

# SACO NEWS SPECIAL EDITION

JUNE 2012

ROC CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL DOUBLE TEN NATIONAL DAY  
IN TAIWAN WITH U.S. SACO VETS & ASSOCIATES  
AS GUESTS OCT. 5 TO 12, 2011



Gen. Tai Li

Adm. Miles

*Two Spectacular military men of Separate Sides of the Sphere  
Selected to Supervise Skillful and Shrewd Surveillance in the Secret  
Saga of SACO in China in WWII, forming a loving Bond of  
Friendship of two nations that exists today and always.*



# NATIONAL DAY ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT MA YING-JEOU REPUBLIC OF CHINA OCTOBER 10, 2011

(Editor's note: Following is quoted from closing remarks by President MA)



....Moving forward, we will continue to pursue the policy of viable diplomacy. We will seek to further consolidate ties with our diplomatic partners while building high-level trust between this country and nations with which we lack formal diplomatic relations such as the United States, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, and the member states of the European Union and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. We also need to extend our presence in the seventh country to sign a youth working holiday agreement with us. Five days ago, the Netherlands also granted the ROC citizens visa-free privileges to enter six of its overseas territories. And beginning from the day after tomorrow, Burkina Faso will grant landing visas to ROC passport holders. This brings to 124 the total number of jurisdictions that accord us such treatment, which is 70 more jurisdictions than when I took office. This shows that when a nation is viewed positively by the International community, its people enjoy respect.



**Esteemed friends and fellow citizens:** In concluding cross-strait relations, we cannot maintain peace through wishful thinking. Only a strong defense can safeguard Taiwan's security and afford our people the confidence to pursue further improvement in cross-strait relations. During the last three-plus years, we have made great strides forward in enhancing our soldiers' skills and manufacturing our own weaponry. We have also made a series of purchases of advanced defensive weaponry. Over the next decade, we will continue to beef up our defense capabilities and develop a crack fighting force that meets Taiwan's defensive needs. We must do this to safeguard the sovereignty of the Republic of China and maintain security in the Taiwan Strait.

#### **Conclusion –**

**Esteemed friends and fellow citizens:** When Dr. Sun Yat-sen founded the Revive China Society, only some 20-odd people joined initially, but they stuck to their ideals, dared to put them into practice, and accurately assessed the circumstances facing them. As a result, they succeeded 17 years later in overthrowing the Qing regime and establishing the Republic.

In commemorating the anniversary of the outbreak of the 1911 revolution, we must remain true to the idealistic spirit of the nation's founding fathers. We cannot allow ourselves to be daunted by adversity. On the contrary, we must have the courage to strike out in bold and pioneering new directions, so that our nation can become "the gold standard" among ethnic Chinese societies. The "Republic of China" is more than the name of a nation, it also stands for a free and democratic way of life, and serves as a model for those living in other ethnic Chinese societies who yearn for freedom and democracy.

The month of October bears special significance for the ROC, but for me, it also has a very special personal significance. Sixty years ago in October of 1951, at a time of great turmoil, my parents brought their family, including one-year-old me, from Hong Kong to Taiwan, seeking a life of freedom and tranquility. Never could they have imagined that more than 50 years later their son would have the opportunity to become the ROC president!

I am deeply grateful for this nation, and to this land. I want to do all I can to build Taiwan into a bastion of freedom and prosperity that will continue to nurture future generations and enable every child to realize his or her dreams, regardless how rich or poor their family may be.

During my more than three years as president, I have been keenly aware of my heavy responsibility and have not dared to relax my efforts in the least. Although the global environment is constantly changing and challenges are apt to arise at any moment, I have faith in this land and confidence in its people.

**Esteemed friends and fellow citizens:** The Republic of China is our nation, and Taiwan is our home. The Republic's road ahead and Taiwan's future lie in the hands of our 23 million people. We must unite and work together to make Taiwan more dynamic, more attractive and more competitive.

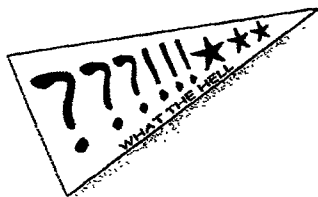
Today, regardless of ethnicity and political leanings, and without distinguishing between locals and expatriates, we come together to celebrate the birthday of the Republic of China. We boldly resolve to strengthen Taiwan, reinvigorate the Republic, and lay the foundation for an outstanding second century. Let us transform the Republic of China into a nation that is even more respected by and inspiring to people around the world than it already is.

Let us now proclaim together:

Long live the Republic of China!  
Long live Taiwan's democracy!

Thank you everyone!





# SACO

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



## An Open Letter to All Our Hosts at The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of Double Ten in the ROC 10 October

	<u>Liaison Team</u>	<u>Medical Team</u>	<u>Photographers</u>
President Ma-Ying-jeou	MG George Chen	Lt.Col Dr. Chang	Maj Damon Kuo
Kao, Hua-chu, Minister MND	Col Laura Lin	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt David Lin	Maj Xavier Yen
Lin, Wen-shan, Dep. Minister	Lt.Col Brian Lee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Ron Lin	
Hu, Wei-jen, Gen Sec'y NSC	Lt.Col Phillip Mo	Susan Wu	<u>Escorts</u>
Lt.Gen. Tang, Chia-kun, Director MIB	Maj. Angie Chan	PaiPai Feng	Maj. Gary Wang
Mr. Yao, Tsuu-der, Dep. Dir. MIB	Maj. Becky Chang	Cynthia Hui	Capt. Carol Tu
MGen Iso, Na-te, Chf of Staff MIB	Maj. Vience Fu	Alice Huang	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Howard Liu
MGen Liu, Te-liang, Dep, Dir MIB		Lily Yang	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Mina Juan
MGen George Chen, Chf of 6 <sup>th</sup> Dept MIB			Capt. Eric Chang
Col Wang, Tzi-sheng, Chf of Political Warfare Dept of MIB			Capt. Susan Lu
LtGen Chang, Kan-ping (former Dir MIB)			
MG Kuo, Rong-chiang (Ret)	Maj. Charles Xie = Capt Harry Huang = 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Ada Song		

"A Trip of a Lifetime," was the consensus of the SACO Delegation of 25 privileged to be honored as guests of the government of the ROC in Taiwan in celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Double Ten Holiday (October 10) – a century of freedom from Dynastic Rule. It was undoubtedly an acknowledgement of our consistent respect and sincere friendship that originated during our joining forces with you in mainland China against the Japanese invasion during WWII. We take pride in our everlasting friendship, perhaps historically unmatched, in our endeavor to perpetuate an incomparable comradeship between two nations, the U.S.A. and the Republic of China.

We all were sincerely impressed by all members of your MIB staff = the Liaison & Medical Teams, Escorts and Photographers, extremely helpful, cheerful, courteous and lots of fun to be with.

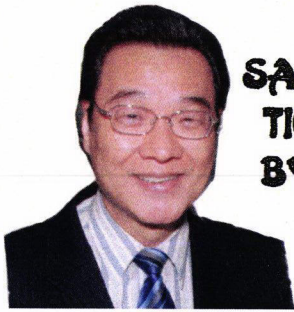
We cherish an ever-constant treasure of friendship with you nearly 70 years, an unmatched achievement between the people of two nations speaking two different languages, yet, ultimately bonding and accomplishing our challenges to defeat the enemy invasion of China.

Since your postwar exodus from Communist rule in the mainland and becoming the ROC in Taiwan, we were amazed at the progress you have made in just over half a century and how clean and beautiful your country is. We are deeply enriched by the undying friendship we have endured though many of you were too young to recall, and many not yet born. Still that association of yesteryear is an irreplaceable gift for all of us.

One of the highlights of our royal reception was booking us at the incomparably spectacular, beautiful and elegant Grand Hotel – our favorite of years past. Though time is fading for those of us still surviving as vets of SACO, our fervent hope is that our page in history be an everlasting legend.

