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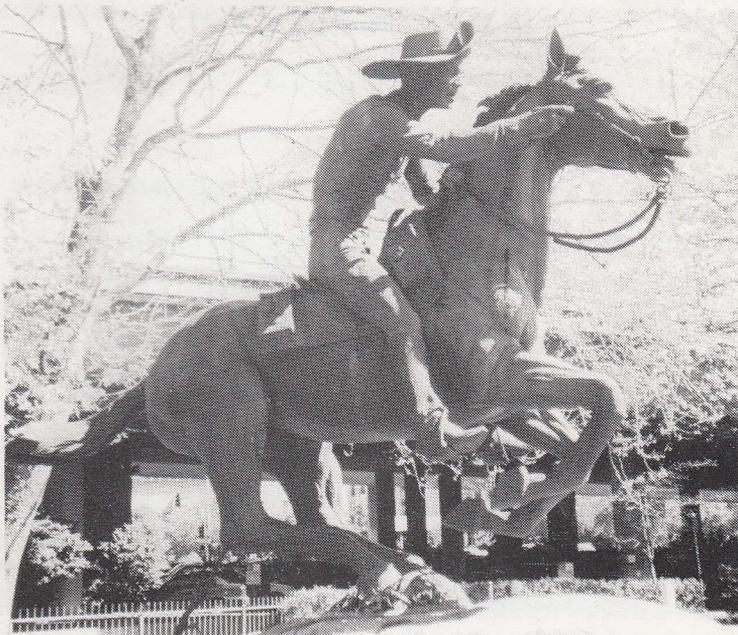
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## GO WEST, ALL YE YOUNG AT HEART, GO WEST!



### Pony Express Monument

(See Convention Story p.3)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1999 - 2000

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## 1999 14TH AF ASSN. ANNUAL CONVENTION

Doubletree Hotel, Sacramento, California  
Wednesday - Sunday, October 20-24, 1999  
Contact Howard Halla at (530) 676-2800

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## SACO, U.S. NAVAL GROUP VETERANS REUNION

Appleton, Wisconsin,  
Wednesday - Saturday, July 14-17, 1999  
Contact Jack Miller at (920) 751-3820

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## FLORIDA WEST COAST BIRTHDAY PARTY

MacDill AFB Officers Club  
Friday, March 10, 2000  
Contact Jack Hild at (941) 417-2364

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## 14TH AF ASSOCIATION Y2K CONVENTION

Sheraton Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina  
Tuesday - Saturday, October 10-14, 2000  
Contact Art Cobert at (843) 886-6180

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**Note: In accordance with long standing JBJ editorial policy we do not ordinarily announce or list unsanctioned meetings, reunions or other events that are scheduled in direct, or near, conflict with Official 14th Air Force Assn. functions such as the Annual Convention or the Washington Memorial Weekend...Ed.**

## SACRAMENTO 1999

In 1838, John Sutter, a Swiss entrepreneur, disembarked onto the banks of the Sacramento River with big plans to civilize the "Great Valley." The following year he established Sutter's Fort and bought land to build a flour mill, a saw mill and an irrigation system for the valley's pastures. Sacramento was born.

In 1848, the cry of "GOLD" (in California) was heard around the world, and a half million immigrants arrived from everywhere! Sacramento, the center of "gold rush" activity profited from it immensely. Not just from the gold itself, but by housing, feeding, outfitting and provisioning the miners and prospectors. Almost immediately, businesses were established to provide these services, and the city grew and flourished.

In 1854, the city became the capitol of the state, and within a few years, the need for transportation led to the development of the Sacramento Valley Railroad. By 1860, Sacramento became the western terminus of the Pony Express. Then, when the first transcontinental railroad was completed in 1869, the city became the western terminus of the railroad as well.

In the years that followed, Sacramento has had its ups and downs, fire and flood, wealth and poverty. But it survived to become today's combination of "old" and "new", and the site of our 1999 Annual Convention..



