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SACO NEWS

JUNE CONVENTION HUGE SUCCESS IN ATTENDANCE & POPULARITY

38TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO

This year's convention in beautiful San Diego was another great one and perhaps the largest attendance of any. The hotel was right on the waterfront and the hospitality suite of the Holiday Inn offered a spectacular view of the San Diego Bay. Many took the cruise to Ensenada, Mexico - a full day of relaxation at sea. There was a harbor dinner cruise, a city tour taking in Old Town, Coronado and other points of interest in the city. Some spent free time taking the trolley ride to Tijuana. On Friday, 5 June 1992 - the group had VIP seats to witness the Marine Corps Recruit Graduation ceremony and parade at the USMC Depot. That morning event was followed by lunch at The Admiral Kidd Officers' Club where it was noticed a long line kept the lone bartender extremely busy! The Saturday night banquet featured guest speaker V. Adm. John W. Nyquist, USN (Ret.) and Maj. Gen. Chang Wen-haun representing Lt. Gen. Yin Tsung-wen, Director of the Military Intelligence Bureau/Ministry of National Defense Republic of China in the presentation of the SACO medal to seven SACO Tigers. It was a great convention - so many recent "joiners" who've become hooked and enjoy repeating performances as well as more "first timers." We salute Jim and Jackie Murphy, Willie and Audrey Baker and Vern and Gloria Dalrymple for all the hard work - the culmination of which truly was a gathering of the clan enjoyed by all! Those who made it to this year's reunion are as follows:

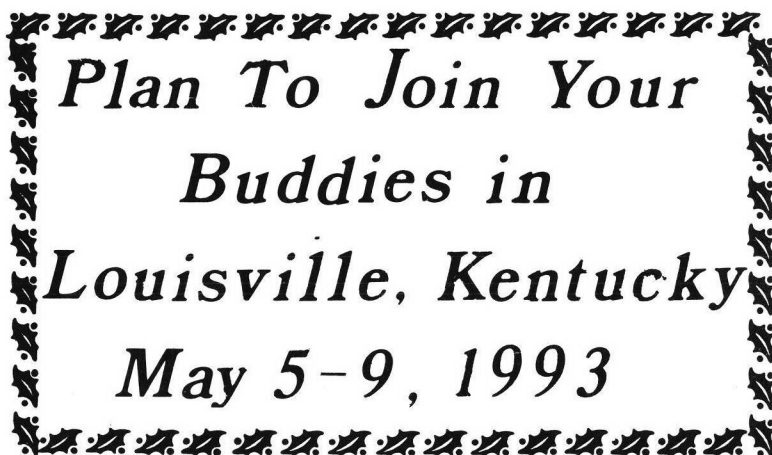
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 Mrs. Chang Wen-huan
 Maj. Gen. Fan Chi-yao (Ret.)
 Col. Yang Tien-chang
 Capt. Michael Chang
 Ms. Wu Yu-hsin

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 Anderegg, Darwin/Virginia
 Baker, Willie M./Audrey
 Bannier, Richard/Mathilda
 Bartee, L. William
 Benedict, Verne R.
 Blair, Willis M./Mildred
 Bonin, Harold

Booth, Jr., Elwood F./Ellen
 Brandwein, Harry
 Brightbill, Wade J./Concetta
 Brown, Kenneth U./Lillie
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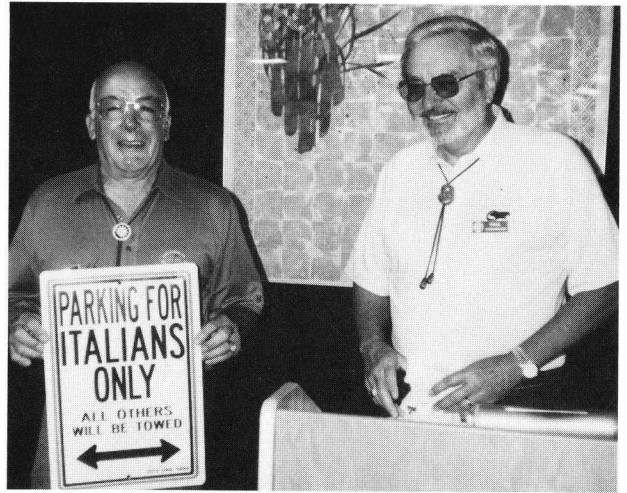
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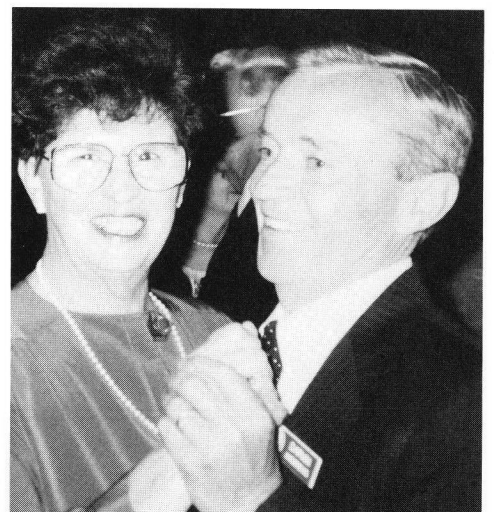
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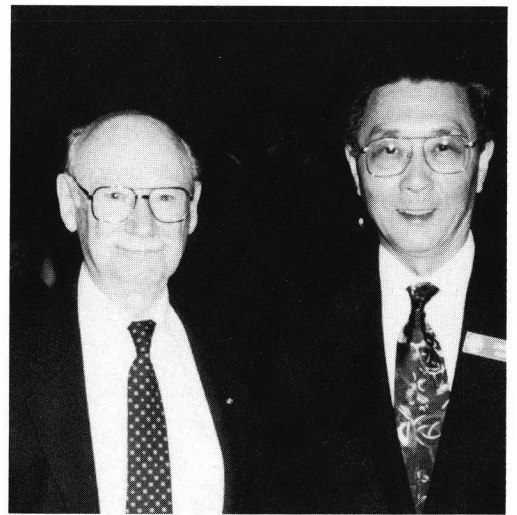
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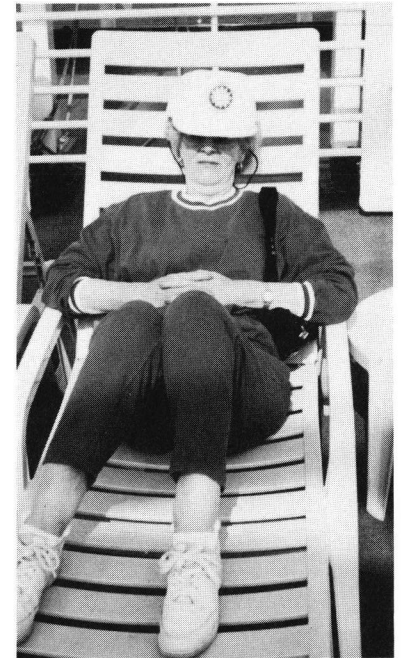
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Letters to the Editor



19 May 1992

I was surprised to see my name in the SACO NEWS and owe that distinction to Bill Sager, the C.O. of Unit 10. He made me more distinguished than I am. My honor from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine is because I managed to survive for fifty years after receiving the MD degree.

He also promoted me to Chairman of the Department of Physiology at Cornell University Medical College. I was Chairman for only one year (I hated it) and was named Prof. Emeritus from the rank of Professor in 1982.

The story on gentian violet is correct, however and there are more stories; some unmentionable, in Roy Stratton's book.

Bill Sager's son-in-law is at Cornell Medical Center, so I have seen Bill. I also had a letter from Gene Porter, who is a retired newspaper man living in Adrien, Michigan.

I would gladly exchange letters with anyone surviving Camp 10 and my medical ministrations. I continue to teach Physiology.

Best wishes,

Roger L. Greif, MD

P.S. Please note correct spelling of my name.

(Roger: Your name was misspelled in the original SACO Directory published by Roy Stratton in 1950. And all subsequent Directories. We didn't know the correct spelling until you responded to Sager's article about you.)

(Note from the typesetter: Cheer up though, Roger. I have a documented record of 284 different MISpellings of the name Casamajor on mail received.)

17 June 1992

Re: Your reply 5/92 in SACO NEWS to Dick Thompson.

You are correct; Adm. Miles does not mention the S&Rs in his book "A Different Kind of War." You are also correct that S&Rs did come aboard SACO.

On page 534, Miles mentions a Captain Hanly's (USMC) encounter with a Japanese General. A few nights before the described event, we laid in darkness for hours to ambush and kill this officer. As an S&R, I was there with Capt. Hanly. We were part of a column from Camp #3 that had just completed a 900 Li march behind enemy lines.

On page 558 of Adm. Miles' book; Miles refers to a much decorated SACO named "Buckley." He was referring to Phil Bucklew, our former S&R C.O. "Buck" received his decorations from actions in North Africa, Sicily, Salerno and Anzio. He was further decorated for his valor in Normandy. When the British doubted his word about scouting the Normandy Beach, Buck handed them a bucket of sand that he gathered under a hail of gunfire from the Germans. He was ready for any skeptics!

After our last mission in Europe, the invasion of Southern France (Operation Dragoon), we were granted a two-week leave in the States. Ray King was decorated with the Silver Star and I believe that Guy Purvis is the recipient of some decorations also. I cannot remember for what particular campaigns.

We gathered again at Ft. Pierce, FL, our stateside base. While the S&R Ships' Company trained three groups of navy personnel named "Special Roger," "Roger One," and "Roger Two," the European "veterans" trained the 5th Ranger Group and took additional instruction with newly developed explosives. The Rangers left for the Pacific where they

successfully rescued American prisoners of war. In late 1944, the Roger Groups graduated and the European S&Rs joined them for the long trip to Calcutta. As I mentioned above, I was sent to Camp #3. Some of the S&Rs took sampans to the coast of China. Ernie Chyz barely escaped capture.

Phil Bucklew rose in rank to a Navy Captain and was instrumental in molding the Navy Underwater Demolition Teams and the Scouts and Raiders into what is now known as the elite Special Forces unit called the Navy Seals.

I would deeply appreciate any list you can furnish of S&Rs in SACO. We have a nice museum in Ft. Pierce, FL and would like to contact former S&Rs.

