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

SINO AMERICAN COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION

SACO VETERANS

SIXTY-ONE DELEGATES ARE GUESTS OF ROC FOR CELE- BRATION OF DOUBLE TENTH

On 6 October 1989, 31 SACO delegates departed Los Angeles and 30 left San Francisco via China Airlines bound for the ROC Double Tenth Celebration in Taipei. The two groups arrived just a few minutes apart at the CKS International Airport and were met by Lt. Gen. Huang Shih-chung and members of his staff from the MIB. After presentation of leis and getting passports in order, the entire party boarded busses and was off to the beautiful and incomparable Grand Hotel for a night of much needed rest. The next day, Sunday, the delegates visited the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall. The next day, a visit was made to the Military Intelligence Bureau of the Ministry of National Defense for a welcome reception. In the afternoon most of the group went to a national patriotic celebration show at the National College of Physical Education and Sports. A small group of SACO representatives paid a courtesy call on the Commander-in-Chief of the ROC Navy and Gen. Sung Hsin-lien, Director of the National Security Bureau.



Lt. Gen. & Mrs. Huang Shih-chung

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The third day was the most celebrated holiday of the year, the Double Tenth, and it was a busy day, beginning with viewing the great parade from the front of the Presidential Palace. Prior to the parade, SACO representatives were presented to His Excellency ROC President Lee Teng-hui. Immediately after the parade, we hurried across town to the MIB for the mass wedding (10 couples) which was followed by a fantastic buffet luncheon and reception. Then a short stop back at the Grand Hotel before being whisked away to one of the most unbelievable cocktail parties anyone was ever privileged to attend. It was the National Day Reception hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a garden close by the Presidential Palace.

Wednesday, October 11 was an early morning start arriving at Hukou Village, Hsinchu County at 0900 to witness an awesome display of the military. Hundreds of members of all branches of service passed in review, marching bands, military vehicles, including seemingly hundreds of tanks, while overhead aircraft performed spectacularly with formation flying and belching colored streamers that billowed across the sky followed by rolls, loops, and extremely low passes over the parade ground. Then there were the incredible paratroopers so skilled in their maneuvers as to land on designated targets directly in front of all the spectators. What a thrilling, unforgettable tribute displayed by those extremely talented young military personnel!

And who can ever forget the receptions and briefings as we visited the various academies the next couple of days; dinner with the cadets at the Air Force Academy, lunching with the Naval Academy cadets and dinner at the Military Academy following their formal weekly dress review? The thundering applause delivered by hundreds and hundreds of immaculate, sharp-looking young men as our group arrived and took leave of their premises was an emotional experience and an honored tribute we shall always cherish; the echo of their standing ovations will be with us always down memory lane.

It was an all-too-short stay overnight at the Caesar Park Hotel in Kenting; a five-star establishment and truly beautiful. But, though SACO people enjoy every moment and every place, possibly the Grand Hotel remains dearest in the hearts of all.

Prior to leaving Kenting, there was a tour of the National Park and on to an overnight at the Ambassador Hotel in Kaohsiung City. The following day (Friday) included formal visits to the Marine Corps Academy, Naval Fleet HQ, the Naval Academy, the Armed Forces

Preparatory School and the Military Academy.

The last full day, Saturday, Oct. 14, SACO representatives paid courtesy calls on His Excellency General Hau Pei-tsun, Chief of the General Staff (and now the Minister of National Defense) and His Excellency Premier Lee Huan of the Executive Yuan. It was a time for shopping for most of the delegates. The final and farewell banquet was that evening and hosted by Gen. and Mrs. Chao Chih-yuan, Vice-Chief of the General Staff, MND.

Thus concluded another storybook holiday hosted by our ROC friends. One continues to marvel at their hospitality which seemingly knows no limits and a friendship that seems destined to eternity.

Those attending the Double Tenth Festivities in Taiwan were:

Departing Los Angeles:

ANDEREGG, Darvin & Virginia
BARTEE, Bill
BENEDICT, Verne
BURKE, Leonard
CLARKE, David
DIVELBISS, Carl
DOYLE, Ed
FINTAK, Leonard & Dolores
GILROY, Lillian "Slim"
HANKINS, Ralph
HARABIN, George
HILL, Bob & Lola
McMULLAN, Lloyd
MORGAN, Jon
MURPHY, Jim
NELSON, Bernard & Hazel
PEASE, Cliff & Kathlyn
RUBINO, Ed & Winnifred
RUTAN, Richard & Erma
SCURLOCK, Henry
SPRINGER, V. Aldon
WESKAMP, Wes & Kathryn
WESTPHAL, John

Departing from San Francisco:

ALVERSON, Lee
BLAIR, Willis & Mildred
BONIN, Harold
BOOTH, JR., Bud & Ellen
BRANDWEIN, Harry
BRIGHTBILL, Wade & Concetta
CASAMAJOR, Paul & Martha
DODSON, James
ESTES, James
GORDON, Doug
HATTERMAN, Wayne & Fanny
KELLY, James
LIPTAI, Allison
LIU, Eddie & Lucy
MILES, Wilma "Billy"
MILES, Charles
MILLER, Robert G.
NELSON, Norman
PEACOCK, William
POYDA, Michael
PRATT, Al & Eunice
PURVIS, Guy
REINER, Tom

Impressions of First-Timers to Taiwan:

The Andereggs made the first page of their hometown newspaper in Charles City, IA regarding their experiences in Taiwan for the Double Tenth. Quoting from the news article: The couple said that from the moment they stepped off the plane, they were treated like royalty or official dignitaries. "It was something I never expected in all my lifetime to be treated that way," said Darwin. "You didn't go anywhere you weren't escorted, treated like royalty or presented gifts," added Virginia. "I'm still in seventh heaven over it."

John Westphal - "It was one of the greatest experiences of my life! I debated about going for health reasons

---am so glad I made the decision to go, for not only did I have a rare experience being treated as a KING, but reaffirmed values I have long held about life...about Chinese...about our beloved nation. It was a humbling experience, to be so totally appreciated for past deeds. We all were unique in at least one way...our group was the ONLY group of Americans who served directly under a foreign military leader during WWII, our Commander being Gen. Tai Li; the second in command an American, Admiral Miles. Our departure on Sunday was marked by tears...I have never been so moved by the open friendship shown by our hosts. I am so grateful for Marie's encouragement to go. I am so glad I went and so glad to be home."

DINNER DATE IN LOS ANGELES



Five SACO delegates returning from Taiwan in October had a one-night stopover in Los Angeles; they made contact with ROC friends who were staying in the Los Angeles area and went out to dinner. In a note from Hal Bonin, he said they enjoyed eating "at a fine Chinese restaurant."

L-R: Gen. Joseph Ching, Mrs. Ching, Allison Liptai, the Ching's granddaughter, Harry Brandwein, Hal Bonin, Slim Gilroy, Gen. Chang Shih-chi and Mrs. Chang. (Presume Michael Poyda snapped the picture.)

ROC Air Force Academy



Commandant,
ROC Air Force Academy

Wednesday, 11 October 1989, was a full day indeed for the SACO delegates in Taiwan. Deputy Director of the MIB Gen. and Mrs. Yang Hsueh-yen were most gracious hosts accompanying the group for a couple of days as they traveled to the southern portion of the island. Enroute, a visit to the ROC air Force Academy was an exciting event. Prior to dining with the cadets, there was a tour of the grounds, aircraft and aircraft simulators used in flight training. Many of the visitors tried their hand at simulated flying.....never heard if anyone qualified.



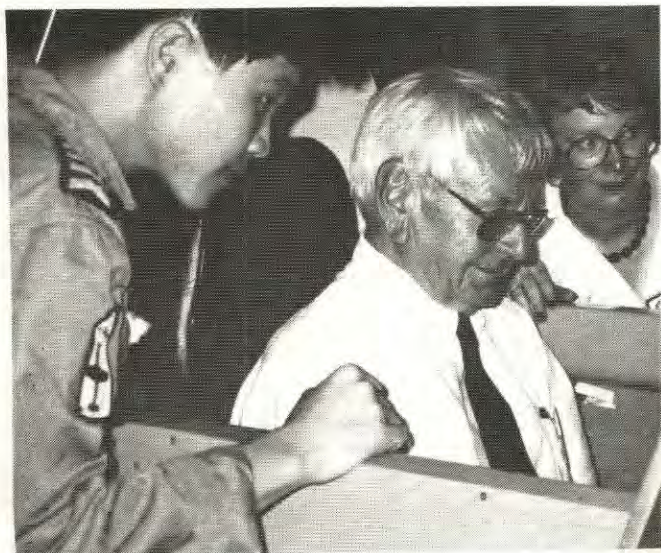
Lucy Liu, Len-Dolores Fintak, Eddie Liu,
Bill Bartee, Carl Divelbiss



Maj. Freman Cheng, Cadet Jack Yang, (Master
of English language), Jon Morgan



Lloyd McMullan, Hank Scurlock, John West-
phal



Bud-Ellen Booth



"Slim" Gilroy inquiring about the academy



Hazel-Bernie Nelson



Gen. & Mrs. Yang Hsueh-yen



Virginia Anderegg



Ed Rubino



Lt. Michael Chang-Ed Doyle



Lola Hill

CAMP 4 REUNION IN EAST

On April 4, 1990, 11 SACO "Tigers" from Camp 4 had a mini-reunion in Hartford, CT. Organized by Ken Rhicard, others attending (some with wives) were: Vic Biceglia, Mike Conway, George Dunleavy, Bud Harmon, Charlie Keil, Bill Lutnick, "Red" McGrail, O. J. Olson, Bob Sizemore and Jack Shearer. Like all SACO gatherings, it is reported that "the stories that flew around the room were really something."