  
Richard L. Rutan, Editor



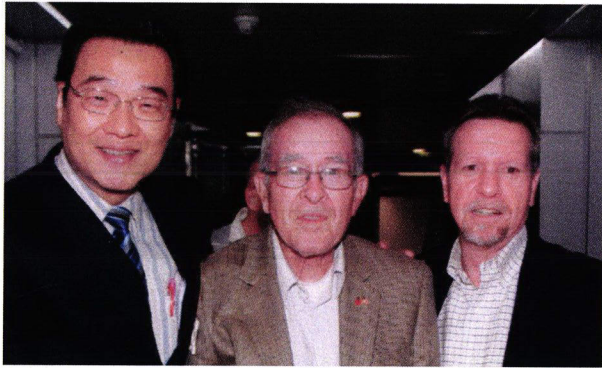


**MR. YAO**

**SACO DELEGATION ARRIVES TAOYUAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT 6:30AM 5 OCT 2011 GREETED BY MR. YAO, TZUU-DER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND COL. LAURA LIN OF THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BUREAU**



**COL. LIN**



**JIM KELLY SR.-JR.**



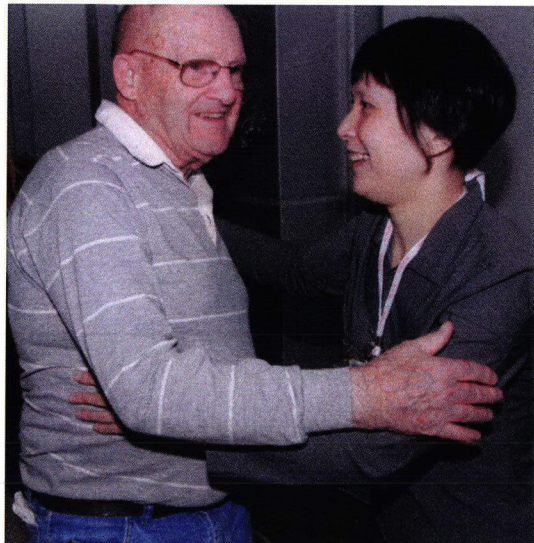
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**DICK TERPSTRA**



**LYNN GRABENSTEIN**



**JACK PETERSEN**

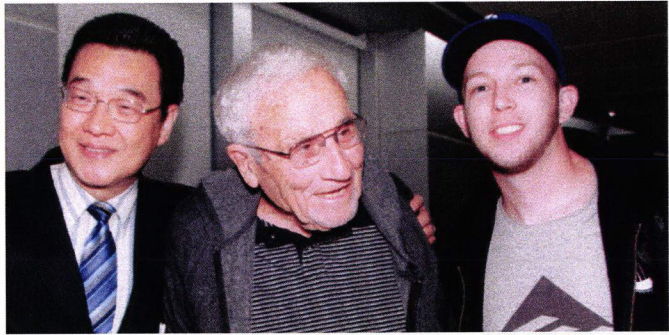


**CAROLINE / FRANCIS REYNET**





**JODI PETERSEN**



**WES WESKAMP JEFF VISOSKY**



**RICHARD RUTAN**

**MEL GOGUEY**

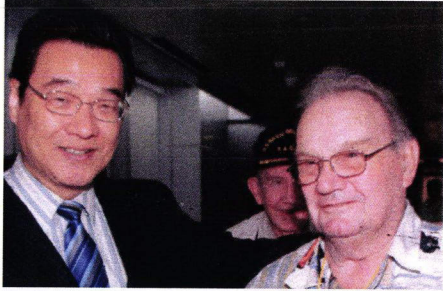


**HELEN GOGUEY**



**MICHAEL CANNON**





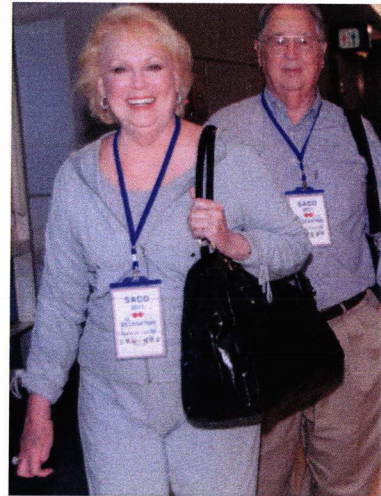
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**JACK PARKS**



**JACK COYLE**



**PAT SANDERS GUY PURVIS**



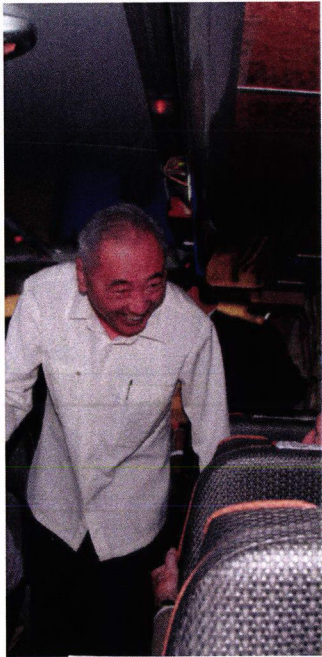
**SUE CLANCE**



**JUDY - PETE BARBIERI**



**MAJ. GEN. KUO. RONG CHANG, (RET.) AND WIFE, YUNG WU GREET ARRIVAL OF SACO DELEGATION BY BUS AT GRAND HOTEL**



**MG KUO**



**ENROUTE AIRPORT TO GRAND HOTEL**



**JACK PETERSEN**



**WES WESKAMP**



**YUNG WU KUO-CAROLINE REYNNET**

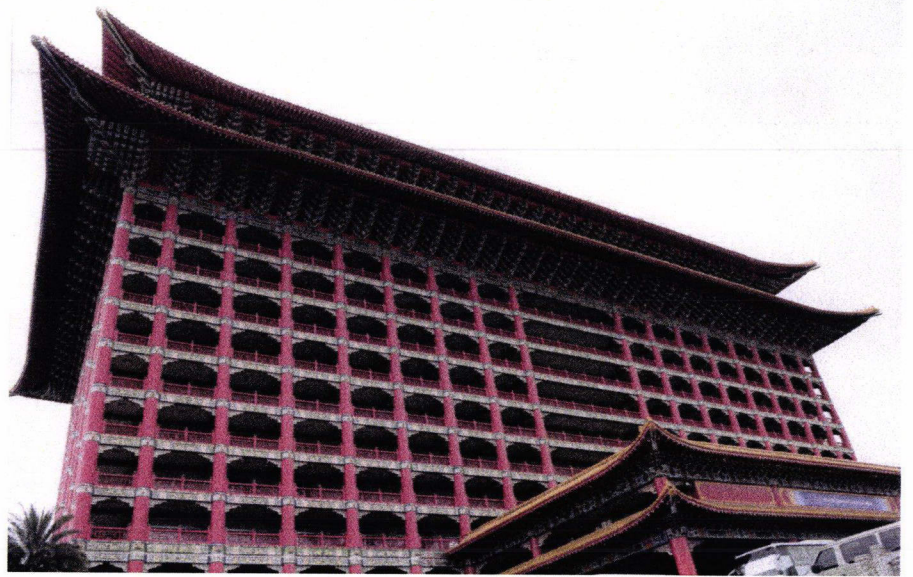


**PAT SANDERS**





**JACK PARKS-YUNG WU KUO**



**THE GRAND - HOME AWAY FROM HOME**



**RICHARD RUTAN**



**PETE BARBIERI**



**JIM KELLY**



**MICHAEL CANNON**



**ELEVEN SACO TIGERS - 66 YEARS FOLLOWING END OF WWII - AMONG  
HONORED GUESTS OF REPUBLIC OF CHINA FOR 100<sup>TH</sup> DOUBLE TEN  
CELEBRATION**

**From Roger Moore's photos**



**L-R: MICHAEL CANNON-ROGER MOORE-JIM KELLY-FRANCIS REYNET-MELVIN GOGUEY  
RICHARD RUTAN-HENRY SCURLOCK-JACK PETERSEN-GUY PURVIS-DICK TERPSTRA-  
HERMAN WESKAMP**



**PARTY OF POOPED PASSENGERS ARRIVE AT LOBBY OF GRAND HOTEL  
JACK PETERSEN-JACK PARKS-RICHARD RUTAN-PAT SANDERS-JODI  
PETERSEN-GUY PURVIS-CAROLYN INMAN-ARNOLD-JACK JR. AND SR. KELLY**



**HISTORICAL FRIENDSHIP FOUNDED IN WWII BY ROC & USA SAGO AGREEMENT PREVAILS TODAY AS WE GATHER AS GUESTS OF ROC IN TAIWAN TO CELEBRATE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF DOUBLE TEN.**

