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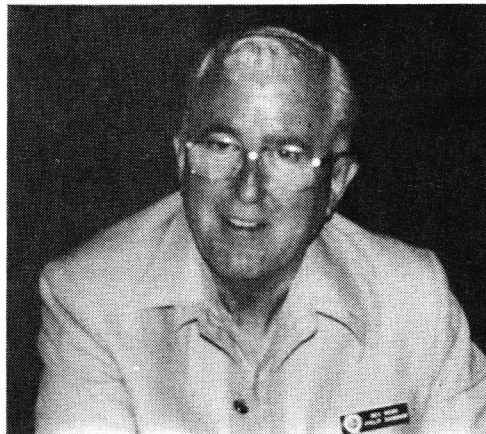


VICE ADMIRAL MILTON E. "MARY" MILES
Rear Duke & Perpetual Skipper

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FATHER PHIL DIES

Msgr. Philip P. Shannon, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scarsdale, NY, who served nine years as a Navy Chaplain and 11 years as pastor of St. Philip Neri Church, the Bronx, died April 5, 1989 in St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center, Manhattan after a long battle with cancer. He was 73.

Cardinal O'Connor was the celebrant of the Mass of Christian Burial April 7th at Immaculate Heart of Mary with interment following at Calvary Cemetery, Queens. Auxiliary Bishop Patrick V. Ahern, vicar of Staten Island, was the homilist.

Describing Msgr. Shannon as a "devoted believer in His Lord, Jesus Christ," Bishop Ahern said he was "a great priest and one of the most eloquent preachers I have ever heard; a man of deep faith and conviction, his faith was proven in the last days of his life when he suffered so much from cancer."

In May of last year, Msgr. Shannon served as a chaplain for a pilgrimage to the shrine at Lourdes led by the Knights and Dames of Malta. At a Mass he celebrated there, Msgr. Shannon told his fellow pilgrims of his prayer: "Oh, God, despite all my sins and failings, at least grant me the grace that I may die well."

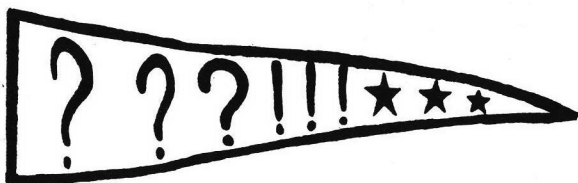
Known during World War II as the chaplain to "The Rice Paddy Navy" guerilla forces working behind Japanese lines in China, Msgr. Shannon was recalled to service during the Korean War serving aboard the carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt. Following the Korean conflict he continued in service and was stationed at installations

in Japan, Greenland, Italy, France, Spain, Greece, Turkey, Germany and South America.

A native of Manhattan, Msgr. Shannon attended Cathedral Preparatory Seminary, Cathedral College and St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie. He was ordained by Cardinal Francis Spellman at St. Patrick's Cathedral, May 18, 1940. His first assignment was as associate pastor at Ascension Church, Manhattan, before entering the service.

Upon leaving the service in 1959 with the rank of commander, U.S. Naval Reserve, he was appointed associate pastor of St. Angela Merici Church, the Bronx. He also served as associate pastor of St. Joseph's in Greenwich Village.

In 1967, Msgr. Shannon was named pastor of St. Angela Merici, and four years later was appointed pastor of St. Philip Neri. He was named a monsignor in 1975 and was appointed pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1982.



Father Phil shared the following thoughts at the passing of Admiral Miles in 1961 . . . I think he would take pride in the knowledge that we again reflect on his words at this time and perhaps note that his observations of the skipper, in some respects, were descriptive of the life that was his own:

"His life was gentle and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world: 'This was a man.'" So wrote Shakespeare and so may we think and say of our beloved skipper and friend, Admiral Miles, as we pause to pay honor to his sacred memory. Indeed, ours is the assurance that his soul has not known death and that, in God's embrace, he is nearer to us now than he was in Happy Valley or on the China trails, ever encouraging, inspiring, leading us on.