Today, New Buildings in downtown Sacramento.  
The Convention Hotel is nearby

**THE HOTEL:** Our "host hotel" this year is the **Doubletree Sacramento** located in a suburban area just 10 minutes from downtown. With a roomy and inviting lobby, the hotel features a lobby lounge, two restaurants, a nightclub, an outdoor pool, whirlpool, health club, sauna and gift shop. Each room has either one queen-size or two double beds, an electronic key-lock system, an iron and ironing board, and a coffee maker...all for \$89.00 single or double occupancy, plus 12% tax. Triple or quad occupancy will be an additional \$10.00 per night, plus tax. Upgraded, king-size bed, rooms are available at \$104.00 per night, plus tax.

A limited number of deluxe rooms are also available at an additional \$25.00 per night. These rooms are larger, with more amenities such as bathrobes, hair dryers, daily newspapers, and daily breakfast buffet.

For those who are driving to Sacramento, the hotel has free outdoor parking or valet parking available. RV's may be parked in the hotel parking lot, but there will, of course, be no hook-ups available.

The Cal Expo RV Park is the nearest RV park, just two miles from the hotel. Amenities there include full hook-ups, laundry and shower facilities, and a clubhouse. The cost for each site is \$20.00 per night, or \$105.00 for a week. Reservations are strongly recommended since October can be a busy time of year. For more information and/or reservations call the park at 916-263-3187.

**RESTAURANTS:** Home to more than 250 restaurants and eateries, Sacramento has something to offer even the most finicky eater. Locally and affectionately known as "Gourmet Gulch", there are numerous options in the vicinity of the hotel. Ethnic food choices are available in abundance: Mexican, Chinese, Indian, Thai, French, Ethiopian, and the list goes on.

Within the Doubletree, there are also several dining options. The Expresso Bar and Deli in the lobby has a "quick and casual" menu throughout the day. It is immediately adjacent to the Coffee Garden, a breakfast, lunch and dinner coffee shop. Maxis American Cafe is the "fine dining" choice for dinner only. And R.J. Grin's Sports Bar is always active for cocktails, microbrew beers and appetizers.

Outside the hotel, there are many options nearby: some within walking distance; some a bit further away. Those within walking distance include: the Arden Fair Shopping Mall and food court directly across the street from the Doubletree. Within the mall, dining options include: the California Cafe (phone 925-2233), Johnny Rockets(564-9567), Fresh

## RESTAURANTS(CONTINUED)

Choice(649-3839), Max's Opera Cafe(927-6297), California Pizza Kitchen(568-0932), and Jasper's(646-6747). Others within reasonable walking distance are: the Peppermill, next door to the hotel, El Torito, two blocks away(phone 927-0071), Two Guys From Italy, three blocks(920-9582), Coco's coffee shop, two blocks, the Olive Garden, two blocks(649-8305), Monterey Bay Cannery, seafood, two blocks(9920-3474), and numerous fast food shops.

The downtown area and Old Sacramento are only five miles away and combined they offer some interesting dining possibilities. For example, the turn-of-the-century Fat City Bar & Cafe, with its great antiques, and wonderfully varied menu, is highly recommended. And just down the boardwalk is California Fat's, owned by the same family but with a more upscale ambiance and fabulous Oriental and California cuisine (441-



"Old Sacramento"

7966). Also, just a short drive away are a number of good chain restaurants such as Tony Roma's (922-8787), Stuart Anderson's Black Angus (973-1901), and Morton's of Chicago (442-5091).

Finally, we would be remiss if we didn't mention the seafood options. Since Sacramento is relatively near the ocean and on a river, you might want to consider these possibilities: the Pilothouse Restaurant on the Delta King Riverboat; voted Sacramento's mostly romantic dinner choice(441-4440), or another local favorite, Scott's Seafood Grill and Bar, in downtown Sacramento(489-2447).

These are, of course, only a few of the many possibilities. There are many, many more. Guest services at the hotel will be happy to provide information on additional options available in the Sacramento area!