**(THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BUREAU INVITED GROUP OF 25 VETS AND ASSOCIATES TO ATTEND 10-DAY "TOUR OF A LIFETIME" AS THEIR GUESTS TO OBSERVE THEIR ANNUAL TRIBUTE TO INDEPENDENCE. (11 VETERANS & 13 ASSOCIATES/WIVES.) SAGO (SINO AMERICAN COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION) WAS APPROVED BY PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT AND GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK.**

**Below: Our Home Away From Home – THE INCOMPARABLE BEAUTIFUL & MAJESTIC "GRAND HOTEL" Truly a paradise to return to and enjoy each evening overlooking the beautiful city of Taipei.**



*Photos by  
Roger Moore*

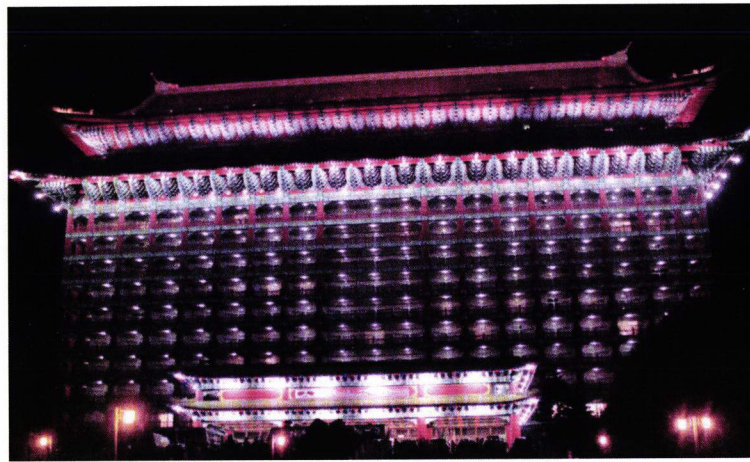






*Stairway to Lobby*

*Photos by  
Roger Moore*



*The Grand Hotel at night*



*Judy & Pete Barbieri in front  
of huge floral arrangement*



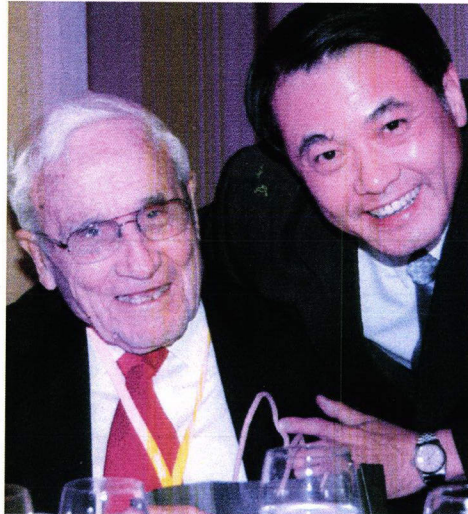
**WELCOME BANQUET AT GRAND HOTEL HOSTED BY  
LT. GEN. TANG, CHIA-KUN, DIRECTOR OF MIB AND  
MRS. CHANG, KAN-PING "AMBER" 5 OCTOBER 2011**



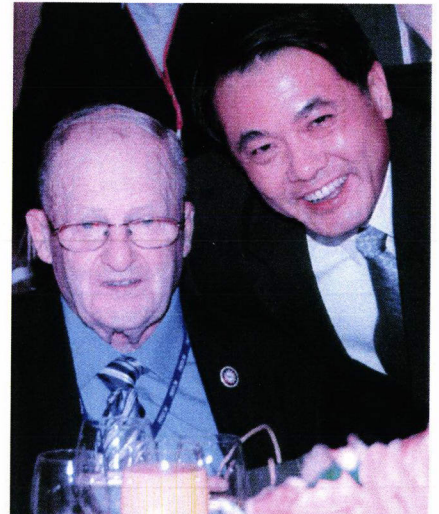
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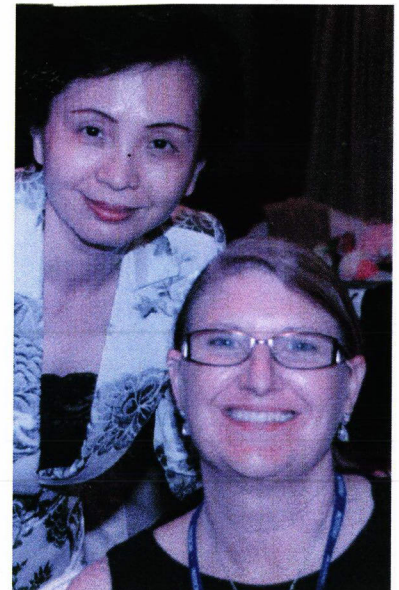
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**JEFF VISOSKY**



**JODI PETERSEN**





**JUDY BARBIERI-MRS. CHANG**



**LT. GEN. TANG-ROGER MOORE**



**JACK PARKS-LT. GEN. TANG**



**JIM KELLY, JR.**



**DICK TERPSTRA**



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**JIM KELLY, SR.**

**CAROLNE REYNNET**



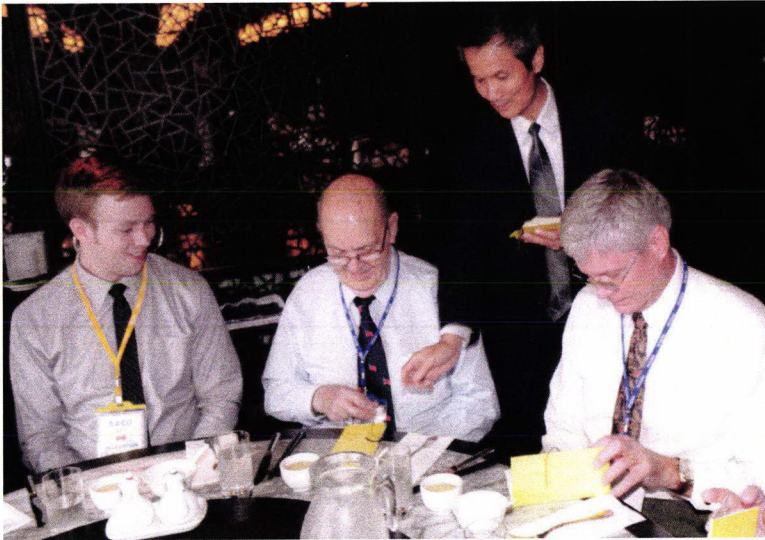
6 OCTOBER 2011



SACO DELEGATES INVITED AS GUESTS FOR THE DOUBLE TEN CENTENNIAL SEPTEMBER 2011 - PICTURED IN FRONT OF THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BUREAU WITH LT. GENERAL TANG, CHIA-KIM, MIB DIRECTOR AND HIS STAFF IN BACKGROUND



**FOLLOWING TOUR OF NATIONAL PALACE MUSEUM WE  
HAD LUNCH AT NEARBY "SILKS PALACE" THURS. OCT. 6**



**JEFF VISOSKY - RICHARD RUTAN  
- MG GEORGE CHEN - JACK PARKS**



**JODI PETERSEN-JACK PETERSEN-  
-BECKY CHANG-FRANCIS REYNNET**



**JACK PETERSEN BECKY CHANG FRANCIS & CAROLINE REYNNET**



**HELEN AND MEL GOGUEY**



2:00 pm Wednesday, 6 OCTOBER 2011 to VICTORIA HOTEL for BOOK RELEASE CONFERENCE



SACO VETS (L-R): Francis Reynnet-Jack Petersen-Mel Goguey-Henry Scurlock-Guy Purvis  
Herman Weskamp-Richard Rutan-Roger Moore-Mike Cannon-Jim Kelly

\* 2011 SACO DELEGATION Book Releasing Ceremony \*



**COURTESY CALL TO SECRETARY GENERAL HU, WEI-JEN  
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
4:30 P.M. 6 OCTOBER 2011**



