Christ and saying they were Christ, too."

At age 35, she married U.S. Navy Cmdr.



Roy Olin Stratton and moved to Cape Cod in Massachusetts, where she lived until his death in 1985. She then returned to Britain and lived in a secluded cottage in Brightwalton, Berkshire, about 20 miles from Reading.

In the late 1960s, Dickens became involved in the Samaritans' 24-hour telephone lifeline to anyone in need of a sympathetic ear. In 1974 she opened the

first U.S. branch of the Samaritans in Boston. She later founded a second center in Falmouth on Cape Cod.

In addition to the foregoing, the San Francisco Sunday Examiner and Chronicle dated Sunday, December 27, 1992 printed the following:

At the age of 74, marking her 50th anniversary as a writer, she published "Enchantment." The central character was based on British mass killer Michael Ryan.

She continued to produce a book a year until her death. Her latest book, "One of the Family," is scheduled for publication in May.

Queen Elizabeth II made Ms. Dickens a member of the Order of the British Empire in 1981.

She is survived by two daughters.

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SPIGELMIRE

James S. Spigelmire, a retired tavern and restaurant owner who served in a Navy unit in China and Manchuria during WWII, died November 25, 1992 of cancer at Stella Maris Hospice at the age of 81.

He retired in 1972 as the owner of a Highlandtown restaurant and tavern that bore his name. Fond of saltwater fishing, he also maintained a winter home in Venice, Florida.

A native of Valley Park, MO., he moved with his family to Sparrows Point (MD.) as a child when his father, a master mechanic for Bethlehem Steel Corp., was transferred there.

He was educated in the public schools in Sparrows Point, but went to work as a laborer for the steel company for two years before finishing high school. In 1929, he entered Mount St. Joseph High School on a scholarship, graduating in 1933.

Jim was named to the 1932 Maryland All-Star Soccer Team. After high school, he attended the University of Baltimore Law School on a football scholarship, again leaving before graduation to go to work for Bethlehem Steel.

He enlisted in the Navy during WWII and was assigned to a unit that included Army and Marine Corps personnel and was jointly commanded by an Admiral in the U.S. Navy and a General in China's intelligence service. (SACO)

The unit worked behind Japanese lines, compiling weather reports, watching coastal shipping and rescuing airmen shot down by the Japanese. Jim was an aerographer and served in Chungking, China from November 1943 to May 1945.

The unit was the basis of a movie,

"Destination Gobi," and Mr. Spigelmire was mentioned in three books on the unit; "SACO - The Rice Paddy Navy", "The Army-Navy Game," and "A Different Kind of War."

Jim was a member of the Parkville Post of the American Legion and was a Baltimore Colts fan, attending the 1958 championship game in which they beat the Giants of New York.

Mr. Spigelmire is survived by his wife, the former Marcella Dean; two daughters, Lynne S. Viti of Westwood, MA, and Anne S. Werps of Perry Hill, MD; a brother, Charles of Baltimore, two sisters, Sara Jane Chamberlin and Sister Mary Vernarda Spigelmire, S.S.N.D., both of Baltimore; and four grandchildren.

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BRANDWEIN

(Written to Hazel & Bernie Nelson) - I am Harry Brandwein's niece and I'm very sorry to tell you that my Uncle Harry died on October 14, 1992. It was a heart attack which was sudden and fatal. You may already have heard this bad news, but in view of your warm holiday greetings (to Harry), I felt obliged to write personally and inform you of his passing.

Sincerely,

Rhoda Tanzer

Hal Bonin also wrote: "I have lost my dearest friend in SACO."

(Harry was a faithful SACO member and only missed two of the last twenty conventions. In SACO Harry served from December 1944 to November 1945 at Camp 6 and Changchow as a Storekeeper.)

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CIFALA

(A few of you RI guys may recall living with an Italian family on 16th St. NW in Wash. D.C. prior to going overseas. The

following is from the daughter-in-law.):

December 10, 1992

Your lovely Christmas card to my mother-in-law arrived this past week-end and it is with much sadness that I write to tell you of the sudden passing of your good friend, Vincette (Cifala).

On the morning of July 9th....she awoke "not feeling right" but with no pain...doctor advised us to take her to the hospital...it was determined she had suffered a massive heart attack...and was gone within two hours.