**LOCAL TRANSPORTATION:** The Doubletree Hotel is located about 30 minutes from the Sacramento Airport. Complimentary hotel shuttle transportation is not provided, but SuperShuttle operates frequent transfer service from the airport to the Doubletree. On arrival at the airport, proceed to the SuperShuttle booth located in the front of the food court, between the two main terminals. Their special rate to the Doubletree is \$9.00 per person one-way, or \$17.50 per person round-trip. If you prefer, taxis are available with charges running from \$25.00 to \$30.00, one way, plus tip.

Return shuttles to the airport operate daily between 4:45 AM and 6:45 PM, every 45 minutes from the Doubletree. Reservations for the return transfer are not required, but are strongly recommended. Call 800-258-3826 for reservations.

Once at the hotel, if you need to go somewhere, the bellmen can contact a taxi for you. Or, if you are going downtown, use the DASH bus system, a free shuttle service from area hotels to the heart of downtown Sacramento. Leaving from the Doubletree, there are six trips daily: the first at 6:55 AM and the last at 5:55 PM.

There is no car rental office in the hotel, but Thrifty car rental has a station about a mile away. Call 916-933-8487 for reservations or pick up the blue courtesy phone (located in the lobby of the Doubletree) to request complimentary shuttle transportation to the Thrifty office.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION** A 5% Convention Discount off the lowest applicable excursion fare has been negotiated with United Airlines. However, most Tigers are probably eligible for the better 10% senior discount which can be applied to most fares on most carriers. To get either of these discounts, call the Flying Tigers Desk at 1-800-924-7216 (Travel All). They will determine your best option and make reservations for you at the lowest fare available. Be sure to have your preferred travel dates and the city you will be flying from ready when you make the call.

When purchasing tickets through Travel All, you will receive a computerized itinerary, airline tickets, and seating assignments (when possible). Call early to ensure the best fares and preferred travel dates. As is now true for most travel companies, there will be \$10.00 per person fee for this service.

**Note: Convention Registration and Hotel Reservation Forms are on pages 42 and 43. Get them in early! The hotel reservation deadline is September 19...Ed.**

**RAIL TRANSPORTATION** Since Sacramento is a major rail hub, some of you may be interested in traveling by Amtrak. Long distance Amtrak service is currently available from major cities such as New York, Chicago, Miami, New Orleans, Seattle, and many points in between. Rail reservations should be made as far in advance as possible, especially if you wish to have sleeping car accommodations. Once again, call Travel All for information at 1-800-924-7216. Incidentally, Amtrak and United Airlines offer a combined Airline/Amtrak round trip package from most of the above locations that can be very attractive and well worth investigating.

## **CONVENTION PROGRAM -- Wednesday, October 20.**

### REGISTRATION and Travel day

Convention Registration open from 10:00 AM to 5:00PM.

### JING BAO GOLF TOURNAMENT

Using a nearby public course, the Jing Bao Masters will once again give Tiger golfers a chance to show off their expertise, or lack thereof. It will be a great day with perfect California fall weather predicted. So join us for more fun in the sun. Private autos will be used to shuttle the players to the course, so please note on the registration form whether you have transportation or will need same. Additional information (pairings, etc) will be provided to participants at a later date.. The following rates include green fees, shared cart and prizes:

DATE: Wednesday, October 20  
TIME: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
PLACE: Meet at hotel front entrance.  
COST: \$42.000 per person

### WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY

Join us for good company, lots of conversation, a cash bar, and no long speeches or boring opening ceremonies.

DATE: Wednesday, October 20  
TIME: 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM  
PLACE: Doubletree Hotel

## PROGRAM - Wednesday, October 20 (Continued)

### SQUADRON PARTIES(OPTIONAL)

DATE: Wednesday, October 20

TIME: Evening

PLACE: To be arranged by Squadron Honchos

### HOSPITALITY SUITE

Located in one of the "wings" of the hotel, this is the place to "hang out" with your Tiger friends, learn who's here and who's not, and enjoy the camaraderie of the occasion. The bar will be open during pre-arranged hours with reasonably priced drinks, using our booze and our bartenders. Come and enjoy!