The one-day affair attracted Lutnick from Fallbrook, CA and Olson from Olympia, WA...a real show of comradeship at that distance. Hope all of you who made it to the Camp 4 reunion this spring can make it to Gulf Shores, AL in September.

The Father Of SACO Reunions

(The following was datelined 11-29-89 Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Although acknowledgements and praise to many who have since followed his initiative were in the contents, I took the liberty of deleting portions not only for the sake of brevity, but I felt the revelation of the origin of our reunions was of primary interest. I extend my personal gratitude to Jim "Red" McGrail for his story which follows. Ed.)

"Recently, I attended a mini SACO reunion with some of the cavalrymen of Camp 4. We met in West Springfield, MA for a rehash of our fondest recollections. Several of us had not met in forty-five years. So, it is with their encouragement and after reading your SACO NEWS, that I suddenly realized that our ranks are thinning fast. Which is another example of how I've been wandering through life like Mr. McGoo, thinking we were all going to live forever.

"My pride in being a member of this illustrious and selective group has not diminished in forty-five years, even though I have been remiss in my convention attendance and other obligations like dues.

"In 1949, I was wedded to a lifelong partner who thought she had caught the big butter-and-egg man when all the scrambled eggs showed up for the wedding. Vice Admiral Miles and Mrs. Miles, Commander Doc and Mrs. Goodwin, Commander Roy and Mrs. Stratton, Bob and Betty Perry, Ken Rhicard and John Michael Conway. It was a most unusual day being piped aboard the USS Worcester, our beloved skipper's flagship. The truth of the matter was, the bride and groom didn't want to start on their honeymoon for fear of breaking up an excellent party. But it was there on the poop deck that a lively conversation took place in regard to getting the gang together again. No doubt the same sentiments were being expressed many times when any two men of SACO got together and lifted one or two to the skipper and the men of SACO.

"In 1955, Commander Stratton sponsored a mini-meeting at the Treadway Inn on Cape Cod. This meeting fired up our desire to organize. However, it wasn't until several years later, when my knees gave out and I wound up in the VA hospital, that a scheme was hatched to get as many of the gang together as was humanly possible.

"You can well imagine the boredom and confinement with my legs up in the air in a cast; I had nothing to do but doodle on a pad. I was daydreaming about all the fellows of SACO I met during the previous years of traveling around the country. Each had the same refrain, 'What a great gang; if only we could get together.!' It kept knowing at my mind, the only bodily function that was still operating normally and reasonably well.

"Roy Stratton's book had been published and with it came the names and addresses of all the men of SACO. So, with nothing else to do but literally hang around, I thought I could compose a letter that would stimulate interest in getting together.

"Doodling away the time, a letter emerged that went something like this:

THE SACO REUNION COMMITTEE

To all members of SACO, the second annual meeting of SACO will be held at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Hartford, Connecticut between August 6th and 9th 1956.

Vice Admiral M. E. Miles, Commandant of the Third Naval District will present the colors.

A full program of entertainment will be provided for wives and guests of members.

The below list of names are of shipmates who have already committed themselves to be there.

"At this point, I dreamed up a list of those whom I had visited throughout the country and had expressed a desire to meet. I further went on to choose, in my mind's eye, those whom I thought were the most popular guys in their respective camps.

"For the frosting on the cake, I thought of a column of office holders

for the left side of the stationery. I named Doc Goodwin President; everybody knew the doctor. Then came Roy Stratton, the paymaster; if you didn't know him something was wrong. Ed O'Toole was the most obvious and likely candidate for Corresponding Secretary. There wasn't anybody in SACO at that time who was not acquainted with the mailman.

"The group of Marines also had to be recognized, so Major Gus Bruggeman was selected as Chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

"It was only fitting that Francis X. Bellotti was named legal adviser; inasmuch as he had recently passed the bar, he was qualified and I felt that the underwater demolition teams of SACO should also be recognized.

"It was not too difficult, in my world of the unthinkable, to anticipate that Francis X. would later go on to be a successful attorney; and Attorney General for the State of Massachusetts, Lieutenant Governor and presently a candidate for Governor of Massachusetts. My expectations of a successful SACO reunion were equally unthinkable, but I was going to see it through so long as it was only a pipe-dream and I was just dangling around.