I apologize for not notifying you - it was unexpected and a very hectic time for us. The oldest son, John, was out of the country on a cruise ship in Scandinavia and her son, Peter was in Florida, recuperating from knee surgery. Only Joseph and I were here.

We know that Mom cared a great deal for your friendship and that you will miss her as we surely do. Thank you for always remembering her on special occasions - it meant a lot to her...

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Cifala

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KEIL

Charles Ellsworth Keil of Delray Beach, Florida, passed away September 25, 1992. He was retired from General Foods and was a member of the Delray Beach Club and was a WWII Navy veteran where he served in the Sino-American Cooperative Organization from February 1944 until October 1945, nearly all of the time at Camp 4 in the Gobi Desert. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, of Delray Beach; daughter, Mrs. Charles (Lois) Moynihan of Lilburn, GA; two grandsons, Jeff and Brian Moynihan of Lilburn, GA.

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BELCHER

Frederick A. Belcher, Lt.(jg)(Ret.) passed away at his home 378 Molino Ave., Long Beach, California. Born in 1909, he entered the Navy in 1928 and retired April 11, 1947. Following a military funeral, he was buried at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Huntington Beach, California. The flag was presented to his only child, Stephanie Brescovich of 1634 Laraine Cir., San Pedro, California 90732.

Fred served in SACO from October 1943 to June 1945 in Calcutta.

(Ms. Brescovich sent the foregoing info to Paul Casamajor.)

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BALLIET

Albert Adam Balliet, born October 20, 1921 passed away on August 3, 1991 from congested heart failure. He was cremated by the Neptune Society. He was in China with SACO from March 1945 to September 1945 at Camp 2, Chenyuan and Changsha and walked over 700 miles. I'm sure Paul Walintis could fill you in better than I, as they were friends for a long time.

We had five sons: Philip Quinn - enlisted in the Army and was a Green Beret in Vietnam. Ronald Lynn - enlisted in the Army and was in the 82nd Airborne in Vietnam. Albert Lee - enlisted in the Air Force and was a A.P. in Vietnam. William Leslie - enlisted in the Army and was a M.P. in Korea. James Gordon - too young for the Vietnam era. Philip passed away February 10, 1993; he lived in Westminster, Calif. Ronald lives in Springfield, Ore. Albert Lee lives in Crescent City, Calif. and William and James live in Ft. Collins, Colo.

We have 15 grandchildren.

Albert retired from McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Co. at age 60 and had 9 years of enjoyable retirement. He had enjoyed his life in the Navy and in SACO...

Sincerely,

Leslie Lee Balliet
9641 Adeline Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92641

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WELCH

Martin Welch died May 30, 1993 at age 66 of a heart attack at his home in Louisville. He served briefly with SACO in India during WWII and later in Korea

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'Father of Naval Special Warfare' dies at 78

NAVY TIMES/January 18, 1993

By Mark D. Faram
Times staff writer

WASHINGTON — Phil Bucklew, a retired Navy captain known as the "Father of Naval Special Warfare," died Dec. 30 in Fairfax, Va. He was 78.

Bucklew was one of the first Navy commandos during World War II and later helped develop the SEAL teams. He retired from the Navy in 1969.

"Capt. Bucklew's place of honor in Naval Special Warfare and his undisputed reputation as a warrior were earned on the field of battle," said Rear Adm. Raymond C. Smith, who commands the Naval Special Warfare Command in Coronado, Calif.

The Phil H. Bucklew Special Warfare Center at Coronado was named in his honor during 1987.

"His leadership within Naval Special Warfare and personal involvement in all aspects of special operations over 26 years of service were unparalleled. He will be sorely missed, but never forgotten."

Born in Columbus, Ohio, on Dec. 19, 1914, he lied about his age and joined the Naval Reserve at age 14.

Bucklew went to Xavier University on a football scholarship and, following graduation, played professional football with the Cleveland Rams. He then went on to play and coach with the Columbus Bulldogs of the All-American Football League. In 1961 he was named to the *Sports Illustrated* Silver Anniversary All-American football team.

When the United States entered World War II, Bucklew combined his military and athletic skills after being recruited as a Navy physical fitness instructor by former heavyweight boxing champ Gene Tunney. He quickly tired of teaching exercises to sailors and volunteered to become one of the first group of 10 "scouts and raiders," a group now considered by the Navy to be the forerunner of the SEALs.