A media room featuring memorabilia displays, videos and bulletin board announcements will be open across the hall.

DATE: Wednesday, October 20

TIME:: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM and

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM(Cash bar at designated times)

PLACE: Doubletree Hotel



See the California  
State Capital  
Building during  
the Sacramento  
City Tour on  
Thursday

## **PROGRAM -- Thursday, October 21**

### FIRST TIMERS BREAKFAST

The First Timers Breakfast is for those who are attending their very first 14th AFA Convention. Its purpose is to make "first timers" feel welcome, and to give them an opportunity to meet some of the officers of the Association. Admission is by invitation only. First timers will find tickets to this affair in their registration packets.

DATE: Thursday, October 21  
TIME: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
PLACE: Doubletree Hotel

### ORIENTATION MEETING

DATE: Thursday, October 21  
TIME: 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM  
PLACE: Doubletree Hotel:

### HOSPITALITY SUITE

DATE: Thursday, October 21  
TIME: 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
PLACE: Doubletree Hotel (cash bar at designated times)

### SACRAMENTO CITY TOUR ✓

Enjoy this driver narrated tour which will show you the highlights of Sacramento! You will see Old Sutter's Fort, the region's first non-native settlement and where immigrants were welcomed. You will see the State Indian Museum, the Stanford Mansion, the State Capitol (with its magnificent golden dome), the Governor's Mansion, the Towe Ford Museum and much more.

You will also have two hours to explore historic old Sacramento on your own. In this historic landmark area, you can take a horse and carriage ride, or a leisurely stroll along the boardwalk or the river. Your guide will give you the scoop on the historic buildings and museums in the area.

## SACRAMENTO CITY TOUR(CONTINUED)

Perhaps you will stop at one of the many restaurants for a bite to eat, maybe look for souvenirs or gifts in the various shops, or you may opt to visit the world renowned California State Railroad Museum or the California Military Museum(minor admission charges for these attractions). Lots of options here!

DATE: Thursday, October 21  
TIME: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
PLACE: Depart from hotel front entrance  
COST: \$16.00 per person

## BOARD MEETING

Members who wish to attend and see the Board of Governors in action are welcome.

DATE: Thursday, October 21  
TIME: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
PLACE: Doubletree Hotel

## 49'ERS GOLD RUSH PARTY

Hot diggity dog! We can't let the sesquicentennial celebration of California statehood go by without recognition. One hundred and fifty years ago thousands of people came running to this part of the world seeking fame and fortune. Some of them made it, and some died trying.

Tonight is our chance to celebrate, just like those who were successful did back then in an evening of rollicking entertainment, complete with western dudes, city slickers, assorted camp followers and all the fun of nighttime in an old western mining town! Even though we can't replicate the California cuisine of 150 years ago, we can give you its late 20th century equivalent. In this case, it turns out to be tenderloin tips with mushrooms, chicken with caper sauce, four types of salads, and assorted deserts. It may not be authentic grub from California of the 1840's, but it's not atypical of Sacramento of the 1990's, and almost certainly more appealing to 20th century palates than the rough fare you might have found a century and a half ago. We hope you like it. If the worst comes to worst, you can always repair to the cash bar that will be available.

## 49'ERS GOLD RUSH PARTY (CONTINUED)

Seats for the 49'ers party will be pre-assigned, so please designate on the registration form with WHOM(person or persons) or WHICH GROUP you wish to be seated.

DATE: Thursday, October 21  
TIME: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
PLACE: Doubletree Hotel  
DRESS: Very casual or western  
COST: \$31.00 per person

### **PROGRAM - Friday, October 22**

#### TRAVIS AFB LUNCH & TOUR

A little over an hour from Sacramento we will find Travis Air Force Base, whose mission statement is simply "Global Reach, Global Power." Travis is the U.S. Air Force's largest base whose business is transporting people and equipment all over the world under both normal peacetime and extreme(wartime) circumstances such as Desert Storm and Bosnia. It is the home of the mammoth C-5 Galaxie jet transport, the KC-10 Extender air refueling aircraft, and the west coast terminal for aeromedical evacuation aircraft returning sick or injured medical patients from the Pacific.

