

# SACO VETERANS

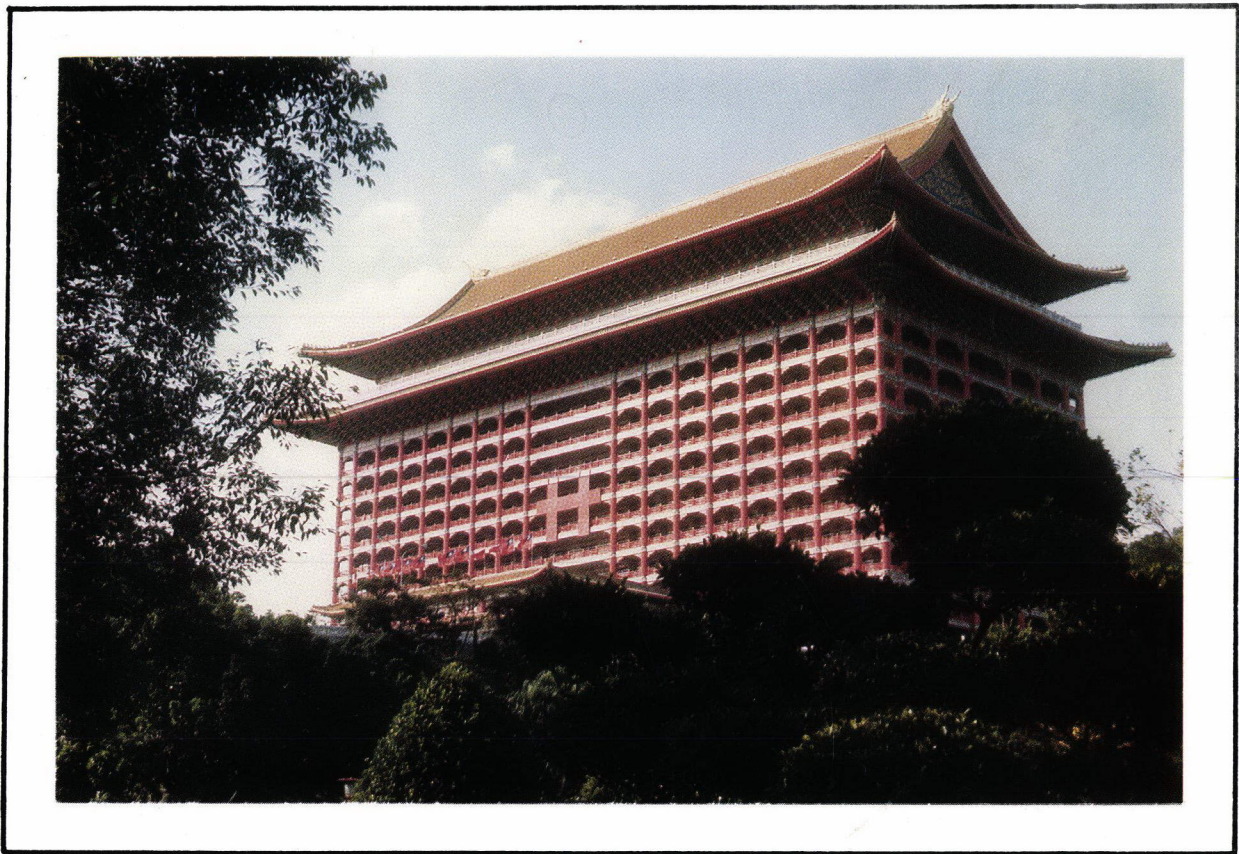
VICE ADMIRAL MILTON E. "MARY" MILES  
Rear Duke & Perpetual Skipper

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WHAT THE HELL?

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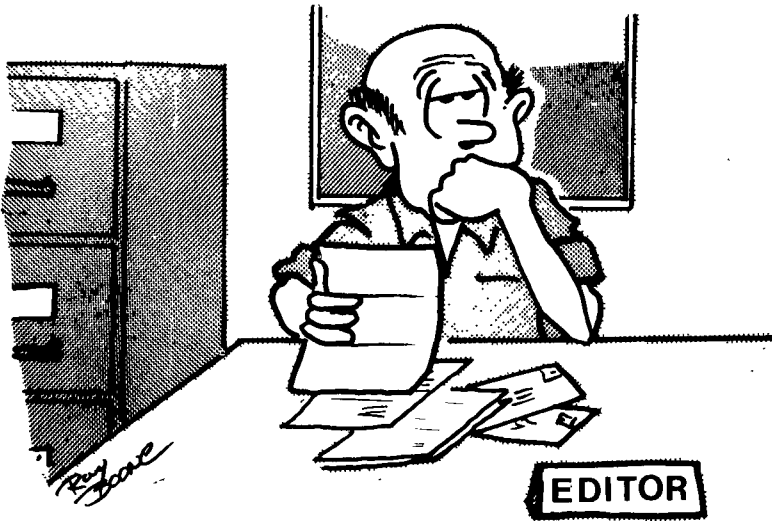
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SACO



NEWS

# LETTERS



NEWS and corrects me on the name of our Machinist Mate. He was Bruce Waller and I was never able to resurrect contact with him after returning to the US.

I sadly note the deaths of Carl Divelbiss and Roger Simpson, two of the ten Intelligence Officers assigned to Naval Group China. Carl had an Intel Net near Changchow and we communicated infrequently before and after the war. I flew the Hump from Calcutta to Chungking with Roger, but never had any contact after I said 'goodbye' in leaving Happy Valley for General Ma's Headquarters.

*Billy*

Hilton Jayne

16 December 1996

First, let me say that I was very saddened to learn of the death of "Billy" Miles when I received the November issue of the SACO NEWS and secondly, I wish to convey my most sincere commendation to you on the beautiful tribute you paid to a truly lovely and wonderful person. I first met her at one of the earliest SACO reunions held on Cape Cod and then, later, at a couple of informal meetings in Washington and it is my great loss not to have known her better.

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of the October 1994 issue of the SACO NEWS which for some reason, I had not seen before. I have written to Mr. Lennon of East Carolina University concerning his possible interest in some of the documentary material. I have in storage in the basement of my home in Maine. Since this material includes all the classified messages sent and received by Intel Unit ONE, I intend to write to ONI in Washington for permission to declassify this material and to make certain that Navy Archives do not want it.

Gene Huston read my letter in the November 1996 issue of SACO

21 Dec 1996

It was great to receive the 14th edition of the SACO NEWS with Sarasota highlights. However, it was sobering to read of the passing of Mrs. Miles and Carl Divelbiss - both of whom served SACO with dignity over so many years. They will be sorely missed. It is incumbent upon the rest of us to keep SACO alive and thriving into the next century.

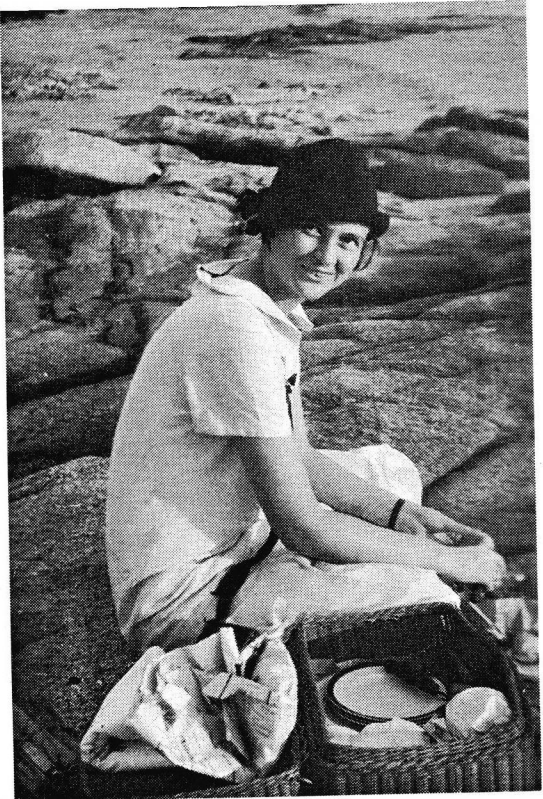
Toward that end, am enclosing a check\* to help keep the SACO Ship-Of-State afloat.

Please keep the SACO NEWS coming. It is a lifeline to many of us unable to make the annual conventions. Mother Nature and Father Time willing, we look forward to Peoria next May.

*Sincerely  
Jack & June Shearer*

Jack & June Shearer

\*(\$100.00)



Age  
37 ←  
41 →



Age 50 ↑  
78 →  
56 ↓ 89 ↓



# Billy Miles

March 20, 1904 — July 1, 1996



Age 2 ↑  
18 ↓



Age 22 ↑  
35 ↓



Age 39 ↓ 44 →



ENID + Murray Miles  
4906 De Russey Pkwy  
Chevy Chase, MD  
20815

Charles Miles  
moving to COLORADO





14 January 1997

Congratulations on another great issue of the SACO NEWS! I can't imagine that any other WWII veterans magazine is of such high quality, both in the magazine itself and in the content.

The photograph on the inside back cover of the members of Camp Five was outstanding. Although I was stationed at Camp Six, I easily recognized several of the persons in the photo who followed our Roger 1 unit in training in Ft. Pierce, FL in Roger 2 and traveled together with us to Kanjupara and Calcutta. They were Ensigns Stromberg, Butler, Koski (Hank) and Ward (Richard?).

Paul Butler and I were stationed together as Operations Duty Officers in the Port Director's Office, Shanghai after the end of the war. I then ran into Paul several years later at a restaurant on the Ohio Turnpike. Paul let me "borrow" his copy of SACO, THE RICE PADDY NAVY which I still have! Paul, if you read this, let me know and I will return it!

I found that Lee Alverson and I were at Camp Six at the same time and participated in an aborted raid on an off-shore island held by the Japanese. You should get Lee to tell the story since he had the opportunity of revisiting the island on one of his recent trips to China.

Also, I was sorry to read about Carl Divelbiss' passing. Carl had been at Camp Six, as had Miller Cyanovich, and I had hoped to talk about our experiences there.

As you will note, I have enclosed a photograph of my wife, Helen and myself. You will see that the lady shown in the photos on page 8, 11 & 12 (Nov Issue #14) has very likely been incorrectly identified as "Helen Hoe." Since my wife was with me at all times at the convention, I have been able to convince her that it is probably an error and I was behaving properly. I am sure that the lady in the picture would like to be correctly identified!

We both enjoyed the SACO convention and are looking forward to the next one. Thanks again for your great work on the magazine.

Sincerely Yours,

*Bob*  
Robert J. Hoe

PS: The lady incorrectly identified (incidentally an editor's nightmare) is Norma Gee. I called Clarence and Norma and extended my apology. They were both very good natured about the incident and Norma said, "If she (Mrs. Hoe) wasn't disturbed about it, I'm not." Well, I am, and I hope this clarifies identities. Sorry....Ed.

The SACO NEWS which I received (Iss.14 Nov. '96) has a picture of Camp Five on the last page - question marks as to my identity.

I am in the second row - second man (after Stromberg). Please identify me, Thomas H. Baker. Thank you.

*Sincerely,*  
*Thomas H. Baker*  
*P. O. Box 3154*  
*Bellingham, Wash.*  
*98227*

May 1997

I was sorry not to have a little more time with you in Peoria. I did needle you a little about dropping the caption off a picture of me awhile back, but I really wanted to repeat what I have said in the past; Your SACO NEWS is the backbone of the organization and without it, I am afraid we would not be as viable as we are. You do an exceptional job on a tight budget, and I give you highest praise every time the opportunity arises.

I do have a small favor to ask, but it is probably not necessary. Bill Inman and I worked closely together in China and I have been helping his daughter, Carolyn, to fulfill her wishes in compiling remembrances of her father since his death on March 4th. She has discussed with you what is needed for an obituary memorial piece in the SACO NEWS so I'm certain it is taken care of. Because of my personal interest in this, I am asking that we help Carolyn as much as feasible when the time comes. Thanks a lot and keep up the great editorship.

Best regards,

Sincerely,



Robert G. Thomas  
P.O. Box 279  
Bigfork, MT 59911

To Bill Bartee Dec. 1996

...I was distressed to learn the news about Carl Divelbiss. Please drop me a line about his passing. I am enclosing a check\* payable to the SACO Foundation in his memory. He was a great guy, a fine lawyer and my dear friend.

Sincerely yours,

\*\$100



S. Shepherd Tate

DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF EAST  
ASIAN STUDIES AT UNIV. OF CALIF  
BERKELEY RESEARCHES HISTORY OF TAI  
LI

(The following letter is in response to letter from Paul Casamajor):

April 1997

Dear Mr. Casamajor:

I didn't realize that there was an active SACO alumni organization, although I have met former SACO officers and non-coms (including a neighbor in Connecticut, where I have a summer home) who have told me a bit about their experiences in China. I should say, incidentally, that my 87 year-old father, who is now ailing, was an officer in the Office of Naval Intelligence and served in the Pacific in that capacity during the war against Japan before he was wounded in action.

I was also fascinated to hear about your library of books on SACO and your video set. I truly hope that there will be an opportunity for me to consult some of these materials.

I know that Eddie Liu lives in Mountain View. Indeed, one of my students (who has written an interesting book on the OSS in China and who now teaches at the Naval Academy in Annapolis) has interviewed him extensively. He has also interviewed Mrs. Miles.

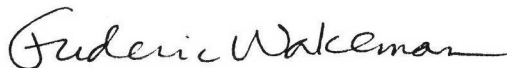
My own work is primarily based upon the Shanghai police files, and upon the local "zhan" or stations of Tai Li's organization, that is, "Juntong." The central files of the Military Statistics Bureau are now shredded. But there exist a great many memoirs (including especially the memoirs of Shen Zui, who was Tai Li's general affairs officer and whom you may have known) about that period of Sino-American Cooperation. Shen Zui was also, for a time, head of the Shanghai station of MSB, and thus has an intimate knowledge of the urban workings

of the organization and especially of the founding of the "Loyal and Patriotic Army" (Zhongyi jiuguo jun) who provided the cadres for your various training camps or "xunlian ban." I and a colleague interviewed Shen Zui at length in Beijing in 1987.

My own research on Tai Li has been vastly facilitated by the Taipei Bureau of Investigation ("Diaocha ju"), which you know is the ROC's equivalent of the FBI. The founder of this organization was Chen Lifu, whom I have also interviewed at considerable length. He, as head of the KMT secret service, was of course a rival of Tai Li, head of the "Second Department," or military secret service.

The story of this rivalry, not to speak of the war with the Communists, is a fascinating history, which deserves to be told in detail and anything that you can do to provide me with SACO material would be sincerely appreciated as part of telling this tale in which you obviously participated as a warrior of our realm.

Yours truly,



Frederic Wakeman  
Director

May 1997

I appreciate what you do for the rest of us SACO members very much.

I want to report that Nelson "Nelly" G. Hillman, Sgt. USMC Camp One, passed away last part of '95. "Nelly" and Earl Jensen, SGT. USMC are on the cover of John Horton's book "90 DAY WONDER - FLIGHT TO GUERRILLA WAR" along with Lt. Siegrist.



R. Boger

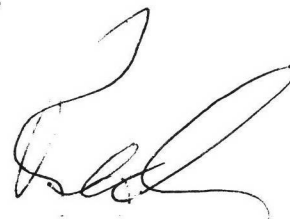
Ed. note: Boger sent donation of \$50. Thank you sincerely.

April 1997

Enclosed you will find a check for \$100 for you to use in anyway you deem fit. (Forwarded to Treas. Weskamp).

We are planning now to see you and Erma in Peoria. I trust you will be your usual delightful selves while making sure everyone else is enjoying themselves.

Thanks again for making all those past meetings so at ease and comfortable with or without the booze; I always had a great time - although I can't remember being without the booze.



"Red" McGrail

8 February 1997

You will be interested in learning that I have established a relationship with Donald R. Lennon, Coordinator of Special Collections, Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 17858 and I will be forwarding to him the contents of my file pertaining to the operation of Intel Unit ONE. This action will not take place until August when I return to my home on Carter Point in Sedgwick, Maine.

Meanwhile, I do wish to thank you again for your kindness in giving me Mr. Lennon's name and his collaboration with the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation in their effort to preserve our nation's naval heritage. (Your editor was able to pass on this info due to the efforts of Bill Bartee in locating an institution interested in our history).

Somewhere along the road, I missed the turn about contributions to preserve the publication of the

SACO NEWS and I am happy now to make a modest donation to help support your heroic efforts as Editor. Your records should reflect that I have never missed an annual dues payment because I did not wish to miss a copy of your really marvelous publication. Each issue is a classic.

With warmest regard,

Sincerely,

  
Hilton Jayne



CHRISTMAS 1996

Here we are at the end of another year and at the Christmas Holiday Season again. A lot has transpired at our house since last Christmas and I will try to bring you up-to-date on our "escapades."

Last year, we were in Weslaco, Texas - now this year we are in Akron, Ohio - how's that for a switch? When everybody else is going South for the winter, here we are moving North. Sounds sort of dumb doesn't it!! But, there was a reason, or

rather several reasons. One was the doctors took a look at me and decided that I needed some heart work; a valve replacement and a double by-pass. I survived! (and the valve still leaks!!). Another was that Pearl needed care; she has dementia. I couldn't do the care myself. So, while I was recuperating, our three daughters got their collective heads together and solved the problem for us.

We are now living in Akron, Ohio at Chambrel Community. It is an apartment complex of approximately 175 units. We have our own apartment which we furnished. It is on the ground floor with a patio and faces the pond where Pearl helps keep an eye on the Canadian Geese. At Chambrel, they furnish everything that we need from utilities, meals, transportation, entertainment, and a "zillion" other things.

We both enjoy it and realize that when you are "honking the horn" on 80, there are a lot of things you can no longer do and you appreciate all the help that is given you by family and friends.

At present, we are both "up and at 'em" and things improve daily. We have sold our place in Texas and will now stay up in Ohio. We will miss the warm weather, but we do enjoy the changing seasons. After 15 years of not seeing a fall, I must tell you the leaves changing were beautiful and Pearl was thrilled with the first snow. (Check back in February and see if she's still thrilled..I don't shovel snow either). We are looking forward to seeing the beautiful spring flowers and the gardens that are planted all around our complex.

As you can see, we are quite content and getting lazier by the day.....

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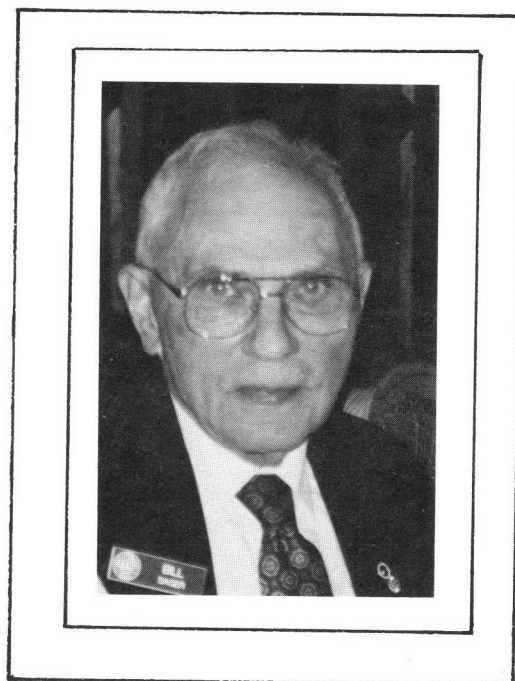
# SACO'S NEW LEGAL COUNSEL WILLIAM H. SAGER

William H. Sager, staff Legal Counsel to the National Society of Public Accountants since 1982, retired from that post March 31, 1995.

The National Society of Public Accountants is a national professional association of 21,000 individual members, most of whom are sole practitioners or partners in small-sized public accounting firms. NSPA members provide accounting, auditing, tax return preparation, representation before the Internal Revenue Service, tax planning, financial planning and managerial advisory services to an estimated four million individual and small business clients nationwide. The members of NSPA are pledged to a strict code of professional ethics and rules of technical competence.

Bill Sager is a graduate of the University of Virginia (B.A., J.D., M.A. in economics) and the Federal Executive Institute, Senior Executive Education Program. He began his legal career in 1948 and joined the Internal Revenue Service in 1960. He became Director of Practice in 1966 and was named Chief Counsel for Revenue Sharing in 1972. He retired from the Federal government in 1982 and joined the staff of NSPA as Legal Counsel that same year.

Sager has been an instructor in economics, a lecturer and an adjunct professor of law, state and local taxation at the Georgetown University Law Center and the University of Virginia Law School.



He is a member of the Virginia and Supreme Court Bars and the author and co-author of more than 50 articles in law reviews and accounting and tax journals.

Sager served as an infantry officer in the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific 1942-43 and in China 1944-45.

Welcome aboard as a member of our governing force, Bill. We are fortunate to have such an illustrious person volunteer to assist the SACO organization in matters requiring legal guidance. Those members who may not know you as yet will soon find you to be the kind, genteel man that I know. Thanks again for your service and isn't amazing that SACOs still volunteer? Ed.



# 'RICE PADDY NAVY' HELPED CHINESE SABOTAGE JAP FOE

Editor's Note: The following article I found among my files and I regret I do not know the newspaper sources nor from whom I received them (there are two). One has a notation signed "George" which I believe might have been the late George Harabin. Anyway, the story by CLYDE FARNSWORTH has two date lines - CHUNGKING, Sept. 29 and CHUNGKING, Nov. 3 (1945) - both publications being identical. Here is FARNSWORTH's story headlined **'RICE PADDY NAVY' HELPED CHINESE SABOTAGE JAP FOE** (Sept. version) and **SACO HISTORY IS PAGE OF HIGH THRILLS** (Nov. version):

The history of "SACO" the fabulous Sino-American organization which was the eyes and ears of Allied intelligence in the Orient - contains all the melodrama of a Sax Rohmer thriller!

Spurred by a Japanese prize of several million U.S. dollars on each head, assassins stalked the U.S. rear admiral and Chinese civil servant who were SACO's top brains.