Formed in 1942, the scouts led Army units ashore during amphibious landings. Teams of scouts would observe the beaches during the days before an invasion, swimming close to shore to determine the depth of the water and numbers and locations of enemy troops. During the invasion, they guided invading units ashore.

Then-Ensign Bucklew and his team helped lead Gen. George Patton's Seventh Army ashore during the landings on Sicily, for which he was awarded the Navy Cross, and again led the Army ashore during the invasion of Italy, for which he was given the Silver Star.

Bucklew spent the days leading up to D-Day scouting the numerous obstacles on the Normandy beaches and taking soundings of the water depth. He once went ashore at night to get a bucket of sand so experts could figure out how well it would support tanks.



Bucklew

After the invasion, Bucklew was awarded his second Navy Cross and the French Croix de Guerre with Palm for leading troops and tanks ashore. Battling both heavy enemy fire and stiff currents, he repeatedly guided boats to shore and picked up survivors from those boats sunk by enemy fire while providing supporting fire to the troops already on shore.

At the end of 1944, Lt. Bucklew was ordered to China to scout locations for potential allied invasions. His journey to China was right out of an Indiana Jones movie. Posing as a courier, he flew to Cairo, Egypt. After a 24-hour stay, he moved on to Calcutta, India. From there, he took the perilous flight over the mountains, through Burma and landed in Southern China, just outside Japanese occupied territory.

While in China, the 6-foot-3 Bucklew worked in an operation set up by Navy Capt. Milton Miles, near K'un-ming, early in the war. Miles was aiding guerrilla warfare and making contact with the locals to prepare for an invasion.

It was Bucklew's job to determine if the invasion was possible. Working from K'un-ming, Bucklew set out on foot with a band of guerrillas to scout the southern China Coast. He recommended strongly against any amphibious landing. His advice was heeded and the decision was made to head directly toward Japan.

For the remainder of the war, Bucklew helped train guerrillas. He was tasked with more covert operations, though none were carried out.

He left the Navy in 1946 and returned to coaching football at Xavier, his alma mater. After a year there, he was called back to active duty and sent to Columbia University to teach the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps.

In January 1962, he was again surveying beaches. While serving as the intelligence officer for Amphibious Group One, Bucklew supervised an underwater demolition team secretly evaluating beaches in South Vietnam.

He became the first commander of Naval Operations Support Group One at Coronado, Calif., in 1963. The war in Vietnam was starting to heat up. Bucklew was sent to the Mekong Delta to observe actions there and make recommendations on how to stop the infiltration of Viet Cong and North Vietnamese into the Mekong Delta region. His six weeks' work, known as the "Bucklew Report," became the basis for all U.S. Navy riverine and special operations during the Vietnam War.

When he left the operations support group, he was assigned to the Special Warfare and Special Operations Division at the Pentagon. It was there that he was able to accomplish what he termed his crowning achievement — development of a career path and separate designator for special warfare officers.

Bucklew retired in 1969 and went to work as a consultant for small craft design and sales. Many of these small craft were designed for use in the types of operations he had spent his naval career developing.

Golden Weddings



Vincent B. and Marjorie R. Drury of Sebring, Florida celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 6, 1993. They were married in Detroit and moved to Sebring in 1986. He is retired from the Thomas P. Henry Co. She is retired from the Royal Insurance Co. They have one son, Robert V. and three grandchildren. Robert and his wife, Tina, hosted the reception at Lake Haven Estates Clubhouse in Sebring.



Vince and Marge
1943 - 1993



Frank Tao, Senior Advisor of the Corodination Council for North American Affairs, and his wife, Lilyan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 16, 1993. At the time of this writing, they had no definite plans for celebration. They have a daughter, Peggy, a son, Freeman, and two grandsons. Frank and Lilyan were married in Chungking, China in 1943.



Robert and Betty Clark of Prosser, WA celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family party at their home on November 24, 1992.

The Clarks met in Bremerton where she was working at the Bremerton Trust Bank and he was stationed aboard the USS Tennessee which was in the shipyard for repairs after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

They were married November 11, 1942 in Bremerton and two months later the Navy sent him as part of the Sino-American Cooperative Organization group to mainland China.

Following his discharge from the Navy in 1946 he worked for a time with General Electric at Hanford, WA and then for seven years with Washington Public Power Supply until 1982 when he went to work for Westinghouse. Clark was then assigned to work for two years as a nuclear engineer on a Taiwanese nuclear power plant, helping to test systems.