Many thanks,

Matt (Matthew Kaye -
formerly Komorowski)



18 May 1992



This is just a note to tell you how much I enjoyed the May 1992 issue of SACO VETERANS. The write-up about the trip to Taiwan enabled Jan and me to reminisce and enjoy again that wonderful trip. You and Erma certainly were wonderful

hosts of our hospitality room at the Grand Hyatt and added so much to our pleasure.

As I wrote Paul Casamajor, due to a family wedding, I will not be able to attend the San Diego Convention, but Jan and I look forward to being on hand next year in Louisville. Please give our best regards to our friends at the convention.

With kindest personal regards to you and Erma, in which Jan joins me, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
Shep (S. Shepherd Tate)



3 May 1992

(To Frank Buckless)

Tom is hospitalized with Parkinson's disease at this time. We had so planned on being with the group for San Diego.

Our thoughts and best wishes for all the group - maybe in '93.

Best regards,
Geraldine Delaney

20 June 1992



Hey, whatta job you did in San Diego! It was something!

It was great to see you again. Peg says she enjoyed shooting the breeze with Erma once again.

Hope you are beginning to enjoy your new place. Hope you don't have all the weeds we do. For a joint that's full of reports of "No rain," we have more damn weeds than you ever saw.

Looking forward to seeing you in Louisville. We are headed for the Adirondacks in a month. Have a wedding in Quebec in August. After that, back to Florida.

Till the next time, the best to you both.

Tallyho,

Peg & "Doc" (Felmy)



11 June 1992

(To Ken and Helen Rhicard)

Well, it's all over for another year. These SACO conventions just seem to get better and better. Every one offers something a bit different than previous ones. The weather in San Diego was excellent with a light jacket or windbreaker (what wind?) - all that was needed. The hotel was ideally situated; right on-the-bay as the name implies. So it was easy to walk out the front door and start a walking tour.

I was immediately impressed with the cleanliness of the city as well as the friendliness of the folks we met; especially those who took care of our hotel and travel requirements. As usual, the SACO people were a gracious group. For the most part, it seemed like a family reunion. It was great to see Camp 4 well represented with the likes of Jim McGrail, Mike Conway, and wives, plus Bud Harmon, Bill Lutnick and John Pike, who received his SACO medal for his first appearance.

Prior to joining forces with the SACO group, the Conways had been in Mexico and unfortunately, Peggy was slowed by an attack of the "Trots." The absence of the Rhicards and Sizemores was a disappointment. Father Time and Mother Nature have a lot to say as we all get along in years. However, we can all look ahead to 11 months from now and determine to "re-une" in Louisville. For those of us in the East, it should be a piece of cake to get there by car or air.

Richard and Erma Rutan were their usual jocular selves and had an ample supply of "provisions" awaiting visitors to the Hospitality Suite. Erma's infectious laugh can be heard as soon as you hit the room and you know you are among friends. She was most receptive to my one-liners. I remarked to a number of folks that the Holiday Inn was hosting a convention of Native Americans at the same time as our shin-dig and that this was the first SACO convention I attended where the Indians outnumbered the Chiefs!

We'd like to get together with you one of these days to tell you more about San Diego as well as our Taiwan trip. But the end of next week we are off to Lancaster, PA for 10 days to be with our daughter's family. Someone mentioned that Bob Perry had called you and that he was having a hip replacement in a nearby hospital. I'll phone their Needham home and get an update. Bob is one of the few Camp 4 lost sheep yet to attend a SACO National.

All of us hope that you and Helen maintain reasonably good health, so that along with Bob and Arline Sizemore and the Perrys, we may all meet in Louisville in '93. Beyond that, we can plan on Mt. Rushmore the following year.

Best of everthing to you,

Jack and June Shearer

(Ed. note: Sounds like Jack had a lousy time at the last convention! Ha! Jim Murphy, perhaps you should show this to the Chamber of Commerce in S.D.)



18 May 1992

Congratulations to you and Mother Erma on moving to a new home!

Thank you very much for sending us a number of copies of SACO Issue No.7.

This particular copy is primarily featured with your attending the 80th anniversary of the Republic of China. I have distributed the copies to the people related to last October's activities. Lt. General and Mrs. Yin and others were pleased to see their pictures in the issue.

We all enjoy reading the publication. You are a great editor, which, I think, is only a small fraction of your many great contributions to the SACO activities.

Looking forward to seeing you and Erma and many other SACO friends in San Diego soon.

Your friend,

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



20 May 1992



So glad to hear from you and get the "What The Hell" News. We will plan to see you all in San Diego.

Yes, we have moved to the Motion Picture Home here in Woodland Hills as we are both getting along to the age where this place answers all our needs and we see a lot of old friends.

The cottage we have, altho' small, is very nice and the food is great. The beautiful grounds here are well kept and all medical problems can be taken care of here.

Our oldest daughter lives about a mile away and visits us often. We get to Burbank once in a while as we have our old house up for sale.

See you soon.

Love,
Ruth & Earl (Colgrove)



13 June 1992

(To Ken & Helen Rhicard)



I am getting off a letter to cover, as best I can, the events of the SACO convention in San Diego and a little side trip Peg and I took just prior to going to California.

First and foremost, we hope the spouses are coming along fine and look forward to the gathering in Kentucky in 1993. That seems like a good central location for us mid-westerners. They are touting it up as one of the most beautiful places in the country at that time of year.... They have the usual scenes of interest about horse farms, Churchill Downs, flower shows and good drinking. We think that we should drive down there from where we live.

As I said above, we took a side trip. That was to Puerto Vallarta. We spent a week there at the Marriott Casa Magna. It is really a 400 plus hotel on the water. A few evenings there we were just about the only people in the dining room. They had a one-acre pool with a bar in the middle of it. This is the truth; one day we were the only people in the pool or at the bar. It was perfect weather in the high 80's or 90's. They give you a lot of bull about being between seasons or that next week the crowd comes in, but I think it is that people are not travelling to foreign countries as much as they did

before. We had a great time there and enjoyed every day and night except the last day; the day before we were to leave to go to the meeting in San Diego, Peg came down with a bit of Monte's revenge. It carried over to San Diego and she spent much time in bed there. She was not able to attend any of the events and only left the room from time to time. She claims that she had a good time, as little as it was with June and Mary. Made it back home where three or four days rest cleared everything up.

We, the fellows, had a great time. I had a long talk with Bud (Harmon) and he filled me in on his career after SACO. He is still working for some company that does business with the government. He did 30 years in the Navy and he doesn't regret it. He did O.K. The Hospitality Suite got a good workout this trip. (Doesn't it always!!! Ed.)

...We took a few trips to places of interest such as graduation of a squadron (Believe it was a recruit class - Ed.) of Marines and sight-seeing at Point Loma and other places. All in all, it was a pleasant trip with lots of laughs. On Saturday, Lutnick came on board and it was non-stop talk and jokes up to the point of his having to leave in the early evening. He still carries a "piece" with him. The enemy is never going to catch him with his "draws" down. He is an interesting fellow with a thousand stories to tell.

...I met a radioman who came after Bud left. (Probably John Pike. Ed.) He was old time regular navy. He said he closed the camp down after the war. I guess that was just about the time Jack left and sold his horse.

...At the dinner I sat next to a fellow named "Gordon." (Gordon Johnson - Ed.) This was his first attendance, although he is a dues-paying member. He was a disbursing officer in Chungking and he spoke Chinese. I found out he was born there. An interesting fellow with a lot of side stories about closing up Happy Valley...

Our best to all of you,
Mike & Peg (Conway)



9 May 1992

I'll ask you to bear with my poor typing, as it consists of the hunt and peck system. I've just received your latest edition of SACO NEWS and I congratulate you on a job well done. I deeply regret that I will be unable to



join you in San Diego, as I have various doctors' appointments at that time. I've been keeping busy, but do miss my dear little girl.

You received a letter from Dick Thompson inquiring about Scouts and Raiders. He stated that he had been a Scout and Raider. I think he was referring to the Roger units that were trained at Ft. Pierce, Florida. I believe that there were four of these Roger units trained. The first of these units was called Roger Special and was formed by a group of young ensigns. I say young, because the youngest enlisted man was 25 years old and the oldest ensign was 22. They trained at Scouts and Raiders School as a special unit taking S&R training. After 6 weeks of S&R training, the unit went to Naval Combat Demolition Unit (also at Ft. Pierce) for an additional 6 weeks of training. I was a member of Roger Special and the groups that followed were called Roger 1, 2 and 3. I'm not sure that unit 3 made it overseas, but I'm sure someone will refresh my memory. I would deeply appreciate receiving it if someone out there has a roster of Roger Special that they would share with me. I stay in touch with Paul Porter who trained with me. His nickname at the time was "Pelican Puss."

Give Erma a hug and a kiss for me and tell everyone at San Diego that I said, "Hi!"

Yours in SACO friendship,
Andy Fleming

P.S. I believe the Roger units were the forerunners of what are present day Navy Seals.



10 June 1992

Well, another SACO convention has come and gone and we anxiously await the next one.

I wanted to take a moment to "Thank you" and Erma for the kindness you extended to my cousins while attending the SACO hospitality room. Your allowing them to participate in all ways made them feel most welcome.

Again, many thanks and Georgia and I will look forward to seeing you both in Louisville.

Best regards,
Larry & Georgia (Karas)



May 1992

Enjoy the newsletter - keep them coming. Saw Stan McCaffrey in October ('91) in S.F. at a USS KAMM gathering.

Robert Hornberger

13 May 1992

Received the recent SACO NEWS (No.7) and once again was pleased with the complete edition. It is bright, newsy and a very classy publication and I felt I had to tell you this. If anything, I hope it eases some criticism that may fall your way. Like anything else ... you cannot please all the people ... but where they find fault is only in their eyes.*



The news relating to the recent Taipei trip was nostalgic in a way. It reminds one of the many pleasant events during the trip and the many friends made as well.

This is a different veterans' group in the sense we did not serve all in one unit and, in my case, know not many individuals; but my wife and I have found the members to be a congenial and social group at all times.

Keep up the good work and we shall see you in San Diego. It sounds as though it shall be a fun trip...

Sincerely,
Julius W. Ulanek

*(Perhaps you have knowledge of that which I am not aware, but if there has been any expression of pernicious criticism, it has escaped my eyes and ears. But, au contraire, couldn't most of us be enriched by that which we consider constructive criticism? Alexander Pope once wrote:

"Whoever thinks a faultless piece to see
Thinks what ne'r was, nor is, nor e'er
shall be." Ed.)