Indeed, this was a man; a superior man. It was the great Confucius who once said, "The way of a superior man is three-fold: Virtuous, he is free from anxieties; wise, he is free from complexities; bold, he is free from fear." Was it not these very qualities of mind and soul that endeared Mary Miles to the people of China who shall ever hold his memory in eternal reverence and esteem? A superior man and a leader of men.

Virtuous, wise and brave, Admiral Miles commanded not only the loyalty, but the love of every man in SACO, no matter what his rank or rate. To each, he gave of himself, gave a philosophy of life, a philosophy conceived in the serene depths of his soul; a philosophy that found expression with the help of his beloved wife and counterpart, Billy Miles, in an odd sort of pennant: Three question marks, three exclamation points, three stars. Its meaning quite simply was "WHAT THE HELL!" To the unthinking, a flippant attitude toward life; but to those who would reflect, the outward expression of profound spiritual values. Great mystics and saints have shared the thought before him, but never did they express it so concisely and so well. Indeed all things are in the eternal light of God. May we not, then, be permitted to interpret these characters in such wise as this: Three question marks punctuate man's most profound questions: Whither am I from? Why am I here? Whither do I go? Answered by three exclamations: From God! In God! To God! And crowned by three stars of praise: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.

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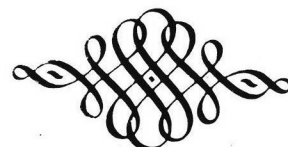
Recalls 1942 Christmas In Chungking

In a note sent in recently, Tom McCawley stated, "I came across the menu of the SACO 1942 Christmas Party and thought you might be interested in a copy." (Photo copy not suitable for reprint, but menu reads as follows):

Hors d'oeuvre

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|------------------------|-------------|
| Ham | Smoked Fish |
| Steamed Chicken | Vegetables |
| 1. Sharks fin | |
| 2. Fu Yung Chicken | |
| 3. Fish Ball on Toast | |
| 4. Stewed Eel | |
| 5. Heart of Vegetable | |
| 6. Chinese Pastry | |
| 7. Pigeon Egg Soup | |
| 8. Sweet & Sour Fish | |
| 9. Haricot of Mutton | |
| 10. Fried Bamboo Shoot | |
| 11. Walnut Creme | |
| 12. X'mas Pudding | |

The cover of the menu showed crossed flags of US and China with a big "V" between the flag staffs and MERRY CHRISTMAS 1942. Each person was presented a painted bamboo wall hanging with a card attached, "Wishing you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. From Tai Li." McCawley further recalls, "At the party the Americans were to perform some sort of entertainment. It now seems unbelievable, but Dormer and I sang 'Adeste Fidelis' and no encores were requested."



85 AND GOING STRONG



A dinner party in recognition of Billy Miles' 85th birthday was sponsored by a group of SACO members attending the '89 convention at Charleston, SC. The event was held at the Sheraton-Charleston Hotel Friday, 31 March 1989. In addition to the guest of honor, special guests included Maj. Gen. Fan Chi-yao and his daughter Win-nin, Alexander Huang and his fiancée, Jacqueline and Billy's son, Charles "Sea-going" Miles. Others in the group were "Slim" Gilroy, Nancy Tabor, Bill Bartee, Frank Devlin, Charles Parkin, Harry Brandwein, Michael Poyda, Buck Dormer, Tom Reiner, Ralph Mullen, Jon Morgan, Harold and Cil Bonin, Willie and Audrey Baker, Mayhew and Sara Jones, Ruth and Earl Colgrove, Bob and Lola Hill, Paul and Martha Casamajor, Vern and Gloria Dalrymple, Frank and Lilyan Tao and Carl and Helen Divelbiss.

"A DIFFERENT KIND OF WAR"

This account of the activities of SACO in WWII by our skipper, Vice Admiral Milton E. "Mary" Miles, is available again. To order your copy, send check in the amount of \$10.00 (which includes the cost of mailing) to:

Mrs. Wilma S. Miles
4948 Sentinel Dr. #106
Bethesda, MD 20818

"SACO THE RICE PADDY NAVY"

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. This book, long out of print, may be borrowed by contacting:

Paul Casamajor
2605 Saklan Indian Dr. #6
Walnut Creek, CA 94595

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Indeed, here was a man, a superior man, a leader of men. He was a nobleman of God, the liegeman of his Lord. It was his deep abiding faith that enabled him to face death with an equanimity and a courage that defied belief. Indeed, "Death slew him not," but he made death his ladder to the skies. His epitaph is written in countless human hearts, but no more than in our own: "I want men to remember when gray death sets me free - I was a man who had many friends, and many friends had me."