**SEC Y GENERAL HU, WEI-JEN**



**L-R JIM KELLY-JACK PETERSEN-FRANCIS REYNNET  
RICHARD RUTAN-GUY PURVIS-SEC.GEN. HU, WEI-JEN**



**GUY PURVIS PRESENTS SAGO  
PLAQUE TO SEC.GEN. HU**



**L-R: JACK PETERSEN-RICHARD RUTAN-GUY PURVIS  
SEC.GEN. HU, WEI-JEN FRANCIS REYNNET**



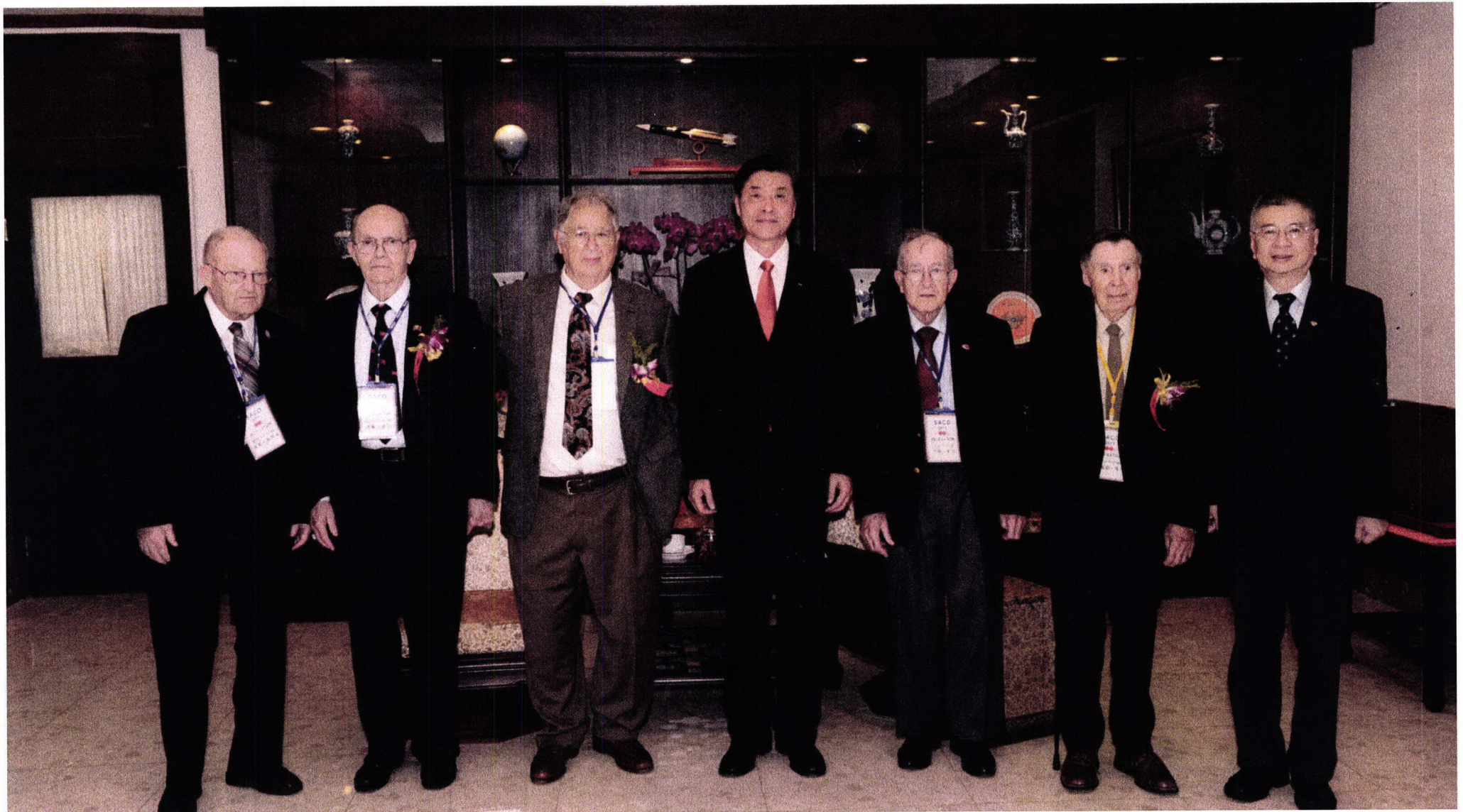
**COURTESY CALL TO SECRETARY GENERAL HU, WEI-JEN OF NSC  
6PM 6 OCTOBER 2011**



**MGen George Chen    Jim Kelly    Jack Petersen    Richard Rutan    Guy Purvis    Hu. Wei-jen G.Sec. NSC    Francis Reynnet    LGTang, Chia-kun    Prof Chang Li    -----Col Laura Lin**



**COURTESY CALL TO KAO, HUA-CHU, MINISTER OF MND IN THE  
PRESIDENTIAL HALL 6PM 6 OCTOBER 2011**



Jack  
Petersen

Richard  
Rutan

Guy  
Purvis

Kua, Hua-chu  
Minister MND

Bill  
Kelly.

Francis  
Reynnet

Dr. Andrew Yang  
Dep.Minister MND



**BANQUET HOSTED BY MINISTER, MND, MR. KAO, HUA-CHU  
IN BO-AI HALL THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2011**



**Guy Purvis**



**Judy Barbieri**



**Melvin Goguey**



**Michael Conner**





**Carolyn Inman-Arnold**



**Henry Scurlock**



**Jack Kelly**



**Jack Petersen**



**Richard Rutan**



**Jodi Petersen**





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**Lillian "Slim" Gilroy**

**I received the sad news from a nephew of Slim's by an e-mail forwarded to me on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July that she had died recently. I have no further information as to date of her passing and awaiting response for my request for an obituary from surviving family members. In the meantime, I received a call from Charles Miles stating, "I don't think anyone in SACO knew Slim better than I, would you accept a written acknowledgement from me for SACO NEWS?". Of course I am always grateful for help of others so I will have details for our next publication following Indianapolis Reunion.**

**Since my latest publication is with the printer at this time, my cousins with whom I live, Jack & Diane, suggested I put this insert with this issue to let everyone know.**

A gross error by yours truly: \_\_\_\_\_ **rlr**

This insertion of the loss of "Slim" Gilroy restored a loss of memory resulting in me making a false statement in the article about Judy Barbieri on pg. 42 of this issue. Although no women served overseas in SACO, "Slim" was recognized as a SACO member due to her performance in the Navy Dept in Wash. D.C. "Slim" processed all the paper-work involved in each volunteer destined for the unknown and typed the formal "SINO AMERICAN SPECIAL TECHNICAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT of two nations to fight together to eradicate the Japanese onslaught. And of course "Slim" chaired a reunion in Alabama and became President of SACO.

My apologies to both Judy Barbieri & "Slim" Gilroy. Some might say "Out of sight, out of mind," but I lean to the Old Age Process which sometimes allow one to recall. In this incident, I thank God for reminding me so I could recall my blunder before some of you blessed with memory gave me Hell for my error. Nevertheless, I plan to hang in there and continue to enjoy serving the gang I love.

rlr



## SACO PAYS RESPECT AT GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK MAUSOLEUM FRIDAY OCTOBER 7, 2011



Before Chiang Kai-shek died in 1975, he insisted that he was not to be buried until China was reunited according to the principles of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Chiang Ching-kuo, his son insisted on the same rule before he died in 1988. The remains of the two lie "in temporary repose" above ground near Lake Kindness, a place which served as a rural retreat for the two while they were alive. The mausoleums themselves are simple. More interesting are the heel-clicking, military police and the casually-dressed Taiwanese families who go for the pleasant scenery rather than the politics. For people interested in the Chiangs, this a worthwhile place to visit.



SACO Delegation Leader, Guy Purvis, accepts wreath to be placed at tomb of Chiang Kai-shek in mausoleum as delegates follow.