The Clarks have lived in Prosser for the past 12 years. Their children and spouses are: Jo Clark of Finley; Tess McCarthy of Prosser; Mitch and Deanna of Victorville, CA and John and Mary Clark of Edmonds. They have seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



ROBERT AND BETTY CLARK

OBITUARIES Cont'd - - - MARTIN JOSEPH WELCH, SR.

and Vietnam.

He was an actor with the Kentucky Contemporary Theater and Guyland Witt Players. In the early 70s he was Secretary of the Louisville Mayor's Honest Election Committee and served as campaign manager and mid-west coordinator of Mass. Gov. Endicott Peabody's campaign for the Democratic nomination for vice-president in 1972. He is survived by three sons, a daughter, four grandchildren and two brothers.

Martin was awarded the SACO medal at our Louisville convention just 21 days before his death.

Deaths reported since
last issue of SACO NEWS

- Albert A. Balliet GM2/c 1991
Calcutta/Unit 2/Chenyuan/Changsha
- Frederick A. Belcher Ens. 1992
Calcutta

- J.L. Bettendorf CY ??
Jorhat
- Harry Brandwein SK1/c 1992
Camp 6/Changchow
- Philip H. Bucklew Lt. 1993
Calcutta/Changting/Kienyang
- Harold A. Cuttelle GM1/c ??
Unit 7/Changchow/Meishien
- Monroe G. Hemperly Cox 1986
Chungking
- Rhydon C. Latham Lt. ??
Chungking
- William B. Ledlie CMOMM ??
Yangtze Unit/Hankow
- Frank J. Lombardi MMG2/c 1983
Jorhat
- William J. McCue SK1/c 1993
Kunming/Liuchow/Kanchow/Changting
- John Thomas Moore Lt. (jg) 1976
Chungking/Shanghai
- Forrest D. Rudy MM3/c 1981
Kienyang/Foochow/Chienou
- James S. Spigelmire AERM1/c 1992
Chungking
- Martin J. Welch S1/c 1993
Calcutta

DUES~
I'M
PAID,
HOW
ABOUT
YOU
???

WAS SACO INVOLVED IN RESCUE OF DOWNED FLIERS?

November 19, 1992

I have recently been in contact with Dr. Lloyd M. Felmly, SACO National Secretary, to try to locate some WWII military personnel who were stationed somewhere within 50 miles of Shao-wu, Fukien Province, China in March/April 1945. They were U.S. Marines, I believe. Dr. Felmly provided me with some leads which have not panned out, unfortunately.

I was a 5th Air Force aircrew member of a B-25J medium bomber which crash-landed outside Qin-Tian village, about 4 kilometers from Shao-wu after our plane was damaged at the start of a bombing run on the Byoritsu refinery in northwestern Formosa on 29 March 1945. Because of the damage, we sought an emergency landing strip in southeastern China, missed it and ran out of gas, causing the crash. Our crew was picked up by some Chinese "Security Forces" and later met by the Mayor of Shao-wu, Mr. Yuan Guo-Qin, and Mr. Cao Cheng Zhou (interpreter), Mr. Yuan Hong and Mr. Ling Jin-Run, President of the American University (Shao-wu).

They invited us to a church for cleanup and refreshments. Before we could clean up or eat, we were picked by some American military personnel identifying themselves as Marines. They claimed to be stationed some "50 miles down the road". We were taken by Jeep to the Marines' station where we were housed and fed. Later we were turned over to the Air Ground Aid Service, AGAS, which got us to 14th Air Force HQ in Kunming, China. From Kunming, we were flown back to our combat outfit, the 38th Bomb Group, 71st Bomb Sqn. at Lingayan, Luzon, PI where we resumed combat duty. The armaments (18 .50 caliber machine guns and ammunition were removed from the plane by the Marines and taken to Kienow (Chien-ou) county according to Chinese personnel whom I have written to over the past year for information. But they cannot identify the organization to which the Marines were attached.

It would be great to contact any survivors of the Marines or SACO or AGAS who may remember rescuing our crew and who may have taken photographs of the



L-R Rear: W.G.Nash, 2nd Lt. Pilot; Floyd King, 2nd Lt. Navigator;
J.W. Ludeke, 2nd Lt. Co-pilot
Front: Robert L. Juillerat, Cpl. Tail-gunner; Roberto Beck, Cpl. Radio
operator-gunner; James W. Powell, Cpl. Engineer-gunner

downed plane. A photograph is desired for a history book about the 38th Bomb Group (WWII) being compiled by historian Larry Hickey of Boulder, CO.