(I recall several years ago that Father Phil stated, "Once a year I get to remove my collar . . . when I'm with my boys." Ed.)

SICK BAY

HAL BONIN suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized in Florida in April.

WILL RICE spent 2 1/2 months in Houston, Texas receiving radiation treatments for a throat tumor. At last report the prognosis was good.

CHARLES "MOE" COX had a leg amputation in early July due to circulatory problems.

OBSERVATIONS OF CHINA TOLD BY FORMER SACO HOUSEBOY

The following letter, in part, from Byron Chen was written 5 April 1989 to Harold and Cil Bonin. (In 1945 Byron was a 14-year-old house boy with one of the SACO groups in Kienyang. He now lives in Oregon. He managed to reestablish his contact with SACO in 1987 and was the banquet speaker at the convention in Annapolis, MD that year.)

". . . at the end of January . . . my wife and I returned from China. We were in Fuzhou (Foochow), Fujian for 3 1/2 months. There we taught English at the Fujian College of Traditional Chinese Medicine. We did not get to Kienyang because of poor health. We had flu or colds half the time and frequent stomach upsets most of the time while there because of the different diet. So we did not take any long trips. We barely had energy to teach and do our chores. We lived on the 4th floor in one building and taught in 3 other buildings . . . climbing to 5th floor 5 times a week and to the 6th once a week and one class met on first floor. Amongst the 16 American teachers at different schools in Fuzhou, we were probably the oldest. We did enjoy our students, however, and also the Chinese we met at the "open" downtown church we attended Sundays. There we also met the other teachers of English who were professing Christians, some from Sweden, Finland, England and the U.S.A.

"However, we found that life under a Communist regime is not easy. We all know that. Yet a little progress has been made. Roads have been built; communications have made possible radio news all over China and now TV in bigger towns and cities; and elementary education is more widespread today than ever before. Now with the adoption of some capitalist ideas like free markets, goods have increased, and some farmers and small businessmen are making money.

"Yet, I always wondered why after World War II Japan got such a good leader as Gen. McArthur, who introduced democracy into Japan and thus helped that country to build up her economy so fast.

"Then, what kind of a leader did the

Chinese get following that war? They got the cruel communist dictator who killed even more of his own people, taking away more freedom from them. This is all a sad story to tell, and I don't mean to hate anyone. But since you were in China during wartime, I thought maybe you would understand how I and many other Chinese feel about their country. Also, because I have visited Japan 3 times since then and seen the prosperity and freedom that the Japanese enjoy compared to the Chinese who live in fear and often with the bare necessities of life or barely able to survive...

"I still remember in the early 1950's, when I was still in Hong Kong, America had a trade embargo on China. All goods brought from Hong Kong to the U.S.A. had to have a certificate of origin proving they were not from China. Yet, strangely enough, even at that time Japan was trading with China, buying raw materials from her and making finished products to export to the U.S.A. Many Chinese in Hong Kong said that Japan was smart and making money from both China and the U.S.A.

"Last August, a group of people in Portland, Oregon held a commemoration ceremony for the atom bomb victims killed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan in 1945. They spoke as though America was at fault alone in that terrible incident and didn't say that Japan had attacked Pearl Harbor first and started the war. Nor did they mention the countless numbers of Chinese and other Asians and Europeans tortured during the war with Japan and in their POW camps. I know that Japan is not a paradise today, but it is a hundred times better off materially than China. Also, Japanese have a free country and do not live in fear of their government. . "

DON'T FORGET !

GULF SHORES, AL SEPT. 12 - 16, 1990

More info from Slim Gilroy at a later date.