Sarcophagus of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek



Changing of guard at Chiang Kai-shek Museum

Photos by MIB  
Photographers ↓

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Roger Moore ↑

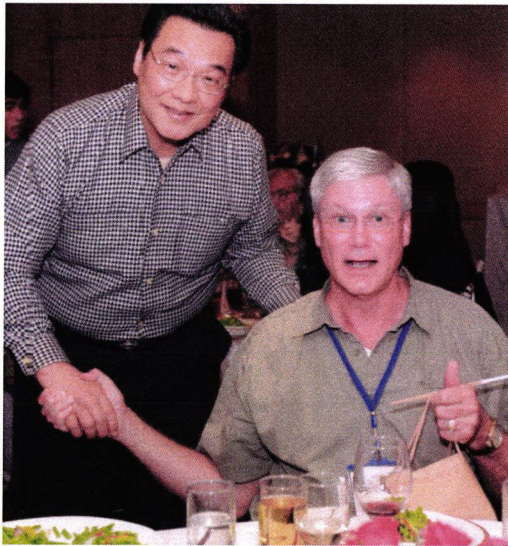




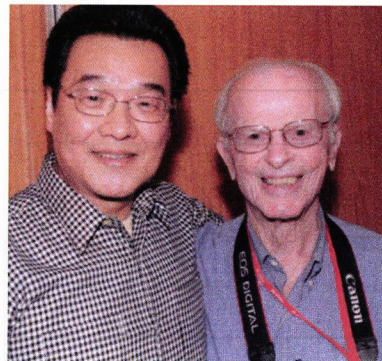
**BANQUET AT THE WESTIN TAIPEI HOSTED BY MR. YAO, TZUU-DER  
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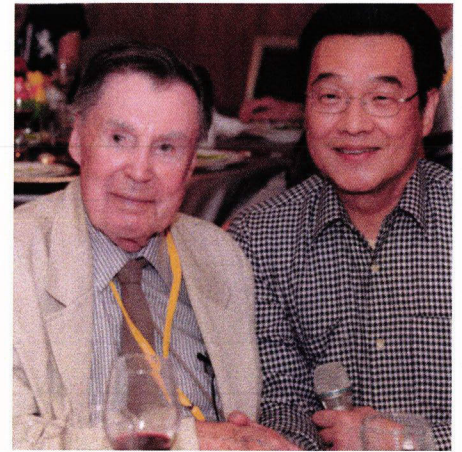
**OUR HOST  
MR. YAO, TZUOO-DER  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR MIB**



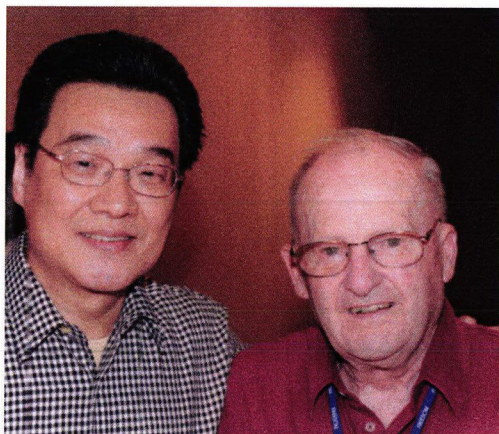
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**ROGER MOORE**



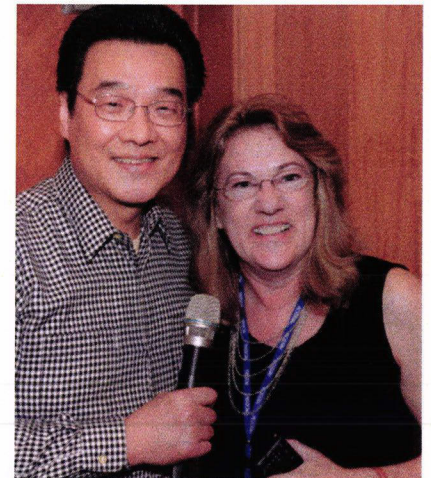
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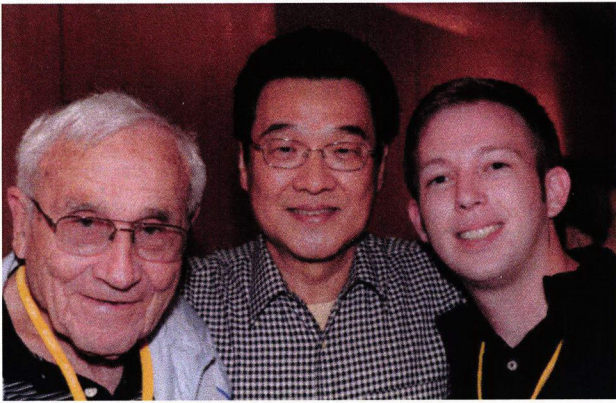


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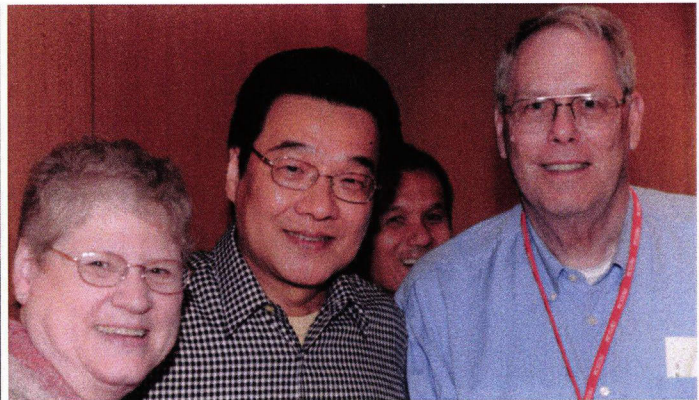




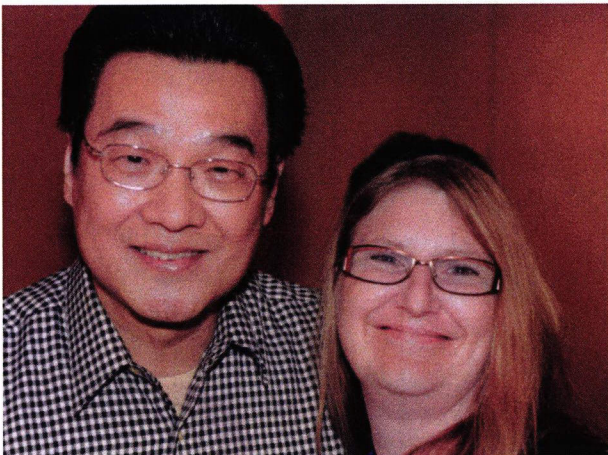
**WE WILL ALL TOAST TO THAT**



**WES WESKAMP AND JEFF VISOSKY**



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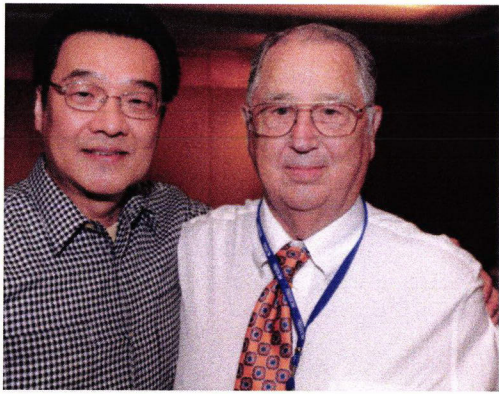


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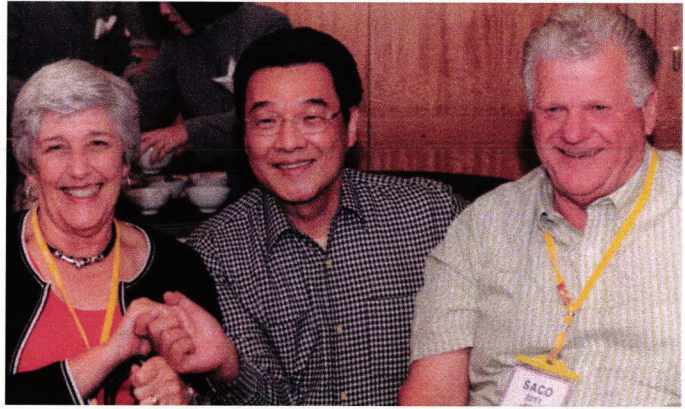


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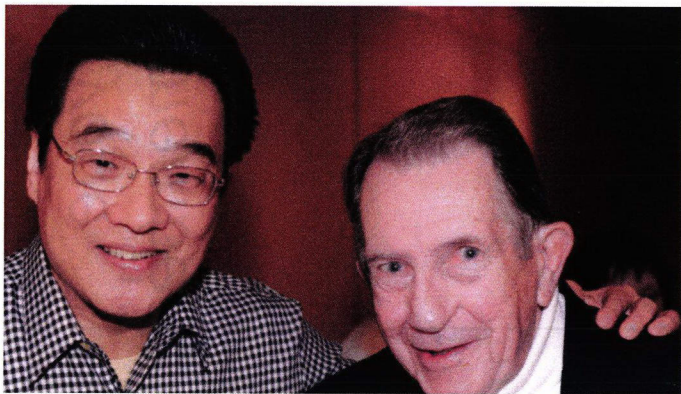