"Be that as it may, I was soon released from the VA hospital with all my doodles and notepads. I was to convalesce at home. It then dawned on me that I had a list of all the SACO warriors and their addresses. Nightingales' Print Shop was only a block away and postage stamps were about four cents. 'What the hell,' I thought, 'I'd make a mailing and see what happens.'

"It was like standing in a tunnel and looking around the corner to see if the train was coming. It was.

"The roof fell in; the responses were fantastic even though half of them were mad as hell at me. Most, if not all, had enclosed checks for their reservations or to have a drink on them if they couldn't make it. The letters came from the world over and from ships at sea. The half that were mad were upset because they were not invited to the FIRST national reunion. There just wasn't a 'first', but I couldn't admit that.

"Now picture, if you will, a stiff-legged, embarrassed nut (later known as 'The Entrepreneur') barreling down the highways to Hartford, Conn. in search of the function director of the Hilton Hotel. Thank God, he was an ex-marine who had heard about SACO. I was off the hook; he came through with flying colors, gave me dates and bent over backwards to insure a good time was had by all. Which reminds me, Vice

Admiral and Billy Miles attended and he did present the colors by flying the 'What The Hell' pennant from the hotel flagpole.

"All the dreamed-up office holders of the SACO REUNION COMMITTEE showed up and most, if not all of whom I thought were the most popular in their camps, made an appearance during the three-day event.

"The upshot of it all was that Doc Goodwin, Roy Stratton and Gus Bruggeman sandbagged me into being President the following year in New York. It was the most enjoyable experience of my young and immature life. It was like I chased them until they caught me.

"So you see, starting something like this was the result of our collective wishes. However, it took more than a pipedream and wishful thinking to perpetuate the successful annual meetings. It took more than a fluke. It took plain unadulterated b.... (guts), perserverance, time, effort and a financial commitment.

"Trusting that these recollections and observations will be of some interest to the men of SACO, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
(signed) Jim "Red" McGrail



"A DIFFERENT KIND OF WAR"

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

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

Southern California SACO Members Hold Dinner For ROC Visitors



Gen. & Mrs. Chang Shih-chi



Gen. & Mrs. Ching Tzu-li,



Paul & Martha Casamajor



Jackie & Jim Murphy

On December 28, 1989, 18 of us gathered at the Jolly Roger Inn by Disneyland in Anaheim for a dinner honoring our Chinese guests who were visiting in the Los Angeles area. Gen. Chang Shih-chi and Gen. Joseph Ching, along with their wives, were visiting their son and daughter respectively. The plan for a dinner while our friends were here was met with much enthusiasm. The Casamajors were vacationing in the Southland during the holidays and were able to join in. Others attending were: Jerry and Mary Coats, Vern and Gloria Dalrymple, Willie and Audrey Baker, Dr. Al and Missy Ediss, Wes and Kathryn Weskamp, Earl and Ruth Colgrove, Jim and Jackie Murphy and Erma and Richard Rutan. Each couple received a gift of liqueur from the generals and their wives. We presented each couple of our Chinese friends a silver candelabra. It was a relaxing, fun-evening and I think we all had a good time.

(Note: Gen. Chang Shih-chi, now retired, was Director of the Military Intelligence Bureau in the Ministry of National Defense, ROC and the SACO host in Taiwan in 1979, 1982. He attended SACO U.S. conventions in 1978, 1980, 1981 and 1983.

Gen. Ching Tzu-li, now Joseph Ching and also retired, was Chief Deputy of the MIB under Gen. Chang. He represented the Bureau at the 1984 convention in Seattle.)



Gen. Chang

Wes & Kathryn Weskamp



Mary & Jerry Coats



Earl & Ruth Colgrove



Audrey & Willie Baker, Erma Rutan



Gloria & Vern Dalrymple




Al & Missy Ediss

MASS WEDDING AT MIB

Among the many other festivities, the delegates were privileged to be invited guests at a mass wedding in the Military Intelligence Bureau headquarters on the Double Tenth. Ten couples were united in marriage by Lt. Gen. Huang Shih-chung, Director of the Bureau, in a beautiful ceremony. A fabulous reception followed with a buffet that would give cruise ships competition in its indescribable appeal. It was a day to remember; the parade in the morning, the wedding ceremony, and then in the evening, a cocktail party hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a garden setting that I doubt anyone has ever seen anything to compare.





Lt. Gen. Huang presents wedding certificates to the newlyweds. 