How the Navy Got Its Flag

By Captain A. E. Barrett, U. S. Navy (Retired)

Every big organization has a catchall procedure for handling its routine functions. The General Prudential Rule covers everyday matters in maritime law, tort cases govern in civil law, and Article 34, Conduct to the Prejudice of Good Order and Discipline, reigns in the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Within the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OpNav), my section, OP-211, was the catchall drawer. The section included one commander, one secretary, and four file cabinets full of the history of the "odds and ends" of OpNav.

My boss was the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Administration (Op-02), Vice Admiral George L. Russell, U. S. Navy, a former Judge Advocate General who had been flag secretary for four years for Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King when he was Chief of Naval Operations (CNO). Admiral Russell was the acknowledged expert on the paperwork jungle of Washington. Those who worked for him were hard put to meet his standards and deadlines. One day in 1959 he called me in for what I figured would be another "cats and dogs" project. It seemed the CNO had received a letter from a Mary Miles wanting to know why the Navy did not have a flag like the other services (and cabinet departments). It sounded like a junior high school student wanting help on a civics project, but it was clear that I was to prepare a suitable reply. We had done this sort of thing before.

There was no background information in our file on a Navy flag. I knew I would need a sketch of a proposed flag to accompany any forwarding letter. OpNav graphics—my first stop—referred me to the Army heraldic section. After explaining what I needed, the section head laid out the whole procedure.

In about a week the Army's documentation was complete. The package included a forwarding letter to the Secretary of the Navy, a cover memo explaining the letter's purpose, and a chop list of other divisions within OpNav that would have an interest in the proposal. I had yet to see Mary Miles's letter to the CNO.

We had saved a lot of time through the marvelous cooperation of the Army, but now I got bogged down on the chop list. I was told to expedite the process by hand carrying the package to about six divisions. The standard response was to concur, not concur, or pro-

pose changes. But some directors would add two or more divisions to my chop list and give me a lecture: "We got along without a Navy flag for 200 years and two world wars and we don't need one now." I was losing ground daily until my boss called me in for a "howgozit" report. He handed me Mary's letter to the CNO and said, "Put this under the forwarding memo and see if that will help."

Mary Miles turned out to be Rear Admiral Milton E. "Mary" Miles, U. S. Navy, Commandant Third Naval District. His short letter to the CNO stated that on numerous occasions when flags were massed at official functions, he used the Navy infantry flag from the standard flag bag to represent the Navy. He requested that a suitable Navy flag be made available for these occasions. On the bottom half of the letter Admiral Arleigh Burke had scrawled in his famous green pencil, "Let's do it. B." With this insert added to my kit, I completed the chop list in about two hours.

When I returned the completed project to Admiral Russell he said, "You'll have to learn how to expedite these things." He was making the point within OpNav that we should be open to new ideas and keep routine correspondence from getting tangled in bureaucracy. He knew I could have sold the Brooklyn Bridge with Admiral Burke's green pencil on it. He did make his point. He also told me that "Mary Miles was the bravest naval officer of World War II." He got his nickname—after a silent film star of the 1920s—at the Naval Academy. As head of the United States Naval Group, China, during the war, he ran Chinese guerrillas behind Japanese lines, operated a weather service for U. S. aviators, and controlled great stretches of Chinese coastline, thanks to some cooperative pirates. Brave, indeed!

The CNO approved the flag design with this minor correction: "The Marine Corps already has a flag and I run a blue water Navy. Take the shore line off."

Mary Miles, the bravest naval officer in World War II, was the initiator; Admiral Burke, the expeditor; the Army's heraldic division, the experts; and the OpNav "cats and dogs" section, the mechanic. That is how the Navy got its flag.

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◆ "NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS" - Captain Barrett ◆
died in Farmington, Missouri August 1988.

SACO CONVENTION HELD IN CHARLESTON, S.C.

The 35th annual SACO convention, one of the largest ever, was held at the Sheraton Charleston Hotel 29 March - 2 April 1989 hosted by two of our most delightful members, Will and Pauline Rice, who really showed us several days of wonderful southern hospitality in the land of beautiful azaleas. We toured the city and its beautiful homes, enjoyed a dinner/dance cruise of the harbor and visited Middleton Gardens, the oldest in America and Patriots Point, the world's largest Naval and Maritime Museum where we saw the nuclear ship SAVANNAH, destroyer LAFFEY, submarine CLAMAGORE, Coast Guard Cutter COMANCHE and the aircraft carrier YORKTOWN.