Chinese pirates turned patriot and roved from island to island in their junks plotting the course of Japanese shipping for U.S. planes and submarines.

Personnel of the "Rice Paddy Navy" - popular term for the U.S. Navy men involved - teamed with Chinese guerrillas to man hundreds of watching posts, each equipped with a radio transmitter. Often the Americans disguised themselves as orientals.

Only after the war ended could the story of SACO - officially the "SINO-AMERICAN COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION" - be told. It ranks with the feats of office of strategic service operatives in Europe and South east Asia.

SACO began as a U.S. Navy weather reporting project. Fourteen weather

stations were set up, one as far north as the edge of the Gobi Desert.

To secure weather reports from the Japanese occupied Chinese coast, the Navy men began to work with Chinese guerrillas. By the end of 1942, their information was figuring importantly in the planning of Navy carrier strikes.

Then, on April 15, 1943, SACO was created in its present form under an agreement signed by then Chinese Foreign Minister T.V. Soong and the late Frank Knox, at that time U.S. Secretary of the Navy. Both Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the late President Roosevelt had given their approval.

Tai Li, the shadowy head of Central Government secret police, became SACO Director. His deputy was Rear Admiral (then Commodore) Milton S. Miles, 45, of Jerome, AZ

The Japanese offered several million dollars to anyone killing either of them. No one knows how many attempts were made on Tai's life.

Miles barely escaped twice. Once, with Tai on a mission which carried them through Japanese lines into occupied China, Miles and his companion warmed themselves before a charcoal brazier. A man posing as a servant entered the room and, while pretending to fix the fire, dumped a quantity of cartridges into the flames. Throwing themselves on the floor, Miles and Tai escaped the flying bullets.

In August 1942 would-be assassins followed Miles from Calcutta to Bombay, on to Delhi, and finally struck in the railway station at Allhabad. The Arizonian grappled with his assailants and, despite dagger slashes in his shoulder and leg, routed them.

After winning official recognition, SACO grew swiftly. Experts on sabotage

and guerrilla fighting arrived to train guerrillas. The Chinese learned how to pack explosives in old gasoline drums and rig them so they would blow up Japanese ships venturing into inland waters.

Gradually the guerrillas became expert underground fighters. At first they lost five men to every Japanese killed. Slowly the ratio shifted until five to six Japanese were dying for every Chinese. From last November, the guerrillas killed an average of 3,500 Japanese monthly. Their grand total was 25,000, according to Commander George Berger of Denver, CO. Only two Americans were killed and three captured.

Tales of high adventure, tragedy and terror pack SACO files, but the role of U.S. Navy men was among the most dramatic. Very few were familiar with China. It was the normal thing for them to venture into occupied territory with a vocabulary of only 50 Chinese words.

They learned to eat with chopsticks, live off the country and be satisfied at meal times with a bowl of plain rice and a few boiled vegetables or bean curd.

The stories these Navy men tell are legion. Once a U.S. flier bailed out over a Japanese field in China. Chinese guerrillas created a disturbance at one end of the field to divert attention and; as soon as the flier hit the ground, knocked him out with a single punch. The limp body was carried boldly past Japanese guards with an explanation that the flier had been killed while trying to escape. Once outside the Jap-controlled area, the guerrillas restored the American to consciousness and apologized before starting him on his way to friendly territory. That flier, incidentally, was only one of 76 rescued by the underground.

Once a boarding party attacked a 1,000-ton Japanese freighter docked at Amoy. Although within pistol range of Japanese shore installations, they killed or injured every Japanese aboard and destroyed the ship with explosives.

Some indication of SACO's omniscience was found at Paoking, a former American airfield in Hunan. Six

hundred SACO agents went into the town daily. The information they passed on to the Fourteenth Air Force was so complete it even included a report of when and where the Japanese commander went to bed.

SACO believes the best example of its team-play came in October 1943 when its coastal watchers spotted a 17-vessel Japanese convoy. A Fourteenth Air Force plane dropped two mines in a narrow channel entrance before the convoy arrived. The ship blew up and blocked the channel as it sank. The others steamed for Hainan Island. More Fourteenth AAF bombers followed and every ship was sunk.

SACO played a major role in putting the finger on likely victims for U.S. submarine torpedoes. It was SACO information which led to the U.S. submarine Barb's famous feat of destroying an entire 11-ship Jap convoy.

Liaison man between the submarines and the coastal spy system was Commander Walter G. Ebert of West Virginia, former skipper of the submarine Scamp. Teams of one or two Americans and one or two Chinese comrades, hidden at vantage points on the Japanese-held shore, provided his information.

The nerve center of the whole SACO underground, tied together by 600 hand-cranked and battery transmitters, was a wooded rustic hillside only a few miles outside of Chungking. ???!!!\*\*

**DUES FISCAL YEAR CHANGED AT PEORIA  
BUSINESS MEETING IN MAY 1997.**

At the last business meeting held in Peoria, IL this past May, the membership approved a change in the by-laws wherein the fiscal year of July 1 through June 30 was changed to the calendar fiscal year. Therefore, dues will be payable each January. It was felt this was easier to follow and avoid a lot of confusion as to what period it covered and what date dues were to be paid.

# PEORIA CONVENTION



## PICKING PEORIA PRESENTED PEOPLE PLEASURE

Norman and Lyn Dike had the right dates in mind. It was a cool and refreshing time of year - low 60s and quite a change from the 108 when yours truly and Erma left the desert.

Arriving a couple days early - (we like to "case-the-joint" to see what the facilities are and last minute needs as to the hospitality room), we were honored to have Norm and Lyn meet us at the airport. We had made arrangements early on that Jack and Bev Petersen who were driving, would pick us up enroute to the hotel. Either Jack or his navigator made the wrong turn, but managed to catch up to us before we left the terminal. Later, having checked into our rooms, Norm and Lyn took us to a delightful Chinese dinner at the Hunan Restaur-

ant and a moonlight tour of the city affording us the nighttime splendor of lighted mansions of the aristocracy of Peoria and panoramic views of the seemingly limitless Illinois River - much larger than I anticipated. Impressed we were to the point the Petersens and we repeated the tour by daylight the following Sunday.

SACOs began arriving Tuesday, 20 May and the convention was pretty well in full swing when the tours commenced Thursday with a tour of Norman's old stomping ground, the Caterpillar Tractor Co. followed by lunch at the Wildlife Prairie Park which features 2,000 acres of grazing land, lakes and forest dedicated to the preservation of Illinois animal and prairie life. On the grounds are bison, elks, wolves, cougars, bears, waterfowl, an American bald eagle and other animals native to Illinois.



HAZEL NELSON  
GEORGE DiMATTIA  
PRISCILLA BONIN

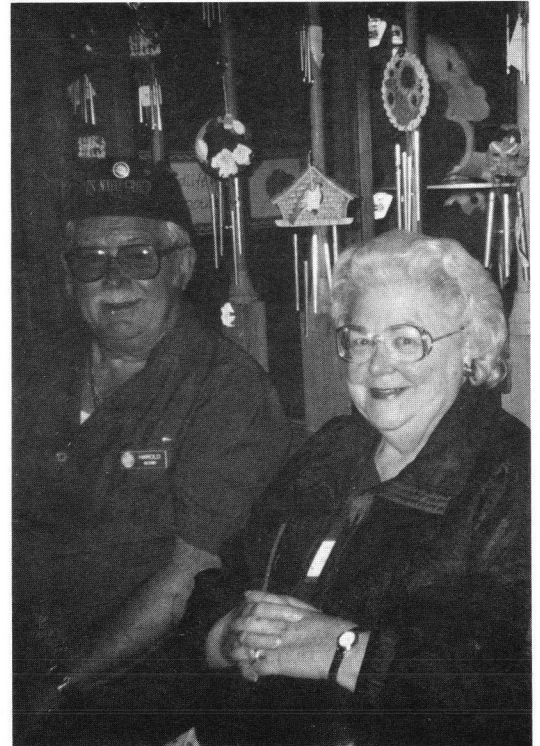


NOT A SACO TIGER????!!!\*\*\*  
 (I know, it's not a tiger, period!!)

JOHN WESTPHAL  
 JIM MURPHY  
 O.J. SMITH



ANDY FLEMING  
 CHARLES O'BRIEN  
 LYNDALE DIKE  
 MERLE O'BRIEN



HAROLD BONIN - GLENNA WILDING

Later that afternoon was a city and historical homes tour.

Friday was an all-day tour of Lincoln Land, stopping first in Petersburg to view the reconstruction of New Salem where Lincoln lived for 6 years and on to Springfield to tour the only home Lincoln ever owned. After lunch, it was on to Lincoln's tomb and the Veterans Memorial.

A bit of trivia re Lincoln's tomb: On Oct. 9, 1874, a few days before formal dedication of the tomb, Lincoln's coffin was placed in a marble sarcophagus resting on the floor in the center of the burial chamber. An unsuccessful attempt was made on Nov. 7, 1876 to steal the body of Lincoln for a hoped for \$200,000 ransom. The conspirators were captured and, at their trial, were sentenced to one-year terms in the penitentiary. Lincoln's coffin was immediately removed from the sarcophagus and secreted within the deep recesses of the tomb. He and Mrs. Lincoln were placed in a brick vault constructed under the floor of the burial chamber but the public was not informed that the sarcophagus no longer contained the remains of President Lincoln.

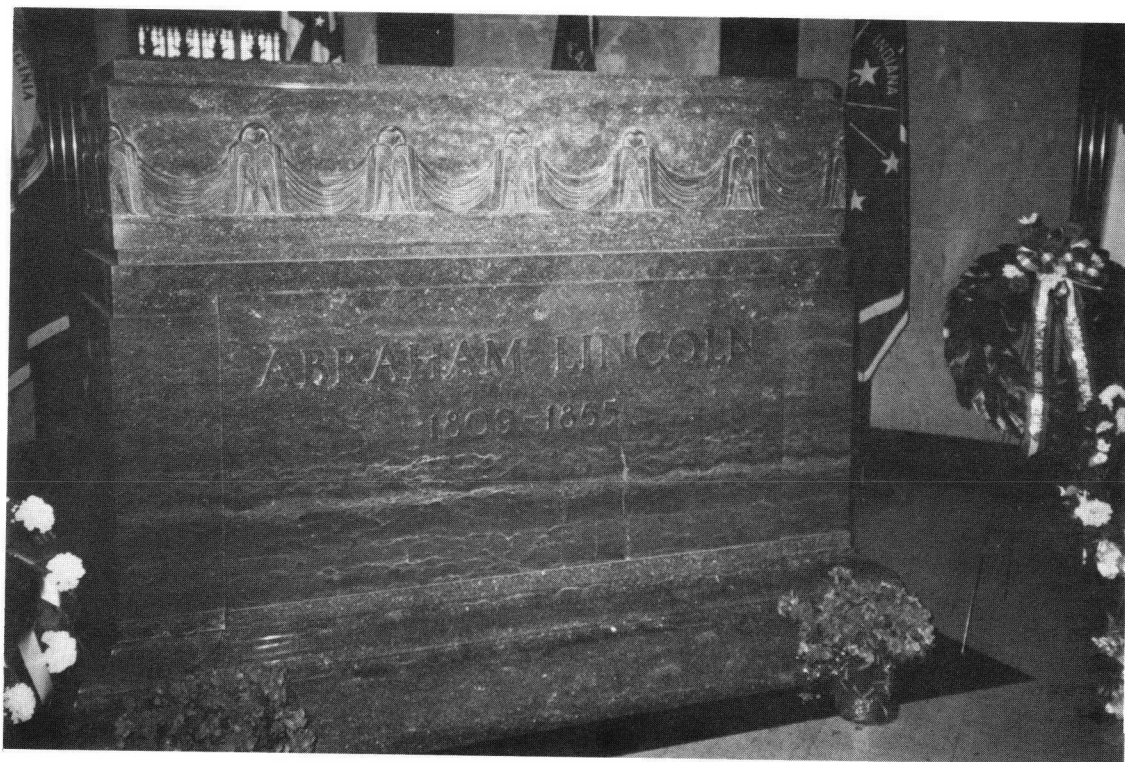
The tomb has had two reconstructions from the original project. During the first (completed in 1901) Robert Todd Lincoln, eldest son, requested that his father's body be placed in a specially designed steel and concrete vault beneath the floor of the chamber. Before lowering the coffin into the vault, it was opened and Lincoln's features were exposed to the view of a number of former friends and associates for the purpose of identification. Positive identification was established and signed affidavits were placed in the office of the Secretary of State for preservation. The second reconstruction was dedicated by President Herbert Hoover in 1932. During that reconstruction, the interior was completely remodeled. Today, the large majestic monument bearing the inscription "Abraham Lincoln, 1809-1865," marks the



RALPH & "RO" MULLEN - "WES" WESKAMP



"C-GOING" MILES - RICHARD JENG



location of the burial vault which is thirty inches to the rear of the inscription and ten feet below the surface of the floor.(End of trivia)

A stop in Lincoln where "Abraham Lincoln" greeted SACOs concluded the day's events and it was back to the Hospitality Room or the Par-A-Dice Riverboat Casino - I'm not sure which was the most popular! My sources tell me that Glenna Wilding was a winner, but I think she'll admit "Luckv" is her middle name:

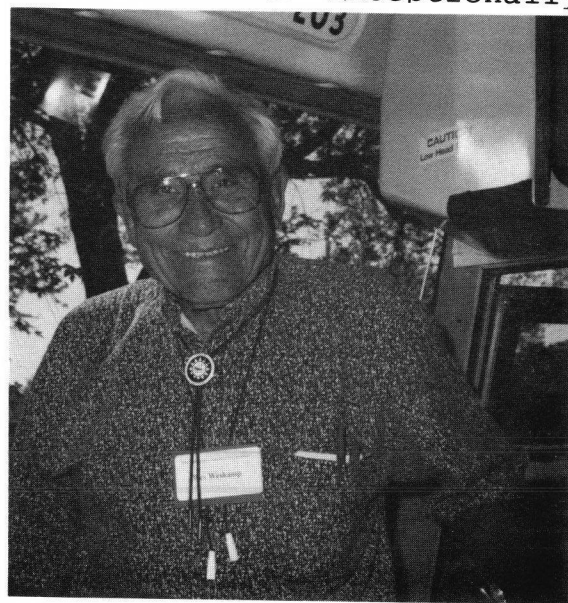
I recall Churchill Downs! In any event, the gambling boat was well patronized by SACO!

A few things were resolved at the annual business meeting including approval of Appleton, WI as a reunion site for 1999. 1998 was previously selected to be Syracuse, NY.

The Saturday night banquet opened with the posting of colors by the US Marine Corps followed with a very delightful dinner with prime rib or baked chicken. Exceptionally



ELOISE & ALEX CARRILLO



"WES" WESKAMP

nice particularly for banquet fare and well served. Mrs. Dorothy Huang was guest speaker and concluded her portion of the program with a beautiful vocal rendition.

We had the distinguished honor of having the high-ranking Director of the Military Intelligence Bureau of Taiwan, Lt.Gen Hu Cha-chi and his wife, cherished friends to many of us, heading the honored guest list. Gen. Hu's presentation of a check in amount of \$5,000 drew a standing ovation. What a generous surprise and thoughtful gesture from the MIB in support of SACO. Gen. & Mrs. Hu presented each of us in attendance with lovely binoculars. We are so grateful to be so honored by the presence of undoubtedly the largest entourage of Chinese guests ever.

The banquet over, the large caterpillar band played for dancing and listening enjoyment. The hospitality room was opened for a last drink and farewells. Another milestone marked and the desire and trust that we all turn the page for the next Chapter of SACO History.

Norman and Lyn Dike, thank you for your planning and care to see that everyone enjoyed a bit of historical



MGEN. RICHARD JENG - MGEN. WANG TING  
LT.GEN. & MRS. HU CHA-CHI IN FRONT OF  
LINCOLN MEMORIAL

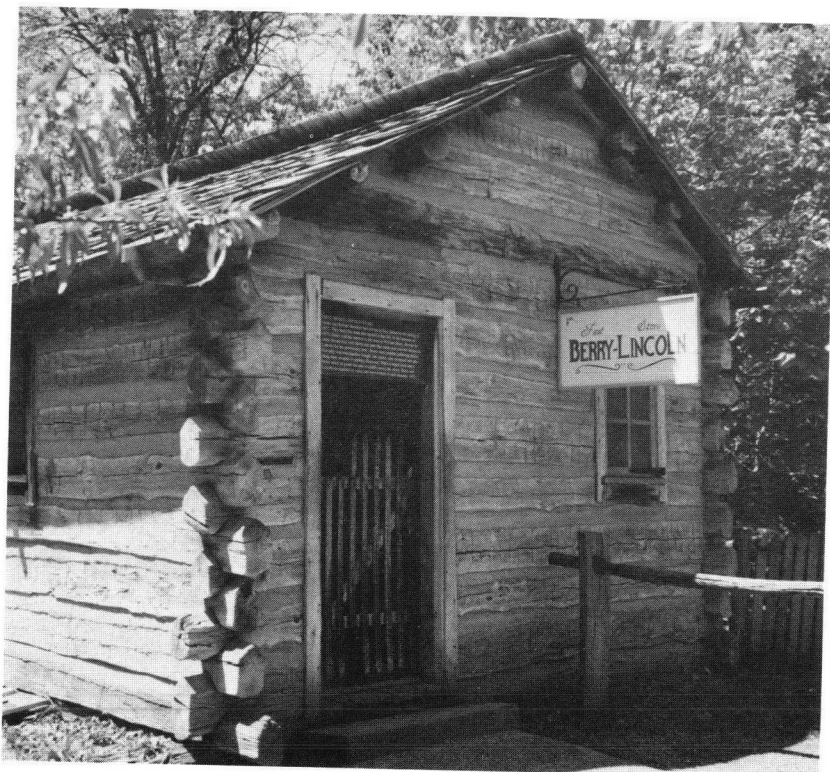


LTGEN HU PRESENTS \$5,000 CHECK FROM MIB FOR SACO FUND

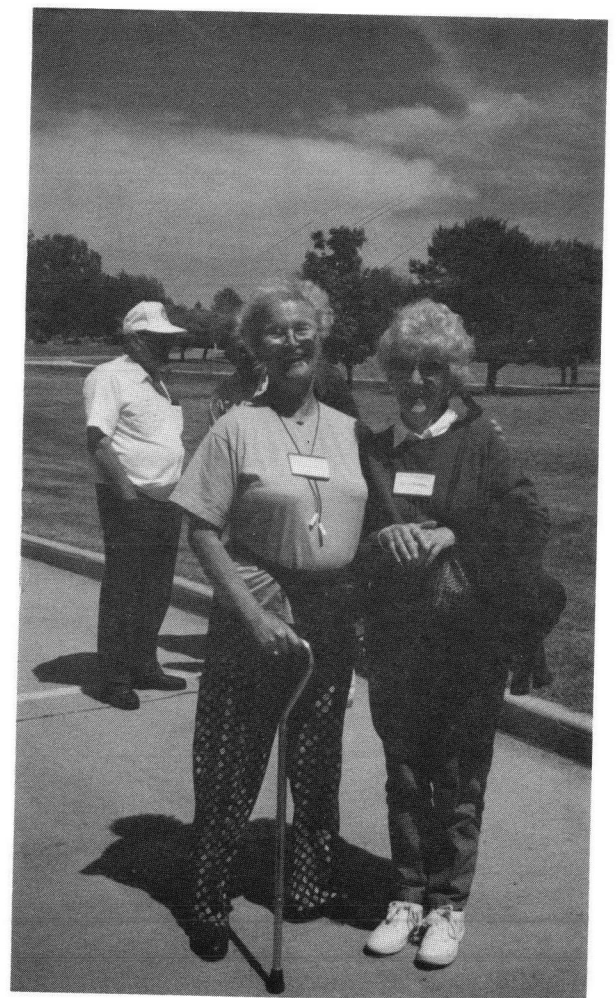
Illinois. Until you've "been-there,  
done that" you have no idea what  
you're in for when it comes to  
hosting this group. Every year  
we can come together becomes more  
golden in the building of SACO memor-  
ies????!!!\*\*



BETTY CLARK



LINCOLN'S STORE IN NEW SALEM



"JACKIE" MURPHY - KATHERINE WESKAMP

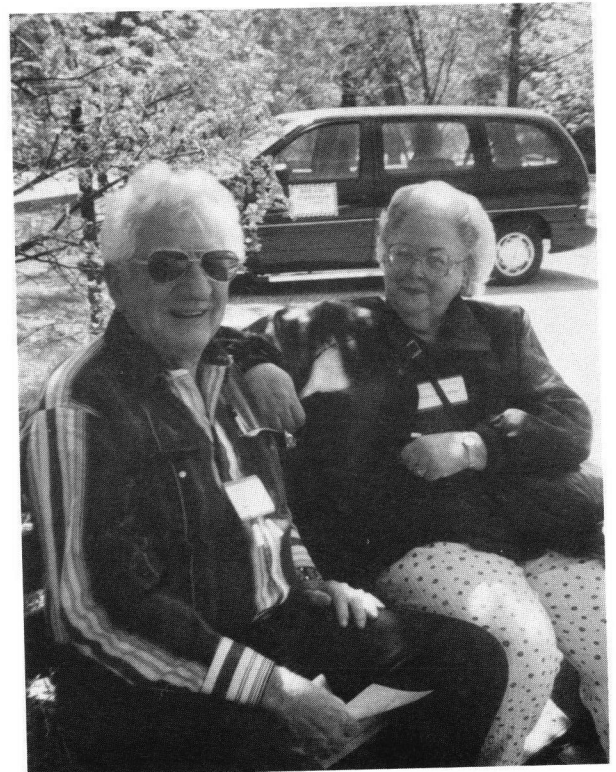




LUNCHTIME AT WILDLIFE PRAIRIE PARK



FRANCES & RICHARD PETRI



BILL BARTEE AND GLENNA WILDING

# LT. GEN. & MRS. HU HOST DINNER PARTY

SACO OFFICERS AND THEIR LADIES WERE HONORED GUESTS AT A DINNER PARTY HOSTED BY LT.GEN. HU AND HIS STAFF AT PEORIA CONVENTION.