Since this writing, Julius is recovering from a light stroke. We all wish you a speedy recovery and hope you will make Louisville.



21 May 1992

(To Frank Buckless)

After all these years, I figure it's about time I kicked in my share of SACO dues, because I realize it takes not only time, but money to keep SACO NEWS coming and I have always enjoyed reading it. This is in spite of my being a "Johnny-come-lately" SACO member, arriving in Calcutta in June 1945 - just before V-J Day.

I ended up staying at COMINDU until December, being joined by Howard "Gil" Gillespie, who came down from Happy Valley so he could go home. In December, I left by ship for Shanghai and stayed

there at a very busy radio station (I should have said I was a communications officer) until July 1946, then a long trip home via Tsingtao by ship.

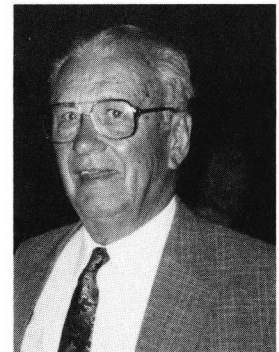
Very few, if any, names ever ring a bell in SACO NEWS, but I remember yours from Calcutta and maybe Shanghai radio messages we processed. I served in Calcutta under Messrs. Crowley and Lethbridge and ran into the latter once in the 60's. I also had lunch with Gil Gillespie and his wife in New York City not too many years ago because he lives in New Jersey and I worked at the time in NYC. Since 1988, I've been with my wife's real estate firm in Darien and New Canaan, CT and I manage the New Canaan office....

Sincerely,
Paul (Tibbetts)



30 June 1992

... Hope the quakes did no damage to your new villa. Our kids were in L.A. and said it was a good shake. The after-shocks continued for several days. We sure enjoyed the lunch with you and Erma at La Quinta.* The hotel is a plush place and we enjoyed the hotel with its furnishings.



... Best wishes to my girl friend, Erma. We sure did like your new "digs."

Frank (Buckless)

* - By coincidence, Frank and Evelyn's daughter has a condo one mile from our new home. After the convention, the two of them stayed a week in the condo and we got together and had a nice visit. Ed.



July 1992

At the suggestion of Paul (Casamajor), I'm enclosing snapshots taken during the convention in San Diego.

Hope you can use some of them in the next SACO NEWS (which we enjoy immensely).

Mathilda and I had a great time in San Diego. Murphy & crew did a great job, as did you and Erma, as always.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Louisville next May.

Sincerely,
Richard Bannier

June 1992

(To Ken Rhicard)

Ken, Kindly accept my apologies for the delay in my mailing the attached letter. I got knocked on my ass with a virus the day after I wrote it. And am just now getting out of the house to get caught up with delayed chores.



I talked with Mike today and he tells me that he, too, had a similar problem upon his return from the West Coast. So it goes without saying that if it's not an ass it's an elbow at this stage of the game. It must have been something we ate or maybe we were too close to Mexico.

No doubt Jack has told you by now that the Docs detected a wee bit of cancer in my prostate during my semi-annual checkup. They have assured me that they found it in the early stages and I should have little or no concern about my sex drives for awhile. There being none, I think I'll survive the loss.

I am now taking radiation treatments in one of the "Buck Rogers" laboratories and will keep you posted as the results present themselves.

It is my understanding that if all men live long enough, the percentage of contracting this disease increases to the high 90s. So I'm in good company. Incidentally, they detected this condition via blood tests and not through probing up the gazooker to the elbows.

If all goes well, I will have this note in the mail as soon as I can get the envelope wrapped around it.

Stay in touch and our best to Helen,

Red (McGrail)

(Red's "delayed letter" to Rhicard follows)

Mary and I just returned from the SACO meeting in San Diego and we are chock full of delightful memories.

Major Bill Lutnick, USMC Ret., came on down to meet the gang from Camp 4; Lt. Mike Conway AWOL, Red McGrail PBS Active, Jack Shearer REF, Ret., Commander Bud Harmon, USN Ret., and a few others I didn't know. We all had lunch on you, so don't be surprised when the bill arrives.

Mike Conway noted that Bill looked a little naked without his trusty pistol. But, we were soon relieved as Bill reached into his back pocket and came forward with a cute little thirty-two automatic.

Some gemoke is going to send us pictures of you and he when you all crossed the equator. He said they had rigged up a foot-long thermometer for your indoctrination into King Neptune's realm. With my lousy hearing, I didn't quite get where they stuck it!

At any rate, over one hundred eighty warriors showed up in San Diego for this Thirty Eighth Annual Meeting.

I overheard Billie Miles recalling how Red McGrail and the men of Camp 4 got these reunions started in Hartford. It was real nice to hear her express her sentiments and her warm feelings for that motley crew of long-legged pony riders. It seemed as though everyone knew the mob from Camp 4 and very little was mentioned about the other installations.

...If for any reason you happen to miss next year's meeting in Louisville, be sure and send your credit cards down in advance. We sort of held back this year 'cause we didn't know what your limits were. We were hoping to get hold of that other guy's from Massachusetts, but didn't want to give him another reason for not showing up.

Will be talking to you later,

Red



13 May 1992

(To Frank Buckless)

One of "Doc" Luce's Pharmacist Mates checking in. Enjoy the issue of "What The Hell"...brings back the memories. I recall being in that OSS training camp near Quantico and the "Docs" in the group kept everyone up at night setting off those pencil fuses.

After we lost Bernie Bauman, further jumps were cancelled and I was flown to TARE and joined up the OSS's TRAMP Unit under Red Maddox, VC running agents into the Jap advances into India.

Joining the Inactive Reserve got me into the Korean War for 16 months being stationed at St Albans Naval Hospital; while there I ran into Jerry Coats who I believe was also recalled...some memories fade.

I had attended one SACO reunion in the early 50's and passed by one in New Orleans; was there on a business trip but was scheduled to fly to NYC and was not able to attend...maybe some day.

The Group is doing a wonderful job keeping the Unit alive. Many thanks for keeping up the SACO NEWS.

Sincerely,

Ray Reynolds

(No dateline)

Dear Frank (Buckless) and SACO Members:

Our hearts were touched by the memorial gift sent to the Austin Salvation Army in remembrance of our Clayton.

The friendships and association made by both of us through SACO have been cherished.

"Clayt's" death was so sudden (by heart attack) that it was a severe shock; for he had been planning to come to the San Diego meeting. He was very special and dear to me; so life now is difficult.

However, I try to keep busy and re-adjust with the support of many friends and family.

As for his book - I must explain that our publisher encountered financial problems this past year due to our Texas economy. So it has been postponed several times. Finally - Clayt decided to seek another publisher. Our editor is very enthused and is involved in doing this now. In any event, my son is dedicated to getting it in print even if we have to finance it ourselves. I will inform you when it is available, but it will be some time yet.

Sincerely,
Audrey Mishler



9 May 1992
(To Frank Buckless)

As a SACO man who has been negligent in paying dues, I hereby enclose my check.

I haven't been active in SACO since the meeting in New York City over 25 years ago. I've been sidetracked by the demands of making a living and raising a family.

The only two SACO alumni I'm in touch with are Warren Higby, formerly of Michigan who now lives in Venice, FL and W.E. Smith who lives in Trenton, MO.

I still have happy memories of my years at Happy Valley. While I didn't spend time at the camps, I served with the Goodrich expedition and other expeditions in East China, as well as the Schoettler group in Foochow.

I may be able to get to some future reunions, so keep me advised.

Sincerely,
Sam Zitter

(Ed. note: No better time than next May in Louisville, Sam.)

12 December 1991

Dear Mr. Casamajor:



Thank you so much for your letter dated Nov. 7, 1991. It was a great pleasure to meet your nice couple and other SACO friends participating in celebrating 80th Double Tenth National Day activities. Your delegation has marked another milestone for the everlasting SACO friendship.

Many Chinese friends here in Taiwan as well as my wife and I are so pleased to have had the opportunity to meet our SACO friends and to show what we have achieved in recent years in Taiwan.

In addition, on behalf of all officers and men of this Bureau, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to you for your kind donation of US\$2,000* to the Yu-sheng Hospital of this Bureau. The hospital will make the best use of the said donation for the patients.

My wife joins me in extending to you and Mrs. Casamajor our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Yin Tsung-wen
Lt. General, ROC Army
Director - M.I.B.

* - The \$2,000 gift came from the SACO Treasury and was voted on (unanimously) at the 1991 Business Meeting in Nashville.



(To Frank Buckless) 29 July 1992

Thought we would say hello and submit some news from here to there. I still have in mind a trip to Quebec that the bride suggested sometime ago, but we do not think it will happen this year. Not enough time left in this retirement of ours.

The time is approaching for our trip to Honolulu in January, but I am only hoping I might make it this year. Something about the place we like... mainly the nice warm weather.

If this typing is a bit "iffy," I have a reason...I had a light stroke 2 weeks ago. It left my left hand slightly weaker...thus my typing is off. I only hope these people know what the devil they are doing...I will need some surgery on 24 August...then I can think of traveling some place.

Hope all is well with you and the bride...keep the faith...see you in Louisville come the spring.

Julius (Ulanek)

16 June 1992

Helen and I are sorry we could not make the San Diego bash. All the guys seemed to have had a super time.



I hope and pray Helen's condition improves by next year so we can make Louisville. Helen's condition is a loss of memory and nerves ... keep in touch.

Ken & Helen Rhicard



1 July 1992

Helen and I received a phone call from Dr. Bob Goodwin's widow (Doris) last week.

Johnny Nieh, an interpreter at Camp 4 was visiting her and placed the call to me. His first question was, "Are you still fat?" That's Johnny!

Helen and I could not make the trip to So. Dartmouth, MA as Helen did not feel up to it as we could not make it to San Diego. We sure missed that trip. We hope and pray we will make Louisville.

Johnny's address: (See also p.31 of new SACO Directory)

John Nieh
911 N. Madison Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90029

Keep in touch,
Ken & Helen (Rhicard)



30 May 1992

I saw the letter of Dick Thompson wanting to know if there is a list of Scouts & Raiders. I told him I write to over 160 people and would give him S&R info if he wished.

You say you have a way of tracking all known members on the active mailing list. I would like to get this as we are always searching for members*

Thanks a lot.