Pauline added her personal touch with hors d'oeuvres daily in the hospitality room.

At the Saturday night banquet, we were privileged to have Will's cousin, the honorable William L. Ball III, Secretary of the Navy as guest speaker. Those attending the final night event were:

Willie & Audrey Baker	Andy & Irene Fleming	Herb & Ruth Palmer
William & Patty Ball, III	Leo & Ruth Fletcher	Charles & Marty Parkin
Bill Barte	Irene Gats	Paul & Rachel Porter
Willis Blair	Lillian "Slim" Gilroy	Michael Poyda
Arthur & Marilouise Bohus	Horace Graham	Burnell & Mary Rebert
Harold & Pricilla Bonin	Clyde & Millie Hammer	Tom Reiner
Bud & Ellen Booth	Ralph & Ann Hankins	Oren & Ellen Rhyne
Nelson & Elnora Bowman	George & Lorraine Harabin	Will & Pauline Rice
Harry Brandwein	Wayne & Fanny Hatterman	Roger Rockwell
Wade & Connie Brightbill	Bob & Lola Hill	Chester & Lillian Rolak
Fred Browne, Sr.	John & Margaret Holcombe	Harry Romanki
Fred & Francis Browne, Jr.	Alexander Huang & fiancée	Richard & Erma Rutan
Frank & Evelyn Buckless	Jacqueline	Howard Samuels
Leonard & Ruth Burke	William James	Charles Sellers
Paul & Martha Casamajor	John & Betty Jones	John Shearer
Dick & Marion Ceremsak	Mayhew & Sara Jones	Lt.Cdr. Jacob Shuford &
Sal & Marie Ciaccio	Larry & Georgia Karas	Carmen Long
Bob & Ida Mae Cofer	James Kelly	Bill & Shirley Simmons
Earl & Ruth Colgrove	John Klos	James & Marcella Spigelmir
Luveda Collins	Marlin & Peg Leshner	Frank & Lucy Spring
Charles Cox	William & Helen Massey	Aldon Springer
Vern & Gloria Dalrymple	Bernard & Ethel McCarthy	Nancy Tabor
Frank Devlin	James & Jennie McDonough	Frank & Lilyan Tao
Henry & Nancy Dillon	Lloyd & Kathleen McMullan	Benjamin Tedesco
Carl & Helen Divelbiss	Charles Miles	John & Frances Waters
Buck Dormer	Wilma "Billy" Miles	Marshall & Delores Watson
Herbert & Ruth Eastman	Bill Miller	Doris Welsh
Al & Marie Ediss	Robert & Mona Miller	Jim & Sue Werwege
Sylvia Erwin	Jon Morgan	Wes & Kathryn Weskamp
Maj. Gen. Fan Chi-yao	Ralph Mullen	John Westphal
Win-nin Fan	Jim & Jackie Murphy	William & Mary White
"Doc" & Peg Felmly	Norman Nelson	Anthony & Evelyn Wogan
Robert Ferguson	Victor & Barbara Nichols	
Leonard & Dolores Fintak	George & Catherine O'Connor	

Will and Pauline, we all extend our gratitude for a wonderful reunion. It was not an easy undertaking, particularly in view of Pauline's recent knee surgery, but she wouldn't give in to her personal problems; on the contrary, in her own admirable stubborn way, persevered and ably assisted Will in giving us another wonderful year of camaraderie. And that's what it's all about; thanks for making it happen!



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Bill Bartee
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Charles Miles

DID YOU KNOW . . .

The longest national anthem is that of Greece, which contains 158 verses.

James Buchanan was the only U.S. President never to marry. During his term in office, his niece, Harriet, played the role of first lady.

The first formal rules for baseball required the winning team to score twenty-one runs.

When President Washington decided to take a three-month tour of the South, he simply climbed aboard his coach and took off. There were no Secret Service men or press of any kind.

Because of a mixup of mails and the unmapped roads, the government did not know for nearly two months exactly where the President was.