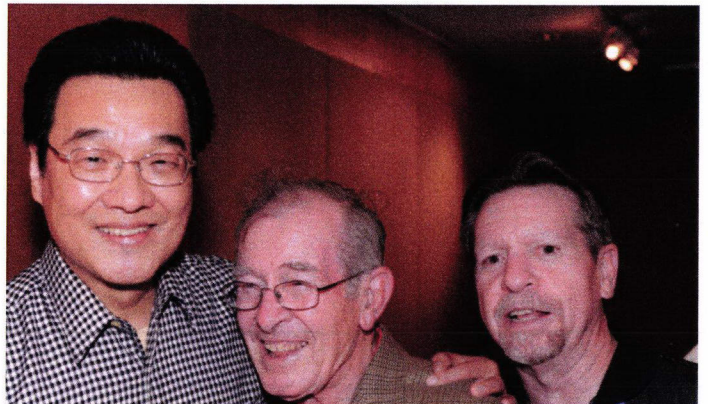
**GUY PURVIS**



**JUDY AND PETE BARBIERI**



**MICHAEL CANNON**



**JACK, SR AND JR KELLY**



**MELVIN GOGUEY**



**HELEN GOGUEY**



# PARADE CELEBRATES 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF DOUBLE TEN IN TAIPEI, TAIWAN OCTOBER 10, 2011



SACO DELEGATION ENJOYS DOUBLE TEN FESTIVITIES FROM CHOICE SEATING IN FRONT OF  
PRESIDENTIAL HALL



REAR L-R: MICHAEL CANNON - ROGER MOORE  
SUE GLANCE - HANK SCURLOCK  
FRONT:  
JODI AND JACK PETERSEN





**Jack & Ceañ Coyle**

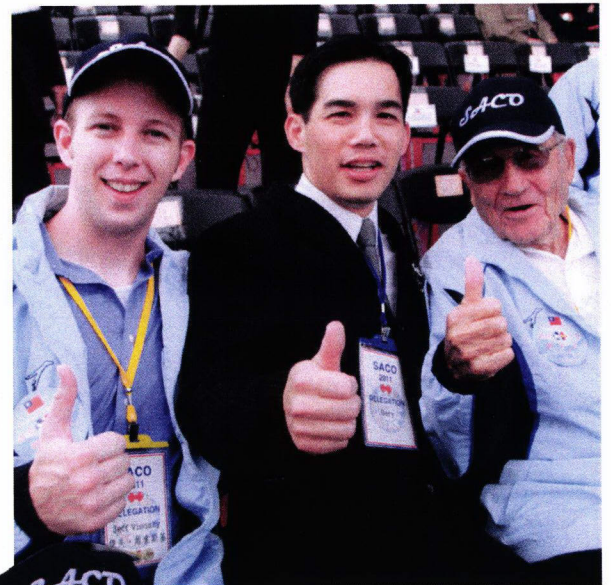


**Jim, Jr & Sr. Kelly**



**Pete Barbieri – Lynn Grabenstein – Jack Parks**





L-R: Jeff Visosky  
Maj. Gary Wang  
Herman Weskamp



Roger Moore- Sue Clance – Hank Scurlock





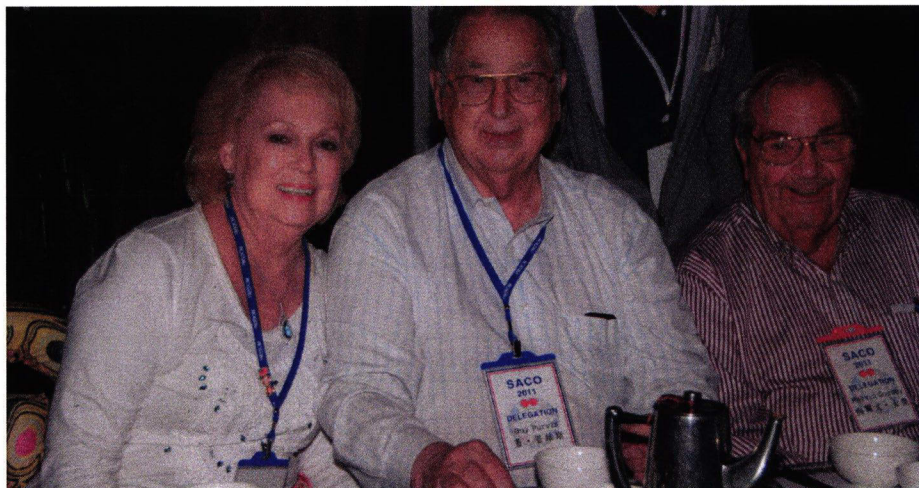


**DINNER THE EVENING OF "DOUBLE TEN" NATIONAL HOLIDAY  
MONDAY 10 OCT. 2011 AT SAKORA RESORT**



**JIM, JR AND SR. KELLY**

**HANK SCURLOCK AND  
SUE CLANCE**

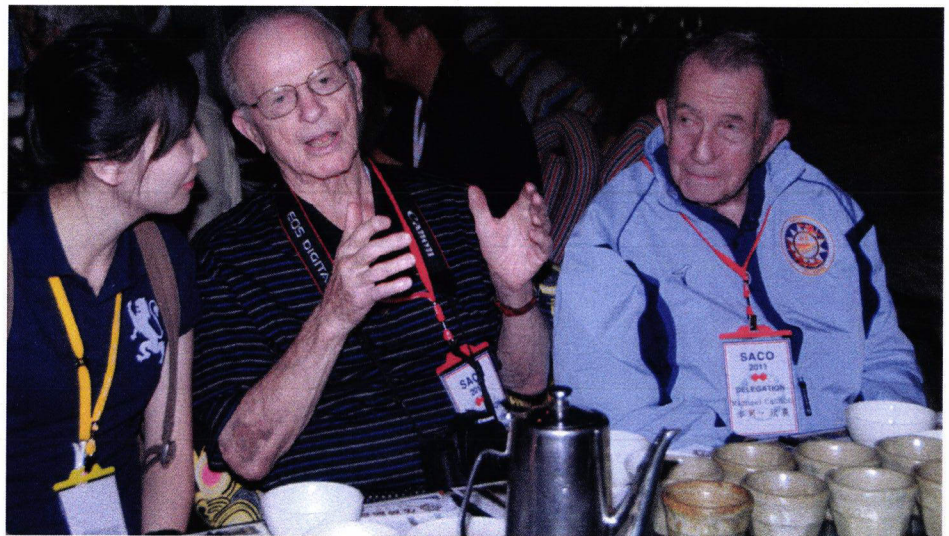


**PAT SANDERS  
GUY PURVIS  
MEL GOGUEY**





**SACO GANG ENTERS  
UNIQUE CAVERNOUS  
EATING ADVENTURE**



**BECKY CHANG  
ROGER MOORE  
MICHAEL CANNON**

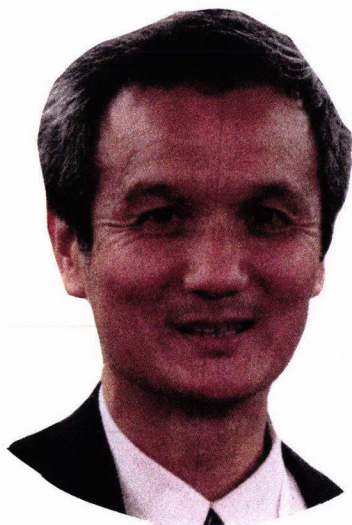


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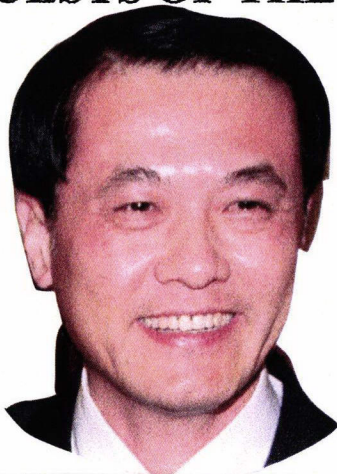