Jim Barnes (Assoc.)
3216 Yale St. N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33713

Sal Ciaccio and Guy Purvis are former S&R. Our most famous was Phil Bucklew aka as "Big Stoop" in China.

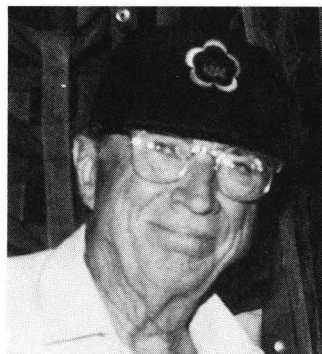
* - Contact Paul Casamajor, Membership Chairman for this info. (Note: The only clue I have is that all the S&Rs I know came on board SACO on February 21, 1945.

As soon as I can get time I'll go through all 3,000 records and come up with a list of characters who came aboard that date. That may do the job. It may not. I'll be happy to hear from anyone who has another idea. - Casamajor)



6 July 1992

(To Lloyd M. Felmy
M.D. - SACO Secretary)



Many thanks for copies of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees and also the membership.

As to the minutes of the meeting, I have only one comment and that pertains to an item under new business where you say, "It was mentioned that Seattle was felt to be the choice for 1995." It is my recollection that it was definitely decided that Seattle would be the place for the convention in the year 1995. As a matter of fact, I think I made the motion. And I think Bill Miller is of the opinion that he, Lee Alverson and Verne Benedict are going to be responsible for putting on the 1995 convention in Seattle. In any event, I am giving a copy of this letter to all Trustees, with the request that they verify whether I am correct. (Ed. That's the way I heard it, Carl.)

Yours very truly,
Carl (Divelbiss)

Did you serve in the U.S. Navy? If you're one of the estimated 5 million living Navy veterans, you are eligible to be listed in the Navy Memorial Log. It's part of the recently completed U.S. Navy Memorial, midway between the White House and the Capitol in Washington, D.C. To enroll in the log, send \$25—along with your name, date and place of birth, dates of naval service, and highest rank or rate—to

Navy Memorial Log, P. O. B 96570
Washington, DC 20090-6570.

Can I still add my photograph to the Navy Memorial Log?
Yes, and please do so. In the past six months we've added 4,000 photos, and we want yours if we don't have it. Photos add much to Log Room presentations.

U. S. NAVY MEMORIAL NEWSLETTER

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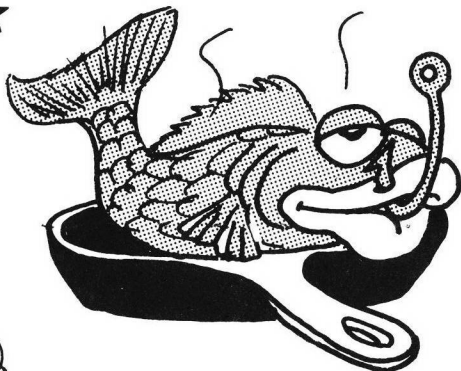


AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 — Feb 18)

You are a rebel with a progressive attitude. You are also inventive and very intellectual. Your interests are very widespread which makes you a real scatterbrain. Aquarians are careless and never learn by their mistakes. You are the original klutz.

PISCES (Feb. 19 — March 20)

Pisces have a weird imagination and are idealistic about love and beauty. You are the most sensitive of all signs, overly emotional and cry easily. Pisces are misfits, are taken advantage of — a real sucker. You'll end up on welfare.



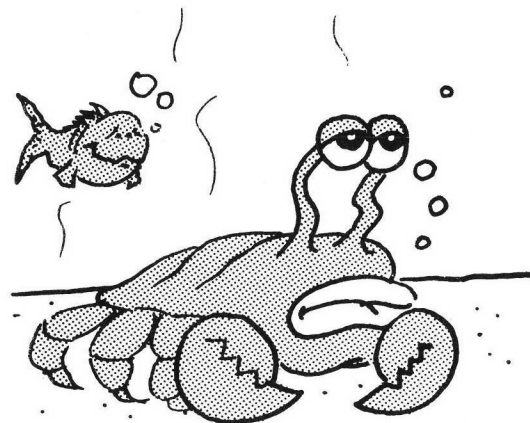
GEMINI (May 21 — June 20)

You have diverse personalities and a wide range of abilities. You are original, adventurous, and possess a superb mind. However, you tend to be strange. Most Geminis are either homosexual and/or indulge in crimes of violence and passion. Geminis eventually end up in jail.



ARIES (Mar. 21 — April 19)

You are the most impulsive sign of the zodiac. Arians are extremely intelligent and prefer work that gives them a chance for personal advancement. Your self-centered attitude makes it impossible for you to remain faithful to your mate. You are quick-tempered and impatient. You're not nice. No one likes you.



TAURUS (April 20—May 20)

Taurians are reliable and always reaching their goals. Your love of beautiful things include an excess of lovers — all types and sizes. You are a workaholic and will die young. Taurians are earthy critters, having terrible B.O., eat too much and have vulgar table manners.



LEO (July 23 — August 22)

A born leader; you are noble, affectionate and big-hearted only when it serves your goals. Leos are also arrogant, insufferable snobs, pushy and hate criticism of any kind. Most Leos eventually have total mental breakdowns and end up in the funny farm.

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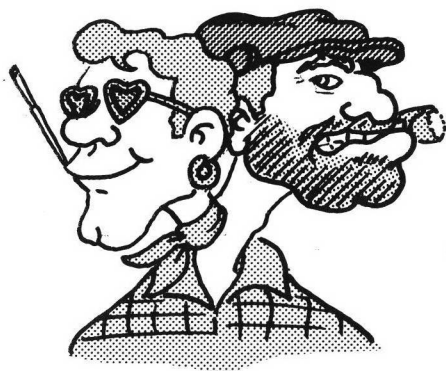
VIRGO (August 23 — Sept. 22)

Virgos are orderly, logical and possess a highly ethical code. You make great accountants and quality control experts. Your nit-picking drives everybody nuts. Virgos have a priss attitude; you are cold and especially timid — scared of everything — especially sex. Worst lover in the Zodiac.



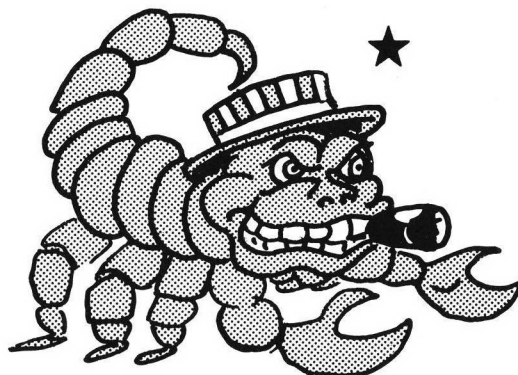
LIBRA (Sept. 23 — Oct. 22)

You are a charmer and strive for balance and harmony. You cooperate with anybody which makes you easy to be ripped-off and manipulated. You place too much emphasis on sensual pleasures. Libra women are very easy and may end up as hookers. Libra men end up doing the dishes.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23 — Nov 21)

Scorpios are resourceful, determined, hard-nosed buggers very shrewd in business. Insults roll off their backs like water. You get your way through dishonesty. You are power-hungry and totally lack ethics. Most Scorpios end up murdered with a knife in their back.



CANCER (June 21 — July 22)

Cancers are extremely sensitive and sympathetic beings, believing in strong family ties and lasting friendships. You are a pushover possessing a basic weak personality. Most Cancers are losers, ending up as beggars and food stamp grubbers.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 — Dec 21)

You are jovial, easy going and most sincere. Sagittarians are warm and humorous, but suffer from a "foot-in-mouth" disease. Because you lack true ability, you rely on luck and the supernatural for success. People laugh at Sagittarians. You are a habitual drunk or dope fiend.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 — Jan. 19)

Capricorns are very ambitious, and reach the top of the ladder in a plodding manner. You admire success, respect authority. Being very self-centered, you expect everybody to believe what you think. Capricorns are terrific bores and must keep moving or a dog will take you for a fire hydrant.



SACO MEDALS AWARDED

At the San Diego Convention Banquet 6 June 1992, the SACO MEDAL was presented to seven men by Maj. Gen. Chang Wen-huan, representing Lt. Gen. Yin Tsung-wen, the Director of the ROC Military Intelligence Bureau.



FRANCIS D. REYNNET



BURTON W. MCCABE



ROBERT "ACE" PARKER



JOHN H. TAYLOR



JOHN W. PIKE



ELDEN R. STRINGFELLOW



WILLIAM J. VINCENT

Circulation Of SACO NEWS May Have To Be On Limited Basis

(Per Trustees & Officers)

At present we have 829 on our SACO mailing list. Of that number, 640 had not paid dues as of August 1st. That approximates 23% of our roster paying dues this year and I would venture that's even higher than average over previous years. Factually, less than 1/4 of SACO Tigers are contributing toward expenses of the organization. Please understand that dues cover various expenses NOT related to conventions. All of our annual conventions are self-supporting in that those attending pay registration fees established by the chairperson to cover expenses involved in those annual gatherings.

Obviously, considerable cost is involved in publishing SACO NEWS bi-annually and the SACO Directory periodically. This diminishes our dues fund to the point that it appears we should consider curtailing general distribution - mailing only to those who keep their dues current.

SACO is a great group; certainly like

no other in military history. I am proud to have been a part of this unique organization and the opportunity to have served with so many of you that I know so well and whose friendship I cherish dearly, not to mention new friends we've made attending conventions. 50 years later, it's still wonderful to share and continue that camaraderie. I urge you to please give earnest consideration to remain a part of this exclusive group and keep our mailing list at its present quota.

REMEMBER, if you send dues in for 1993, you will receive a copy of the latest Directory and, hopefully, a spring and fall issue of SACO NEWS (Think I can handle two issues a year!) Ed.

SEND YOUR DUES (\$20.) TO:

Mr. Frank W. Buckless
4246 Darleigh Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21236
(410)256-2346

HOW COME??

PART I



by Paul Casamajor

IF MARY MILES DIDN'T HAVE ANY AIRPLANES OR AERIAL CAMERAS, HOW COME SEVEN PHOTO INTERPRETERS AND SEVEN AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHERS MATES WERE AMONG THE FIRST FIFTY MEN ASSIGNED TO SACO?