L-R: Paul Casamajor - Peg Felmly - Lt.Gen. Hu  
Martha Casamajor - Mrs. Hu - "Doc" Felmly  
Lyn & Norman Dike - Maj. Liu (Shawn) -  
Teresa Hu.



L-R: Bill Miller - Bob & Lola Hill - Ellen Booth  
Lt.Gen. & Mrs. Hu - Sissy Miller - Bud Booth  
Maj.Gen. Wang

L-R:  
 Maj.Gen. Richard Jeng  
 Bill & Elizabeth Sager  
 Lt.Gen. & Mrs. Hu  
 Evelyn & Frank Buckless  
 Beverly & Jack Petersen



Maj. Gen. Wang Ting  
 and James Dunn

**SPECIAL THANKS FROM PEORIA  
 CHAIRMAN**

I'd like to thank the membership for their many expressions of encouragement and their response to our Peoria reunion. They were the greatest and that made all the effort worthwhile.

Respectfully,

*Norm*  
 Norm Dike



"Doc" & Peg Felmly & Richard Jeng



L-R: Paul Casamajor - Lyn and Norman Dike



Mrs. Hu - Peg Felmly



Mrs. Hu - Evelyn Buckless



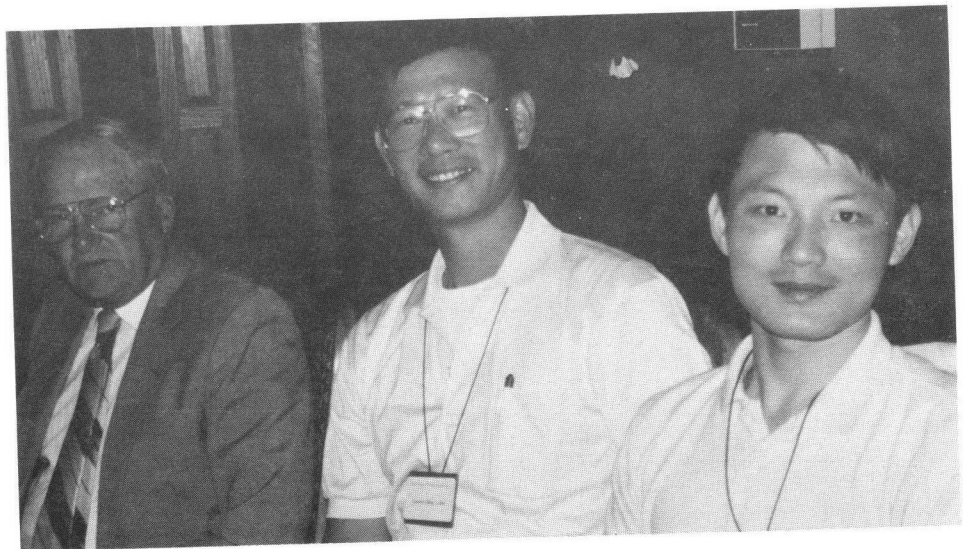
The Hu Family

Lt.Gen., Mrs.  
and daughter, Teresa

Jack Petersen

Maj. Gen. Richard Jeng

Maj. Wang Wan-yi



Bill & Sissy Miller

Mrs. Hu

**SPECIAL THANKS FOR**

**YOUR PICTURES**

Bill Bartee  
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Dave Clarke  
James Dunn

"Doc" Felmlly  
Dike Family  
Richard Jeng  
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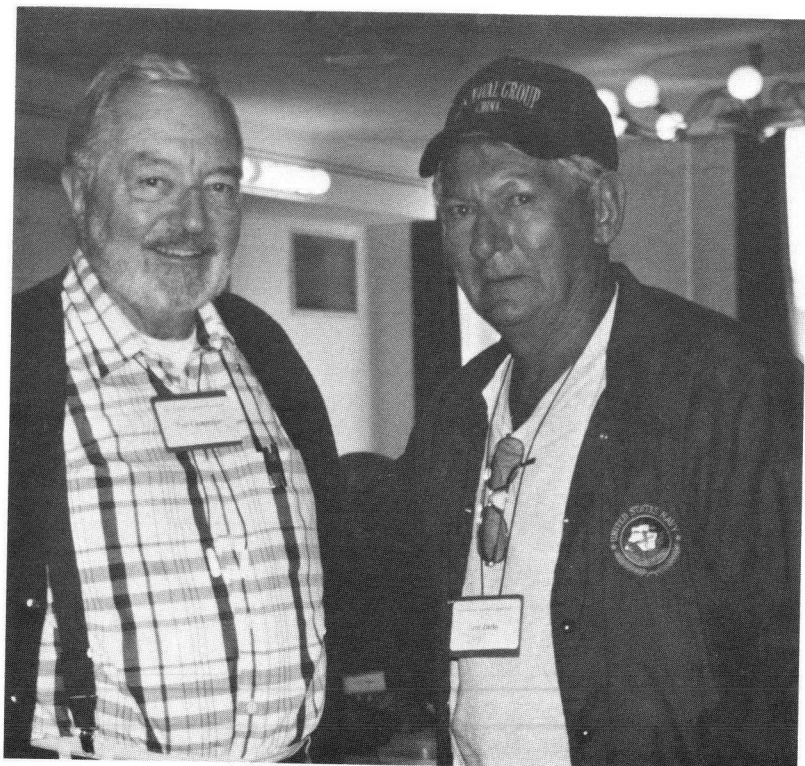
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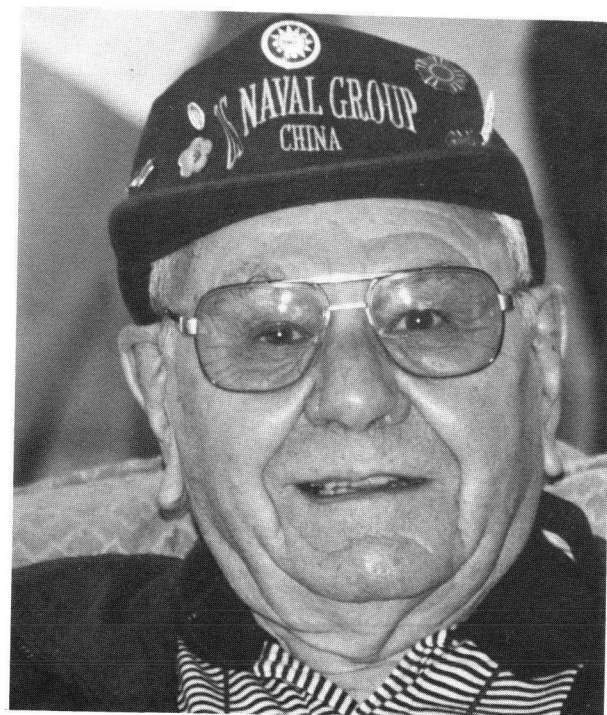
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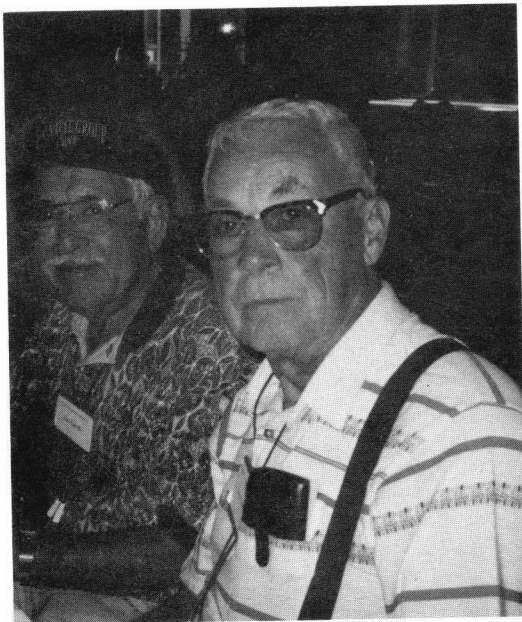
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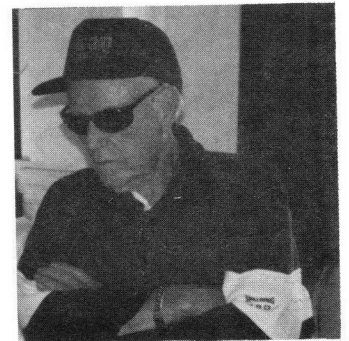
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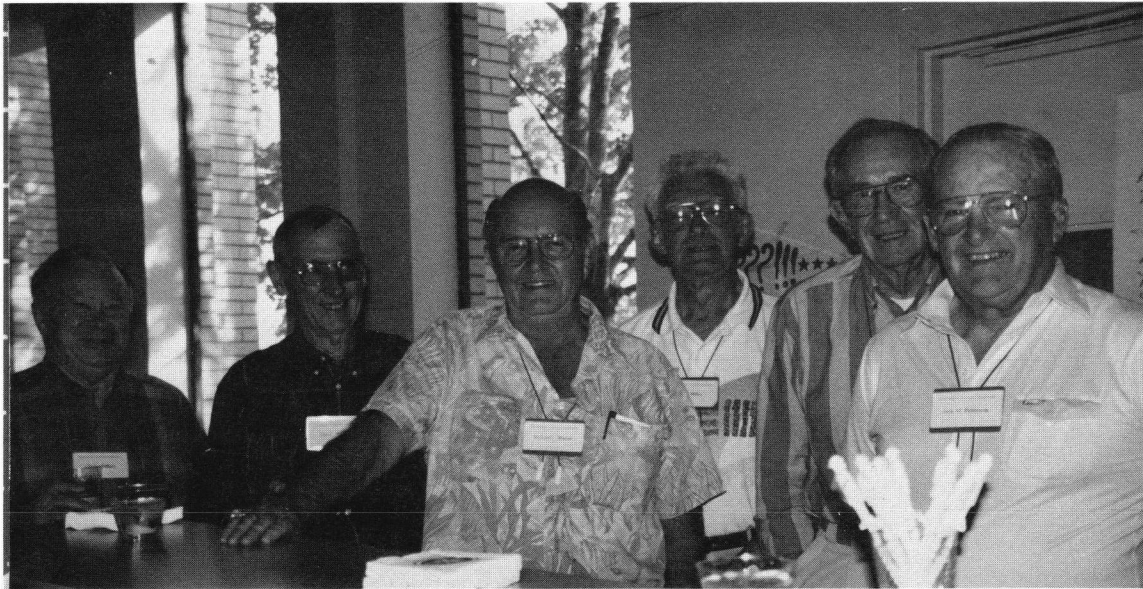
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BILL HALL-JACK PETERSEN



CAROLYN INMAN ARNOLD - DTR OF  
THE LATE WILLARD INMAN



ALMA COCHRAN (FRIEND) & MONA MILLER



ERMA RUTAN-CHARLES & MERLE O'BRIEN





WILL JAMES



"BUD" BOOTH BY LINCOLN STATUE NEW SALEM



MARTHA CASAMAJOR-RICHARD RUTAN-BUD BOOTH



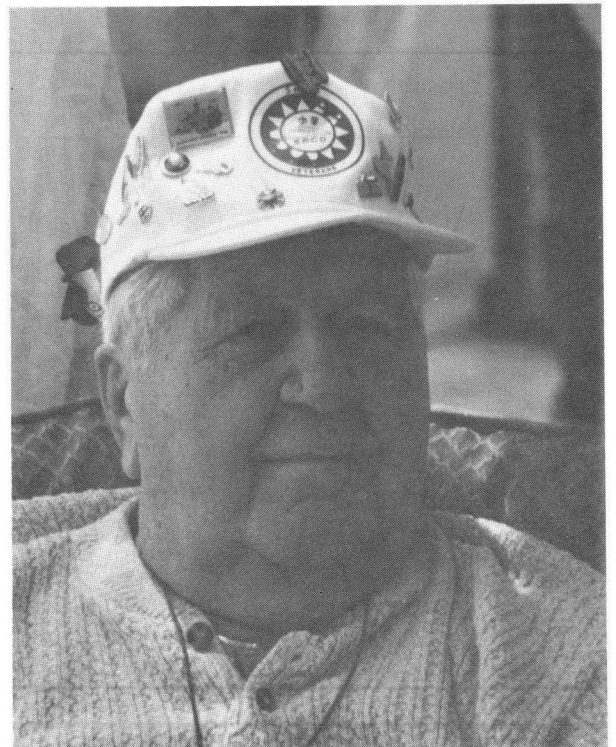
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JULIUS ULANECK



PRESIDENT "DOC" FELMLY GREET'S ENTOURAGE  
OF GUESTS FROM TAIWAN.



"MR. PHOTOGENIC"  
"DOC" FELMLY



A PENSIVE STUDY OF PEG FELMLY



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RUTAN IN REAR.



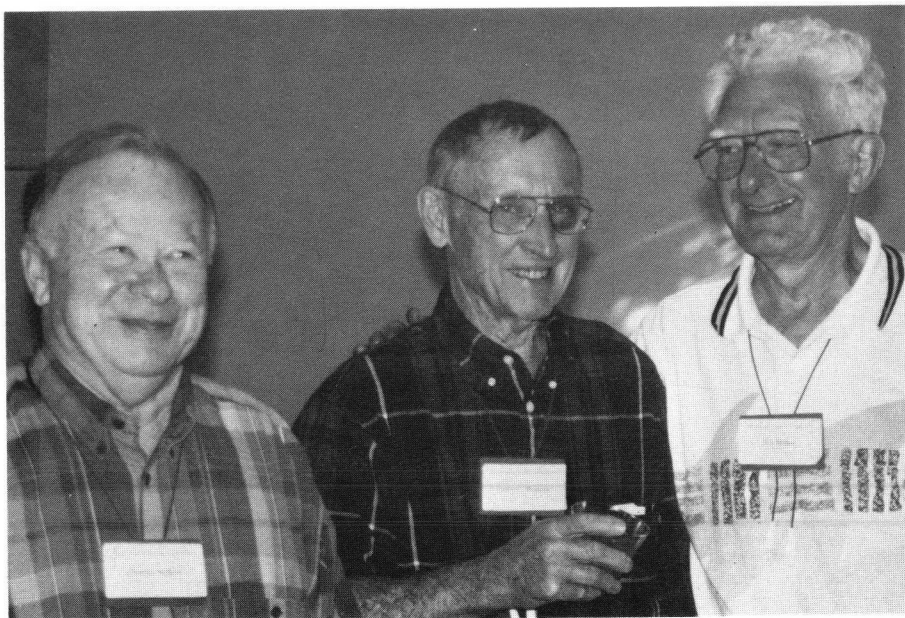
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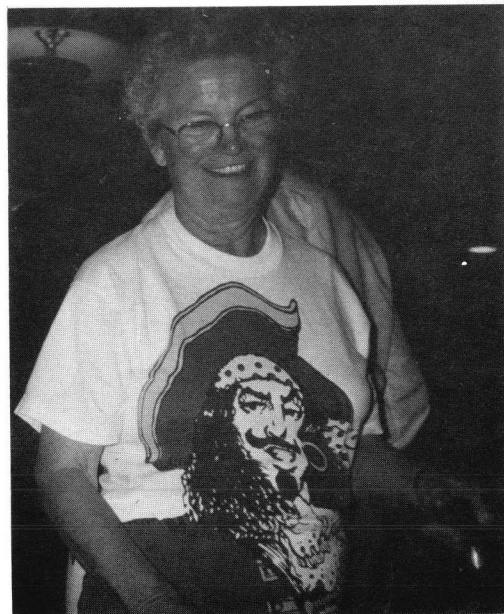
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"JACKIE" MURPHY

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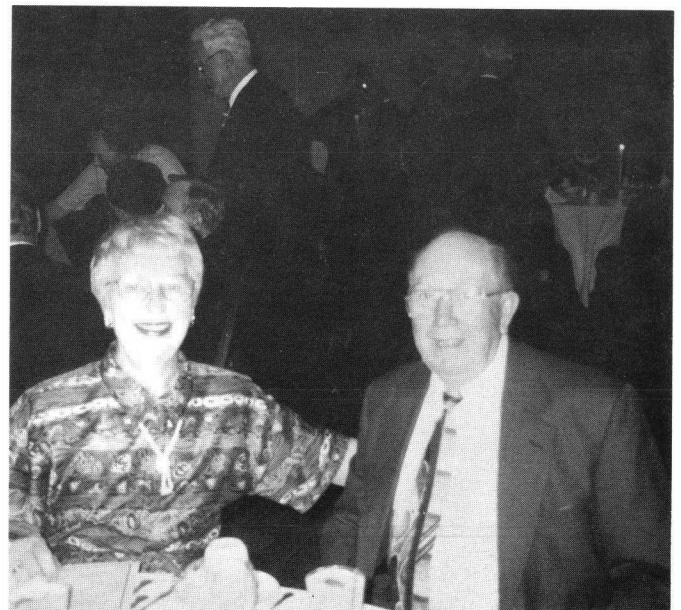
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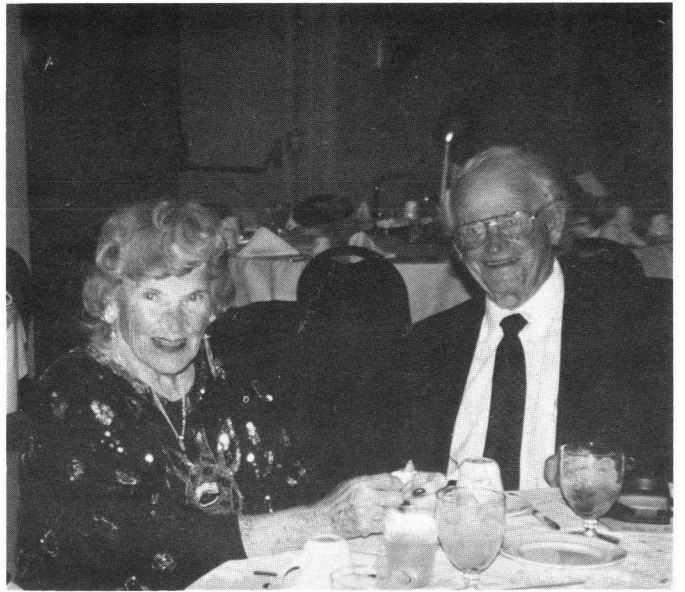
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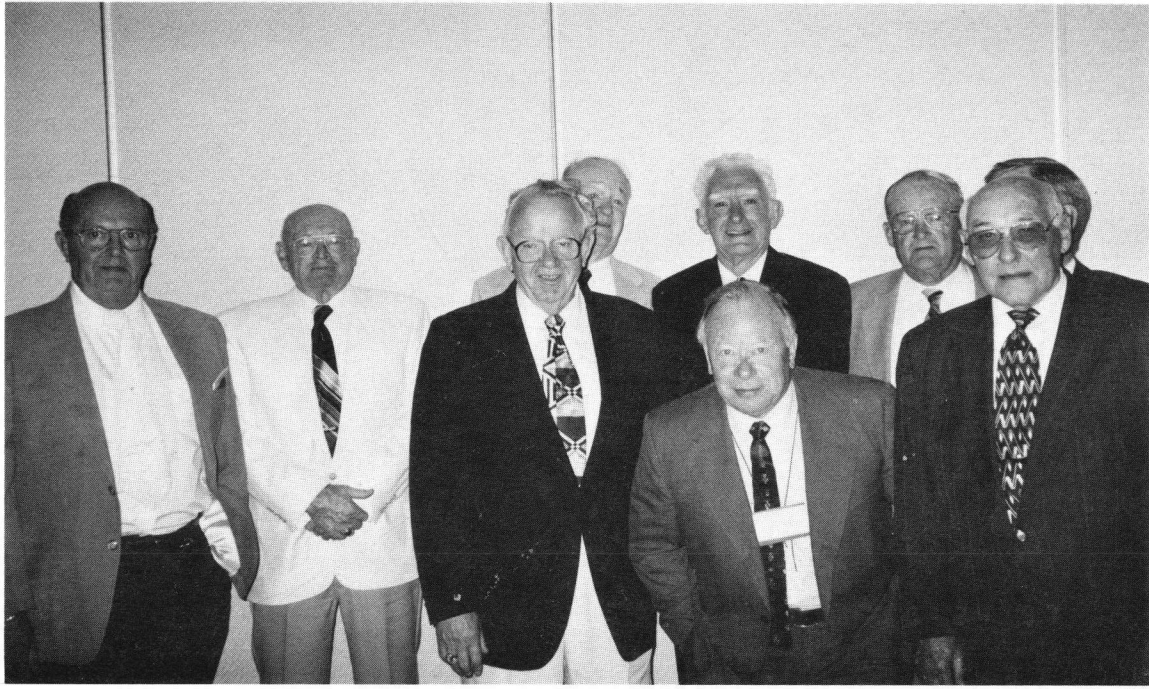
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"DOC" & PEG FELMLY



DOROTHY HUANG SINGING  
"STATUE OF LIBERTY"



RI (RADIO INTELLIGENCE) GANG:  
 REAR: RICHARD RUTAN, JIM MURPHY,  
 LEE ALVERSON, BILL MILLER, JACK  
 PETERSEN, JOHN WATER (HIDDEN)  
 FRONT: JOHN WESTPHAL, CHARLES  
 SELLERS, O.J. SMITH.