SALMON-CHEESE BALL

- 1 can (7-3/4 oz.) salmon
- 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped stuffed green olives
- 4 slices of bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
- 2 tbsp. minced onion
dash Tabasco sauce
- 1/3 cup minced fresh parsley

Drain and flake salmon. Combine with all remaining ingredients except parsley; chill until firm. Shape into ball; roll in parsley. Serve with crackers. Makes about 2 cups spread.

NOTE: Salmon ball may be prepared in advance and frozen until ready to use. Thaw in refrigerator 6 hours before serving.

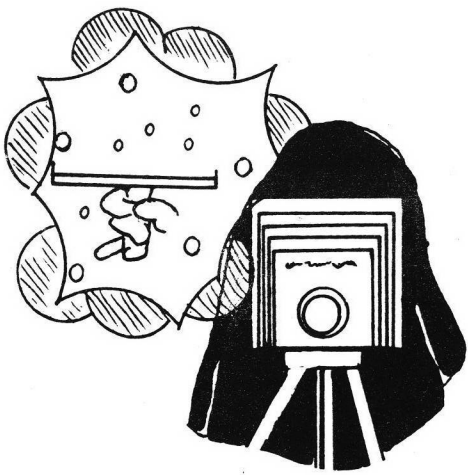


NO CEREAL FOR ME, MOM!

Two little brothers were discussing "dirty words" one morning and the eldest said, "Let's go downstairs and see if we can get by with saying a dirty word." "Ok," said the younger, "let's!" "What about 'hell'?" asked the eldest; "it's not all that dirty - it's the name of a place." "ALL RIGHT!" said little brother, "you say 'hell' and I'll say 'ass'; that ain't too bad, they call donkeys that."

So, it was agreed and they proceeded

downstairs where their mother was preparing breakfast. "Well, Tommy, what would you like for breakfast?" she asked. "Well, Mom, I've gotta 'helluva 'n' appetite," he exclaimed, "how about a big bowl of cereal?" With that, the mother turned and rapped five fingers across the boy's mouth! Turning toward Billy, she asked, "Son, what do you want to eat?" "I'm not sure, Mom, but you can 'betchurass' it ain't gonna be a big bowl of cereal!"



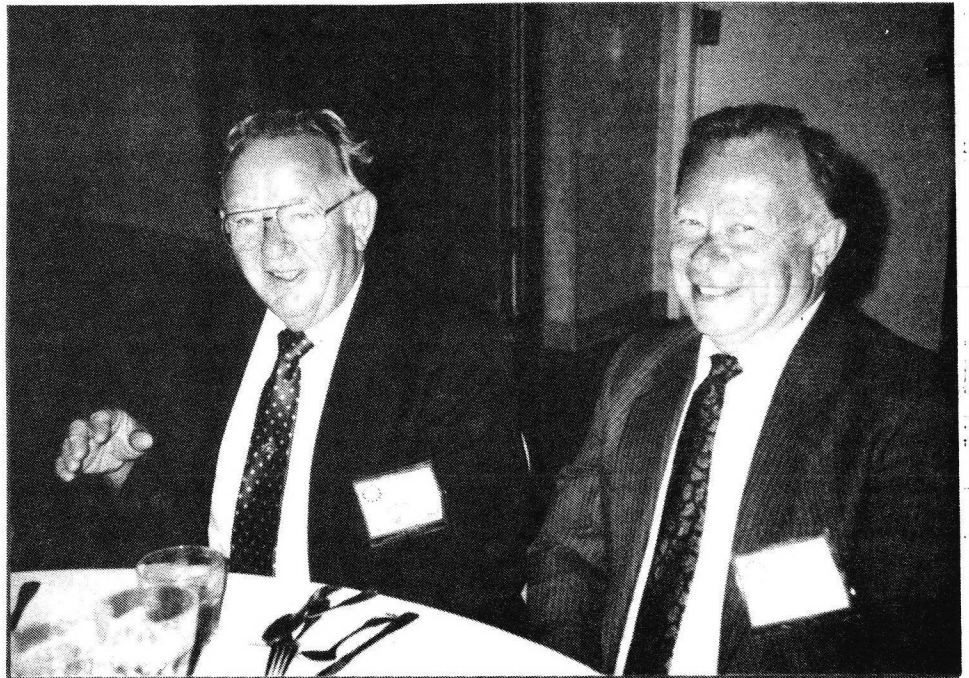
JOHNNIE WESTPHAL



CHARLIE SELLERS



THEN
AND
NOW
ALBUM



"Bud" Booth spoke about a unique album that he and his wife, Ellen, would put together on their own with a little cooperation from our group. If you have a picture of yourself taken during the time you were in SACO service and one taken recently, send them to Bud. I think the end result would make a very interesting album and I'm sure would be entertaining to all of us at future conventions. Based on the idea shown above, you can see the possibilities of a project of this nature.