# A FAREWELL BANQUET CLIMAXING AN UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY AS GUESTS OF THE ROC TAIPEI, TAIWAN

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M. Gen. George Chen



Lt. Gen Tang, Chia-kim  
Director Of MIB, MND

## BANQUET HOSTS



Mrs. Chang, "Amber"



Col. Laura Lin

*Editor's note: I am truly at a loss to find the words worthy of expression from all of us as to the 'once in a lifetime' honor all of you bestowed upon us as your guests. And the realization that many of our WWII Chinese SACO family were your predecessors, it is even more incomparable that at this time, the bond we shared so long ago still manages to grow stronger today- perhaps more than any other military group. We were two countries with two different languages fighting side-by-side to maintain freedom. It has been said our association with China was the only time in the history of our country that our armed forces served under the leadership of a foreign nation that established General Tai Li as Top Military Commander. (As I understand, this was appropriate in opinion of our Skipper Milton E. Miles as we were serving in their country.) Truth be known, we had two leaders, never their equal, who shared courage, knowledge and utmost respect for each other. We had the highest regard of these two leaders of men and we continue to never forget and to perpetuate the friendship and love of one another of two nations.*

  
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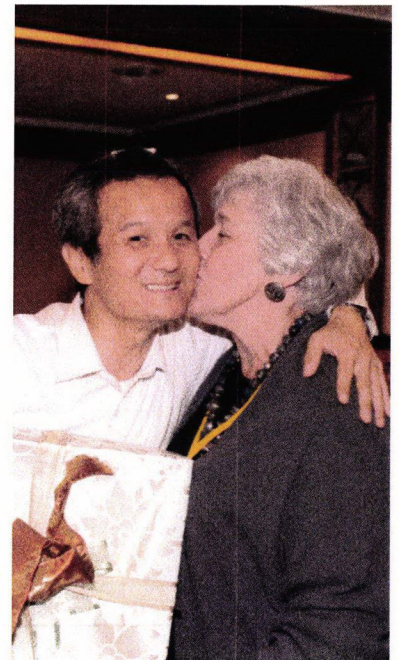
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**GEORGE CHEN  
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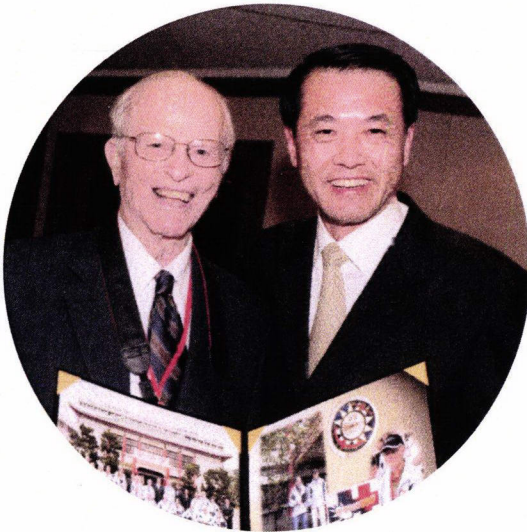




**Helen & Mel Goguey**



**Michael Cannon**



**Roger Moore**



**Francis & Caroline Reynnet**



**Peter & Judith Barbieri**



**Pat Sanders & Guy Purvia**





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**Carolyn Inman-Arnold**



**Jodi \* Jack Petersen**

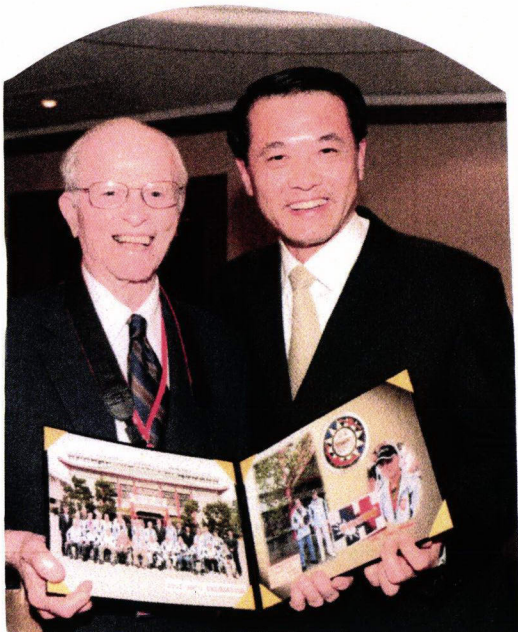


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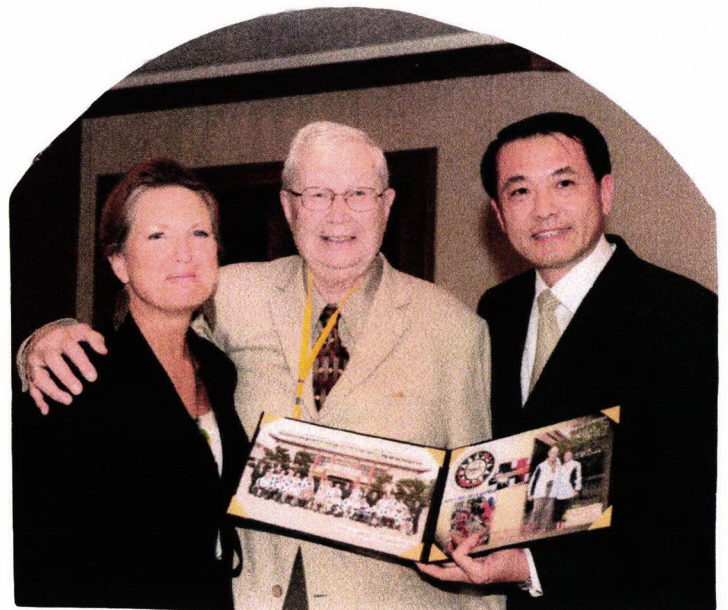




**ROC ladies hosting our visit display gift purses from All SACOs**



**Roger Moore**



**Lynn Grabenstein & father Dick Terpstra**



# PREFACE TO LETTERS ON FOLLOWING PAGES

I feel everyone in our SACO Organization should be aware of the sincere devotion our current SACO President Judy Barbieri shares in many stages of her position. All of us were cognizant of accomplishments she and her husband, Pete, exhibited as we attended the SACO annual Reunion of 2011 in the area of Rohnert Park, California.

Now, a rerun of what Judy contributed for our brother-hood in expression of eternal gratitude for their invitation to be their guests to witness their Centennial Celebration of the Double Ten Holiday.

Judy wrote separate, individual thank-you-letters to all officials of the MIB and MND as well as staff members. Judy accomplished writing not carbon copies, but individually recognizing their position with personal thanks as guides and their watchful care for our safety. . I know those letters Judy wrote numbered at least 35 and Judy spoke for all of us. Just want everyone to know that we're limited for publication space in most issues of Saco News and therefore deprived of printing all correspondence pertinent to our visit to ROC. Please know how we love and appreciate your friendship and may we always stay in touch. Look forward to seeing all who will attend the Indianapolis, Indiana SACO Reunion.

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## SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTAL STAFF MEMBERS WHO WERE OUR GUIDES, HELPERS, TRULY ADDING JOY AND LAUGHTER



Thanks for the Memories







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



Lt. General Tang, Chia-kun  
Director of The Military Intelligence Bureau  
P.O. Box 3693  
Taipei, Taiwan, ROC

Dear Lt. General Tang, Chia-kun,

I am writing to you as, President of SACO, and on behalf of the Delegation of SACO Veterans and their family members,

We want to express our sincere appreciation for the hospitality extended to all of us on our recent visit to your beautiful country, Taiwan. The entire experience was truly wonderful and left all of us with memories that will live with us for many years to come. Each day was filled with something exciting and enjoyable.

You have an amazing staff and everyone from the Liaison Team, Medical Team, Photographers, and Escorts were always looking after us. The Grand Hotel accommodations were beautiful, the tours interesting and educational, all of the gifts and banquets amazing. Receiving the Double Ten and 2011 SACO Delegation Photos, as we boarded the plane for home, was very special.

The entire trip was so joyful, especially for the Veterans, and heart warming for us family members. To get to know all of you on a personal level builds those lasting friendships and a positive outlook for both of our countries. We look forward to seeing you again, in the near future.