By reading two books (Stratton's "SACO - The Rice Paddy Navy" & Miles' "A Different Kind of War") to which I was referred by "Doc" Felmy, I feel that the Marines may have been attached to SACO at Kienyang, some 40 to 50 miles east of Shao-wu. However, I don't know where we were turned over to AGAS personnel. Furthermore, I haven't been able to get any historical information on AGAS or to identify any personnel connected with AGAS.

In the book "SACO - The Rice Paddy Navy," reference is made to the following personnel who served with SACO at Kienyang in 1945:

Lt.(jg) George Morgan, SC (Supply)
Lt.(jg) A.C. Lillig (Coast Watcher
School, Intelligence)
Ensign M.T. Mahar (Communications)
Lt. S.I. Morris (Exec. Officer)
Lt.(jg) Daniel Leberman (Personnel)
Major Lester G. Bruggeman (USMC)
(Exec. Officer)

Do you know if any of these men survive today? Are they now members of SACO? Perhaps you could provide me with a SACO member roster so that I may write to any survivor who may remember helping our crew in any way. Or perhaps you could publish an appeal in the SACO NEWS.

Thanks so much for any pertinent information which you can provide me. I

am very grateful for having been rescued by the Marines (SACO?) and returned to duty.

Sincerely and with best regards,

Jim Powell
26230 Rainbow Glen Dr.
Newhall, CA 91321

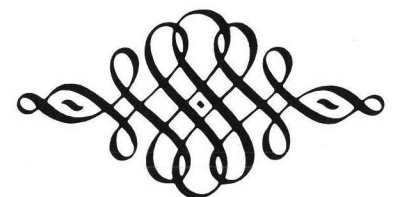


JAMES W. POWELL in 1944

(Editor's note - Mr. Powell was furnished addresses for Lillig, Morris and Leberman. Bruggeman and Mahar are deceased. Found no info on Morgan.)



SACO LADIES' CHARITY



A group of youngsters at the Hua Hsing Home in Taipei. This home for children of military service personnel is a favorite charity of Mdme. Chiang Kai-shek and has been the recipient of major financial donations from the SACO Ladies Auxiliary for many years. It is one small way that our SACO ladies can say "Thank you" for the many kindnesses shown by our Chinese friends in Taipei.



POTPOURRI



SACO PRAISED

Jim Powell of the article, WAS SACO INVOLVED IN RESCUE OF DOWNED FLIERS, once wrote: "You fellows in SACO have been so nice. Everyone to whom I have written has given me a reply - unlike some other outfits which I have written to."



THANKS FOR THE CHEESE

"Ting hao!" to Bernie and Hazel Nelson from all the SACO Tigers in Louisville who enjoyed good old Wisconsin cheese. Not sure that the word got around to everyone who "nibbled" but the treat was sent to the Galt House East in Louisville by the Nelsons from Eau Claire, WI. They were unable to attend this year's bash because Hazel broke her ankle in January and then before that was completely healed, fell on the ice again and broke her leg (same leg). Bernie said by the time this was over he'd have many talents to add to his resume!



NO TIME FOR TETE-A-TETE

Erma and I want each of you to know it is not our intent to slight anyone and I don't think apologies are in order. Most of you know where our time is spent. However, we DO regret the lack of time for long scuttlebutt sessions and especially those who have been our friends 50 years. Each year we're finding a little more time and perhaps we can take more "breaks" at future gatherings.. we do admit we're find ourselves a little older - not much - but a little. What we want to convey is - know we love all SACO very much and sincerely look forward to seeing all of you at as many future gatherings as we're still around for.

-- Richard Rutan



THANKS FOR ALL THE HELP

Beverly & Jack Petersen were constant supporters in the Louisville Hospitality Suite - cleaning, serving drinks, gathering cans and empty glasses, carrying ice, etc. We also were assisted by Erma's niece, Marjorie and her husband Dick Parks, as well as Evelyn Buckless and Andy Fleming. Many thanks to all for helping at a very busy convention. And we are grateful for Art & Glenna Wilding in offering many times to get anything we

needed. We didn't require much additional shopping as we were well-stocked. Also appreciated Glenna's sister, Madel, who was so pleasant and helpful. Like the Wildings, Charles and Laura Sellers were always available to our needs. It was truly a "Cooperative Organization."



