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WHAT THE HELL?

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60th SACO Reunion 2014

Dearborn, Michigan
August 13-16, 2014

Hosts: Lynn Grabenstein and Richard Terpstra

Highlights: Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Detroit tour and river cruise
Save the date!

About SACO News

Richard Rutan, SACO News editor for decades, has enlisted the help of the next generation of SACO Veterans. He remains Editor in Chief. Linda Kush (A), serves as Assistant Editor beginning with this issue.

Richard built a wonderful magazine that few organizations can match. He packed every issue with humor, history, memoir, new articles about SACO, and the latest news from SACO veterans.

While the associates could never equal his achievement, we hope to keep members in touch and celebrate the remarkable history of the Rice Paddy Navy under his direction. We plan to publish two issues a year in this new format.

Please send your news and letters to Linda Kush at the address on Page 2.

SACOs Reunite in Neenah, Wisconsin, June 2013

What could be sweeter than a perfect June day in Wisconsin?

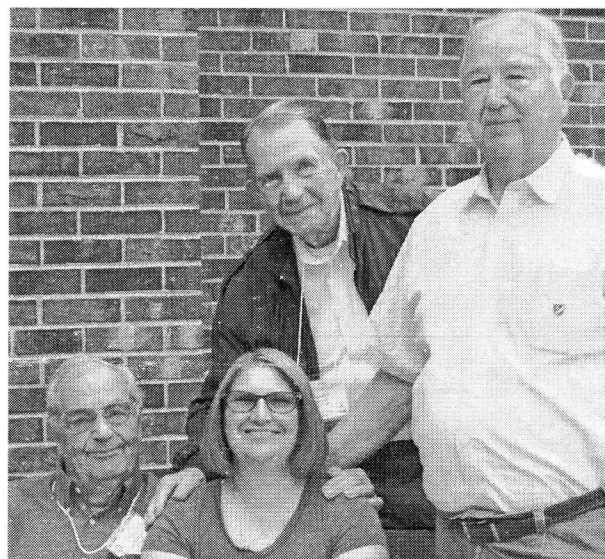
A perfect June day in Wisconsin with dear old friends.

Jack Petersen and his daughter Jodi Petersen hosted more than 40 SACO veterans, their families, and friends at the 59th Annual SACO Veterans Reunion in Neenah, Wis., June 12-15. Participants represented 17 states from Georgia to Washington. A contingent from the Republic of China, including the deputy director of the MIB, came to honor the veterans as they have for decades.

The months Jodi invested in preparation paid off with delightful excursions and lovely accommodations, topped off with a delicious banquet and moving ceremonies.

On Thursday, the group toured Lambeau Field, home of the Green Bay Packers. The historic, old-fashioned stadium stands in stark contrast to the ultra-modern Atrium, the Packers' new, five-story shopping and entertainment complex, where we had lunch, shopped for souvenirs, and visited the Hall of Fame.

Friday began with a tour of Neenah, from the grand homes of the 19th-century paper barons to the unusual, octagonal Hiram Smith House, built in 1856 and now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. After a lunch stop at Friar Tuck's, we spent the afternoon at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh, a world-class air museum that recounts more than a century of aircraft development, including many planes from World War II.



Left to right: Mel Goguey, Reunion Host Jodi Petersen, Mike Cannon, and Guy Purvis at Lambeau Field, Green Bay

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SPECIAL THANKS

Richard Rutan, Editor in Chief of SACO News, devoted hundreds of hours to the publication and set a high standard for excellence and creativity. As our Perpetual Skipper would have said, Well done!! This first issue of the new format of the SACO News was a group effort under Richard's direction.

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Keep your SACO News coming!

If it has been more than two years since you paid your dues, this is the last issue you will receive, as voted by the Trustees in June.

Please keep your dues current to stay on the mailing list.

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Saturday morning was devoted to SACO business meetings. The afternoon schedule was free, followed by the SACO Veterans Banquet Saturday night.

As much as everyone enjoyed and appreciated the planned activities, the highlight of the reunion was sitting together in the hospitality suite each evening catching up and sharing memories.

Attendees of the 59th SACO Veterans Reunion 2013:

Judith and Pete Barbieri
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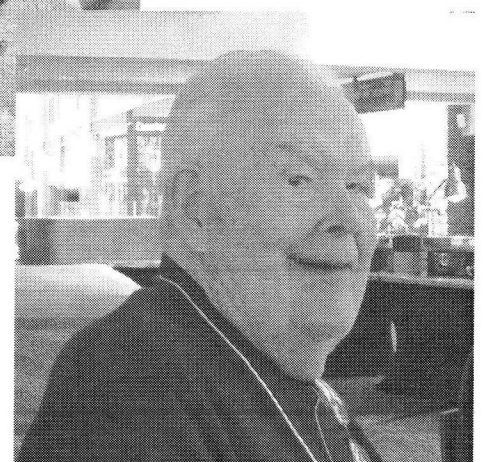
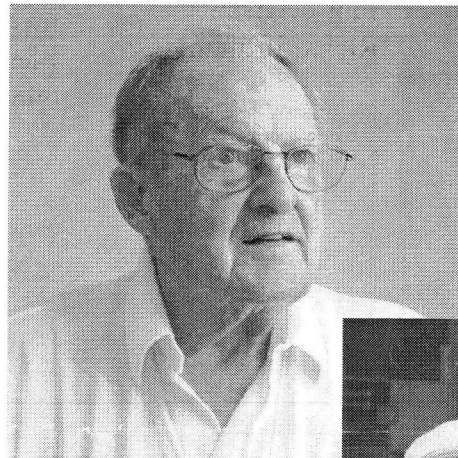
Honored Guests from the Republic of China:

Maj. Gen. Liu Te-Liang, Deputy Dir., MIB
Lt. Col. Howard Wang

Maj. Vinece Fu
Capt. Carol Tu
Maj. Gen. Kuo Rong-Charng

Assistant Editor's Note: We made diligent effort to report this list accurately. If there are any omissions, I request with advance apologies that you let me know.

Photos from top: Reunion host Jack Peterson. Mary Tanner. Lilma Huntley. Joe Keenan.



Scenes from the 59th SACO Reunion in Neenah, Wisconsin

This page, clockwise, from upper right. Pete Barbieri shows off the SACO quilt, highlight of the Hospitality Room. Maj. Gen. Liu, Te-Liang, Deputy Director of the MIB. Barbara Jones and Judy Barbieri at the Green Bay Packers Atrium. Dan Miller.

Next page, clockwise, from upper left. Cean and Jack Coyle. Pat Sanders and Guy Purvis with Pat's daughters. Jim Kelly, Mrs. Kuo, and Maj. Gen Kuo. Edward and Lynn Graberstien with Dick Terpstra. Francis Reynnet and Charles Miles. Jim Hunnicut. Bob and Jordan Hill.