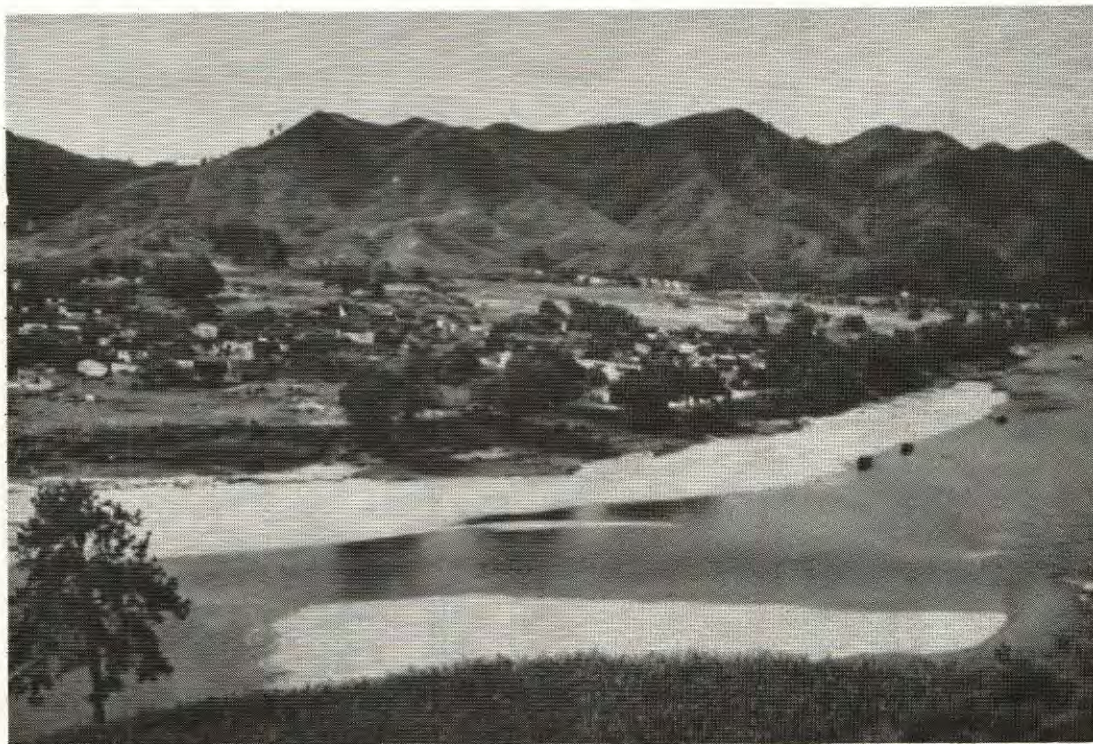


Delegation Chairman Paul Casamajor presents SACO gifts to newly married couples.



U. S. NAVY COMBAT PHOTO UNIT IN CHINA

by Earl Colgrove



CHUNG SHUEN - SITE OF CAMP ONE

Lt. Earl Colgrove, OIC of Combat Photo Unit Number One, reported to then Captain Miles of Pact Friendship in Chungking, China on 3 July 1943 with the expectation of making an historical photographic record of the Nationalist Chinese in their war against the invading Japanese.

During the nearly two months the unit was enroute to China via the Pacific, the Indian Ocean, across India and flying the "Hump" to Kunming and then traveling the northern portion of the Burma Road to Chungking, events had changed the role of the Navy in China. We were informed that military duty came first and, though necessary, photography would become secondary.

Captain Miles' plans needed an officer to lead a group of Navy specialists several hundred miles across China to establish and supply a Chinese Officers' training camp near Hengyang and then to penetrate the Japanese-held area to the northeast where a large guerilla group of Chinese had been harassing the Japanese forces for several months.

Once in contact with these forces, we were to establish a training camp to be associated with Camp One under the command of Marine Major "Bud" Masters, whom we would meet at a designated spot in that area.

The new plans meant leaving one of my three men at HQ in Chungking to set up a base photo processing unit, while at the same time, another man was lost to an attack of malaria. Nevertheless, it was essential that we proceed with the much needed supplies and instructors. On 6 July 1943, the convoy, consisting of 6 trucks, 60 Chinese soldiers and a dozen or so American Navy personnel, was on its way south with all the supplies we could pack aboard.

After leaving a number of men and some equipment and supplies at the new training camp near Hengyang, a group consisting of myself, PhotoMate Jones, two gunner's mates, an aerographer, a pharmacist mate, a couple of dozen Chinese soldiers and two trucks loaded with supplies headed northeast from Hengyang.

Sometimes traveling at night to avoid Japanese aircraft, crossing rivers by lashing our trucks to sampans, and clearing rockslides blocking backroads, eventually we met Major Masters and a photographer's mate who had been in the area scouting locations where we could establish our camp.