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POTPOURRI



HELP WANTED

Dear Sir:

December 30, 1992

I am looking for an old friend of age about 75 whose name is Mr. (Reuel V.) Robinson. He was a captain (actually a Cdr.) of SACO, under the command of Vice Admiral Miles and General Tai during WWII. Captain Robinson was sent to Chun Hwa County of Canton Province and helped us fight against Japanese in China between 1943-1945. I was a captain of Chinese Special Action Troop at that time. I remember we were assigned an explosion mission together to destroy the Japanese military trucks on the Canton-Kaoloon railway.

After the war, we lost contact each other. If it happened that you are just the one that I am looking for, please contact with me. My address is as following,

Mr. Lai Song-Feng
22 Sha Chau 3th Lane,
South District, Taichung,
Taiwan, R.O.C.

(This letter was sent to Robinson at:
425 Calhoun
New Orleans, LA 70100
His last known (SACO) address was:
2546 Jasmine St.
New Orleans, LA 70122)

Anyone with any info should communicate with SACO NEWS Editor or SACO Membership Chairman.

REVISITING THE REVISITED S. & R.s

The last issue of SACO NEWS and the Louisville convention flushed a lot of you guys out of the woodwork.

We even heard from some of you S&Rs who didn't make our list of those who "came on board" on Feb. 21-22, 1945. We are sorry. The reason: SACO records don't show the "on board" date for every man.

Since publication of SACO NEWS #8 last November we've learned of a new book entitled:

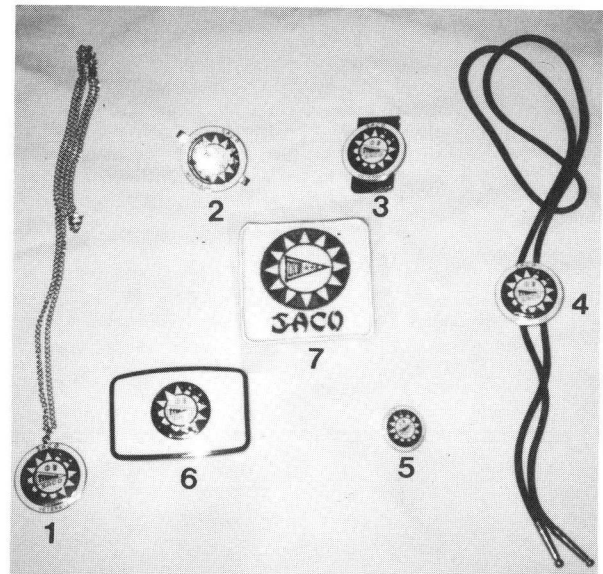
SCOUTS AND RAIDERS
The Navy's First
Special Warfare Commandos
by
John B. Dwyer

Published by Praeger in Westport, CT. Its ISBN # 0-275-94409-3. You may order it direct from the publisher 1-800-225-5800 provided you have \$53.47 including delivery charges. It is 200 pages including 36 photos (including one of S1/c Guy Purvis and Willie "Foxhole"

Davis in a kayak at Salerno). The next to last chapter is about "Amphibious Roger" and the last chapter (20 pages) is "With SACO in China". Several of you are mentioned and some quoted.

We may put our copy in the "lending library" for those who can't handle the tariff.

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 4624 N. Cheyenne Tr.
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Dear Mr. Bartee:

As you may know, the Arleigh and Roberta Burke Theater in the Navy Memorial Visitors Center has officially opened. Television and motion picture star Tom Selleck was here last June to help us premiere the wide-screen motion picture spectacular, "At Sea."

The Arleigh and Roberta Burke Theater is more than a place to see a splendid motion picture; it is itself a memorial to those individuals, units, squadrons and ships whose names are commemorated through contributing sponsorships of individual theater seats. Names of those so honored are inscribed on a brass plate imbedded in the arms of the theater seats.