Think back to where we were in mid-1942. The April 18th Doolittle raid had made a single dramatic pass over the length of Japan without gathering much intelligence about Japan's war making industry.

The Japanese "front" extended from the western Aleutians (Attu and Kiska), past Wake Is., south to the Marshall Is. (Kwajalein) and the Gilbert Is. (Tarawa), to Guadalcanal (the 1st Marine Division landed there on August 7, 1942), through most of New Guinea and all of the Netherland East Indies including Java and Sumatra and north to Burma. The Japanese controlled the China coast and most of the transportation links within China.

Satellites hadn't been invented yet. The only land in friendly hands that was within aircraft range of Japan was China.

Admiral King had just sent Miles off with his first group -- radiomen mostly including Webb Heagy (codes), Buck Dormer, Ted Wildman among others.

Aerial photo interpretation was just becoming available after its very successful beginnings and development in England. (The first U.S. Navy P.I. class of 6 weeks began Jan. 2, 1942)

By mid-1942 somewhere in the Joint Chiefs, the idea was advanced that China was a possible base for aerial reconnaissance of Japan.

During the 6th P.I. class, which met from Sept. 15 to Oct. 28, 1942, the 28 men were asked to state their preference for duty assignment which were: the Atlantic fleet, the Pacific fleet, the Aleutians, COMSOPAC (New Zealand based), and, COMSOWESPAC (Australia based). The first choice of six men was COMSOWESPAC. When the call came for seven men, those six (closest assignment to China) and the alphabetical first man who chose COMSOPAC, orders were prepared for them to report to the Interior Control Board - Room 2732 Navy Dept. - which most SACOs have heard about.

The planes - Navy reconnaissance - never arrived in China of course. The photo interpreters and aerial photographers mates did arrive. The first two interpreters arrived in Chungking on January 19, 1943. (This date happens to be in the middle of the 10 day period (Jan. 14-24, 1943) that Roosevelt and Churchill were holding their Casablanca Conference). It wasn't announced, of course, but the feedback we heard was that Churchill vetoed any 4-engined aircraft for whatever until the bombing of Europe was completed.

With nothing in the way of photos to be interpreted in Chungking, Miles sent the interpreters - Lt. C.O. Cook and Ens. P. Casamajor - back to Calcutta on Jan 30th to work with the very active British P.I. unit that was covering the Burma jungle front. The British were not interested in any U.S. contact of any kind - period! Cook and Casamajor returned to Chungking on Feb. 8th. - 3 trips over the Hump in less than 3 weeks!

The other five P.I. men shipped out of Baltimore and traveled with the 22 Thailanders who were preparing to infiltrate (then) Siam under Col. Kunjara. They were 88 days at sea - through the Panama Canal and around Australia and to Ceylon! They came on board SACO June 14, 1943.

Still no photos, so Casamajor was made Ship's Service Officer. This duty consisted of making weekly trips from Happy Valley to Stilwell's headquarters in Chungking to acquire anything consumable such as coffee, jam, pickles, butter (substitute) that might augment the fare on the table. At that time this was about a \$90./wk. operation. There were no cigarettes - these all came by diplomatic pouch from Calcutta.

SACOs involvement with training of members of Gen. Tai Li's Loyal Patriotic Army was soon to begin. In the Spring of 1943, the first class was held. The subject - aircraft identification - was prepared in detail in advance. All the features of any possible aircraft that might be seen in China were reduced to shapes - fuselage, wings, tail assembly and number and location of engines. The

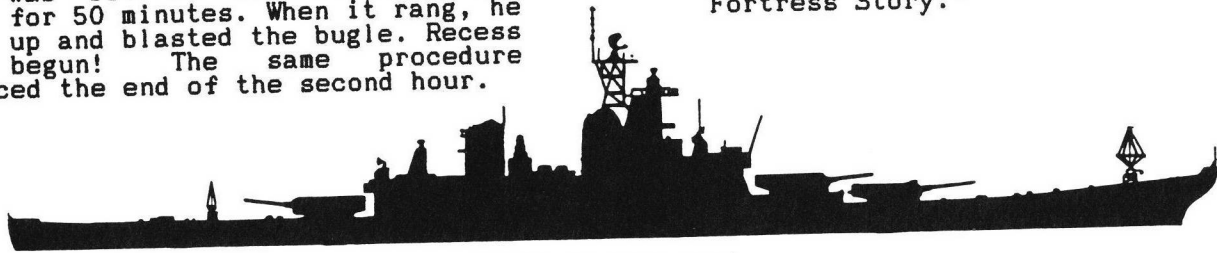
interpreter needed all the cues for the lecture since none of the 140 students understood any English. The lecture consisted of vigorous activity at the blackboard with the interpreter passing the word in Chinese. The 140 students, jammed into a not-big-enough room, sat on a 2"x4" bench with a 2"x6" table, two to the bench. Their ink brushes dutifully reproduced the shapes of the aircraft parts.

Classes were for two hours with a 10 minute break after one hour. There were really only 139 note takers because one of the students was assigned to monitor the time. He sat in the back of the room with a large two-bell alarm clock and a bugle. The alarm was set at the start of the class for 50 minutes. When it rang, he stood up and blasted the bugle. Recess had begun! The same procedure announced the end of the second hour.

Once again it was a vigorous blackboard exercise.

One final hour was available. The students were asked what they would like to hear about. There was no doubt and it was unanimous, they wanted to hear about a "Flying Fortress." It's fame had spread far and wide.

Fortunately the issue of LIFE magazine with a cover story about the famous B-17 - The Galloping Goose - had just arrived by mail at Happy Valley. This was the B-17 that arrived in the Philippines at Pearl Harbor time and somehow managed to escape to Australia. The magazine article, shown while running up and down the aisles, served to illustrate the "Flying Fortress Story."



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HOW COME? - PART II

The second course was concerned with ship identification. Few, if any, of the students had been much closer to the ocean than Chungking, so describing a battleship as something more than a sampan with a machine gun mounted on it was quite a challenge.

Stay tuned for the story about how an officer's cap led to the SACO cooperation and participation with the 14th Air Force.

See the next issue of SACO NEWS.



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Contact: Arthur Wilding, 606 Riverwood Dr., Louisville, Ky.
Ph: 502-893-3900 40207

Burke Theater In Wash., D.C. Offers Exclusive Showing Of

AT SEA

(The following appeared in August 1992
issue of NAVAL AFFAIRS magazine)

Submitted by Bill Barteo

We cast ourselves upon journeys -
some are lifelong, some fleeting.
All are filled with moments that
define us.
There is a journey like no other.
It is AT SEA.

The long and eagerly awaited film AT SEA is now showing. The film created for exclusive exhibition at the United States Navy Memorial's Burke Theater in Washington, D.C. strikes at the heart of life in the Navy. The plush, 250-seat 70mm theater is home to a 52' wide by two-story high wrap-around screen and a digital, three-dimensional "spatial" sound system. The theater's enveloping visual and acoustic environment transports the audience into the high-pitched drama of life and work on the flight deck of an aircraft carrier, one of the most dangerous places on earth. The 35-minute, 70mm IWERKS motion picture was produced by MacGillivray Freeman Films of Laguna Beach, California, leaders in the large-screen experiential film production industry and was made possible by a grant from Mobil Corporation.

Filmed aboard the USS CONSTELLATION, the film spotlights the real-life catapult officer Lieutenant Commander Ray Turner. He leads his launch team and the audience on a journey at sea. From keel to bridge, the sixteen story high aircraft carrier holds a fully operational hospital, television station, facilities for 5,000 crew members, and an airport for 75 planes. Jet aircraft rocket across the deck's 250 foot runway every minute. Twenty-four hours per day, no matter the weather, men and machines perform with ballet-like precision on the unforgiving sea.

Turner and his catapult crew must first prepare for the six-month deployment.

They learn to fight fires and to escape from a plunging helicopter in the darkness of a pitch-black night. Simulators teach the pilots the treacherous and dreaded night carrier landing. Experience and training condition the Constellation crew for their journey, but nothing can prepare them for saying goodbye. Ready now, heartbeats pound when Turner leaves

his wife and son, and joins his family of thousands.

Head into the wind to gather 30 knots straight down the deck, this perilous place is ordered and secure. Green, yellow, purple and blue shirts dot the deck. Each color tells a tale of duty. "Rhapsody in Blue" ring true. George Gershwin melodies rise and fall with the wafting steam from just-launched Tomcats. White-gloved fists raise triumphantly as a signal of the operation's success. Frank Munoz, a young crewman under Turner's guidance, is new to flight deck operations. Each day brings new challenges to these sailors. Like many of his shipmates, Frank misses the birth of his first child. Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" fills each small space on this lumbering behemoth cutting through the big blue.

Flight never felt better than it does AT SEA. Slicing through the ocean's mirror, the sky opens up to us in a way seen by very few. Soaring, we witness the silent sights of a pilot, visions which leave us envious. A-6 Intruders and FA-18 Hornets blast across the sky. An F-14 Tomcat practices a touch and go on this moving runway. The theater is filled with supersonic sound. The film's "three-dimensional" recording technique aboard sound effects design and the Burke Theater's six-channel SONIC THRESHOLD Digital Sound breathe power into the AT SEA film experience.

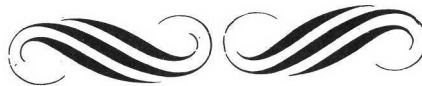
All in a days work; high pressure jet fuel is pumped ship to ship and air to air to replenish the Constellation and its airwing. Communication and multiship preparations for a battle group exercise quicken the pace and purpose of this training cruise. An E2C Hawkeye, a submarine, an Aegis Cruiser, and a speeding LCAC (Landing Craft Air Cushion) join forces with the USS CONSTELLATION and the USS FT McHENRY with their Alert Tankers, and supersonic F-14's. Operation Velvet Hammer, and orchestrated rehearsal combining subs, surface ships and air power is a test of humans and technology.

Communications bounce between the many, all poised for the action at hand.

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Scouts & Raiders Revisited

By PAUL CASAMAJOR
Membership Chairman



Elsewhere in this issue are some letters related to S&Rs. We promised, when we could find the time, to track down all the SACOs who came "on board" on February 21, 1945 - the date associated with all the known (and noisy) S&Rs we have in our midst.

Well, curiosity found the time and here's what we found.