It was suggested that a small town, Chung Shuen, about 50 kilometers up a nearby river would be an ideal place to begin operations. All gear was loaded on sampans and towed up the river through narrow gorges and swift running currents to this small village where we were greeted by several hundred Chinese guerilla soldiers, ages 12 to 40, who had gathered to be trained in infantry tactics, demolition, close combat, military discipline, aircraft identification and other skills.

Along with this training program, a record was made both in 16mm movies and still photographs, both for training and as an historical record of the Navy's work in the area. A makeshift darkroom was set up for processing still photos, but all 16mm film had to be processed in Calcutta which was quite a problem. Bamboo poles were hollowed out, film was stuffed therein and faithful Chinese men and boys carried these overland through Japanese-held territory to Chungking for forwarding to Calcutta.

Following several months of training and photography, several Americans, including PhotoMate Jones, fell victims of disease and had to be evacuated to rear areas.

A Japanese advance made it necessary to abandon Camp One and regroup down-stream for several weeks; but as the enemy left the area, all

returned to Chung Shuen and training resumed. As winter resumed, I became a casualty sustaining a broken leg during maneuvers over the snow and ice-covered hills around camp.

With the coming of spring, an epidemic of meningitis hit the Chinese troops and several died despite efforts of our pharmacist and his limited supply of drugs. My leg was healing, but it was thought that I should return to Hengyang where an X-ray could be made. A truck was sent to transport a couple who needed medical treatment as well as myself. We left Camp One expecting to return within a few weeks, but in my case, it didn't work out that way. Two days out of Camp One, symptoms of meningitis developed and upon arrival at the hospital in Hengyang, I was unconscious and remained so for several days. Fortunately, Captain Miles had insisted that we each carry a supply of sulfa drug, which was new, and to be used only as a last resort. The doctor at the hospital decided to use it all in a full treatment, and as a result, saved my life.

After a month in the hospital, a visit by now Commodore Miles brought the orders for my return to the USA for R & R. Since all shipping in the Indian Ocean was held up because of Japanese subs, I was flown back over the Hump to Calcutta to an air force base and caught a flight over Africa and back to the US.

Combat Photo Unit One was re-organized and my crew and I were assigned to the USS Essex covering the second battle of the Philippines with Kamikaze planes crashing aboard. But all hands agree; no duty was as satisfying as the year spent with Pact Friendship in China and our friends that are now in Taiwan.

“SACO THE RICE PADDY NAVY”

Through the kindness and generosity of SACO members William James and Roger Rockwell, two copies of Roy Stratton's book SACO - THE RICE PADDY NAVY are now available for loan. This book, long out of print, may be borrowed by contacting:

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

Mullen—Cannizzaro Rites



Ralph Mullen and Rosemary Cannizzaro were wed in the Good Shepard Catholic Church in Shawnee, KS February 17, 1990. Rosemary is a registered nurse at a nearby hospital. Ralph says his bride comes from a navy family; her father and brothers were in naval service. Her father was a captain serving aboard the battleship Missouri during the signing of the Japanese surrender in WWII.

Rosemary has 2 sons and 1 daughter; Ralph 5 sons and 1 daughter. The couple honeymooned on a cruise of the Caribbean and will reside in Shawnee. Ralph said Bill Bartee phoned about an hour before the ceremony and asked, "You sure you wanna do this?"



Wes & Kathryn Weskamp

Celebrate 40th Anniversary

These people were part of our group entertaining our Chinese guests at the Jolly Roger Inn in Anaheim in December but, because they were leaving the next day for a vacation in Puerto Vallarta to celebrate their fortieth, I thought it fitting to give this special occasion special recognition. And by doing so, perhaps this will be the forerunner of a new category for the newsletter. So, any of you tigers out there who are celebrating special anniversaries with your ladies, send a picture marking the event.

POTPOURRI

WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO UNIT NINE?

While in the process of laying out this edition, the following letter dated 5 March 90 arrived and I quote in part:

"I enjoyed your last newsletter and look forward to future issues. It brings back so many wonderful memories of the great guys who served in SACO. Unfortunately, quite a few of those great guys have passed on.

"Richard, I wonder if you could make mention in your next newsletter that I would love to hear from any of my shipmates at Unit Nine. I'm sure many of them think I'm dead, but as you can see from the enclosed flyer, I'm still going strong and about to have a detective novel published.

"In my government and state jobs, I did many polygraph examinations; maybe a few more than 50,000 and I'm still doing them for local and federal agencies....

"So, again, I'd appreciate my request being included in your newsletter. And thanks."

(signed) Rudy Caputo
Rudy's address is: 1559 73rd Street
Brooklyn, NY 11228

(So, there you go, Rudy, request granted. That's what we're here for and why we're here. This is the best way to communicate and keep in touch and I hope we have many more inquiries such as yours. Rudy, I recognized your name on the return immediately and it's a weird feeling to hear from someone almost fifty years later. You probably don't recall, but I was on the same ship as you, the HMS Shah, that took us to Cochin. Ed.)

BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND...

Rudy, why don't you plan to attend SACO conventions? Bring your polygraph and maybe we can sort out some truth from fiction from the SACO stories that seem to get better every year. Ed.



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TYPESETTING

By
Paul Casamajor

FRANK BUDINSKAK PHONES

On December 11, 1989, had a call from Frank Budinskak from Moline, IL. He was calling in response to having received the SACO NEWS. Although we've never met, the call was appreciated - always good to hear from one of our group. Frank said he was a member of Camp 4 and inquired about Dr. Henry Heimlich also a member of that camp. Dr. Heimlich attended SACO conventions in New Orleans in '81 and Atlanta in '83. He is the President of the Heimlich Institute, P.O. Box 8858, Cincinnati, OH 45207. Ed.

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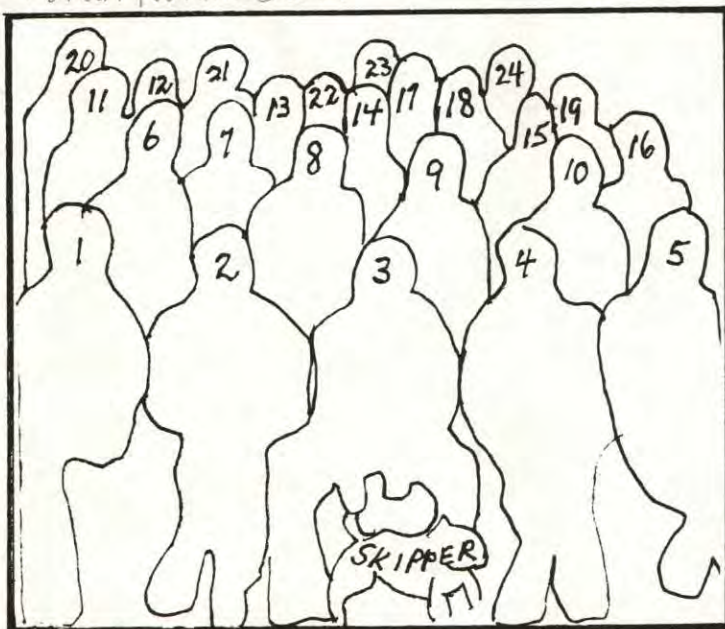
CORRECTION

ISSUE NO. 3 dated Sept. 1989 listed CHRONOLOGY OF CONVENTIONS. Convention No. 2 should show Hartford CT. This was brought to our attention by Tony Wogan and backed up not only by the fact that he was in attendance at said function, but included newspaper articles covering the event. Thanks, Tony; it's gratifying to know that some of you out there are paying attention!!!

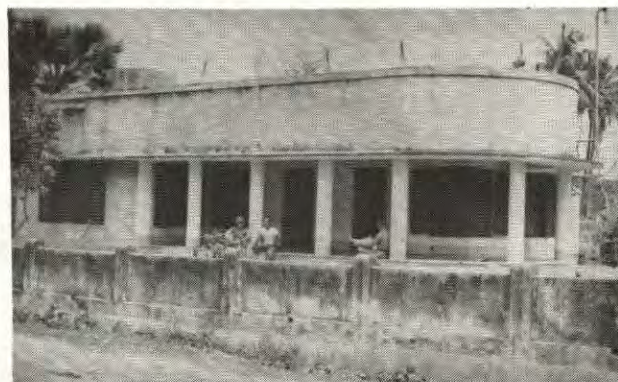
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late 1943 steps of Tailhouse
#8 Harry W. Hinkle CRM



(1) Lashley H. Mann (2) Clarence P. Taylor (3) Bankson T. Holcomb (4) Harned P. Hoose (5) James N. Spuhler (6) John M. Quesenberry (7) Henry F. Scurlock, Jr. (8) R.L. Hitson??? (9) "Pop" Dixon Jarvis (10) Kenneth A. Mann (11) Norman Wayne Dike (12) J.N. Jones??? (13) William C. Kelly (14) William A. Rickman (15) Jesse R. Boone (16) Carl E. Altevogt (17) James K. "Jake" Cowan (18) Cliff F. Braun (19) Harry L. Day (20) Harry G. Kilburn (21) Ralph W. Gravatt (22) Malcolm "Mac" Edward Barnett (23) Terry J. O'Neill, Jr. (24) Edmund J. Geary, Jr.



Home in Calcutta for radiomen
awaiting flight over the Hump
(About March-April 1944)



L-R Front row: Dale Lindstrom, John Waters, Bill Edwards, Bob Jerome, John Reising.
Middle row: Charlie Sellers, John Westphal, James Miller.
Third row: Jack Miller, Jack Lamke, Byron Richards, Richard Rutan, Roland Skiles.
Standing: , R.L. Hitson.