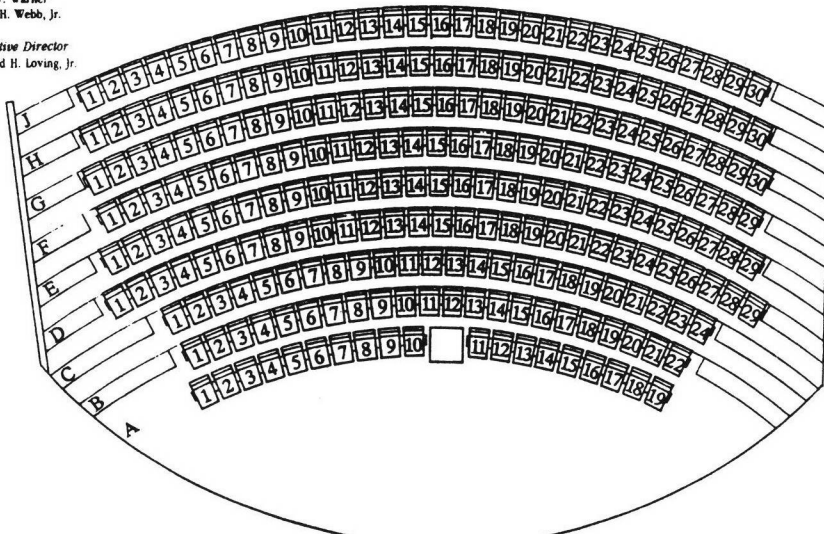
As promised in earlier communications, I am sending the enclosed diagram of the theater seating, showing the location of your seat in the theater and the inscription which is on the brass plate. We are pleased to report that all of the seats in the theater have been sponsored, and numerous individuals and reunion groups have visited the Navy Memorial to view the film and see their dedicated seat. If you have not done so, we hope that you will visit soon and see our spectacular motion picture and the seat which you have given to the Memorial.

On behalf of the officers, directors and staff of the Navy Memorial Foundation and on behalf of the people of the Navy who are honored by this Memorial, I extend sincere thanks for your generous support of the development and completion of the Arleigh and Roberta Burke Theater.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Loving, Jr.
 Howard H. Loving, Jr.
 Captain, U. S. Navy (Retired)
 Executive Director

ARLEIGH AND ROBERTA BURKE THEATER
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Commemorative Inscription for Theater Seat 6, Row D:

U.S. Naval Group China
VADM M. E. (Mary) Miles
Commanding

Dear Dr. Felmly,

Thank you for your letter. I am pleased that you and the other members of the Sino American Cooperative Organization (SACO) were able to visit the Depot and view the graduation parade of "I" Company. I sincerely regret that, through an administrative oversight, reunion attendees were not rendered the proper, and well-earned, courtesy of being recognized. Please know that this was not intentional and that we are very thankful for the many sacrifices which were made by the members of the Sino American Cooperative Organization for our Country. Please convey my sincerest apology to all who were in attendance.

We welcome the opportunity to have SACO reunion attendees visit the Depot again.

Sincerely,

J. A. Studds
 J. A. STUDDS

Major General, U.S. Marine Corps

Lloyd M. Felmly, MD
 National Secretary
 Sino American Cooperative Organization
 432 Golden Beach Boulevard
 Venice, Florida 34285

Thought you would like to see this; just received. I wrote Gen. Studds and thanked him for the VIP seats and told him how much we enjoyed the event. However, I mentioned...very directly...that we were disappointed that we did not receive any recognition over the squawk, as did the other veterans' groups attending. Hcwabouthat!!

Peg and Doc (Felmly)



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February 13, 1993

Mr. Richard L. Rutan
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Dear Mr. Rutan:

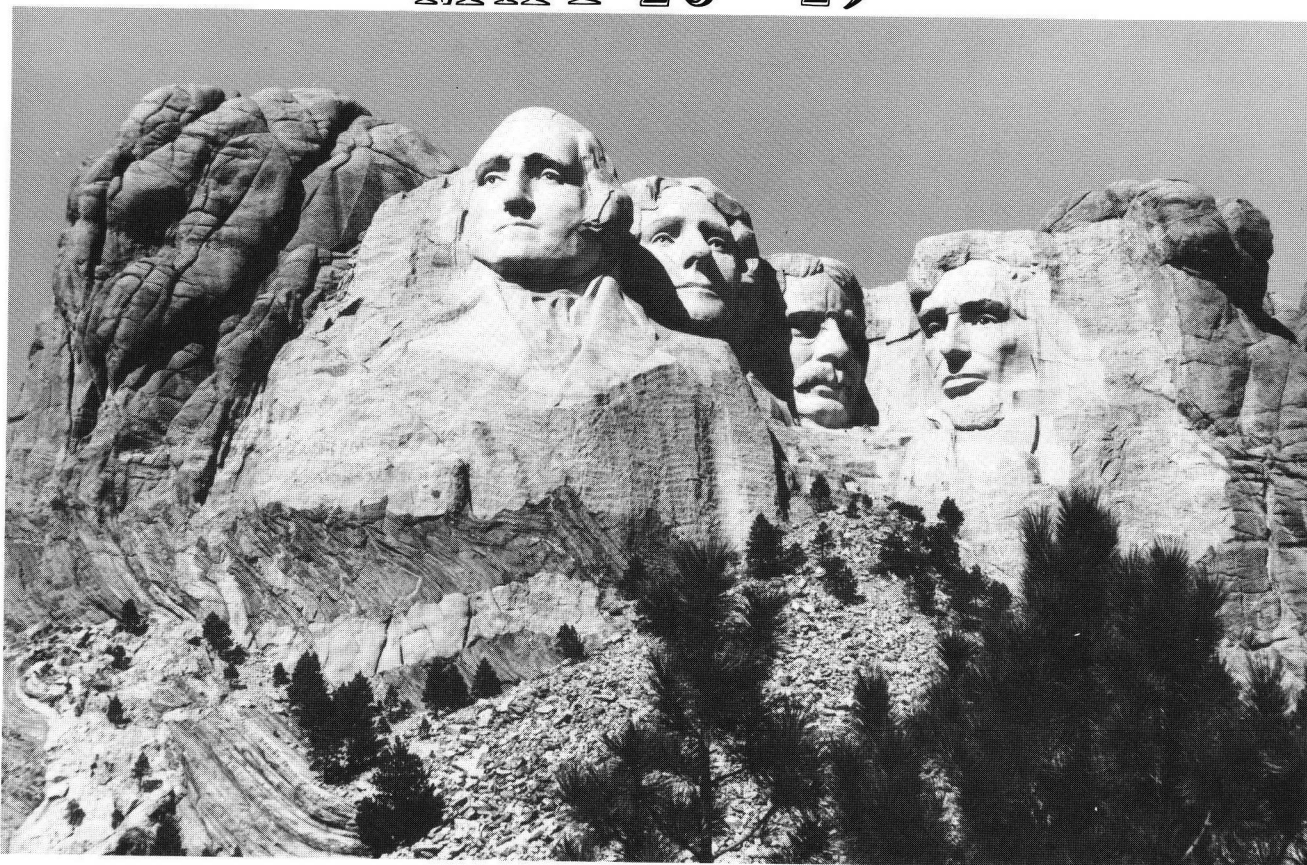
Although some of the information is not precisely correct, the description of the activities of Phil Bucklew while assigned to SACO contained in the recently published "Brave Men--Dark Waters" (the Untold Story of the Navy Seals) might be of interest to SACO veterans. I have enclosed photostatic copies of pages 49, 50, 51 and 52 wherein the author portrays SACO as one of the prototypes of the Navy Seals. The name of the author is Orr Kelly and the publisher is Presidio Press, Navato, California.

Sincerely yours,

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1994 NATIONAL SACO CONVENTION
RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA
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Plan to save time out for the next SACO reunion in Rapid City, South Dakota. Our hosts, Dave and Dorie Clarke have reserved the Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza with room rates \$58 single and \$66 double occupancy. One room suites available at \$10 extra and two-room suites \$15 extra. These rates apply two days ahead and two days following convention dates.

Rapid City is served by United, Delta, Continental and Northwestern airlines.

Tentative tours include a wild game cookout in the mountains, trips to Deadwood which is an historic old mining town with legalized gambling and slots; Lead, home of the Homestake Mine; Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse and other points of interest in the Black Hills southeast of Rapid and Ellsworth Air Force Base. Might include Bear Butte, the sacred mountain of the Sioux Indians.

Mark your calendar now and watch for convention details probably early in 1994.





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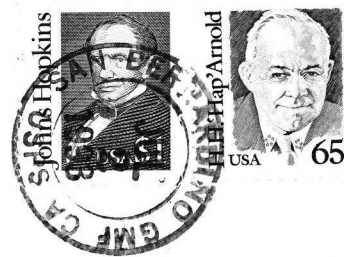
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