Bud's address is:

Dr. Elwood F. Booth, Jr.
7471 Thunderbird Road
Liverpool, NY 13088 Phone: (315)457-7751



MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING

35th Annual SACO Convention

PLACE: Sheraton Charleston Hotel, Charleston SC

DATE: 1 April 1989

Meeting called to order by President Bob Hill at 0930.

Moment of silence observed for members recently deceased.

Convention Chairman Will Rice gave his report followed by a round of applause for job well done.

Treasurer Frank Buckless delivered report showing a balance of \$14,256.26.

Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

Hal Bonin reported on copyright release from Monica Stratton re SACO - THE RICE PADDY NAVY.

Charles Parkin offered a room to SACO at Garibaldi Museum, Garibaldi, Oregon for the display of SACO memorabilia.

Motion approved that Billy Miles be committee of one to check on SACO display.

Motion approved that SACO take room at Garibaldi. Willie Baker to serve on committee with Bill Miller and Charles Parkin.

Associate members proposed and elected:

Heather Bryson	proposed by Charles Parkin
Jeffrey Bryson	proposed by Charles Parkin
Dick Ceremsak	proposed by Hal Bonin
Irene Gats	proposed by Andy Fleming

Slim Gilroy reported on 1990 Convention Site - Quality Inn-Beachside, Gulf Shores, Alabama September 12-16.

Mayhew Jones proposed Nashville, TN for 1991 convention with Stone Cooper, Chairman, Jones, Co-chairman with Helene Cooper, Shep Tate and Bob Cofer on committee.

Jim Murphy spoke on San Diego with Rutan, Baker and Dalrymple on committee for 1991.

Membership selected Nashville for 1991, San Diego 1992.

Motion by Billy Miles approved to have Article IV, Sec. 1 of the By-Laws read: "Affairs of Corporation be managed by the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee." Proposed change to be announced in next mailing.

Paul Casamajor spoke about the Chinese medals due SACO members - The SACO medal and the China War Memorial medal.

Casamajor outlined the plans for the Taiwan Delegation of 60 to leave the West Coast Friday, October 6.

Executive Committee recommended formation of Nominating Committee chaired by Weskamp with committee members Buck Dormer, Willie Baker, Ralph Mullen and Charles Cox.

Following officers elected to serve 1989-1990:

President	Will Rice
Vice President	Willie Baker
Secretary	Harold Bonin
Asst. Secretary	Slim Gilroy
Treasurer	Frank Buckless
Asst. Treasurer	John Klos

Robert Hill elected to Board of Trustees to fill expired term of Hal Bonin.

Meeting adjourned at 1200.

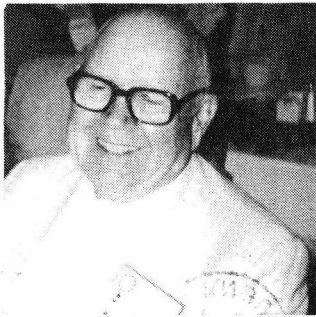
Immortality

Do not stand at my grave and weep...
I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awake in the morning's hush,
I am the swift upflinging rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft star-shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry...
I am not there. I did not die.

Author Unknown



BROWNE, Fred Sr.
Eclectic, AL
May, 1989.



PURVIS, Carole
wife of Guy -
Meridian, MS
March, 1989.



DIVELBISS, Helen
wife of Carl
Phoenix, AZ
June, 1989.



BENEDICT, Jackie
wife of Verne -
Seattle, WA
Oct 1988.