Billie Hall has a problem - What's an enlisted man supposed to do?

SICK
BAX



Marlin Lesh had sold his business and he and Peg were enjoying a trip west when bad luck visited them. They had just checked into a motel in Sedona, Arizona (Oak Creek Canyon) and, while attempting to remove his boots, Marlin lost his balance and fell, breaking his hip in three places.

They spent five weeks in a motel before being able to travel back to Elkhart.

Erma and I were visiting friends and relatives in Indiana in February and drove up to Elkhart for a short visit. Photo was taken at that time. Ed.



Will Rice was progressing quite well at last report. He had returned to Houston for a checkup and received an excellent report. Will and Pauline were looking forward to a South Pacific cruise in late February.



Circulatory problems continue to plague Charlie Cox and last November it was necessary to amputate his other leg. Charlie is shown here at home. Thanks to Frank Buckless for the photo.



Marge Drury suffered a multiple fracture of her hip as a result of a fall from her bicycle.

**Time's a wastin' – Let's get together
with "Slim" Gilroy surfside in
GULF SHORES, AL SEPT. 10-16
*It's later than you think! Let's GO!***

AWARDED SACO MEDAL

On the final night of the delegates' stay in Taiwan, 14 October 1989, General Huang Shih-chung, Director of the Military Intelligence Bureau, MND, presented the SACO Medal to two eligible members. The presentation was made at the SACO banquet hosted by General and Mrs. Chao Chih-yuan, Vice Chief of the General Staff, MND, at the armed Forces Officers' Club.



Lt. General Huang - Henry F. Scurlock



Lt. General Huang - Edward T. Doyle

FOR THE BIRDS

Things are humming at the Rutan's residence. A little sugar water and lots of flowers encourage "boarders" it seems. For two years, hummingbirds chose to nest in our avocado tree only six feet above the ground, but this year, they chose more exclusive quarters under shelter and built a nest in the breezeway about two feet from the sliding glass door entrance to the patio. February 1st was the start of "home" construction and when we returned from a two-week trip to the Midwest February 22, two



eggs had been deposited. On Mar. 3rd one hatched...the other never made it. It's been fun; we have a freezer and refer in the breezeway and our frequent traffic seldom disturbed mother or chick. In the past, hummers became confused by skylights, suffering complete fatigue attempting to escape. Many times we have retrieved them at that point and they would sit on a finger allowing us to gently stroke them until they regained strength and flew away. Kinda think they trust us; a rather good feeling even if trust has gone to the birds!

PS: Mar. 28th, the new arrival left the nest...it would fly a foot or so at a time and rest 2-3 hours between flights. We cannot identify him today, but hope he is one of the flock that call this home.

RETIREMENTS



Congratulations, Lt. Gen. Huang Shih-chung, on your retirement as Director of the Military Intelligence Bureau, MND, ROC. Although our acquaintanceship has been but a few years, it has been a strong and friendly relation; certainly a most enjoyable one. You have a most enviable talent for putting your guests at ease and entertaining in an informal manner which exudes your sincerity and generosity. These personality traits have justly earned you the admiration and respect of all who have known you and Mrs. Huang.

May you and your lovely wife enjoy all the good things of life and continued good luck with your golf game.



One of our oldest and dearest friends has at last taken his well-deserved retirement. Maj. Gen. Fan Chi-yao, through his genuine concern and kind ways in assisting us during these many past years, has endeared himself to SACO like no other person. He has served well under many Directors of the Bureau of Intelligence and has always seen to our comfort and enjoyment as guests of the Republic of China.

We wish you and Mrs. Fan good luck in your retirement years, good health and all the happiness possible. Just be assured that with you goes fondest regards and sincere affection to our never-to-be-forgotten friend.



In Memoriam

Deaths reported since last issue of SACO NEWS

Arnold, Sr., Richard S. 1989
S1c- Calcutta/kunming
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Hook, Raymond W. 1989
Ens.- kunming/Chungking/Shanghai
Kelly, William C. 1989
RM1c- Chungking/kunming/Unit 5
Osborne, Richard 1989
BM1c- Calcutta
Shelley, William F. ????
CSF- Camp 4/Unit 3/Chenping
Tucker, M.D., Arthur S. 1989
Lt.jg- Camp 1/Unit 1/Pact Doc



RIDING A FAULT

The Casamajor residence in Walnut Creek, CA has been a direct "bullseye" as relates to epicenters of a swarm of quakes to hit that area recently. Last eve(4-27) a 4.6 added to the unnerving scenario.

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