HELEN & JULIUS ULANECK



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FRANK & EVELYN BUCKLESS



THE CATERPILLAR BAND

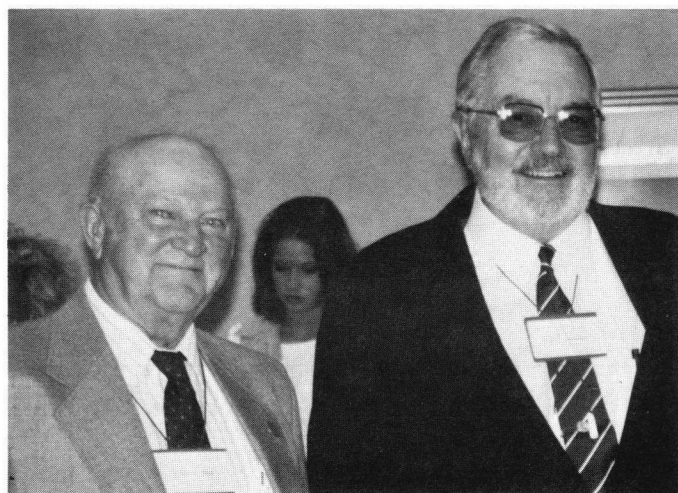
**SACO NEWS AGAIN SOLVENT**  
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Thanks to all who continue to support our group through annual dues payments and donations and especially many of you who are paying dues for the first time, we are able to publish this, our largest issue.

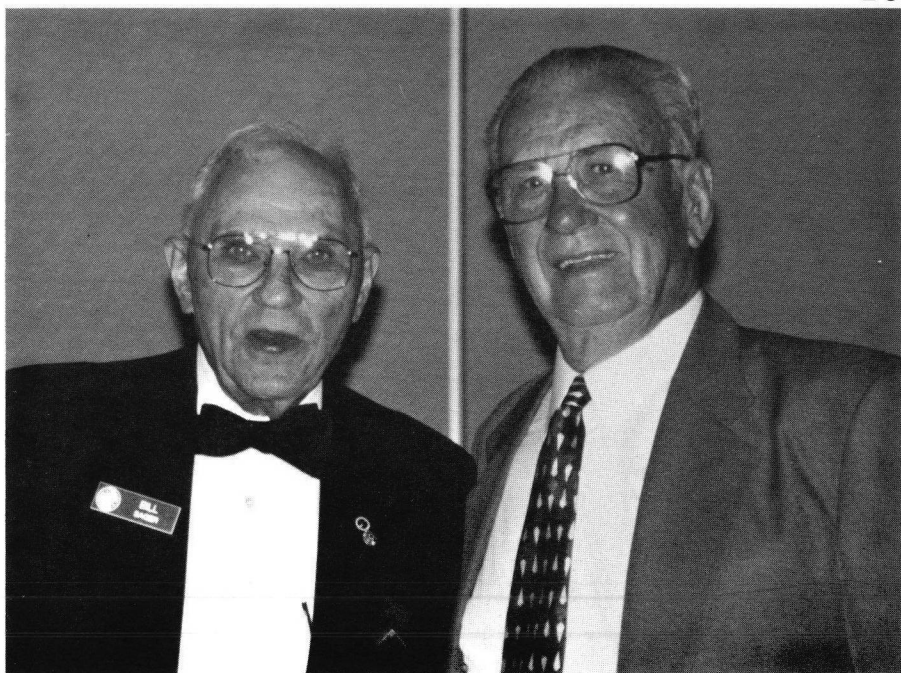
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LOLA HILL



BOB HILL-PAUL CASAMAJOR



BILL SAGER - FRANK BUCKLESS

**'Til Next Year  
Tsai Jen**

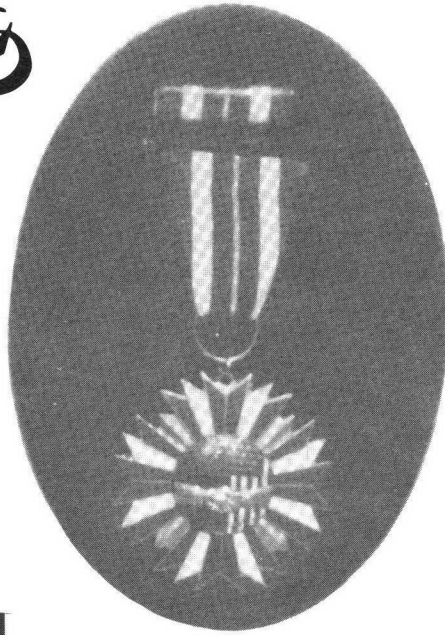
**ANY SACO TIGER REMEMBER  
THE 14TH AF 1ST COMBAT  
CARGO SQUADRON???**

This C-47 equipped 14AF unit supplied SACO and OSS units in China. They are putting together a history and seek help. If you have photos or memories contact: Gerald A. White, Jr., 1818 Barbee St., McLean, VA 22101.



# SACO MEDALS

PEORIA, IL  
May 24, 1997



LT. GEN. HU CHA-CHI,  
DIRECTOR OF THE MIL-  
ITARY INTELLIGENCE  
BUREAU, TAIWAN, ROC  
PRESENTS MEDALS TO  
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ANNUAL CONVENTION.



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ROBERT M. SINKS, SR.



JAMES T. FINAN, JR.

#### A PHONE VISIT WITH SARA

##### SARA JONES

Around the first of May, your reporter enjoyed a lengthy phone conversation with Sara Jones (widow of Mayhew who died 3 or 4 years ago). She sold her home and antiques (for which she "got good prices") and moved into her current address:

St. Paul Senior Living Community  
5031 Hillsboro Pike #107  
Nashville, TN 37215

Phone: (615) 297 4267

Her hearing is amazingly sharp - had no difficulty speaking with her and her wit is as sharp as ever and she lets you know she is perfectly able to move about on her own. In July 1996, she had the second hip replaced (first was ten years ago). I asked, "How long did it take you to recuperate?" She replied, "Oh, I don't know...about 6 weeks." I said, "That's wonderful at your age (now 97) and you're able to get around on your own with just a cane." "I don't use anything!" she snapped.

She and Mayhew had one daughter who lives in Virginia as I recall and visits Sara periodically. Sara

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ATTENDANCE AT PEORIA - 1997

Lee & Ruby Alverson  
 Carolyn Inman Arnold (A)  
 Willie & Audrey Baker  
 George & Doris Barrett  
 Bill Bartee  
 Arthur G. Bohus  
 Harold Bonin  
 Priscilla Bonin (A)  
 Joseph Boos  
 Patrick C. Boos (A)  
 Elwood "Bud" & Ellen Booth  
 Kenneth & Lillie Brown  
 Frank & Evelyn Buckless  
 Leonard & Ruth Burke  
 Alex & Eloise Carrillo  
 Paul & Martha Casamajor  
 Robert T. & Betty Clark  
 Dave & Dorie Clarke  
 Jerry & Mary Coats  
 Michael & Peg Conway  
 Jim & Marie Dess  
 Norman & Lyn Dike  
 James S. Dodson, Jr.  
 Jim Dunn  
 Alex Ediss  
 Clair Emerson

Dr. Lloyd & Peg Felmly  
 James Finan (banquet only)  
 Andrew Fleming  
 Irving & Lois Floress  
 Lillian "Slim" Gilroy  
 Bill & Bobbie Hall  
 Bob & Lola Hill  
 Robert & Helen Hoe  
 Will James  
 Jim Kelly  
 Bob Lyall  
 Guy Maddox  
 Jim McGrail  
 Charles Miles (A)  
 Jack & Ann Miller  
 Mona Miller (A)  
 Alma Cochran  
 Seth I. & Susie Morris  
 Ralph & Rosemary Mullen  
 Jim & Jackie Murphy  
 Hazel Nelson (A)  
 Victor Nichols  
 Charles & Mearle O'Brien  
 Melba Olander (A)  
 George DiMattia  
 Jack & Beverly Petersen

Richard & Frances Petri  
 Francis & Caroline Reynnet  
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 Fred Trump  
 Julius & Helen Ulaneck  
 Dean & Billi Warner  
 John & Frances Waters  
 Herman "Wes" & Kathryn Weskamp  
 John & Rosie Westphal  
 Bill & Mary White  
 Friend Whitlock  
 Glenna Wilding (A)  
 Leon "Duke" & Dorothy Zucks



**FRANK TAO**

James Dunn advised that he had talked to Frank recently while at home

for a day and I followed up his info with a call to Lilyan this date (14 July). Lilyan said Frank was making slow progress, but still completely paralyzed on the left side. He is in a nursing home where he gets daily therapy. I asked if his speech was coherent and she stated he speaks very well and clearly. She said, "Almost too well as he is able to edit anyone in the misuse of English!" Lilyan reports his appetite is good, in fact so good they're putting him on a diet program. She visits him everyday after lunch (when therapy is over).

Lilyan says Frank truly loves SACO. She said they recently got rid of a lot of books, etc. and Frank said, "Don't touch anything of SACO!" He asks about the conventions, she said and decided they couldn't make Peoria. "But," Lilyan remarked, "he's asking about next year and hoping." He's in a wheel chair and requires more help than she's able to do. Ed. ???!!!\*\*\*

**EX-AGENTS TALE**

# OSS Plan To Murder Chiang Told

By JACK WEBB

Plans to kill China's WWII leader, Gen. Chiang Kai-shek were proposed by an American general in 1943, a spokesman and co-author with a former undercover agent said here yesterday.

The plot - which was canceled before it could be put into action, some months before the general himself was removed from his command - is detailed in a book of memoirs to be published next week. Its author, Carl F. Eifler who was also here yesterday, was commander of Office of Strategic Service operations in the Far East during the war. OSS has been described as the "model" on which the CIA is based.

Eifler said through his co-author that he was directed by Gen. Joseph Stilwell, commander of U.S. forces in the China-Burma Theater, to develop a plan to kill Chiang.

Stilwell allegedly told Eifler that if the U.S. was to further the war, it would

be necessary to get Chiang out of the way because "Mao was considered a more effective fighter against the Japanese." Stilwell allegedly asked Eifler if he would agree to kill the late Nationalist China leader, and if he could do it without being caught.

Eifler reportedly agreed.

He allegedly obtained a highly toxic poison from the OSS research and development laboratory in Washington, D.C. Thomas Moon, co-author of Eifler's book, described the poison in a chapter of his book as a "botulinus toxin."

## Two Poisons Obtained

"Actually," Moon said in an interview, "he obtained two poisons, one of which I understood to be the shellfish poison that has received so much publicity lately.

When I cleared the book with the CIA, they asked me to take out any reference to the second poison, which they said they were still using, and they told me it came from 'a fish.' Since it has received so much publicity lately, however, I don't see why I shouldn't mention it." Some months after obtaining the poison, when Eifler knew he would be leaving the Far East theater of operations, Eifler reportedly "brought up the request he

had received to eliminate Chiang Kai-shek," Moon said.

Stilwell allegedly told him he had decided against killing the Chinese leader "at this time." Shortly afterwards, Stilwell was removed from his command for what was described as a "clash of personalities" with Chiang. China's foreign minister, T.V. Soong, said at the time that Chiang and Stilwell did not like each other and could not work well together.

## Still Wanted Job Done

Moon reported that Stilwell told Eifler that "I want you to do it (kill Chiang) but not until you report to me how you're going to do it."

"Eifler had no emotions about the assignment," Moon said. "It was part of his training. If you're told to smash a window or bump off a guy, you do it."

A few years ago, though, Eifler went to Nationalist China to receive a medal from Chiang, Moon said. Afterwards, at a dinner hosted by the Chinese leader, a Chinese official asked Eifler if he had ever heard of the rumored reports that a U.S. agent had been sent to kill Chiang.

Moon said that Eifler replied, "Yes, I have. I'm the man who was going to do it."

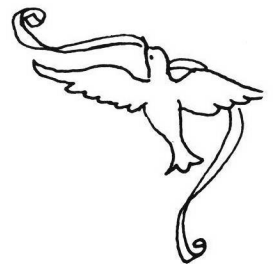
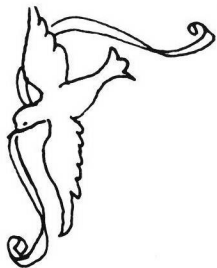
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*Golden  
Weddings*



Dec 1996

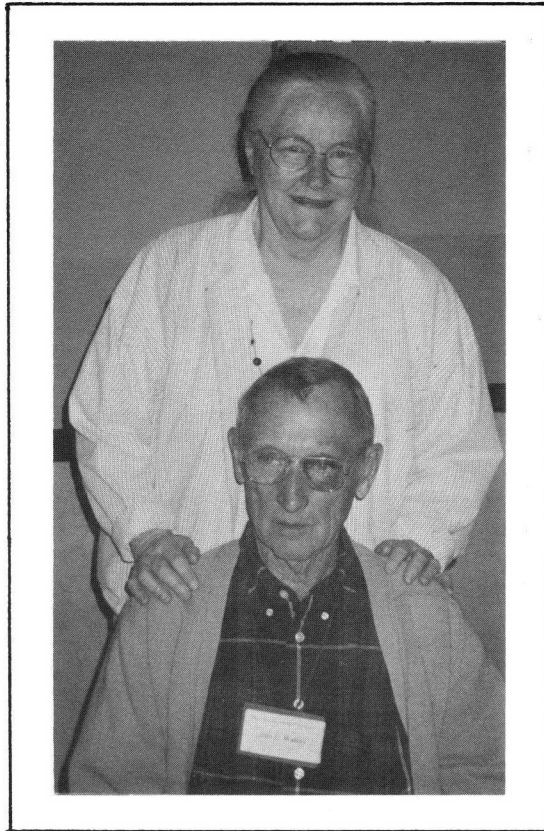
Hope you are both doing well - we took this picture of our family at Thanksgiving. Our four daughters and sons-in-law are just behind our youngest grandson, Will! We're taking all 24 on a cruise to the Carribean on Dec. 29th to Jan. 5th to have them help us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary on January 2nd. Good health and happiness for 1997.



*With love,  
Pauline + Will*

Pauline and Will Rice  
(Charleston, SC hosts 1989)

**JOHN & FRAN  
WATERS  
SHARE  
SPECIAL  
DAY**



CHARLES SELLERS (R) EVIDENTLY VOICED SOME DRY HUMOR AS ONLY HE CAN TO JACK AND BEVERLY PETERSEN.



ELSIE AND O.J. SMITH



JOHNNIE AND ROSIE WESTPHAL



LILLIE AND KENNETH BROWN



BOBBIE AND BILL HALL

John and Fran, thanks so much for allowing us to share this happy occasion with you. We were proud and honored to be with you and wish you health and more happiness as each year goes by.



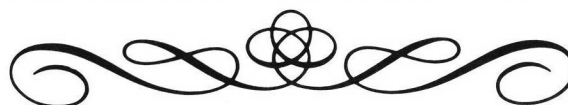
JOHN WATERS CHATS WITH ELSIE SMITH

The day the Peoria Convention officially opened on 21 May 1997 was the Golden Wedding Anniversary of John and Fran Waters. As we know, that did not keep them from attending our annual convention. In fact, they planned that they would share this milestone by hosting a dinner at the hotel in Peoria with a few friends. By John's request, it was to be to be very informal and an unpublicised occasion. I said I would keep their secret until the evening was over and then I had free rein to report it in SACO NEWS. My camera went on the 'fritz' and unfortunately, 3 or 4 of us are missing. ???!!!\*\*\*



**PAUL AND MARTHA CASAMAJOR**

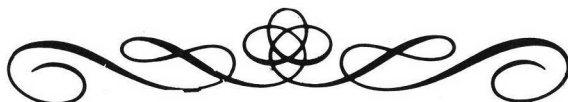
Known for their aversion to hoopla and fanfare, it came as no surprise to your reporter to pry and find that this couple celebrated their 50th very privately and quietly in a country-like village near the Pacific Ocean just south of San Simeon, California, (site of the Hearst Castle). (We like the area, too - but weren't invited???) This private getaway occurred a year ago last April..how's that for keeping a secret? Belated congrats from your LQ friends. Luvya!



**LEONARD & DOLORES FINTAK**

Dolores wrote just as I was wrapping up this edition that she and Len were celebrating their 50th the weekend of July 19. She and Len had experienced health problems - he a urinary infection at the time she was undergoing gall bladder surgery and putting Len in the hospital for six days.

Because of this, in deference to previous arrangements of renting a hall from the Elks, they decided to take the family out to dinner and an open house on Sunday the 20th.



OSS.....

The Eifler-Moon book in which the Chiang Kai-shek incident is described is entitled "THE DEADLIEST COLONEL." published by Vantage Press, Inc., under a royalty agreement.

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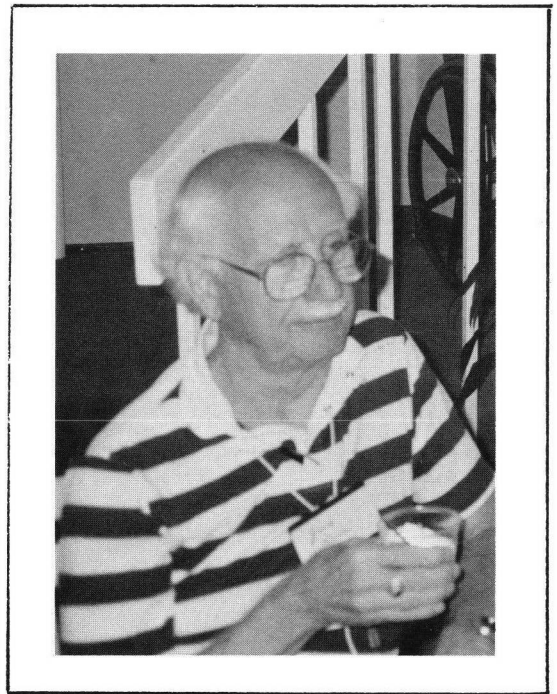
# BAINBRIDGE ISLAND THE PLACE THAT WAS

A SEGMENT OF THE ISLAND ONCE CLOAKED  
IN TOP SECRETY HAS BEEN ERASED ALMOST  
AS MYSTERIOUSLY AS THE MANNER IN WHICH  
IT CAME INTO EXISTENCE - BORN IN  
SECURITY; DECOMPOSED IN SECURITY.



JACK MILLER WRITES ABOUT BAINBRIDGE  
ISLAND-TRAINING SITE FOR RI

On the Seattle trip (1995 Convention) I understand that several got on the ferry and went to Bainbridge to find the radio station but struck out. After the reunion, we stayed over another two days. My wife's niece picked us up and we spent about half-a-day looking for the place, but finally found it. I took several pictures...We shot the entrance gate down on the beach, one of the gun emplacements, two of the barracks which have been turned into apartments, one of the radio shack on the hill, the big red brick two-story bldg. and a couple other places. The place is mostly junk and weeds, frankly. Also, I walked thru the poison oak and weeds up the 85 steps and back down again.\* The railing is falling down and rusty...We had a terrible time finding the place because nobody knew what we were talking about. Once in awhile, I was asked if I was looking for "Bean Point." Actually, that's where it was, but I never heard it referred to that. My wife and I had lived in the office of an old filling station for about 30 days and then we moved to a log cabin with a wood stove and cold water that over-looked the water. We never found the location nor anyone who might know of Stanley Park.



Jack L. Miller

\*Remember how, as part of our physical exam for overseas service, we had to run up and down those stairs? As I recall, I had to make the third run as the doctors thought my blood pressure too high (after all that, why shouldn't it be?) Anyway, I finally convinced them that it was the anxiety of perhaps not passing that caused the high reading and they bought that.

Also, some thirty years ago, my dad and I located the area of training on Bainbridge. Even then, as Jack relates, I was shocked at how weeds, knee high, had penetrated the blacktop parade grounds adjacent to Bldg. 13 (Administration). I

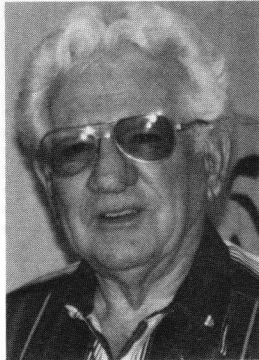
stood silently and reflected on the activities that existed there at one time - the good times we had in the barracks - poker, etc. The grueling hours of code school, the liberties in Seattle. It was like visiting a deserted city, a ghost town in the true sense. I can't describe the sadness that overcame me...it was like history lost forever and as I write this note of recollection, I am again choked with emotion as I was the day we revisited Bainbridge and with heavy heart said, "Dad, let's go!" Ed.



Clockwise from lower L: Unidentified old bldg.; gun enclosure; the 75-step "ladder" from living quarters to administration bldgs; and Miller states the apts. were our former "Rec" hall, mess hall, barber shop, etc.

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# A SACO PSALM



Hello, God,  
it's us again;  
The boisterous ones  
called SACO men.  
We're here today  
to laugh and play;  
To remember You  
aren't far away.

We're older now  
with a bit more sense  
Than years ago,  
when without recompense,  
We all stepped forward;  
yelled out our "Here"  
In response to the call  
for volunteers.

You made us part  
of **MILES'** Navy;  
Home port China -  
Big Boss, **TAI LI.**  
You protected us,  
then brought us home;  
Turned us loose  
and let us roam.

But, at that time,  
You waved your wand  
And among us all,  
was forged a bond.  
That half-a-century  
has not changed,  
Even though our lives  
were rearranged.

So, at this time,  
we feel we must  
Say, "Thank You, God,  
for picking us."  
And thank You, too,  
for standing fast  
To receive our Mates  
whose time has passed.

And if there ever  
comes a time  
The world goes nuts  
and You're in a bind;  
Just remember  
that here below,  
SACO Tigers  
volunteer to go.

