



**CNAC
ASSOCIATION
REUNION 2017**

Sept 6–10, 2017

**Embassy Suites
Airport SFO – Waterfront
150 Anza Blvd.**

Burlingame, CA

April 4, 2017

Dear CNAC Family and Friends,

Looking back at the successes of the reunions for 2015 and 2016, and looking forward to all the many possibilities, we see much promise for the future. We are keeping the memory of the men and women of CNAC alive into perpetuity in some of the most prestigious museums, in books, in film, and in your local area.

We had four film makers at the 2016 reunion. We watched two beautiful films. Hao Chin's film showed interviews with witnesses of John Dean's crash site, made high up in the Himalayans in a small village near the site of crash. Our long-time friends, How Man Wong, Xavier and the others from CERS premiered their new film at the 2016 reunion. The film featured three centenarians, our very own CNAC Captains, traveling to many sites where CNAC flew in China. The film is being shown on Cathay Pacific Airline. We also had presentations from two other film makers working on movies involving CNAC, Tong from China and Charles de Rouvre, Gallaxie Productions, from Paris France. Hopefully, in the near future they will premiere their films at a CNAC reunion.

Stories of CNAC pilots were told: Ship # 58, the famous CNAC Crocodile Story, and many more. Some were new, and others we all remember because they have been told over and over through the years. The stories have become our stories, remembering those who have gone before. Some were sad and some were fun.

Chris Bull presented route maps and explanations of the routes, the weather, and the difficulties. We gained more understanding of what CNAC flyers faced.

These are just a few of the highlights of 2016. Thank you to all who made last year's reunion so very memorable. We would like to hear from any of you who would be willing to share with us this year or let us know what you would like to learn or see presented 2017.

There is much work to be done and your dedication to keeping alive the memory of this small group of heroic men and women is so truly appreciated and needed. As we continue to work together to tell our stories, CNAC Association is here for you. We need your help, input and support of each other's projects in order to do great things in remembrance of this unique history.

With warm regards and wishes, my friends,

Peggy Maher 

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HOTEL REGISTRATION

Embassy Suite offers discount rates of \$175 plus tax per night, available only for Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat nights.

IMPORTANT NOTE

You must make reservations **BY AUGUST 22** with group registration code CNA.

TWO WAYS TO MAKE RESERVATIONS

1. Call Embassy Suites

1-800-EMBASSY (362-2779)

- Mention unique code **CNA** or ask for the **China National Aviation** group rate.

2. Visit website for Burlingame

sfoburlingame.embassysuites.com

- Fill in arrival and departure dates
- Select blue "Add Special Rate Code"
- In next screen, type **CNA** in the "Group Code" Box
- Click "Check rooms and rates" to see the reunion dates and prices

Limited rooms at this rate!

**BOOK EARLY. YOU CAN CANCEL
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| Thur, Sept 7 | Presentations |
| Fri, Sept 8 | Presentations, Moon Chin's Dinner |
| Sat, Sept 9 | Presentations & Group Discussions |
| Sun, Sept 10 | Departure after Breakfast |

To Attend the 2017 CNAC Reunion

1. **By August 22.** Register for your room at the Embassy Suites Hotel by August 22 to receive CNAC room discount.
2. **By August 28.** Return CNAC Reunion registration form to Valerie by August 28. (Page 3)

For More Information

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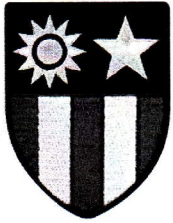
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First To Fly the Hump

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CNAC Reunion Registration & Annual Dues

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE TO VALERIE BY AUGUST 28 (ADDRESS BOTTOM OF PAGE)

NAME _____ NAME PREFERRED ON BADGE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

ADDITIONAL REGISTRANTS' NAMES _____

Reunion Registration Fees

Everyone must register

REGISTRATION FEE (REQUIRED) NUMBER ATTENDING _____ X \$60 = \$ _____

BANQUET MEAL, SATURDAY EVENING NUMBER ATTENDING _____ X \$65 = \$ _____

CNAC 2016 DUES NUMBER OF MEMBERSHIPS _____ X \$40 = \$ _____

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER NUMBER ATTENDING _____ SPONSORED BY MOON CHIN

TOTAL COST \$ _____

Registration is due no later than by August 28, 2017.

Checks made payable to *CNAC Association*.

Send registration form and payment to

Valerie Kendrick

252 Main, St. Willits, CA 95490



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The Shadow Tiger: Billy McDonald, Wingman to Chennault, William C. McDonald III and Barbara L. Evenson. Over 500 photos, illustrations and maps tell the story of CNAC Chief Pilot Billy "Mac" McDonald's life in flight, and CNAC's war. \$25 softcover b/w; \$40 hardcover color. Order: nancy@shadowtiger.org

- ***Wings Over Asia: A Brief History of the China National Aviation Corporation (Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5). Reprints.*** Stories by CNAC pilots and friends, collected into volumes in the 70's and 80's. Order: Available at 2017 reunion and on Amazon.
- ***China's Wings: War, Intrigue, Romance, and Adventure in the Middle Kingdom During the Golden Age of Flight***, Gregory Crouch. 2012. The incredible real-life saga of CNAC and its people, who opened the skies over China in the years leading up to World War II—and boldly safeguarded them during that conflict. Order: Amazon, hardcover and Kindle.
- ***An Airline at War: The Story of China National Aviation Corporation and its Men***, Robert L. Willett. 2008. Will deepen anyone's appreciation for the sacrifice, courage, and bold adventurism of the extraordinary men and women of an airline at war. Order: Amazon.

Books by CNAC Captains available on Amazon

Mr. Alaska: The Chuck West Story, Charles B. West
Saga of Flight #53, Fletcher Hanks

Destiny: A Flying Tiger's Rendezvous With Fate, Erik Shilling
Flying Tiger Joe's Adventure Story Cookbook, C. Joseph Rosbert
China Pilot: Flying for Chiang and Chennault, Felix Smith