The SACO records show that on Feb. 20 and 21, 1945 60 officers and 236 enlisted men came "on board" SACO! (Gadzooks, there must have been a ship load of 'em! Is it possible that there were this many S&Rs??)

We can't list all of them here, but we can list the 9 officers and 50 enlisted men who came aboard those two days who are in our current Directory (June 1992).

(Incidentally, Phil Bucklew, the S&R leader, came aboard on March 27, 1945)

We'll list the men by rank/rate and where they were assigned after stays of varying length in Calcutta.

Officers

Paul Butler - Ens. - Camp #5/Canton
Lyle W. Carter - Ens. - Camp #3/Liutung
John E. Demmer - Ens. - Liutung
Joseph D. Keenan, Jr. - Ens. - Changting
Don A. Miller - Ens. - Calcutta
Edward E. Porter - 1st Lt. MC - Camp #10
Louis A. Schafer - Ens. - Chungking
Norbert J. Stone - Ens. - Calcutta
J. Jackson Wills - Ens. - Chungking

Enlisted Men

M.C. Blacker - Cox - Calcutta
L.J. Burke - BM2c - Liutung
S.J. Ciaccio - MoMM1c - Foochow
A.T. Clark - CMM - Calcutta
L.T. Cobb - BM2c - Foochow
E.C. Dabson - GM1c - Foochow
A.T. Ediss - SK3c - Jorhat
P.R. Emigh - SM3c - Calcutta

Burke Theater -

An LCAC skims across the waves and barrels on to shore. Operation Velvet Hammer crescendos to an emergency on deck and an in-flight hydraulic problem for an F-14. Turner, Munoz and hundreds of men and women work within a heartbeat of one another, find their defining moment.

A sense of unity and accomplishment fills each sailor. Amid cheers, waving welcomes, and the arms of loved ones, Turner, Munoz and the family of the United States Navy return from their journey AT SEA.

AT SEA can be seen exclusively in the

J.W. Finlayson - MM1c - Foochow
A.M. Fleming - MM2c - Kueyang
J.H. Frederick - EM3c - Foochow
C.D. Gee - Cox - Camp #5/Canton
A.R. Googin - SK3c - Calcutta
M.J. Govela - Cox - Camp #3
E.E. Greiner - Cox - Camp #3/Liutung
L.A. Grigsby - CSF - Calcutta
J.E. Hall - RM3c - Camp #3, Chungking
V.E. Herberg - BM1c - Foochow
R.P. Jakmas - M1c - Foochow
D.L. Karas - MoMM3c - Camp #5/Canton
A.J. Keesee - BKR1c - Foochow
J.L. Kichinko - BM2c - Calcutta
F. King - MoMM1c - Calcutta
R.B. King - CBM - Changting, Changchow, Kienyang
M.A. Komorowski (now Kaye) - MoMM2c - Camp #3
F.G. Lewis - MoMM2c - Calcutta
I.J. Loeffler - BM1c - Changting/Shunan
E.F. Lovejoy - GM3c - Camp #5
W.A. Macvittle, Jr. - BM2c - Calcutta
G.M. Maddox - BM2c - Foochow
D.C. McIntyre - SC1c - Calcutta
E.A. Milem - SF2c - Calcutta
R.J. Neale - BM1c - Calcutta
D.R. Newman - MoMM3c - Calcutta
S. Pappas - BM1c - Camp #3
P.W. Porter - SKD2c - Calcutta
G. Purvis - CSM - Changting, Changchow, Shunan
E.J. Russell, Jr. - SK3c - Chungking
R.W. Schlaitzer - CCS - Calcutta
P.W. Seldonridge - CSF - Calcutta
J. Semonovich - GM2c - Foochow
V.A. Shekalus - MoMM3c - Shanpa/Sian
P.M. Shiffler - MoMM3c - Camp #3/Liutung
R. Sprague, Jr. - MM2c - Liutung
R.I. Terpstra - BM2c - Foochow
W.A. Tresp, Jr. - GM3c - Camp #3
G.D. Tressler, Jr. - GM2c - Foochow
W.R. Troyer - EM2c - Chungking
R.J. Wagner - GM3c - Calcutta
L.J. Zucks, Jr. - BM1c - Foochow

("Duke" Zucks barely made the list. We "found" him, or rather he found us through the Louisville '93 convention announcement in the American Legion Magazine while we were preparing this. See you in Louisville Duke!)

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NEW FOUND SACO



Photograph by by Cari Wagner

THE GOLDS' GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Selma and Leonard Gold were married May 31, 1942 in St. Louis during WW2, wearing appropriate chapeaux. Sons Bary and Janice of Raleigh, North Carolina, Mark of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Philip and Marcia of Houston, and families, celebrate the happy anniversary this weekend with relatives.

18 July 1992
An old shipmate of mine, Louis L. Obershulte, Jr., who lives in Jefferson City, MO, sent me a copy of the SACO NEWS.

It has been almost fifty years since I was a very active part of the SACO group in beautiful China. Somehow or other, I have never been aware that there was an alumni of members of our group existing which convened periodically, and which had this camaraderie.

I flew the hump to Kunming, then to Hengyang and landed in the midst of the Flying Tiger inventory of P-47's. That, and my first rickshaw ride, made the day quite a memorable one. I was a Chief Storekeeper, and spent a good two years in Kweichow Province. My commanding officer was Lt. Maury L. Nee, a Washington, DC friend who has since passed on. Admiral "Mary" Miles, of course, was in charge of the entire operation. My home was in Jefferson City, Missouri, and I was the first one to volunteer for the service from my town. I trained at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, then spent some time at the Philadelphia Naval Yard when I was chosen as a volunteer for this top secret, dangerous and exciting overseas duty.

My beautiful wife, Selma, and I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 31, 1992, and I have enclosed a picture (newspaper) of the "Old Salt" and his gorgeous bride, both wearing "appropriate chapeaux." I am 72 and still very active, working almost every day with my son in the violin business here in Houston. My bride, of course, gets more beautiful every day.

Would you kindly get me in touch with some of my old buddies, if any have survived all that treacherously dangerous service.

Sincerely,
Leonard Gold
9711 Oasis
Houston, TX 77035
(713)723-2122

(Note to Leonard: Pay your dues to Treasurer Buckless and get a Directory.)

Dear Richard:

22 September 1992

As requested, here is a snapshot of my bride and some of our new family.



Left to right is my gorgeous wife Selma, Janet Gold our daughter-in-law from Raleigh, NC, Boris and Solange Lourie' from Bordeaux, France, and old Saco Burmaroader himself, Leonard Gold.

A relative in Paris, France, and his wife were planning to attend our fiftieth anniversary since we spent our 40th with them at dinner at Maxim's there as guests of our special friends from the Ile de Re, Tony and Pierre Ollivier. This gentleman promptly broke his foot falling off a chair in his kitchen. He called Boris and Solange who he knew were coming to the USA on a visit. They called and were promptly invited to attend our 50th. Solange is the daughter of my own father's sister. Neither my father nor my mother ever discussed this branch of the family with me and I did not know that they even existed. You can imagine our pleasant surprise! See the resemblance between Solange and me in the picture. Believe me, she cried almost the whole

time she was with us she got that emotional at the opportunity to meet so many of her unknown family. Boris, incidently, owns a school in Bordeaux. Janet is married to our son Bary who is a computer scientist with SAS, a huge software firm. They have two of our five gorgeous grandchildren. Janet is a professional nutritionist and has the distinction of having been the President of the synagogue to which they belong.

Anyway, our 50th was a memorable event in our lives, and we couldn't have made it if I had got lost in Kunming. I still remember a little of the Mandarin I learned there, and in our violin shop we have so many Chinese customers. Most bring their kids in for me to teach them how to use the abacus.

And, as we say ... ming tzin tzai gen.

Leonard Gold



Happy Golden Wedding



Two of SACO's most beloved people will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary this coming January 30. SACO wishes you a day filled with love & happiness - family & friends. And may you enjoy good health, good times and sustain the embers of that spark that ignited over 50 years ago as you look forward to your Sixtieth!!! We all love you!

Perhaps SACO Member's Plea Was One Of Those Motivating President Bush To Sell F-16s To Taiwan ?

SACO

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1993 Convention Chairman

Arthur H. Wilding
606 Riverwood Dr.
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DATE: September 22, 1992

MEMO TO: All SACO Officers and Trustees

FROM: Bill Bartee

RE: F-16's for Taiwan

Some weeks ago I noticed a small news item on the back page of our local news rag that indicated our Taiwan friends were trying to make a sizeable purchase of F-16 planes. The more I thought about it the more I became incensed that there should be any question of providing them.

As a result, I wrote the enclosed letter to President Bush and provided copies to my State Senators. As a matter of courtesy I provided Admiral Liu Ho-Chien and Lt. General Yin Tsung-Wen copies. The timing couldn't have been better, since only a few days later President Bush publicly announced he would allow the purchase.

Although it is a certainty that my letter had nothing whatsoever to do with the final decision, I am impressed by the appreciation and recognition of SACO, expressed by Admiral Liu and Lt. General Yin. For those reasons I am providing copies of the correspondence for your information.

See you in Louisville.

Best Regards,



Bill Bartee

BB/mj

Encl.



August 12, 1992

President Bush
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Re: Taiwan request for the F-16.

Dear Mr. President,

Recognizing that your time is extremely valuable, especially with a full blown campaign in progress, I would like to request that your reconsideration of the Taiwan request for the F-16 aircraft be given every opportunity for approval.

Personally, I have no expertise on aircraft of any type, but I do believe a favorable decision on this matter would be in the best interest of both of our countries. This belief is based on almost 50 years of friendship with the people of Taiwan. My personal visits with dignitaries of Taiwan have convinced me that they are not only loyal to the United States, but are true believers in the "American Way."

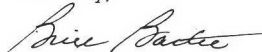
Every visit to Taiwan over the years, has shown great strides in their economy, production, and their commitment to democracy. Consequently, it goes without saying, that if their needs are not met by the U. S. they will no doubt seek out a vendor who can and will fulfill such requirements.

In light of our present sluggish economy, it seems logical to give their request every favorable consideration, and you being the man of vision that you are, can do that.

If I am completely off-base in my rationale, please inform me, but I would rather have a short note saying you concur.

I wish you every success in the upcoming election.