And so this Psalm  
we will now end;  
But prior to  
our big Amen,  
To You, OH! God,  
we salute and bow;  
To You, from SACO,  
A BIG "TING HAO!"

by Bill Bartee (written at  
Thanksgiving 1996)

**COVER: SACO's PERENNIAL SENTIMENTAL  
CHOICE IN TAIWAN**  
(Photos by R. Rutan)

## SACO DUES

ANNUAL DUES REGULAR AND  
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West Covina, CA 91791

LADIES AUXILIARY: \$10.00

TREAS: Ellen Booth  
7471 Thunderbird Rd  
Liverpool, NY 13088

# SACO SELECTS SYRACUSE AS SITE IN '98.

*The Most Convenient Location in Central New York*



"BUD" AND ELLEN BOOTH ARE MAKING GREAT PLANS FOR OUR 44TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN SYRACUSE, NY, **JUNE 24, 25, 26 and 27, 1998** WITH THE ABOVE HOTEL AS OUR HEADQUARTERS. SET YOUR SIGHTS FOR SYRACUSE...SEE YOU THERE????!!\*\*\*





### *In Memory of Margaret Christine Eifler*

*Our visit on earth is a short one, and Margaret's allotted time with us is over. She died peacefully at home in her bed on Tuesday, October 22, 1996.*

*Margaret had been in gradually failing health for the past several years, but she enjoyed being able to look outside at her roses and even painted once in a while.*

*One of her last requests was to ask God for a quick and painless passing; I feel that He granted her wish.*

*Jesus has said "Many are called, but few are chosen." I know that Margaret was one of the chosen.*

*Although she will always be with us in our hearts and minds, through her paintings she will bring inspiration and encouragement to those that come after us.*

*The friendship and affection of all of you has kept our spirits up and the memories of happier times eased Margaret's latter days. And so, dear friends, we thank you for the love you have shared with us.*

Editor's note: The preceding tribute to Margaret was written by Carl and sent to me after her death. Some of you will recall that he and Margaret were with us on the 1972 trip to Taiwan. Carl is recognized as an associate member of ours, but that is a sore spot as he feels his role and association with Adm. Miles qualify him as a full-fledged SACO member. I have known Carl some 25 years now and my folks and I found him to be a very warm-hearted and kind man despite his past characterization as "an explosive, violent, yet controlled man, totally without fear; direct, quick and tough mentally and physically; methodical, and extraordinarily resourceful" as the author Tom Moon describes him in THE DEADLIEST COLONEL. Carl commanded DET 101 of the OSS, specifically in Burma in WWII. Erma and I have visited him and Margaret in their Salinas, CA home a couple times. He regretted being unable to attend my father's funeral because of his illness. The two of them had a good, though brief, friendship.

Margaret was a fashion designer of renown and quite an accomplished artist. Carl, now legally blind, I'm sure is handicapped in his loss of his dear wife.

March 23, 1997 (To Buckless)

Thank you for my husband's 1997 SACO membership card. It is with heavy heart that I have to inform you that John passed away Wednesday, March 5, 1997.

We have both enjoyed the magazine and correspondence we have received from SACO - he has always shared these articles with me during our 25 years of marriage.

Sincerely,

*Irene M. Frederick*

Irene M. Frederick

Praise be and good wishes for SACO.

### JOHN H. FREDERICK, Sr.

John H. "Jack" Frederick, Sr., 79, of York (PA), formerly of New Freedom, died March 5. He was the husband of Irene (Maupin) Frederick. The couple observed their 25th wedding anniversary July 16.

Mr. Frederick retired in 1984 from Caterpillar in York where he was an electrician since 1965. Prior to that, he was a self-employed electrical contractor in New Freedom for 15 years. He was a 1933 graduate of Sparks High School and a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII and the Korean War. He was past commander of VFW Post 7012 in New Freedom; past president of New Freedom's Lion's Club, a retired member of Local United Auto Workers 736 in York and a member of York County Join Veterans' Council and Sino-American Cooperative Organization.

Mr. Frederick also is survived by two sons, John H. Frederick, Jr. of York and Robert M. Frederick of Brogue, a daughter, Margaret F. Provenza of York, a stepson, Bob G. Miller of Baltimore; three stepdaughters, Ann McCray, Alice Gillan and Dottie Shaw, all of Baltimore; five grandchildren, 10 step-grandchildren, four great grand children; 18 step great-grandchildren; a sister Frances Thacker of Silver Springs, FL and nieces and nephews.

### L. D. JONES

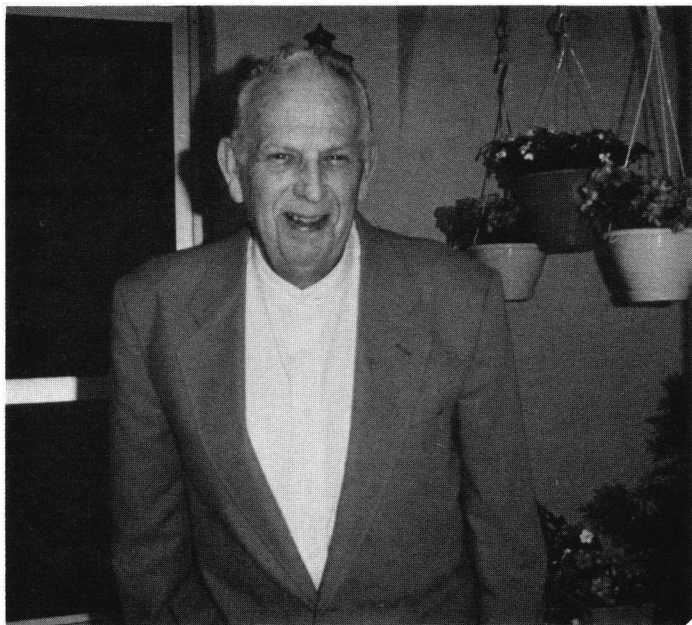
March 18, 1920 - December 23, 1996

Born in Appalachia, VA, Mr. Jones was raised and attended public schools in Appalachia, graduating from high school in 1926. He entered Emory and Henry College in the fall of 1936 taking Pre-Med courses. Then he entered the School of Pharmacy at the Medical College of VA in the fall of 1937 graduating in 1942. Mr. Jones joined the US Navy in July 1942 during WWII. After a brief service at Norfolk Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, VA and the US Naval Hospital in Norfolk,

VA., he volunteered for duty with SACO in China which was later called "The Rice Paddy Navy." He then went to China in 1943, returning to the US and being discharged in December of 1945. Returning to Richmond in 1946 to practice pharmacy, he married Lilo van Duyn of Lindenhurst, NY in 1948. He practiced pharmacy at Medical Arts Pharmacy until 1950 when he opened "Sunset Hills Pharmacy" in the Village Shopping Center where he practiced the next thirty years selling the pharmacy in 1980.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Jones is survived by children, Lora Lynn Jones of Alexandria, VA, Debra Ann Parker of Lynchburg, VA, three grandsons, nieces and nephews.

(Submitted by Andy Fleming who attended the funeral)



**VINCENT B. DRURY**

JUNE 11, 1922 - FEBRUARY 17, 1997

Vincent B. Drury, 74, of Sebring, FL, died at his residence. Born in Uniontown, KY., he moved to Sebring in 1986 from Detroit, MI. He was a printer for the Thomas P. Henry Co in Detroit for 39 years, was a member of VFW Post No. 4300 in Sebring, a member of the Knights of Columbus, served in the US Navy Intelligence and US Naval Group China (SACO) and was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Sebring.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie R.; son, Robert V. of South Field, MI; brother, Raymond of Sebring; sister, Unice K Shocley of Morgan Field, KY and three grandchildren. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights, MI.

March 10, 1997

Thanks for the flower arrangement from you & SACO - the arrangement went to the church for his funeral. We were allowed three so that was the 3rd one.



The picture of Vince & me is from Oct. 19th before our grandson's wedding...the other of Vince was taken a year ago...

Love & God Bless you,

*Marge Family*

Editor's note: Vince and I go 'way back to our days at the University of Wisconsin in Madison in 1943. We were buddies at the time he and Marge were married and they were kind in allowing me to spend some

of the liberty time with them. Vince had suffered several years of extreme pain and finally succumbed to cancer. We have lost another dear friend from our ranks - Vince was a gentleman of the highest calibre - we do and will miss him - but there are always the fond memories.

*In Memory of*  
**NOBEL  
SHADDUCK**

*Date of Birth*  
June 17, 1904

*Date of Death*  
March 16, 1997



16 May 1997 (To Norman Dike)

Enclosed is a folder re Nobel's death March 16, 1997.

He was very pleased with the article about him in the SACO book (Issue 12 October 1995).

Please tell Mr. Rutan about this. Nobel appreciated his friendship very much.

*Sincerely,*  
*Mildred Shadduck*

A lifelong resident of Clearwater Lake and Annandale, died at his home on March 16, 1997

He was born on the same property on June 17, 1904. He is survived by his wife, Mildred, and sons, William of Annandale, Robert of Annandale, John of Tiburon, California, and James of Eden Prairie

and their families including eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was the only son of Fred and Ida Nessel Shadduck who operated "The Shadduck Resort" at the southeast end of Clearwater Lake at the turn of the century. He was predeceased by his only sister, Ilex Shadduck, in 1990.

Nobel was graduated from the Annandale High School in 1921 and from the University of Minnesota in 1926 with a degree in Forest Management. He worked in the forests of California, Idaho and Montana until 1930 at which time he returned to the University of Minnesota Law School from which he graduated in 1933. He practiced law in Minneapolis until the start of WWII. He served as Nebraska State Counsel for the Office of Price Administration, then returned to Minnesota to open the rent control offices in Minneapolis/St. Paul and later served as the Minnesota State Counsel for the OPA.

In 1941 Nobel enlisted in the Navy and served overseas in China, Burma and India and returned to Minnesota in 1946. From 1946 to 1975, he practiced law in Annandale and was involved in countless professional and charitable organizations. From 1973 to 1986, he was a director of the Minnesota Pioneer Park. At various times he headed the following statewide organizations: Foster Parents, Minnesota Society for Crippled Children, Camp Courage Foundation, Minnesota division of the Isaac Walton League and Better Forestry for Minnesota.

At the time of his death, he was a member of the Annandale United Methodist Church and the Fairhaven Lodge #182.

Nobel was an ardent reader, writer, hunter, fisherman and conservationist for his entire life. Planting trees, especially white and Norway pine, native to Minnesota, was a passion. His never-ending curiosity led him around the world on many adventures. He was seldom without a dog at his side and raised English Springer Spaniels for decades. He published numerous books and articles on



various subjects ranging from world politics to trees to education and thoroughly enjoyed contributing to the opinion page in local newspapers.

Editor's note: You will recall Nobel Shaddock's stirring account of the post-war convoy CALCUTTA TO KUNMING featured in Iss. 12 October 1995. Nobel sent me two short stories (almost in diary form) of his life as a small boy growing up at his father's resort. I don't remember laughing aloud so much as I read his revelations of life on the farm, school, etc. He was quite a gifted writer and especially humorous in his presentation of daily events. I desired to ask him permission to publish same in SACO NEWS, but decided it required too much space. Guess it could have been done in continued chapters. I will miss our short span of friendship through correspondence and phone calls. What a rich and full-filling life was his!



**BOB AND MONA MILLER CELEBRATE  
45th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY 1994**

Robert Glass Miller, 72, of 181 Third Street, Frazeyburg, Ohio, died at 3:40 pm Tuesday, May 13, 1997 at his residence following an extended illness.

Mr. Miller was born August 1, 1924, in Frazeyburg, Ohio and retired in 1981 as a pattern maker in the carpenter shop at Owens-Corning Fiberglass of Newark, Ohio. He was a member of the Frazeyburg United Methodist Church, and the Frazeyburg Lions Club where he received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, the highest award in Lionism. He was a veteran of WWII having served in the Navy and was a member of SACO, the Sino American Cooperative Organization, a U.S. Navy organization. He was also a member of the Owens-Corning 25-year Club.

He is survived by his wife, Mona (Wagner) Miller whom he married March 20, 1949; four sons, Tom and



In Memory of  
**Robert Glass Miller**

Date of Birth  
**August 1, 1924**  
Frazeyburg, Ohio

Date of Death  
**May 13, 1997**  
Frazeyburg, Ohio

Sally Miller of Dresden, Dennis and Marsha Miller of Frazeyburg, Daryl Miller of Urbana, Ohio, and Bob and Debbie Miller of Frazeyburg; one brother, Roy E. Miller of Coshocton, Ohio; one sister, Janice Jane Horner of Frazeyburg; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carlos Glen Miller, who died prior to Mr. Miller's birth; his mother and step-father, Thomas J. and Ruth E. (Glass) (Miller) Horner; and a brother Carlos G. Miller.

The Frazeyburg Lions Club conducted Lions Services at 8:30 pm the evening prior to burial.

Editor's note: With brave heart and determination to celebrate the life of the man she loved as he wanted her to, Mona Miller, accompanied by her friend Alma Cochran, attended the Peoria Convention. It was great to have her join us.

#### WILLIAM A. MacVITTIE



March 20, 1997

I am writing to inform you of the death of my husband William A. MacVittie, Nov. 1995.

I am enclosing photo of Bill in India. Bill and I celebrated 55 years of matrimony in Sept. 1995.

Sincerely,

Ruth MacVittie



CLIFFORD D PEASE

(Katie Pease writes the following March 5, 1997) (Rutan)

Just a short note to tell Cliff passed away Feb. 22.

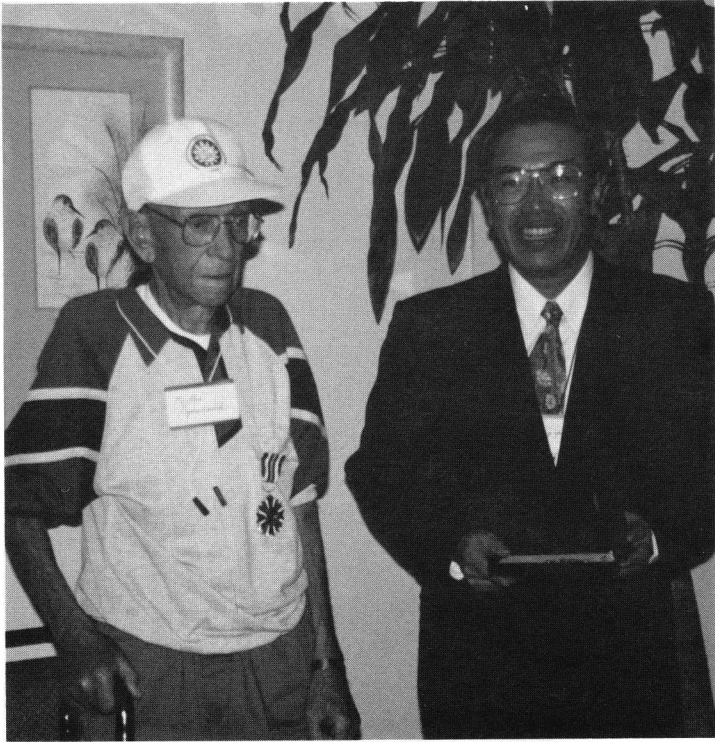
I had helped him dress and went down to get his breakfast. He didn't come down and I went up and found him on the floor.

He did so enjoy the SACO get-together even if he couldn't talk. He had been going downhill the last few years and I guess he just wore out. I'm still in shock. His son came out from NJ for a week and he was a big help.

My best to you both,

Sincerely,

Katie Pease



**MILLER CYANOVICH**

13 June 1997 to "Robby" Robinson

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to you. Since the convention in Sarasota, Miller's health went downhill. He was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma (cancer of the bone marrow) in October. Since that time, he was in and out of the hospital and skilled nursing facility constantly. He fought a tough battle, but finally his body had to give up. He passed away June 11, 1997.

Would you do me a favor? Please notify Lloyd M. Felmlly for me.

One thing that I am thankful for was that he was able to attend the convention and see all his old friends. He was so touched by the action of SACO members at the convention by honoring him with the special services and awarding of the medal to him by the Chinese General (Weng). That fulfilled his dream. I am eternally grateful to all of you for making him feel so honored. I shall never forget all the kindnesses extended to him. All I can say is, "Thanks All of You and God Bless All of You."

I hope I can hear from you from time to time.



*Love  
Tullie Cyanovich*

**OSCAR LEON JONES**

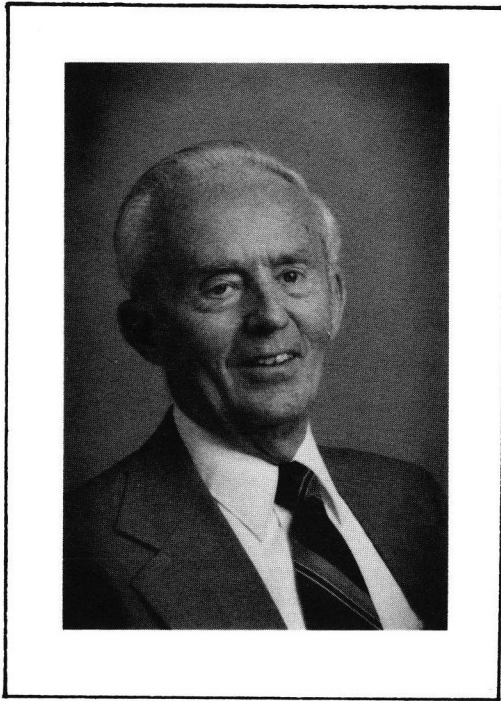
(Submitted by Bill Sager)

Oscar Leon Jones, 86, of Front Royal VA died March 2, 1996 in his home.

A memorial service was held at Calvary Episcopal Church March 6 and burial followed in the Rudacille Family cemetery in Limeton.

Mr. Jones was born July 17, 1909 in Limeton, son of the late Grover Cleveland and Petronella Rudacile Jones.

He was retired as assistant postmaster for the Front Royal Post Office and was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church, the Front Royal Lions Club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1860. He was a US Navy veteran of WWII and was married to the late Frances Aileen "Dee" Jones. An avid golfer, he was a member of the Front Royal Country Club for many years. Surviving are a daughter, Tina J. Bono of Front Royal and her husband, William J. Bono; a brother, Ralph Jones of Front Royal; a sister, Juanita Mathews of Front Royal; three grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.



**WILLARD DWIGHT INMAN**

Dear SACO friends,

It is with deep sorrow that I inform you of my father's passing. He was a kind, gentle man and very proud of his affiliation with SACO.

**WILLARD DWIGHT INMAN**, U.S. Navy veteran, retired aerospace engineer and long-time resident of Orange, Calif., died March 4, 1997, of complications following a stroke. He was 77.

A memorial service was held March 8, 1997 in Tustin, Calif; interment with military honors took place at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia the following week attended by close family members.

Inman, born February 26, 1920, in Smithland, Iowa, enlisted in the Navy in 1940 and served several hitches in various parts of the world until 1965, having advanced as a "mustang" to the rank of lieutenant. He was first stationed aboard the USS Prairie out of Argentia, Newfoundland, and later as part of the Navy's landbased SACO operation in China until 1946. Subsequent tours of duty included Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL., USS Coral Sea, USS Siboney, and USS

Ranger (aircraft carriers), and Naval Air Stations at Olathe, Kansas and Brunswick, Georgia. His final military assignment was aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Topeka.

He then began a second career as an avionics design engineer, applying his extensive electronics training to various jobs at Frontier Airlines, Western Airlines and McCulloch International. He held positions at AiResearch Aviation, Rockwell International (B-1 group) and finally, Lockheed Aircraft Service Co., from which he retired at age 74 as senior design engineer.

Throughout this time, Inman maintained an active interest in civic and political affairs and often communicated with local and national representatives regarding closure of military bases and related matters.

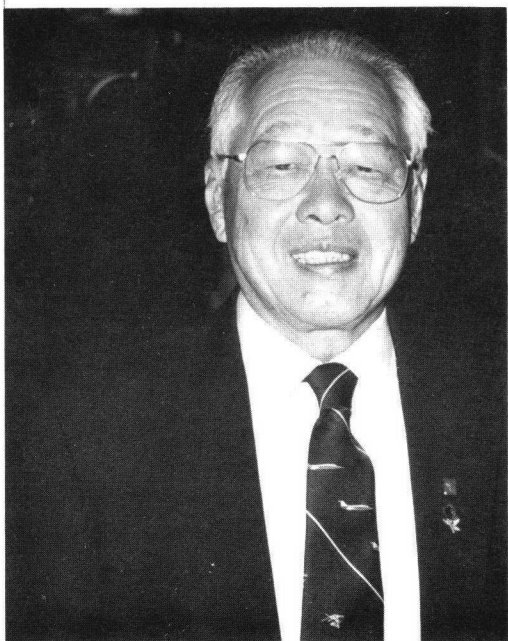
He is survived by his wife of 48 years, the former Julia I. Wykoff of Orange, daughters Julie Ann Inman of Osborne, KS and Carolyn G. Inman Arnold of Pasadena, CA and grandson Justin ("Buddy") Inman of Kansas.

As for myself, I would like to thank all of the members of SACO. You are my heroes; as was my father. And I have a new extended family that I met in Peoria, IL and I hope to meet more of this family in the future.

When I was young, my eyes would fill with tears when my father's ship would disappear across the sea. Now he is on his final tour of duty and, as before, my eyes fill with tears. But as his ship fades from my view, I am comforted knowing that there are countless others waiting to salute him on the other side of my limited horizon.

Carolyn Inman Arnold  
1250 S. Euclid Avenue  
Pasadena, CA 91106-4216

Carolyn, beautifully done!! Your accompanying note said abbreviate or change as I saw fit. I edited not one word!! Thanks....Ed.



**WARREN YIP CHUNG**

(Submitted by "Robby" Robinson)

Warren Yip Chung, long time Portland pharmacist, passed away March 11, he was 76.

Born in Astoria, Oregon, he attended schools in China and the United States. He served in the US Navy during WWII as a radioman in the Sino-American Cooperative Organization "Unit Robby" serving in special counter intelligence, underground in China. He also served in the Korean War after which he attended and graduated from the School of Pharmacy, Oregon State University.

Mr. Chung owned and operated the Woodlawn Pharmacy from 1958 through 1988. He also owned Alberta Pharmacy. Woodlawn Pharmacy served as a pilot site for Oregon's Methadone, Antabuse and Student Drug Education programs.

Mr. Chung unselfishly endeavored to improve the community in areas of education, civic affairs, business development, crime prevention, international relations, and minority advocacy.