ADDITIONAL DEATHS REPORTED

SINCE LAST ISSUE

Aldrich, Kearnan F. 1988
RM1/c- Calcutta/Unit 1/Shanghai
Browne, Sr., Fred W. 1989
MoMM1c- Kweiyang
Carroll, Vernell E. 1986
BM1c- Unit 7/Foochow/Shanghai
Clifford, Jr., George M. 1988
Lt.- Chungking/Shanghai
Davidson, Hugh M. 1946
SC2c- Unit 7/Changchow/Shanghai
Dobbins, Charles G. 1988
Lt.- Chungking/Unit 3/Washington, DC
Heitzman, Jr., C.J. 1969
S Sgt AUS- Chungking
Horton, Jr., Sidney E. 1988
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Jackson, Boyd J. 1989
2nd Lt. USMC- Chungking/Camp 1
Kellerman, Ernest
SK3/c- Calcutta/Kunming/Shanghai
Maitland, Robert T.
CRM- Chungking
Marquardt, George L. 1988
BM2/c- Kanchow/Un. 7&8/Kunming/Shanghai
Montgomery, William J. 1988
CPhM- Calcutta/Chungking/Shanghai
Nygard, Vern 1988
SK3c- Kunming/Shanghai
O'Keefe, Drew J.T. 1989
Lt. (jg)- Calcutta
Orsini, J.V. 1981
MoMM2c- Calcutta
Osterman, Joseph F. 1989
RM1/c- Chungking/Shanghai
Palmer, Edward A.
CSP- Chungking
Ranum, Donald 70's
AERM1/c- Chungking/Shanghai
Romanow, Harry 1982
Ens.- Calcutta/Kunming
Shannon, Rev. Philip P. 1989
Lt.- Chkg/E.China/Foochow/Shanghai
Shipley, Howard J.
S1c- Chenyuan/Kunming/Shanghai
Swolgaard, Howard J.
RM1/c- Chungking/Kunming
Trollop, Muriel R.
BM1/c- Calcutta
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I am not afraid of tomorrow
For I have seen yesterday
And I love today.

William Allen White

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1990 CONVENTION

No	Year	Location	Chairman
35	1989	Charleston, SC	Will H. Rice
34	1988	Des Moines, IA	Robert G. Hill
33	1987	Annapolis, MD	Charles Cox
32	1986	Phoenix, AZ	Carl W. Divelbiss
31	1985	Taipei, Taiwan	Paul Casamajor
30	1984	Seattle, WA	William M. Miller
29	1983	Atlanta, GA	Stone Cooper
28	1982	Taipei, Taiwan	Paul Casamajor
27	1981	New Orleans, LA	Charles V. Menendez
26	1980	San Diego, CA	Willie Baker
25	1979	Taipei, Taiwan	William P. Simmons
24	1978	Captiva, FL	Robert L. Dormer
23	1977	Portland, OR	Ralph Cox
22	1976	Cherry Hill, NJ	Harold Bonin
21	1975	Colorado Spgs., CO	Carl W. Divelbiss
20	1974	Anaheim, CA	William S. LaSor
19	1973	San Francisco, CA	William K. Lawlor
18	1972	Taipei, Taiwan	Ralph T. Briggs
17	1971	Cypress Gardens, FL	Robert J. Eastman
16	1970	Washington, D.C.	Alexander Hays III
15	1969	Chicago, IL	Lyle H. Davis
14	1968	Philadelphia, PA	Joseph A. Meyertholen
13	1967	Miami, FL	Robert L. Dormer
12	1966	Dallas, TX	Robert M. Sinks
11	1965	Atlantic City, NJ	James M. Richardson
10	1964	New York, NY	Harold Bonin
9	1963	Washington, D.C.	Hilton T. Hendrix
8	1962	North Falmouth, MA	Roy O. Stratton
7	1961	New York, NY	James P. Googe
6	1960	Pittsburgh, PA	W. Paul Griffin
5	1959	Chicago, IL	George L. Marquardt
4	1958	New York, NY	Lester G. Bruggemann
3	1957	New York, NY	James L. McGrail
2	1956	New York, NY	Robert E. Goodwin
1	1955	North Falmouth, MA	Roy U. Stratton

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