Sincerely,



Bill Bartee
462 N. Cheyenne Trail
Tucson, AZ. 85715

BB/dkb

cc: Senator John McCain
Senator Dennis DeConcini

CONFUCIUS DIDN'T SAY IT, BUT HE COULD HAVE

"Once upon a time, there were four people; their names were Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody. Whenever there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. When Nobody did it, Everybody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Somebody would do it, but Nobody realized that Nobody would do it. So consequently Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place."



CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA

September 10, 1992

Mr. Bill Bartee
4624 N. Cheyenne Trail
Tucson, AZ. 85715-9330
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Bartee:

I appreciate your kindness shown in your letter of August 27, 1992 concerning your efforts in writing to President Bush for the sale of F-16 fighters to the ROC.

Finally, President Bush gave a green light to the sale several days ago. Though the background of this critical change of policy is complicated, the unflinching support given by our American friends from all walks of life must have been a great boost. Thank you and all our SACO friends.

With my warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

LIU HO-CHIEN
Admiral, ROCN
Chief of the General Staff

United States Senate

September 10, 1992

Mr. Bill Bartee
462 North Cheyenne Trail
Tucson, Arizona 85715

Dear Bill:

Thank you very much for your recent letter regarding the sale of United States F-16 fighters to the Republic of China. I share your sentiments that the United States must do what it can to support Taiwan.

As you may know by now, President Bush is seeking the approval of Congress for the sale of five billion dollars worth of F-16's to the Republic of China. I plan to support President Bush, because I believe that this sale will benefit both our economy and our national security.

Over the past several decades, through a series of agreements and understandings with both China and Taiwan, we have been able to achieve a relative degree of security in East Asia and strike a balance in the region. I believe that the sale of F-16's to Taiwan will not jeopardize this careful balance, and that it will enhance the security of the region.

Thank you again for contacting me on this matter. If I may be of further assistance on this or any other issue, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John McCain
United States Senator

JM/wl/rm



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10 September 1992

Mr. Bill Bartee
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Dear Mr. Bartee:

Thank you very much for your letter of Aug. 27, 1992. It is very thoughtful of you to send me a copy each of your letter to President Bush and Admiral Liu. Your effort in requesting the favorable consideration from President Bush for the sale of F-16s to the Republic of China is highly appreciated.

It is a real exciting news that President Bush has recently approved the sale of F-16s to the ROC. The sale will improve our defense capability, conducive to safeguarding the peace and stability in not only the Taiwan strait but also this region of the world. Your firm support in this issue is surely a great help in achieving this result.

Again thank you for what you have done for us. Many friends here join me in extending warm regards to you and other dear SACO friends.

Sincerely,

Yin Tsung-wen
Lt. General, ROC Army
Director

How a man plays the game shows something of his character; how he loses shows all of it.



You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than you can by what others say about him.



If you realize that you aren't as wise today as you thought you were yesterday, you're wiser today.



The only things worth learning are the things you learn after you know it all.



Beautiful young people are accidents of nature; Beautiful old people are works of art.

NEW SACO DIRECTORY

*Send Your Dues
&
Get Your Copy*

At our San Diego convention in June, the Trustees authorized the publication of a new SACO Directory. Because of the costs involved they specified that it should be sent only to SACO members who have paid their current dues.

The last Directory (October 1987 - Red cover) was sent to all SACO members on our mailing list at that time. There were nearly 900 at that time.

Since that edition there have been 389 changes!! 188 have changed their address. We've "lost" 49 (mail returned). We've "found" 61 whose whereabouts we didn't know in 1987. And, 89 have been reported deceased.

This 1992 edition is divided into four sections and occupies 32 pages. The first section lists the 830 SACOs for whom we believe we have good addresses. The second section lists the 47 SACOs we have "lost" since 1987 together with their last known address. The third section lists all known deceased SACOs and shows their highest rank or rate while in SACO, where they served in SACO and the year of death, if known. The fourth section lists the 17 changes (as of Oct. 1st.) we have had since July 1, 1992.

Send your dues (\$20. for '92-'93) to Treasurer Buckless and get your SACO membership card and the 1992 Directory.

SACO DIRECTORY



JUNE 1992

SACO OFFICIALS - 1992-93

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IN MEMORIAM



MARY GRUSTAS AND HUSBAND ALBERT WHO PRECEDED HER IN DEATH

MARY GRUSTAS
9 June 1992

It is with great sadness that I am writing to inform you of the death of my mother, Mary Grustas, on June 9, 1992. Mom had an operation on Memorial Day, May 25, when her leg was removed. For two weeks thereafter, we prayed and hoped that she would recover, but her heart was very damaged and she died in the hospital the evening of June 8-9th. Both she and Dad had many wonderful friends both here in the United States and in Taiwan and these friendships were cherished over the years. It would be impossible to call everyone they knew personally, so I am taking this opportunity to inform you of our great sadness and loss. Please join us in prayers for both of our parents and remember them with kindness and love. Your presence in their lives brought joy and happiness and you were all special to

them. When one begins the journey of life, it is not possible to know beforehand the places we will go nor the people we will reach. There journey is over now, but you will always remain their friends.

With love,

Carol Orlick (daughter)
Tony Orlick (grandson)
814 W. Carroll Street
St. Clair, PA 17070

(Ed. note: Al and Mary Grustas were two of our most loyal and regular members, rarely missed a convention and were excellent and cheerful companions on their ROC visits with us.)

J.F. PUVOGEL

In June of this year, Jerry Coats put out a tracer letter to the NYC Police Dept. to locate J.F. Puvogel, who as Jerry informs, was a SACO Coast Guardsman handling guard dogs in China. He was notified by the NYC Police Dept. that Puvogel died in January 1978. Jerry Coats advises Puvogel's rate was CSP(D) USCG. Puvogel served in Calcutta, Chungking, Kweiyang, Camp 10, and Kunming from March 1944 to September 1945.

JOSEPH A. DIEL
30 July 1991

Just wanted to let you know my husband, Joseph A. Diel, passed away July 30, 1991. He's buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Thought you would like to know so you can remove his name from your mailing list of SACO NEWS.

Yours truly,

Mrs. J.A. Diel
(May 13, 1992)

Deaths reported since
last issue of SACO NEWS

Joseph A. Diel Y1/c 7/91
Unit 2
Charles E. Keil SK2/c 1992
Camp 4

A.C. Light PhoM2/c 1992
Calcutta/Chungking/Shunan
Capt. James C. Luce, USN(MC) (Ret.) Lt.Cdr. 1989
Chabua, India

Daniel R. Mazzucca (Morton) AerM1/c 1991
Calcutta/Kienyang/Chienou
J.F. Puvogel CSP/CG 1978
Calcutta/Chungking/Unit 10

GENERALISSIMO'S

MAN

(The following article was printed in TIME magazine in 1946. Submitted by Hank Scurlock.)

In the mountains near Nanking (17 March 1946) amid the wreckage of a transport plane, a charred body lay. A scrap from a woolen sweater, a bodyguard's pistols, the testimony of a grief-stricken aide identified the fire-eaten remains as those of General Tai-Li, one of China's most mysterious, most respected and most dreaded men. There was no official announcement of his death. But Lieut. General Cheng Chieh-min, 47, the Government's Moscow educated G-2 Chief, was named to succeed Tai-Li as head of China's secret police.

In life as in death, Tai-Li had been a partner of secrecy and violence. He was a legend---to his enemies, an Oriental Himmler, Plehve and Torquemada combined; to his friends, a ruthless but righteous patriot. Even Tai-Li's age was unknown; he was about 50. His flat brown nose, wide-set black eyes and triangular ebony eyebrows had appeared in few published photos. His birthplace was Chekiang, Chiang Kai-shek's native province. He studied in Whampoa Military Academy where Chiang was President.

Tai hitched his wagon to the Generalissimo's star; won the rising leader's trust by tireless intelligence work for the Kuomintang Army. In 1934, he organized China's Bureau of Investigation and Statistics. In time it became one of the world's biggest undercover agencies. It planted operatives from Bali to Burma, from Singapore to Sinkiang. It specialized in espionage and counter-espionage; it kept watch on communists and foreigners. Behind the Japanese lines, its eyes were flower girls, coolies, and ricksha men. In the most lurid Fu Manchu tradition, it reported to Tai-Li with invisible ink messages, eliminated those on Tai-Li's black list and built up the core of an effective guerrilla army.

In WWII, the U.S. Navy, seeking weather stations behind Jap lines, joined with BIS in setting up the fabulous SACO (Sino-American Cooperative Organization), with Tai-Li as Director. U.S. funds and U.S. experts supported Tai-Li, taught him new methods, expanded his guerrillas to 70,000 men. U.S. armed forces received, in return, invaluable data, maps of the South China coast, safe passage for downed airmen, tips on Jap movements.

Tai's fabulous reputation was criss-crossed with contradictions. Though he shunned public entertainment, he like to



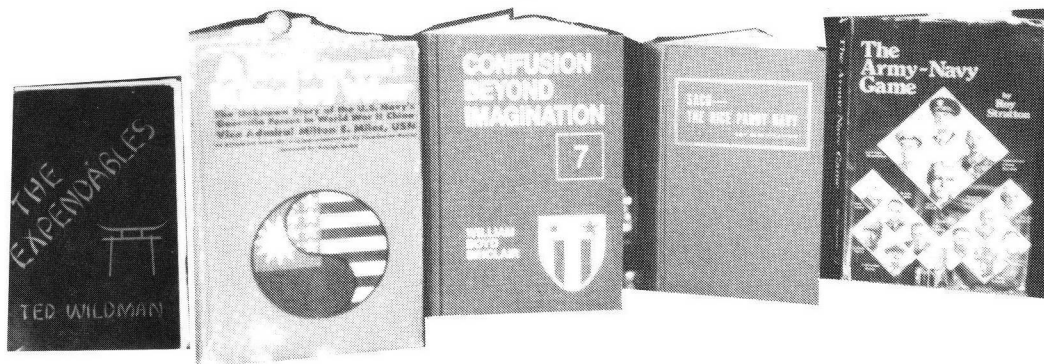
give lavish drinking parties. In Happy Valley near Chungking, site of his secret headquarters, he toasted visitors with innumeral kam peis. He could down 18 Chinese wine cups filled with brandy in an evening's bout. He was hard and he was tender. He personally succored victims of Jap atrocities, established orphanages for Chinese waifs. For communists he maintained concentration camps. He was an honest man, scorning the traditional "squeeze." Once he discovered a close friend's malfeasance, invited him to dinner, had police arrest him, testified against him in court, had him shot.