On a local and state level, he proudly served as a member of the

Portland Sign Review Committee, the Public Works Advisory Committee, Board member of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, Board member of the Northeast Industrial Council, Board Member and President of Northeast Business Boosters, President of the US China Peoples Friendship Association, member of the Greater Northeast Portland Police Precinct Council, President of the Four Brothers Association, President of the River East Development, Board Member CSSA, member of the Citizens Advisory Board - Union Avenue Redevelopment Project, Chairman of the Portland Model Cities Health Committee, Chairman of the Woodlawn Improvement Association, President of the Professional Social of Oregon Pharmacists, VP Portland Retail Druggists Association, Vice Chairman Oregon Asian Cultural Exchange Association, Adjunct Faculty member to Oregon State University School of Pharmacy, and liason for the Westinghouse Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Project.

On a national and international level, Mr. Chung was privileged to represent Oregon at the President's White House Conference on Small Businesses, member of the White House Conference on Aging, Founder/Chair of the US China Dental Project, Member of Advisory Council Member IMPACT - US Commerce Dept, and Board Member of the Seaport Project of the US Commerce Dept for Oregon Minority Business and Industry.

In recognition of his many contributions, Mr. Chung was awarded 1970 Pharmacist of the Year - Portland Pharmacist Assn, 1971 Citizen of the Year - Oregon Education Association, 1972 Pharmacist of the Year - Oregon State Pharmaceutical Assn, 1972 National Bowl of the Hygiea Award - A.H. Robbins, 1980 Pharmacist of the Year - Frederick Grill Memorial for the contribution to the profession of pharmacy, 1983 Advocate of the Year Award - US Small business Administration.

Survivors include son, Terry of Portland and daughter, Debbie of Hong Kong; sisters Frances of Portland and Genevieve of Phoenix, AZ and two grandchildren. His wife, Ella Ding Kong predeceased him in 1992.

At his request, there was no funeral service.



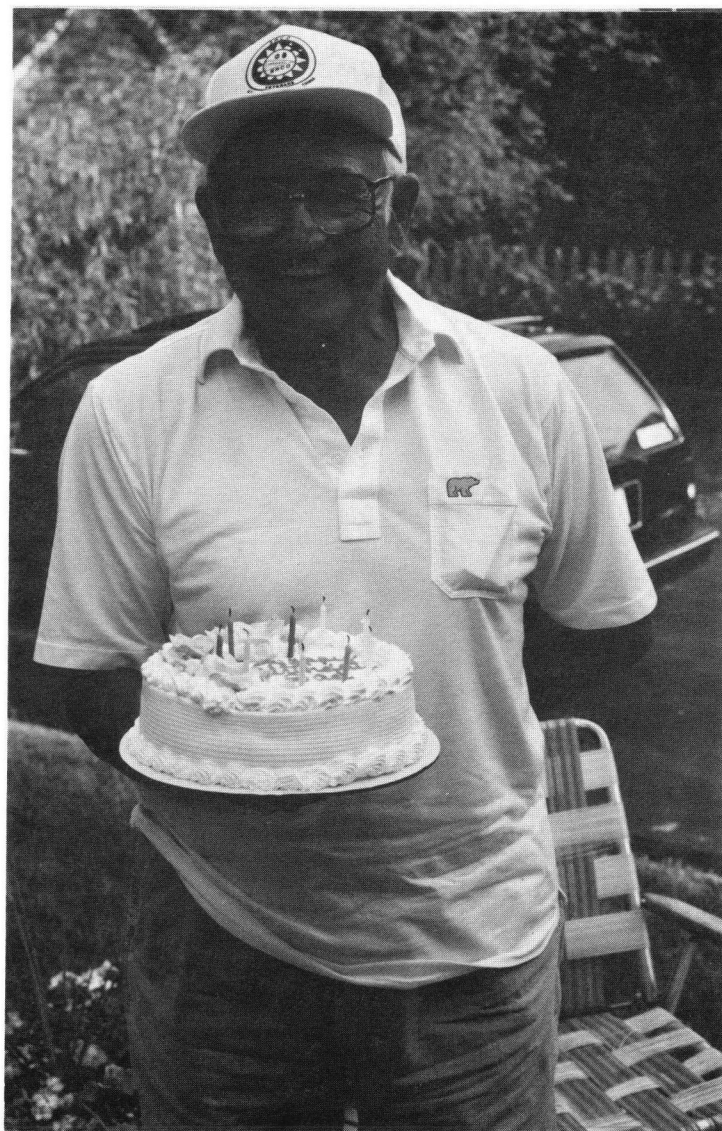
**ELNORA ELSNER BOWMAN**

Frank Buckless writes about Elnora Bowman:

Elnora died June 19, 1997 following a long, long battle with cancer. Frank said she "had a tough time toward the end. She did not recognize us 3 days before she died." (The Bucklesses met with Nelsons for monthly get-togethers.) "Elnora had cancer for ten years. She had 3 operations and two chemo-therapies over the years." The Bowmans had no children; her husband Nelson is the sole survivor. Frank stated they still expect to have dinner with Nelson monthly.

**CARL EUGENE ALTEVOGT**

Carl Altevogt, 75, of Columbus, Ohio died Wednesday September 4, 1996 at his home. He was a retired machinist foreman at Grimes Aerospace. Carl was a member of Shrine Dixieland Band, Whitehall Lodge F&AM #761, Grand Council Royal



and Select Masons of Ohio, Mt. Vernon Knights Templar & Alladin Shrine Temple. He was a WWII U.S. Navy veteran serving with SACO (Sino-American Cooperative Organization) in China. Carl was a life-long entertainer, a great saxophone player and loved by all. Preceded in death by former wife, Betty, he is survived by wife, Joan (Sells); son Carl and wife Jan of Hurricane, WVA; 3 grandchildren; 2 great-granddaughters; 4 step-children; 9 step-grandchildren.

(Submitted by son, Carl).

**DEATHS REPORTED SINCE LAST ISSUE #14**

Carl E. Altevogt 1996  
RMI/c -Chungking/Kweilin/Liuchow

Frank Budinscak, Jr. 1996  
Ens. -Calcutta/Camps 3 & 4

Warren Y. Chung 1997  
RMI/c -Calcutta/Kunming/14thAF/Changting/Canton

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December 1996

Issue No. 14 of SACO NEWS conveying respects to "Billy" Miles was exceptionally well done. As the editor of SACO NEWS, you are the glue that holds the organization together. I wish that you had the energy and resources to put the NEWS out each quarter instead of semi-annual. To many of the SACO Tigers, the NEWS is the only means of retaining their interests and contacts. Any SACO veteran who doesn't pay his dues and contribute toward the support of the SACO NEWS is a penurious peon! Richard, you have received numerous compliments on the SACO NEWS and they are all well deserved. My personal and sincere thanks for holding us together.

I was saddened to read in Issue 14 that two members of Camp Ten have passed on. Marion M. Smith was a 1st Sgt in the Marine Corps and a "plank-owner" of Camp Ten arriving there on 5 Jan 1945 with Lt. Jim. Jordan, USMA, to establish the Camp. Smith set up an eight-week training course of instruction for Chinese troops that was highly successful. He was a "king-pin" among the enlisted personnel of Camp Ten. In Sept. 1945, Smith's 18-month tour was concluded and he returned home to his native Georgia where he lived for the remainder of his life.

Ens. Rolland Gabel reported to Camp

Ten on 14 May 1945 to take up the slack in the supply problems of SACO Units operating in South Central China; especially Camp Ten and Camp Two. We worked in close cooperation with Lt. Maurice Nee, OIC of the Navy supply depot (such as it was) in Kweiyang. Gabel was short, jovial and popular with all hands. When the war was over, he wheeled and dealt and persuaded the Army Q.M. people to give him trucks, rations and other supplies that Camp Ten had done without during its brief existence.



L-R: Ens. Rolland Gabel  
George M. Wilson, MM1c ?  
Marion Smith, 1st Sgt. USMC

I am enclosing an obituary for Leon Jones whose full name was Oscar Leon Jones. Leon was in charge of the Navy (SACO) postal facilities at Kunming. Leon and I were both natives of Front Royal, VA; a small place in the Northwest corner of the state - population about 2,500 souls up until 1940.

Leon's family lived on the same street as my family. We were just about a block away. My first case of "puppy-love" was over Leon's younger sister, Juanita, when we were both in the first grade. When Leon finished the county high school, he passed the civil service test and was employed in the Front Royal Post Office.

In 1943, Leon entered the Navy and

got the same job in the Navy as he worked at as a civilian. I was passing through Kunming in January 1945 on my way to Camp Ten. Some American Air Force people told me that there were Navy people in a shed at the edge of the airfield. I made my way to the shed and you can imagine my total surprise and amazement to see Leon Jones sorting mail! Had no idea whatever that he was in China. I can assure you that Camp Ten had better mail service than Hdqtrs at Happy Valley.

In mid-November, Leon and I embarked on the transport KENMORE (with numerous other SACO people) from Shanghai. We arrived at San Francisco about Dec. 20th after stops at Hong Kong and the Philippines.



Oscar Leon James

The enclosed photo of Leon was taken on the KENMORE. After Leon received his discharge from the Navy, he continued to work at the Front Royal Post Office until his retirement many years later...He was a great fellow and he lived a good life.

Bill Sager

December 1996 (Weskamp)

Ni Hao Ma!

Having just received my copy of WHAT THE HELL, I am once again aware that I am delinquent with my obligations in paying my dues. Please accept my check for \$60;

that in some small way may help me to catch up. As I grow older, I lose too many things that mean something to me and I wouldn't want the SACO NEWS to be one of them. Please bring me up to date.

Proud to have served,

Edison H. Clements, GM 2/c  
Formerly of Camp 8 and honorably discharged in Shanghai, China from permanent shore patrol there. My deepest sympathy for Wilma "Billy" Miles, SACO's First Lady.

January 1997 (Weskamp)

Received your nice letter and my SACO card, but you dated it '96. I paid for '97 so states on check #8172. Natural mistake but the card don't make any difference as long as your records are straight for I want my SACO magazine. We will not be able to go to the next one (convention). I have only been able to make 2 reunions.

While cleaning out a dresser, I found 24 pictures taken in China of some of the people of Camp 8. So put them in a new photo book and wrote beside the ones that I could remember. The pictures were pretty dog-eared; had to trim them up so the are in a book by themselves. Won't get lost now, maybe I can bring them to the next reunion after Peoria.

...May God bless all our SACO families.

Sincerely,

M. D. Wilcox

No date (To Weskamp)

I enclose my check of \$70 - \$20 for dues and \$50 for the newsletter.

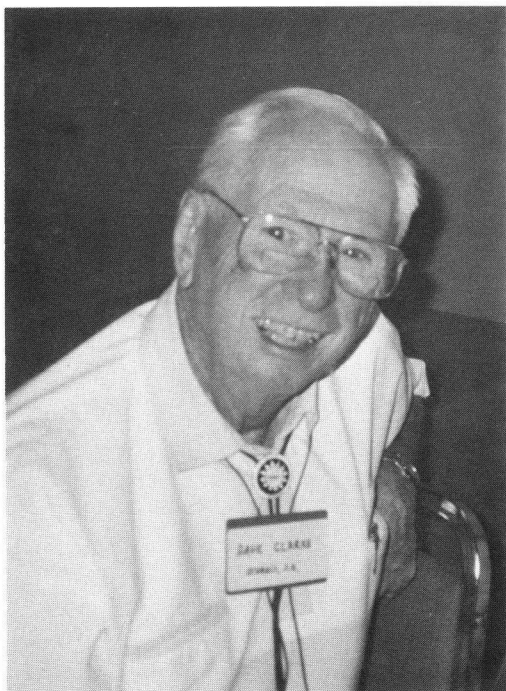


I look forward to receiving the newsletter. It makes me feel connected to a lot of people that shared the "Rice Paddy Navy" experience. You fellows are doing a great service to our members.

Best wishes,

*Lou Smith*

Lou Smith



17 June 1997

...We had a swell time and I hope you did also (Peoria Reunion). You, Jack and Beverly are certainly good to handle the hospitality room so well and to everyone's delight. I hope you don't have to wait until you get to heaven to get your rewards.

The attendance of General and Mrs. Hu and our other good friends from Taiwan added greatly to the success of the reunion. While their gifts were happily received, I feel a bit uneasy about it as I think the members of SACO are well able to and should support SACO. The annual dues are only \$20, yet those of us who attend the reunions with our wives pay at least \$750 for 5 days of enjoyment. I think it is money well spent. Other members must be of the same opinion,

otherwise they wouldn't attend each year.

The list of voluntary donors in the last issue of SACO NEWS indicates to me that the members have the ability both to support SACO and future issues of SACO NEWS, a publication of which you should be very proud. Having said that, I'll put my money where my mouth is and send a check to Wes, our honorable treasurer.

*Nave*

David J. Clarke

October 1996 (To Buckless)

Guess old age is catching up with me as I can't remember when dues are due. In any event, we enclose a check\* and the additional amount is to assist in the expense of publishing SACO NEWS.

I had initially planned to be at Longboat Key in Sept., but "chickened" out just prior to the registration deadline. I had checked out having oxygen supplied there, etc., but I do have some bad periods from time to time and was afraid I might have a problem while away from home -my doctor, etc.

...I've managed to get through '96 so far without having to be hospitalized, so for that, I'm grateful...

*Best regards  
Wayne*

\*\$100 Wayne McClow

November 1996 (To Buckless)

Am reading my 12th issue of WHAT THE HELL of of October '95 - another year gone by. Nobel Shadduck's story brings back far away memories and had it not been for Nobel, I would not have any pictures of the trip over the hump. I had an old Kodak box camera. He, Nobel, after

looking it over, told me to tape the door on after I loaded it or the crack would let in too much light. As it is, I have some good prints to view.

Also, one thing he failed to mention was the 40' low-boy trailer and semi-tractor that led our convoy carrying a large Caterpillar tractor. I don't remember how long we were on the road until it failed to make a turn in the road. The rear wheels of the trailer went off the edge. After some time, they were able to cut the trailer loose and it and the Caterpillar took the scenic tour down. The semi led the convoy without said trailer. But, as we all know, age has a way of dimming our memories. I was one, if not the youngest, on that trip.

*Al Bricker*

Al Bricker

Am sorry I can't contribute more.

Feb. 1997 (Weskamp)

Hao bu hao,

Sending my dues 'cause I'd hate to miss out on the SACO NEWS.

Don't remember most of the names, but every issue has one or two that brings back some fun memories!

Yours,

*Ed Vasold*

Ed Vasold  
CAerM

Feb. 1997 (Weskamp)

As intriguing as Peoria sounds, we won't be able to make it this year. One of these years we're hoping to attend one of the reunions.

In the meantime, here are my dues for 1997.

Have the best of meetings.

Jim Cowan

"Jake," there were ten of our group at the last one in Peoria. You are sorely missed. Can't tell you how great it is to be together again - please try, we miss you. Ed.

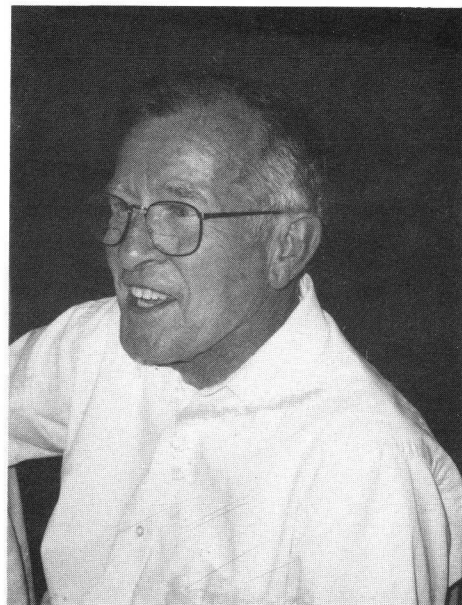
Jan 1997 (Weskamp)

I don't know whether I'm early or late with the dues. I just re-read the Nov. '96 SACO NEWS and Richard Rutan's plea was concerned and appropriate. I don't want to miss the next issue. Enclosed check for associate member dues.

Thanks,

*Brooks L. Ambos, Jr.*

Rev. Brooks L. Ambos, Jr.



Feb. 1997 (Weskamp)


To assure I remain a member in good standing in SACO, I enclose my dues for 1997. As I wrote the check, I realized I belong to very few organizations where fees are involved. I suppose that would suggest

I'm too cheap to join the VFW or the American Legion. I did join the Late Walkin' Possums Society years ago, having paid an initiation fee of \$1.00. To date I've no knowledge if I'm still registered or have been ousted; by unanimous vote I'd bet. But enough!

I thank you for accepting the role of Treasurer in SACO. I suspect you'll have your fair share of headaches so don't hesitate to hit the petty cash fund for some aspirin. Or for a "bit of the creature" which is an old Irish cure.

Wes, I send my warmest wishes to you and Katherine. Both of you STAY NICE!

Much love and thanks,



Jim Kelly

Jan. 1997 (Buckless)

I am enclosing a check for my dues. I am not sure when they are due.\* ...Herb Palmer is in a nursing home at Myrtle Beach. I saw him last year, but he did not know anyone.

Regards,



Henry Dillon

\*Hardly anyone did - hopefully that is resolved now that we are on a calendar year basis, i.e., due every January. Ed.

Frank Buckless states Herb Palmer was C.O. at Calcutta '43-'44.

December 96 (To Weskamp)

...The recent issue of the SACO NEWS was very interesting and brought

back memories. For what it is worth, in the lower picture on p.49 (Iss. 14 - Nov.'96) the third guy from the right among those standing is, I believe, John Mastenbrook. I was one of the four original officers that set up the weather central, but I was up in Inner Mongolia - Louchow or Lingshia - setting up weather stations when this picture was taken.

One of these days, I hope to get to a convention. Say "hello" to Doc Felmlly for me if you are in touch with him.



C.C. MacInnes



1997 (Weskamp)

Enclosed find check for Artie's dues. This year we cannot attend the reunion. We belong to "Sons of Norway" and our lodge's 60th anniversary is that Saturday.

Regards to all,



Artie and Rita Olsen

(To Rutan)

The following letter is in response to phone calls from Dr. Yoder (non-SACO) trying to locate personal friends who had served with SACO. Dr. Yoder is with the Geophysical Laboratory of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, D.C.


Many thanks for the copy of "SACO NEWS" on which the life of "Billy" Miles is celebrated. The entire issue displays a very vibrant and congenial view of an illustrious organization. Clearly, the group is bound together with an adventure few rarely have experienced. Our small group of sixty officers and men in Siberia also had a lifetime of experiences crammed into six months, but the Soviet branding by politicians on return to the U.S. discouraged group identification. You are indeed fortunate to have had the opportunity to maintain the comradeship developed during those trying times..

In our recent telephone conversation, I mentioned the name of John Masterson whose name appears on P.107 of Miles' book. I called his home in Boulder, CO only to learn he died on 18 March 1996 of Alzheimer's disease which he had endured for over 15 years. His picture is on P.49 of your issue No. 14 as a member of the Navy Weather Central, Happy Valley, July 1945.

On your recommendation, I called Mr. Paul Casamajor and learned that my chief aerographer's mate was indeed a member of the SACO group. He arrived in Calcutta in August 1945, too late for assignment to a weather station. The SACO records indicate he went from Kunming to Shanghai from where he was sent home. I am still waiting for the St. Louis Personnel Records Office to provide an address for Chief AerM Arthur N. Thomas.

For your kindness, I have enclosed a small donation (\$20) in support of the publication of SACO NEWS.

Sincerely,



Hatten S. Yoder, Jr.  
Director Emeritus

(I find it amazing that our publication reaches non-members in interesting circumstances....ED)



#### JULIUS ULANECK RECALLS:

After reading of Billy Miles' travels, I am reluctant to relate mine even though they are somewhat extensive.

Enlisted in the Navy 1941 - discharged 1946, having served on USS Jouett and USS Plunket - destroyers in ETO. Made Normandy and Southern France landings. Transferred to Camp Perry Virginia 1944 where I met and joined Cmdr Roy O. Stratton. Covered all of Europe and then into the rest of the world getting to China.

Joined the Chicago Police Dept. in 1946 and did various assignments: Traffic (rode solo motorcycle for 8 years, sex, homicide, robbery, burglary, etc.). Married my bride 12-9-47 a Sgt. myself married a Capt. Helen attended nursing school in Milwaukee, WI then went to work

at Woods Hospital there. She joined the Army in '43 going to England where she tended to wounded from Normandy and the Bulge. Scheduled to transfer to the Pacific, the Big Bomb stopped that.

Here we are, three girls later and five grandkids approaching that magic time. With the help of good health and the good Lord, we shall survive.

*Julius*



PATRICK & SOPHIA CHIN

Please forgive us for this belated Season's Greetings. Your Christmas card reached us at the time we were preparing to make another move to the present address. It is a brand new senior homes building, owned and administered by a private company, but under the supervision of the city government. We are one of the sixty lucky ones who had been offered a unit among three hundred-some applicants. In addition to excellent facilities, beautiful scenery and all the conveniences, this housing project is located in the metro center area and is only about 10 min. walking from our son Tony's house. Of course, another very important factor to us is that the rent is about 2/3 of the market price. We intend to live here for good unless being compelled to move out.

We are, in fact, very eager to see our SACO friends again. We will do our best to attend the reunion in 1998 because pre-arranged traveling schedule will keep us pretty busy this year. We are going to visit friends in L.A. in Feb; Vancouver, Canada in April and Taiwan and China mainland in Sept/Oct. Should you ever come to S.F. area, please let us know beforehand so we can get together before SACO reunion.

Since the Chinese New Year is approaching, we sincerely wish you a happy and prosperous Year of the Ox.