With Humble Gratitude,

Judith Barbieri  
SACO President





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

January 9, 2012

Judith Barbieri  
SACO President

Dear Mrs.Barbieri,

Thank you for your kind letter that gave high praise to my staff and me. As a Chinese saying goes "It is a great pleasure to meet friends from afar," not to mention the significance of your visit to my country. Although it has only been few days into my new position as MIB Director when you visited, I shared the honor with my colleagues to be able to receive SACO veterans and their families.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to you for coming to join our centennial celebration with your wholehearted congratulation. And I am glad to know that you are satisfied with the trip.

Also, I would like to convey my great appreciation to you and all SACO members for your firm support to MIB, and I am looking forward to meeting you in person soon.

I wish you and your family all the best.

Sincerely yours,

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Lt. Gen. Tang Chia-kun, ROCA  
Director



MG Liu, Te-liang  
Deputy Director of MIB  
P.O. Box 3693  
Taipei, Taiwan ROC

Dear MG Liu, Te-liang

I am writing to you as President of SACO, and on behalf of the Delegation of SACO Veterans and their family members.

We wish to extend our utmost appreciation for the hospitality that you showed all of us on our recent visit to your country of Taiwan. We had the most wonderful experience and shall treasure these memories.

We will remember these happy times and look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely yours,

Judith Barbieri  
SACO President

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## **JUDITH McAFEE BARBIERI**

I feel confident that Judy will forgive me for taking advantage of this (available space among letters) as an opportunity to extol gratitude from all SACOs for her performance as President since she and her husband, Pete, concluded their wonderful 58<sup>th</sup> reunion of SACO Aug. 2011. It has been, many years, customary for the chairmen of reunions to serve as president acknowledging his yearlong endeavors toward a joyful annual gathering. Since that position has always been held by a SACO vet, may I point out with utmost pride, Judy, the daughter of the late SACO vet, J. F. McAfee, ranks among the greatest filling this honor in the past and also – has held this position as “the 1st female as well as 1<sup>st</sup> associate member” of SACO to do so. We all extend our sincere appreciation and love for your glowing chapter as SACO lives on. rlr



Col. Laura Lin  
Military Intelligence Bureau  
P.O. Box 3693  
Taipei, Taiwan ROC

Dear Col. Laura Lin,

I am writing to you as, President of Saco, and on behalf of the SACO Veterans and their family members.

First, we want to extend to you our loving appreciation for all you have done for the SACO organization over the years. You have been our go-to person for some time. We consider you a SACO daughter.

Secondly, we especially want you to know we are aware of how hard you and other staff members worked to make our trip to Taiwan special. It was an unbelievable experience, from the very moment we stepped off the plane, and saw your happy face, to the time we waved goodbye. So much happened during our visit that it is difficult to choose one event over another. The attention to detail and the care you showed all of us was nothing short of amazing.

You are a wonderful, gracious individual and your organization should be very proud to have you as their representative. Thank you again, Laura, for all that you do and the person that you are. You made our trip like a beautiful painting, created by a talented artist.

Sincerely yours,

Judith Barbieri  
SACO President

Cc. Lt. Gen Tang, Chia-kun  
Director of MIB



Mr. Hu, Wei-jen  
General Secretary of National Security Council  
122 Chungking S. Rd., Sec.1  
Taipei, 10048  
Taiwan, ROC

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you, as President of SACO and on behalf of the Delegation of SACO Veterans.

Please accept our sincere gratitude for the opportunity to visit with you on October 6, 2011. It was especially kind of you to take time from your busy schedule and extend such gracious hospitality for us.

We feel very fortunate to have so many unique memories from our visit to Taiwan. Thank you for giving us one of those special memories.

Sincerely yours,

Judith Barbieri  
SACO President  
244 Silver Creek Circle  
Santa Rosa, California 95409



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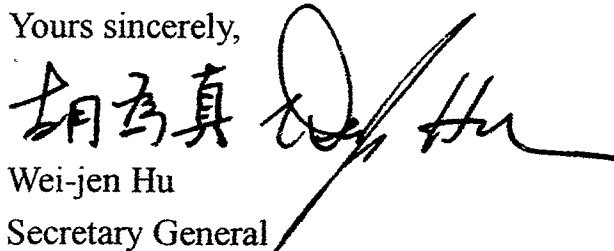
Dear Ms. Barbieri,

Thank you for your letter. I am very pleased to know that the delegation of SACO veterans enjoyed a good trip to Taipei. It was our great pleasure and honor to host those old friends.

Indeed, the SACO Veterans have the highest level of respect from our countrymen, as we shall never forget the contributions they have made during World War II. We do hope that their uphold of principle of justice and their strong support to and friendship with the friends in Taiwan can be more publicized in the society of the United States.

Please send warmest greetings and best wishes to all the members of the delegation of SACO veterans. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and includes the Chinese characters '胡為真' (Hu Wei-jen) followed by a stylized signature. The signature is written over the printed name 'Wei-jen Hu'.

Wei-jen Hu  
Secretary General  
Republic of China



Lt. Gen Chang, Kan-ping  
Former Director of MIB  
No. 7 Wanshou St. Guishan Township  
Taoyuan County 333  
Taiwan, R.O.C.

Dear Lt. General Chang, Kan-Ping

I am writing to you, as President of SACO, and on behalf of the Delegation of SACO Veterans and their family members.

We wish to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for our most memorable visit to your beautiful country, Taiwan. Even though you have retired, we know that you and your staff were responsible for all the detailed planning that went into this amazing experience. From the moment we stepped off the airplane, to the time we waved goodbye, there were many wonderful lasting memories.

We were so happy to see Mrs. Chang at the Welcome Banquet and the both of you at the Farewell Banquet. Your happy smiles and generous hospitality gave us all great joy. Please know that we hold you in our hearts, as special friends and hope that we will have the opportunity to meet again in the not to far future.

Sincerely yours

Judith Barbieri  
SACO President  
244 Silver Creek Circle  
Santa Rosa, California, 95409



# THUS WE ADD ANOTHER CHAPTER TO THE SAGA OF SACO

- a novel in which we never seek closure, but in retrospect, continue the preservation of love and friendship we created in our teamwork to maintain freedom for our two countries. May our great organization (though perhaps small in comparison to other WWII campaigns) be the solidifying relationship between our two nations, the ROC and USA, and the forerunner of our combined challenge to permeate the freedom we both share, not only for us, but all nations of our planet *Ed*.

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## TRUE LOVE GIFT FROM DAUGHTER OF A SACO VET



**JODI**

If I were to seek permission to print this, I am positively aware I would be denied, because I know of whom I speak, knowing both she and her sister, Barbara as youngsters. I was present at the wedding of their parents, Jack & Beverly.

I feel our membership is entitled to be aware of the generosity and love of family members of SACO Vets

Jodi Petersen, not only the founder of history of SACO veterans on the Website, but a most 'humongous' donor in the beginning of our voyage to Taiwan. Jodi's employment position is in Pasadena, CA. Almost every weekend she flies round-trip to her home, not far from her Dad in Wisconsin and had accumulated surplus AMEX flier miles from which she compensated room rents at the Airport Marriott Hotel for two nights for ALL delegates to Taiwan. What a truly grand surprise to all????!!\*\*\*

Jodi, we all thank you for incomparable gifts to SACO

With all our love,

25 Delegates to Taiwan for Double Ten Centennial



*These Two Leaders of Nations in WWII, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of China and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt of USA, Jointly Approved US Naval Forces Joining and Training China's Military in China in Combined Effort to Quell and Eradicate the Japanese Invaders of China. This joint venture later was known as SACO (Sino-American Cooperative Organization) with Lt. Gen. Tai Li as Director and (later Rear Admiral) Milton E. Miles as Deputy Director.*

*Generalissimo Chiang, Kai-shek*



*President Franklin Delano Roosevelt*

*These four monarchs of two nations; two leaders of nations of opposite sides of the globe and two high ranking military officers were the creators of a team of two nations, who through trial and tribulation, succeeded in surmounting two different languages, cultures and customs to form an heretofore unknown bond of Friendship, respect and love that is prevalent today and hopefully, forever. It is indeed one of our greatest pleasures that we continue to reunite in annual reunions.*



**SACO Director  
Tai-Li >**

**Deputy Director  
< Milton E. Miles**