He believed in China for the Chinese, in the supremacy of the Kuomintang. He was unflinchingly loyal to Chiang. "I am," he once said, "the Generalissimo's Tai-Li and nothing more." When he heard the news of his man's death, the Generalissimo wept.

Editor's note:

(Adm. Miles, in his forward to SACO - THE RICE PADDY NAVY, stated: "I am personally convinced that there would have been a complete crushing defeat of the Communist army in China if General Tai-Li were still alive. His death was a great loss...On 26 March 1947 I represented the other members of SACO at the burial of General Tai in a State Funeral just outside Nanking. I planted two Mei Hua trees at the entrance to the tomb, and had a pair of bronze plaques erected, one in Chinese and one in English - describing the cooperation rendered by General Tai to the United States. I have since received unofficial word that the Communists have wrecked General Tai-Li's tomb."

SACO HISTORY



THE EXPENDABLES

by Ted Wildman

Ted, a radioman at Chungking, Kunming and Camp #4, wrote this as fiction. But if you were associated with him at any of his assignments, you will recognize many of the characters (maybe even yourself).

At the time we go to press, we have been unsuccessful in getting info as to procuring copies of this book. Ted's widow has evidently changed her address. If anyone can furnish a lead, please contact us.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF WAR

By V. Adm. Milton E. Miles

This account of the activities of SACO in WWII by our skipper, Vice Admiral Milton E. "Mary" Miles, is available again. Billy Miles has advised that the cost of printing had gone up so her last order was higher and in view of the postage rate increasing, the book is now \$13.00 including the cost of mailing. Please send check to:

Mrs. Wilma S. Miles
4948 Sentinel Dr. #106
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CONFUSION BEYOND IMAGINATION

By William Boyd Sinclair

About the book - "...Probably the least known of the hush-hush organizations in CBI was the Sino-American Co-operative Organization, which came to be called the 'Rice Paddy Navy' since most of its personnel were Navy men. It was, in effect, directed by both China and the United States. Its first purpose was to gather intelligence for a Navy landing on the China coast and furnish weather reports from Asia to the Pacific fleet. It engaged in other intelligence activities and guerrilla tactics. The American Navy men, with a few from the other services, were led by Vice Adm. Milton E. Miles, one of the war's most unique officers. You will admire him as he earns his command's way through a maze of long responsibility and short supply."

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Through the kindness and generosity of SACO members William James and Roger Rockwell, two copies of Roy Stratton's book SACO - THE RICE PADDY NAVY are now available for loan.

Also available for loan, thanks to the kindness of Norman Nelson, is a copy of Stratton's other book THE ARMY-NAVY GAME.

These books are available from:

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GOOD ADVICE

If you would lead a life discreet;
Five things observe with care:
Of whom you speak,
To whom you speak
And how and when and where.

Author Unknown



POTPOURRI



Miles' Films On VHS Tapes

Admiral Miles accumulated nearly five hours of 16mm film during the SACO period from 1942 to 1945. These films were shown at numerous conventions over the years. During the screening at the 1956 convention in New York, Admiral Miles added his own personal commentary to the film. Appropriate background music has also been added to this otherwise silent film.

At the SACO convention in Atlanta, GA in 1983, the members voted to have the films transferred to video tape so copies might be available. Copies were sold for \$100.00 per set of two cassettes.

At the SACO convention in San Diego, CA in 1992, the Trustees authorized a new release of the tapes provided it was at no cost to the SACO treasury.

These two cassette sets of the SACO

film are now available as follows:

To Regular SACO members who have paid their current year dues --
\$30.00 postpaid

To all other purchasers --
\$50.00 postpaid

Mail your check, payable to SACO, and send it to:

Mr. Frank W. Buckless, Treasurer
4246 Darleigh Road
Baltimore, MD 21236

Delivery should be within 30 days. The cassettes are prepared on order.

Bear in mind these films will never get a nomination for an Academy Award, but they do give the "flavor" of our China experience and they show, vividly, that we were involved in "A Different Kind of War."

SACOs VISIT NAVY MEMORIAL

Frank Buckless writes that he and Evelyn along with Burnell and Mary Rebert visited the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. this summer. They located the seat dedicated to "SACO" and witnessed the production "At Sea." Frank said it was a "moving" experience.

SACO NEWS

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Send your comments and newsworthy contributions for future issues to the Editor. Photos and stories are welcome.

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TYPESETTING
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FUTURE REUNION SITES

Louisville, KY

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SACO's 50th Anniversary Reunion is set for May 5-9, 1993, at The Galt House East (all suite) Hotel in Louisville, KY. Big plans are in the works to make it a grand celebration. This is the time to renew old acquaintances, and enjoy good comradeship.

The city is easily accessible by plane, bus, or automobile, at the juncture of I-64, I-65, and I-71 at the Ohio River. Call a SACO buddy, or two, and arrange to meet them at the reunion. Some of our Chinese friends will be there as well.

Hotel suites are \$73.00 single or double. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Wed. 5/5. Registration fee is \$85.00 per person. City Tour will be Wed. afternoon. Other optional events planned are a River Dinner Cruise, a tour of a horse farm, a visit to the Kentucky Derby Museum, a day at the races, and a variety of small group events.

Business meetings will be Sat. morning, May 8th. A special attraction is planned for Sat. afternoon, with the Banquet and program to be Saturday evening.

Make your plans now. A packet with complete details will be mailed in January. We'll look for you in Louisville in May 1993.

Arthur H. Wilding, Chairman
SACO '93 Reunion
606 Riverwood Drive
Louisville, KY 40207-1346
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After I received word from Bill Bartee that Rapid City was designated for the 1994 convention, I hurriedly got reservations at the Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza in Rapid. . . I got May 25 (Wed) to May 29 (Sun) at winter rates (\$58. single occupancy and \$66. double). One room suites are \$10. extra and two room suites are \$15. extra.

Unreserved rooms from a block of 100 will be released four weeks in advance of arrival. The convention rate applies for two days ahead of and two days after the convention. The hotel provides complimentary transportation to and from the airport (8 miles from town). It is the most suitable place in Rapid for our convention and I am glad we got reservations.

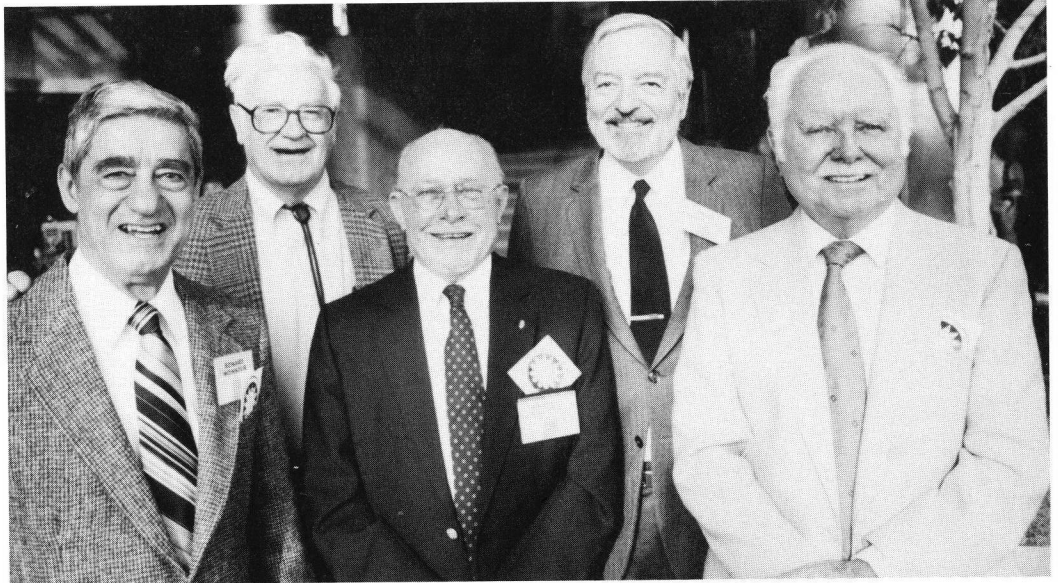
Rapid is served by United, Delta, Continental and Northwest airlines. Rental cars are available for those who arrive early or stay late to explore the area. There's lots to see.

Tentatively, I'm considering a wild game cookout in the mountains, bus trips (1) to Deadwood (legalized gambling and slots and a historic old mining town), and Lead, in the Black Hills, (2) to Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, and other points of interest in the Hills southeast of Rapid, and, possibly, (3) to Ellsworth Airforce Base where we can see the museum and kick the tires of some B-1 bombers. There are other museums in Rapid which contain Indian artifacts, geologic specimens and prehistoric bones. A detour of a few miles on trip (1) will take us to Bear Butte, the sacred mountain of the Sioux Indians. Shoppers can spend lots of money on Black Hills gold jewelry and western clothing. Casual clothing is the order of the day in the Black Hills.

BLACK HILLS OF SOUTH DAKOTA
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David Clarke, 1994 SACO CHAIRMAN, gives us the following insight as to plans for his hosting the annual meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota:

PHOTO INTER— PRETERS MEET



Front l-r: Eddie Monsour, Logan I. Chappell, Wm. Reese Walker.
Back l-r: Cornelius W. "Neal" Kuhn, Paul Casamajor.

NAVY PHOTO INTERPRETERS MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME 48 YEARS AFTER SERVING IN SACO

In early May, 1992 the first general reunion of Navy Photo Interpreters was held in San Francisco to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Navy Photo Interpretation. (The first class of 28 students began on January 2, 1942 in a lean-to on the side of a hanger at the Anacostia NAS in Washington, DC).

Three in the picture have been SACO members for some time (Casamajor, Monsour and Chappell). The P.I. Reunion brought out the addresses for Walker and Kuhn. They were not aware of our SACO fellowship and

activities.

Casamajor, Monsour and Walker had been members of the 6th P.I. Class which was held from Sept. 15 to Oct. 28, 1942. They and three other Ensigns and Lt. Charles O. Cook were processed through the Interior Control Board and went to China early in 1943.

When that first group was rotated home in 1944, their replacement group, which included Kuhn and Chappell, had only minimum overlap. Kuhn replaced Casamajor but they never met until 1992 when this picture was taken.

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