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*Pat & Sophia  
Jan. '97*

Dec. 1996

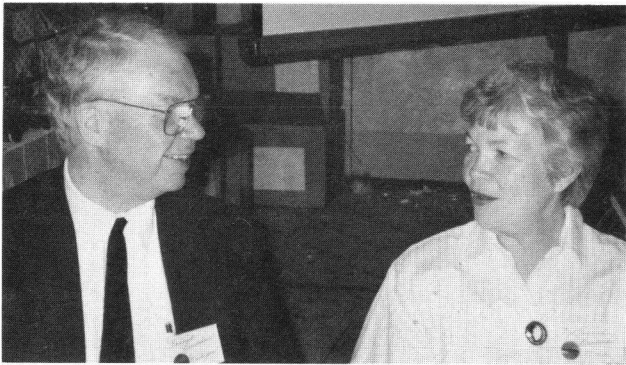
Some changes in '96 - our daughter and family moved to North Carolina in Sept. so we were busy selling property in PA and buying in Outer Banks, NC; all turned out well. They are happily situated and we are doing well in PA. We'll spend holidays with them. Our health is about the same - able to keep our schedules and keep mobile. Our dog helps with that - she demands attention and we respond. Hope all is well with you - tho't of you, Richard, on my 83rd (Kitty and I have the same BD) where did the time go?

Enjoy the SACO NEWS, Ken's memory isn't any better - can't remember past and present, so all responsibility is mine. Hope and pray I can stay alert!

Good to keep in touch.

*Ken  
Kitty*

Ken & Kitty Sheaffer



Conrad and Molly

December 1996 (To Weskamp)

I enclose my check for \$100 to cover my 1997 dues and with the balance to go toward Dick Rutan's expenses in connection with the publication SACO NEWS.

My thanks to Dick and Erma Rutan for their efforts for SACO. The NEWS has been a mighty binder in keeping the organization together. It is just the right combination of nostalgia and current reporting of who is where and what is going on. You don't find things like this except when people like the Rutans devote themselves to it as a labor of love. And their devotion has included the hours they've spent in the hospitality rooms in a dozen different cities, making things easy for all of us. I tried to express this to Dick Rutan on a flight from Tokyo to Honolulu one night, but he is not one to accept even the most deserved praise.\*

Frank Buckless has been a rock since I first met him in Calcutta. The organization is fortunate to have had someone like Buck to look after the money. Knowledgeable and trustworthy, he provided the fiduciary services with an openness which resulted in there never having been a question, to my knowledge and hearing, of any impropriety. I am sorry to have him give up the treasurership. He is a well spoken friend to everyone.

But I do appreciate that there is someone like you to pick up, to

give the time and attention to the collection of dues and the handling of funds necessary to keep the organization functioning. So until you're better paid, my congratulations to you. Guys like you, Paul Casamajor, Bill Bartee, Bill Miller and Doc Felmlly do good.

I guess all of us are sorry to see Billy Miles go. She was a most interesting lady, a good conversationalist with fascinating stories, and a complete dedication to SACO. It was always good to see her to have a proxy for the continuing interest her husband had in all of us.

We continue to lose good people like Carl Divelbiss along the way, now at a seemingly accelerated pace as our life expectancies mature. The time we spent in SACO is memorable to all of us, and what a loose tight loose band we are!

Very truly yours,

*Conrad C. Baschew*

\*Since your accolades are so resplendently composed, I would certainly be remiss not to acknowledge your recognition of so many SACOs. To be one of many certainly fills me with pride, and people like you, who provide the catalyst for further endeavors, make me proud to serve my SACO family. Conrad, it was kind of you to take the time to pass on your appreciation and I am most sincerely grateful. Ed.

1997 (Weskamp)


Recently, I received a copy of the November 1996 copy of SACO NEWS. The "Editorial" of that issue was very much to the point re membership. I am heeding the well-deserved counsel.

Please find enclosed a check for sixty dollars. This amount covers my dues and that of my wife for this past year and for the coming

year. I was unable to attend the convention this year and, therefore, negligently failed to pay dues on time.

I do plan to attend the convention in Peoria next May. Illinois is the state in which I was born. I shall combine attending the convention with that of visiting relatives. My wife, unfortunately, will not be able to attend for she will be performing a concerto composed by her. The performance is on the occasion of her being formally recognized as "Composer of the Year" for the state of Oregon.

Best to you and yours,



Don Miller

Jan. 1997 (Weskamp)

Please take the balance of monies and donate it to WHAT THE HELL news.

If I had one comment to make, it would be that members should be billed on an annual basis. I had no idea that I didn't pay for 1996. You could also request, with the billing of dues, contributions for the WHAT THE HELL news.

Sincerely,



Alfred G. Gerosa

Dec 1996

We are sorry, too, that we missed the reunion (FL). We always enjoy them so very much. We're sure to make it next year in IL. We can't think of anything that can stop us (never know for sure). We just didn't have enough spare time last year. Let's put it this way - if



all our family stays well and we don't get big surprises, we'll be there, hopefully! Hell, I don't know!

We've been well with the exception of head colds.

Also, sorry to hear of SACO friends' deaths and illnesses!

You two stay well!

*Love as usual.*

*Kenneth and Lillie*

Kenneth and Lillie Brown

1997 (Weskamp)

Sorry I have not been doing a good job of my SACO dues the last years. Will try and do better from now on. Enjoy getting the SACO NEWS. I am going to try and make it to the reunion this year.

*JOE L. SERRES*

Joe L. Serres

No date (Weskamp)

Even though I am just an assoc.

member, the dues are well worth the SACO NEWS.

There were many S&R's and Roger people in SACO.

*Jim Barnes*

Jim Barnes

1997 (Weskamp)

Enclosed is a check for my yearly dues and a bit extra for whatever good use it may be put to.

*Bob Prescott*

Bob Prescott  
Camp Three



October 1996 (Buckless)

Sorry for the delay in sending my 1996 dues. Have been ill most of the year with two heart attacks and then a 6 by-pass operation in August. Am improving fairly well, but it does take time. Hope reunion in Florida was well attended. Had hoped to try and make it since Lloyd was host.

Hope you're still bowling strikes!

Best,

*Don*

Don Leberman

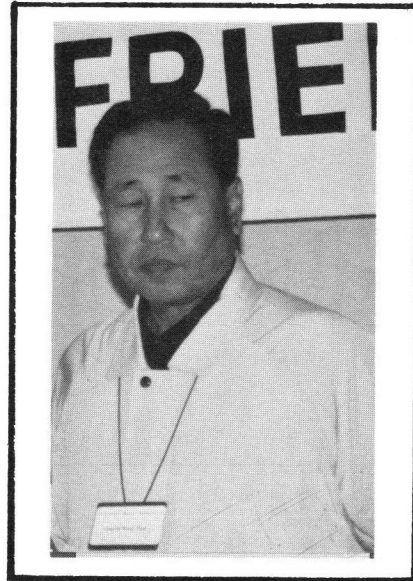
October 1996 (Buckless)

Lee reports a great time at the last SACO meeting. Enclosed find a check for a donation\* - perhaps some could go towards publishing the paper by Rutan.

Cheers,

*Ruby Alverson*

Ruby Alverson \*\$100



July 1997

Dear Mr. Rutan:

Thank you very much for the hearty hospitality you extended to us at the SACO Convention in Peoria.

It was indeed your tremendous efforts that enable the convention to wind up with a complete success. I consider it a great privilege to be there in the reunion and will keep in mind the wonderful time we shared together. Rendering my thanks again, I also hope that the firm friendship between SACO and this Bureau will last forever.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

*Wang Ting*

Wang Ting  
Maj. General, ROC Army  
Chief of Staff



# MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK REACHES CENTURY MARK

**One of the most powerful women of the 20th century is about to turn 100 — or thereabouts.**

The following article is from THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION dated March 16, 1997 and submitted by Fran Waters:

By Laura Tyson

**TAIPEI, TAIWAN**

She enchanted America and Europe with her genteel Georgia accent, Christian piety and Asian mystique. Her elegance and Western ideals inspired fellow Chinese even as she repulsed them with her hauteur and extravagance.

The president, prime ministers and dictators who were her contemporaries when she shone brightest have long passed away — from Churchill and Roosevelt to Mao and Mountbatten. She, the "Wildest Swan," is the sole survivor.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek, one of the most influential women of the 20th century is about to turn 100 or thereabouts.

Much like the personality of the former first lady of China, the precise age of Soong May-ling is something of a mystery. Some sources suggest she's already a centenarian and others insist she is 98.



Friends gathered last week-end to celebrate quietly in Taiwan, where she and her generalissimo husband retreated after losing mainland China to the Communists in 1949.

It's generally believed she was born Feb. 28, 1898 according to China's lunar calendar, or mid March by the solar calendar used in the West. The Chinese calculate age by chalking up a year at birth, so she's marking her 100th with a party Thursday for her closest friends at her home in New York.

Her life spans China's long march from a feudal-

istic society ruled by a corrupt imperial regime toward a modern industrialized state. She was also behind some extraordinary misconceptions about converting the masses because they knew the first lady was a Methodist.

And she influenced international perceptions on "Red China," the McCarthyite purges in the United States, the Vietnam War and the Communist quest to overrun East Asia.

Born into a wealthy Shanghai merchant family in the waning years of the Qing Dynasty, she was the youngest of three Soong sisters whose lives helped to fashion the country's modern history.

Although in relatively good health, she rarely emerges from her Lattingtown, Long Island estate, to which she retired after the death of her husband in 1975. Her most recent public appearance was in March last year at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art for an exhibition of imperial Chinese treasures.

In July 1995, she appeared at a congressional reception held in her honor in

Washington, more than half a century after she captivated the American public with pleas for aid to fight the Japanese. The first private citizen to address the House and Senate, she was described in serious newspaper reports as the "willowy, exotic Madame Chiang," a "lissome Joan of Arc," who was greeted with a "standing, whistling, stamping" ovation.

"Hitler is not our first concern," she warned, urging the United States to concentrate its military energy and money on defeating Japan, a "sword of Damocles" hanging over the civilized world. The warnings were blended with her brand of wooing. "I came to your country as a little girl...I speak your language, not only the language of your hearts, but also your tongue...I feel that I am also coming home."

May-ling's Christian father, Charlie Soong, a missionary-entrepreneur, was educated in the United States - at Trinity College, now Duke University - and became a chief backer of the 1911 Chinese revolution led by Sun Yat-sen. Charlie's children spent their early years in China, but were schooled mainly in the United States. May-ling lived in Macon for five years and attended Wesleyan College there for two years before transferring to Wellesly, near Boston. Two of her sisters, Ching-ling and Ai-ling, earned degrees at the Macon women's college.



Clockwise upper R - Casper Weinburger, Former ROC Premier Hau Pei Tsun-Madame Chiang

From ASIA WEEK 8-6-1995 (Published in Hong Kong) and submitted by James Dunn.

May-ling's graduation to the political stage came in 1927, when she married Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, head of the Nationalist Chinese Military. It was apparently not love at first sight. Chiang, with the sunken features of a haunted visage, was already married and kept a pair of concubines. But for the sake of the international image, it was important that their relationship be seen

as more Christian than Confucian. That explained his prenuptial conversion and the choice of Shanghai's Majestic Hotel for the wedding, where a Methodist minister presided.

May-ling served her husband as a critical bridge between East and West as a translator, propangandist, and inveterate letter writer and wooer of world leaders.

Communist-free China. When the Nationalists were defeated in the civil war, he fretted aloud about how the United States had "lost China." And, until his death in 1967, he was determined that Madame Chiang figure on an annual list of the world's most famous women.

The British were generally less infatuated with the Chiangs, but

subject" - later he called her "one of the most perfect women in the world."

The Chiangs were feted as saviors internationally but unpopular at home. Her public relations machine is still purring, but unflattering tell-all accounts of her life have left the image blemished. The reactions of harsh critics, who portray her as a dragon lady and



Madame Chiang reads congratulatory letter from President Lee Teng-hui. On March 18, 1997, she received two groups of ROC representatives who came to NYC to celebrate her 100th birthday by Chinese custom which was on March 20, 1997.

Central to her power was Henry Luce, co-founder of Time and Life magazines and the son of China missionaries. He was the tireless cheerleader for the Chiangs.

Luce was blind to the blatant corruption of the Nationalist regime and inspired by the vision of a Christian,

her ability to get things done was admired. She was behind the formation of the "Flying Tigers" of Gen. Claire Chennault, whose aircraft ferried supplies over the Himalayan "hump" to China, where they fought the Japanese. Chennault thought she had good intentions, but nothing about

keeper of dark secrets, are as extreme as the affections of her eternal fans.

On Taiwan where she lived 26 years as part of the Chinese government-in-exile, she was long feared as the power behind the throne.

Remembered for an iron will, Western tastes and a disdain for native-

born Taiwanese, she was also reviled as a symbol of power and corruption.

"She is seen as elitist and totally out of touch with the common people," said Wang Kewen, a Chinese historian.

According to Hau-Pei-tsun, a former premier, she has supported Taiwan's transformation from military dictatorship to democracy over the last decade. But some recent developments "disappoint her" including the Taiwanese movement to seek formal independence from China and "extremely unfair" criticisms of her husband.

Although Soong Mayling still carries a Republic of China (Taiwan) passport and never became a U.S. citizen, she will probably be buried in the Soong family plot outside New York.

Her twilight in semi-exile tells of the continuing contradictions of her life. She is Chinese, but more at home in New York and in English. She promotes traditional Confucian Culture, but she is a Christian. She was a strutting star, relishing the spotlight, and yet she has lived the past two decades in obscurity.

She fought for Taiwan to be recognized by the United States as "Free China," but the rise and recognition of the mainland was inevitable. She was ultimately betrayed by Richard Nixon who traveled to Beijing in 1972, even though she had cultivated him long before he was inaugurated as president.

#### SARA JONES....

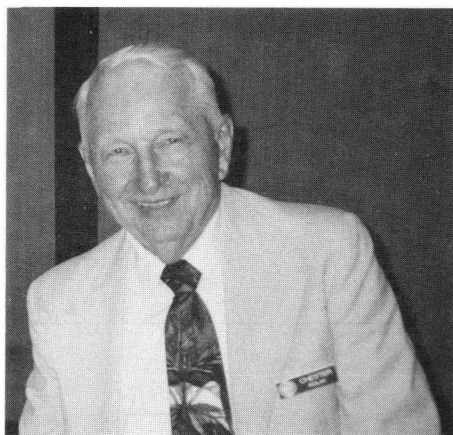
says she is one of the tops in the computer world.

Sara and Mayhew were married nearly 70 years. Her wish is to live until the year 2000 and "I will have lived in three centuries and won't that be something to talk about!"

Mark your calendars;

December 2 this year, Sara will be 98. Send her a card or call her anytime. She said, "You've made me so happy, I just love you for makin' my day!" She made mine and will yours too! Ed.

\*Private direct line - she has an apartment on ground level and says she just loves living there.



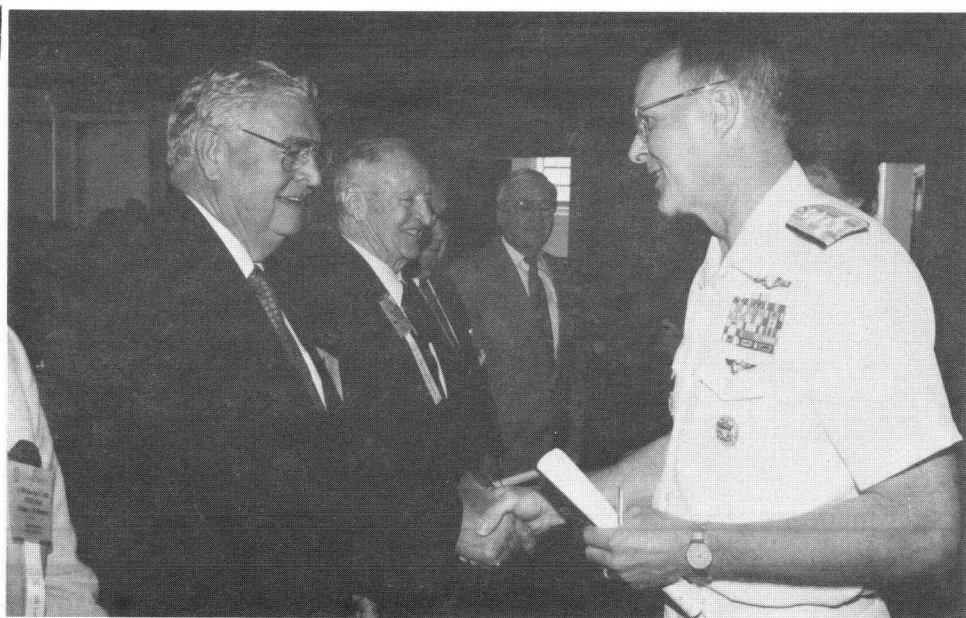
CHESTER ROLAK

Dec. 1996 (Rutan)

I had Theraseed

paladium 102 implanted in my prostate on 12-10-96 as outpatient in hospital. This is a one-shot deal with no cancer reappearing up to 15 yrs. I feel great; no after effects and can do anything I want after 48 hrs. I felt great right from the time they finished the implants. Nothing to do except follow up on PSA.

*Chut*



"Doc" Felmy receives pocket medallion and personal parchment as a "Golden" Member of the US Naval Institute (50 years). Presentation by Adm. Larson.

July 4, 1997

Richard Rutan  
45-480 Desert Fox Dr.  
La Quinta, CA 92253-4214

Dear Richard,

I recently received a letter from the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation soliciting the participation of Navy veterans in enrolling in the Navy Memorial Log. This Log is part of the U.S. Navy Memorial and includes the personal information of each Navy veteran that submits his or her Log Entry Information.

It appeared to me that this is a worthwhile venture and that there may be others from our SACO organization who would be interested in participating. Paul Casamajor suggested that you might be interested in including some information in the next issue of the SACO News about the Memorial and the Navy Memorial Log.

A Log Entry Information form is provided for submitting the information to the Log. I have made several copies of the form which I can provide, alternately persons can write to:

United States Navy Memorial Foundation  
701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 123  
Washington, D.C. 20004

or the forms are available from the Internet: [www.lonesailor.org](http://www.lonesailor.org)

Paul Casamajor informed me that SACO has previously made a donation for a seat and a plaque in the name of Admiral Miles in the Arleigh Burke Memorial Theater which is part of the Memorial. Since I am a relatively new member, I do not know what our SACO organization has done or should do regarding assuring that SACO is properly included in the annals of U. S. Navy history. It appears to me that the inclusion of SACO personnel in the Navy Memorial Log at this time is a matter of personal action. However, it may be that there is a way that the history of SACO as an organization can be included in a permanent repository, such as the U. S. Navy Memorial.

I have included the enclosed material which I abstracted from information e-mailed to me by the Navy Memorial <[ahoy@lonesailor.org](mailto:ahoy@lonesailor.org)>. You may wish to include some of this material in an article for the SACO News.

cc: P. Casamajor

Sincerely,

  
Robert J. Hoe

## U.S. Navy Memorial

The U. S. Navy Memorial Foundation has issued a press release regarding the upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Memorial Monument dedication in Washington, D. C. The press release, in part, is as follows:

“Honor, Courage, Commitment: Setting the Course for Tomorrow,” theme for U.S. Navy Memorial's 10th anniversary

Founders, friends and supporters of the U.S. Navy Memorial are planning an early October celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Washington monument on Pennsylvania Avenue which honors America's sea services personnel. The Navy Memorial Foundation has chosen an anniversary theme "Honor, Courage, Commitment: Setting the Course for Tomorrow," to express its commitment to naval heritage education for future generations.

"We will celebrate the past ten years and renew our commitment to education programs for the years ahead," said Rear Admiral Henry C. McKinney, president and CEO of the foundation.

Anniversary activities will open with a Lone Sailor Awards Dinner October 9 at the Naval Heritage Center next to the Memorial and conclude with a U. S. Navy Band concert, wreath-laying ceremony, parade of state flags, and a giant birthday cake-cutting -- and sharing -- at the Memorial on October 13, the birthday which the Memorial shares with the U.S. Navy. In between will be special events, motion picture screenings and exhibits at the Naval Heritage Center; the Foundation's board of directors will hold its annual meeting during the period.

In addition to the public, naval service veterans, ship and squadron reunion groups and military-related association representatives are being invited to take part in the celebration, --- .”

For those not familiar with the Navy Memorial, here are some of the facts regarding this Memorial:

United States Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center: Port of entry to the Mall & the Navy's home port in Washington. The U. S. Navy Memorial was authorized by Congress in 1980 to honor the men and women of the sea services who have served their country in war and peace. The Memorial and the Naval Heritage Center next to it were developed by the United States Navy Memorial Foundation.

Location: Market Square, between 7th and 9th Streets, Northwest, and Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC, midway between the White House and Capitol and immediately north of the National Archives. Served by Metro's Yellow and Green Lines to Archives/Navy Memorial Station.

Concept: An educational and functional facility to include "Living Memorial" and a supporting Naval Heritage Center, venues for:

-Free outdoor concerts of the U.S. Navy Band and other famed bands of the military services

and visiting high school bands,

-Official honors and ceremonies of the United States Navy, reenlistments, retirements and changes of command,

-Memorial tributes by naval unit reunion groups and other veterans organizations,

-Educational programs fostering awareness and appreciation of America's rich and enduring naval heritage.

Design: A 100-foot diameter circular plaza bearing a grid map, the world's largest map of the world, inlaid in two shades of granite, flanked by fountains, waterfalls and sculptures dedicated to the U. S. Navy and foreign navies.

-Military bands perform on a four-tiered concert stage on the plaza's northern arc.

-The Lone Sailor, a seven-foot tall statue sculpted by Stanley

Bleifeld, stands on the grid map and represents all who have served or will serve in the Navy.

-Two sculpture walls hold 22 bronze relief panels, depicting Navy history or recognizing a Navy community.

-A Naval Heritage Center to support the Memorial's educational objectives.

Implementation: The exterior Navy Memorial, including the amphitheater, fountains, concert stage and the Lone Sailor statue, was formally dedicated in official ceremonies on the U. S. Navy's Birthday October 13, 1987. Dedication of bronze reliefs began in 1990.

The Naval Heritage Center, opened in June 1991. Twenty-four thousand square feet of space have been leased in the East building of the Market Square commercial development behind the Navy Memorial for the Naval Heritage Center. Occupying two floors, a Quarterdeck and a Gallery Deck, the Naval Heritage Center features:

-At Sea, a thrilling, action-packed visual and sound spectacular -- At Sea is presented in the 250-seat Arleigh and Roberta Burke Theater.

-The Navy Memorial Log Room -- displaying service information about present and former sea service members who have supported the Navy Memorial project, 232,000 persons as of December 1996.

-Ship's Store gift shop.

-U. S. Presidents Room for meetings, receptions and other catered events.

-Electronic kiosks that present superbly programmed and visually exciting interactive video displays on naval history and the ships and planes of the Fleet.

- Naval Heritage Center spaces are available for private meetings, receptions, and luncheons for government, business, industry, associations and other organizations.

**U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation:**

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*They will teach us to quarrel about God, as Catholics and Protestants do. We do not want to do that. We may quarrel with men sometimes about things on earth, but we never quarrel about the Great Spirit. We do not want to learn that.*

*Chief Joseph*

# DISGRACE THAT SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN

## Napa Veterans Cemetery In State of Disrepair

by Dean O. Goff, USAF Ret.

Here in Napa County in Northern California is located the California Veterans Home. It was established in 1884 and some 36,000 veterans have been members over that period. About 4600 are buried in a cemetery located in rolling hills behind the Veterans Home, among them are veterans of the Indian Wars, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, WWI, WWII, and possibly some Korean War Veterans. The Cemetery has been closed for burials since 1953 due to a lack of space and the rock formations which make almost impossible to dig graves. There are three Congressional Medal of Honor recipients buried there. This cemetery has been allowed to fall into a state of disrepair that should make it an embarrassment to Veterans everywhere.

The irrigation system has been inoperative for many years. Tombstones have tipped and sunk into the ground. Many are broken. The tombstones are covered with dried mud and moss to the point that it is almost impossible to read the inscriptions. Although there is a flag pole, the flag does not fly over the cemetery except on special days such as the 4th of July, Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Veterans who live in the area are very

upset about the condition of the cemetery. The State is aware of the problem and responds to complaints by saying that the State simply cannot afford the estimated \$650,000 to \$1,000,000 that it will cost to restore the cemetery. Instead, the State has indicated that attempts are underway to get Federal funding to help with the project. In the meantime, nothing is

being done. Pictures taken from the Veterans Home Archives indicate that this condition has existed, for the most part, from the 1930s. The Veterans of this area, who see the cemetery on a fairly regular basis, are desperately seeking help from any source to see that the State of California meets its obligations to our dead comrades.

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| Charles O. Cook 1996<br>Lt. -Chungking/Kunming   | Melvin Magnet 1997<br>AerM1/c -Chungking                                |
| Miller Cyanovich 1997<br>GM1/c -Camp 7/Changchow/Meishien/Shanghai                             | Will H. Massey 1997<br>GM2/c -Camp 7/Shanghai                           |
| Thomas J. Delaney, Jr. 1997<br>RM1/c -Kienyang/Meishien/Swatow                                 | Lloyd Henry McMullan 1996<br>AerM1/c -Chungking/Kanchow/Yungtai/Foochow |
| Philip T. DeMontgomery 1994<br>Lt. French Army -Chungking/Camp 3/Siping/<br>Chen Ping/Shanghai | Col. Albert F. Metz, USMC 1994<br>Lt.Col. -Chungking/Camp 3             |
| Vincent B. Drury 1997<br>RM1/c -Calcutta/Yungtai/Foochow/Chienou                               | Robert G. Miller 1997<br>MoMM3/c -Calcutta/Kunming                      |
| George Dwork 1996<br>CAerM -Kunming  | Clifford D. Pease 1997<br>CPhM -Calcutta/Kunming/Pact Doc/Shanghai      |
| Paul E. Fitzharris 1997<br>RM1/c -Camp 2/Changsha  | David M. Prince 1997<br>Lt.(jg) -Chungking                              |
| George W. Glenn 1997<br>PhM2/c -Chungking  | Nobel Shadduck AerM3/c 1997<br>Calcutta/Kunming                         |
| Matthew Gromala 1996<br>BM1/c -Calcutta/Foochow  | James R. Sims<br>PhM1/c -Calcutta/Camp 2                                |
| Nelson G. Hillman 1995<br>Sgt MC -Camp 1/Changting/Wash DC                                     | Victor J. Sullivan 1996<br>Lt. -Calcutta                                |
| Theodore Hockenberry 1978<br>CY -Chungking/Shanghai  | Arthur N. Thomas 1981<br>Ch AerM -Calcutta/Kunming/Shanghai             |
| Willard D. Inman 1997<br>CRT -Jorhat/Chungking/Shanghai  | Byron R. Winborn, Jr. 1997<br>Lt. -Kunming/Changting/Shanghai           |
| Alfred C. Jackson 1995<br>Lt.Cdr. -Kunming/Camp 2/Kanchow/Wash DC                              |   |
| L.D. Jones 1996<br>PhM1/c -Camp 1  |   |
| Robert S. Karstetter 1997<br>RM1/c -Chungking/Lanchow  |   |
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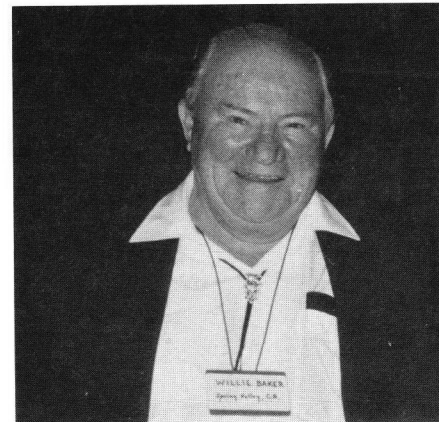
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This copy of a flyleaf from Roy. O. Stratton's THE RICE PADDY NAVY came by the way of Willie Baker through an acquaintance of his, who found the book at a book exchange. Having knowledge and interest in SACO, he purchased the book and brought it to the attention of Willie.

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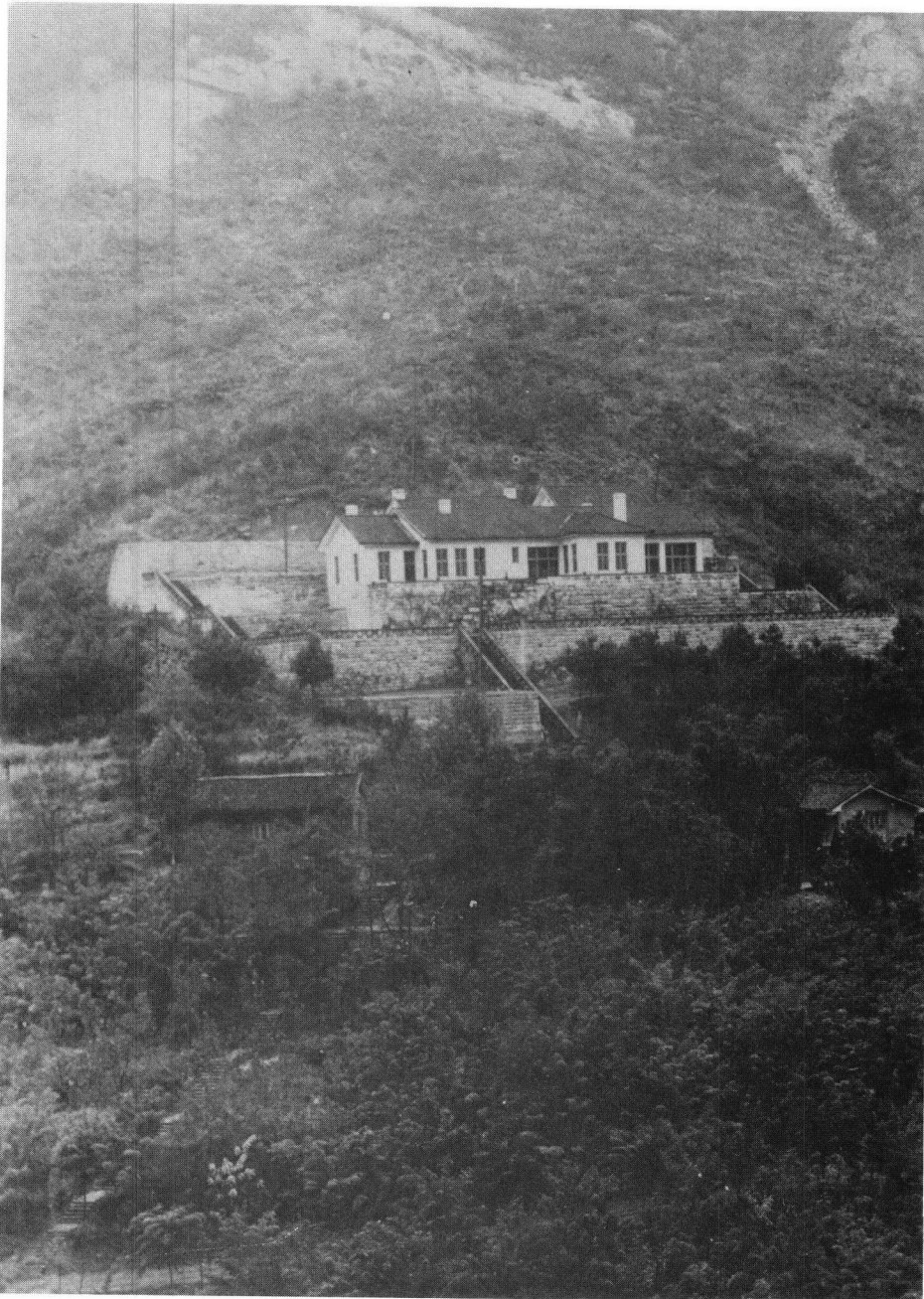
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Interesting to say the  
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the Skipper was still  
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subjects?

WHAT THE HELL????!!!\*\*\*

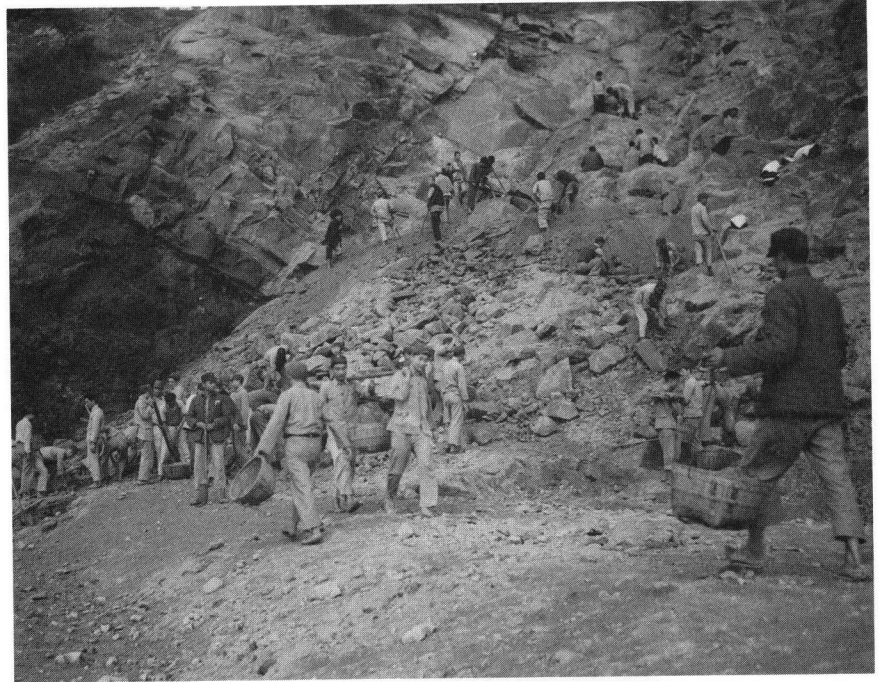
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STANDING L-R: PIKE + WILLIAMS + STRICKLER  
WATERS + BROTT + NO. 1 +  
WEBBER + STEVENSON + MALLOY  
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FRONT: THE COOK & HOUSEBOYS

LEFT: "PINE TREE HOUSE" BUILT FOR MILES'  
HEADQUARTERS IN HAPPY VALLEY 1945



ACTIVITIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF UNIT NINE





GENERAL TAI LI AS A YOUNG STUDENT



PHOTO TAKEN 11-11-45 @ CUSTOM HOUSE HOSTEL, PAGODA ANCHORAGE, FOOCHOW, FUKIEN PROVINCE, CHINA. PHOTO IS COURTESY OF Guy D. Tressler and The Foochow Gang.

NOTE: Code Name PACT SHOT = PACIFIC Asiatic China Theater **SCHOETtler**

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REAR L-R: J.W. "Tex" Finlayson (The Mighty)-A.J. Keesee-Dick "Bud" Terpstra-CY Sam Zitter-K.C. Williams-....."Mac" RM1c-Ray Allaire-J.B. Hudson-.....-.....-CCM P.V. Redman-.....- ? Hazelton-Jerry Jarman Matt Gromala-Guy Maddox-Herb Hulseberg-R.G. Chen-Wiley C."Red" Williamson-L.J. "Duke" Zucks-John H. Fredrick-H.P. Sawyer-F. "Jim" Whitlock-John H. Brown III-Bob F. Weber-.....-Vern E. Herberg-Joe Semonovich-Nelson Foran - ? Schultz.

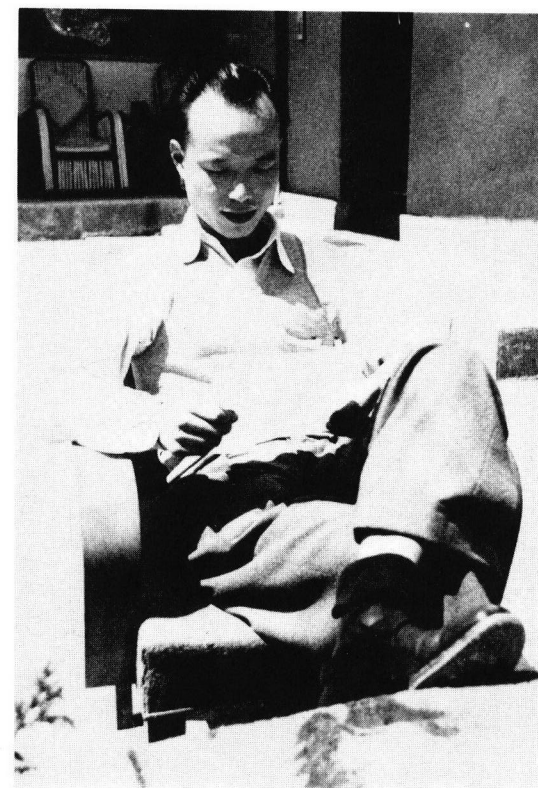
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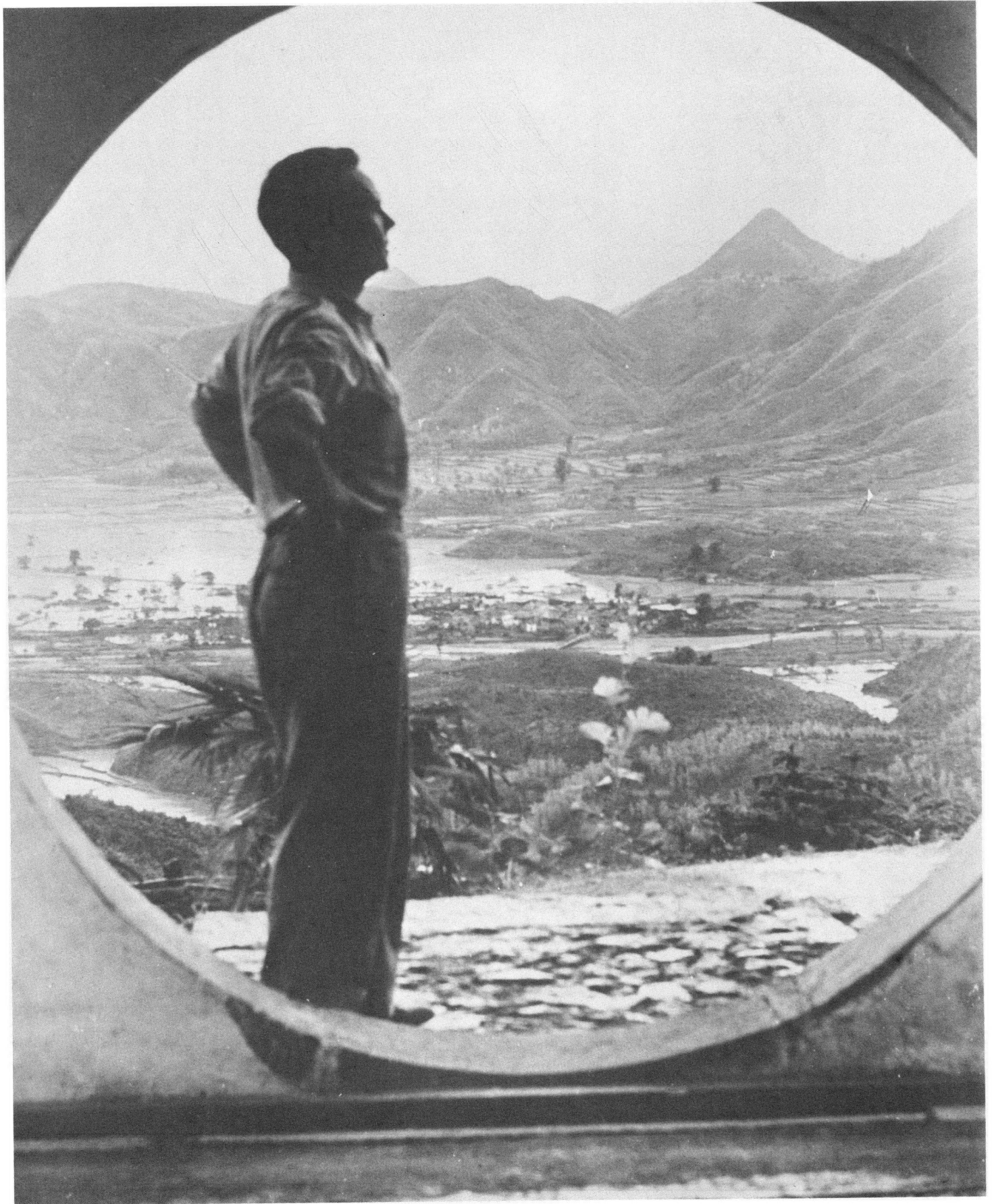
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Photos Courtesy B. E. Griffin





"Mary" Miles stands in the moon gate of the hillside house overlooking Pao An which Gen. Tai Li had built for his mother. She retreated to it when the Japanese took her town and from it, directed the anti-Japanese activities of the townsfolk.

LT. LANGFORD

CDR. JOYCE

BOB HILL

KNOW ANYBODY ELSE HERE????!!!\*\*\*



# RIMEN FLIRT WITH MUTINY

(Photo on previous page is remindful of bitter days)

There must be many stories yet to be told about SACO and here's one that I doubt many are aware of other than those of us involved at the time. I've hesitated to recall it for fear of refreshing bitter memories, but probably those playing the lead roles in the episode have preceded us in the next 'act.' In any event, it is true and I won't dwell on every scathing event that composed this scenario.

Cdr. Theodore W. Joyce was not out to win any personality contests in his command of FRUCHI\* compound outside Kunming; not withstanding his staff. In so many, innumerable ways and incidents, he exhibited his contempt and utter disrespect for enlisted personnel, especially.

Our quarters being approximately 8 miles from the city, on liberty, if no compound vehicles were scheduled for Kunming, we were obliged to hitch a ride into Kunming by whatever means available. Our CO was known to pass us in his jeep and, while still in sight of us, clearly scornfully would stop and pick up a full load of local coolies and leave us in the lurch.

One day, his seemingly pompous self-evaluation that his intelligence dominated most, he tried his hand at an electrical problem near the pond of lotus plants which fronted our complex - an undertaking that should have been done through proper channels. He became entangled with a hot wire. Between that and the water - his life was on the line. Suddenly, it was like a scene at a bullfight with many spectators cheering the "charge" and having little regard for the victim. I felt a little sick inside wondering how a human being, by his own design of character, could bring people to a state bordering on mob violence by creating such disrespect and hatred among those he was supposed

to command and protect! Someone, I don't recall who and to the dismay of many, found a wooden object and freed the man before he was "done in."

The culmination of this period of discontentment among the men was when Cdr. Joyce, upon learning that one of his officers volunteered his time to teach us the Chinese language, chastised the officer by stating demeaningly, "Why cast your pearls on the swine?"

Having a witness to this defamation of our crew, we at last felt we had clout and proceeded to petition as a group to sign collectively a "Request to transfer to any ship or station in the United States Navy." Fortunately, we had an executive officer on our side returning the document explaining, "For God's sake, this is **MUTINY!** Upon receiving this shocking revelation, we quickly (100%) of our complement) submitted individual transfer requests. We were advised that Cdr. Joyce was most anxious to discuss the situation either individually, 2,3 or 4 at a time, whatever, to see if circumstances could be resolved. We held fast and in about 6 weeks, Adm. Miles relieved our CO of his duties and he was recalled to Washington.

In later months, after completing my tour in China, I saw our former CO on a street corner in Washington where we had gone for debriefing. Our eye contact made it obvious that he chose to ignore me, but I spoke boldly and disrespectfully as to rank which I felt had been disgraced: "Hello, Joyce." He did respond with just, "Hello."

And thus, another tale of the Tigers who got the Tiger by the tail! ???!!!\*\*\*

\*FLEET RADIO UNIT CHINA

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## BAINBRIDGE IS.....

Disappointed "crew" heads back to Seattle...



During the July 1995 Seattle Convention, several members of our original RI gang headed for Bainbridge Is. in quest of our former training quarters. Disembarking at Winslow, we were to learn the island had only one cab in service. With our group and the gals, it would have meant four or five shuttles with no real assurance the driver would know where he was going.

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Bitterly disappointed, we head back to Seattle. L-R: Charles Sellers, John Westphal, Bill Hall, John Waters, Richard Rutan, Jack Petersen. (See article BAINBRIDGE IS. THE PLACE THAT WAS...Jack Miller had better luck! ???!!!\*\*\*

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