Come with us as we visit this huge airbase and learn more about their very important role in fulfilling the Air Force mission both at home and abroad. Visit the flight line to see at first hand the aircraft used in accomplishment of the base's world wide mission. Visit the Travis Museum with its fascinating memorabilia and static aircraft displays, and learn more about the history of long range air transport and aeromedical evacuation operations.

Lunch will follow in the Travis "consolidated club", now known as the "Conference Center." The seated meal will consist of roast turkey, whipped potatoes, green beans almondine, fruit cobbler, and tea or coffee; definitely not the MRE's aircrews are frequently exposed to.

DATE: Friday, October 22  
TIME: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
PLACE: Depart hotel at front entrance  
COST: \$22.00 per person.

## NAPA VALLEY TOUR ✓

Just a couple of hours from Sacramento is the world-famous Napa Valley of California. With over 34,000 acres of vineyards and over 240 wineries producing some of the world's finest wines, these rolling hills and sunswept valleys have attracted visitors since well before the Gold Rush.

Most of the present day wineries are fairly small and cannot accommodate large numbers of visitors at one time. So, this tour will probably be limited to the capacity of two tour company coaches. Present plans call for one coach to visit the only Brandy Distillery in the area, and the second will visit St. Supery's Vineyard. Both will involve a guided tour through the grounds and a private wine tasting. You'll spend some time exploring the quaint shops, galleries and restaurants in the delightful town of Yountville. For lunch, you will be on your own.

DATE: Friday, October 22  
TIME: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
PLACE: Depart from hotel front entrance  
COST: \$25.00 per person

## GOLD COUNTRY TOUR ✓

Thousands of immigrants and adventurers came to California seeking gold along the American River after James Marshall found the prized metal in 1848. The "Mother Lode" area stretches over 120 miles, and includes several of the old mining communities. Discover some of these communities on the tour today, beginning with Coloma, the original discovery site. Then it's on to Placerville (or "Hangtown" as it became known), one of the major "placer gold" sites, where panning for gold was as successful as mining it. This was a well-known gathering place for the gold-rush era characters before they became rich and famous. There will be time here to explore the town a bit before heading on to Folsom.

Folsom, California, is 25 miles east of Sacramento and was the gateway to the Gold Country. Sights to be seen here include the original Powerhouse (an 1892 plant that generated electricity with a water driven engine), the Folsom History Museum, the Ashland Station Railroad Depot, and the notorious Folsom Prison. The Old Town section of Folsom features 150 antique shops, galleries, souvenir shops, and restaurants.

## GOLD COUNTRY TOUR(CONTINUED)

There will be time available for lunch on your own. Later, we will enjoy travel through a diverse landscape where gold mines and historic artifacts still exist. You will see the old train tracks of the Central Pacific Railroad, built mainly by Chinese and Irish laborers in the race to connect with the Union Pacific Railroad forming the first transcontinental rail link to the cities of the East. You may also see whitewater rafting, gold prospecting, and historic buildings from the last century as we return to our hotel.

DATE: Friday, October 22  
TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
PLACE: Depart from hotel front entrance.  
COST: \$20.00 per person.

## HOSPITALITY SUITE

DATE: Friday, October 22  
TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
PLACE: Doubletree Hotel

## SQUADRON PARTIES(Optional)

DATE: Friday, October 22  
TIME: Evening  
PLACE: To be arranged by Squadron Honchos

## **PROGRAM - Saturday, October 23**

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

All association members are asked to attend this important meeting.

DATE: Saturday, October 23  
TIME: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
PLACE: Doubletree Hotel

## APPLE HILL TOUR ✓

Located just east of Placerville, the Apple Hill region is home to 56 farms that open their doors to visitors each fall during the apple harvest. It is a celebratory time when the farmers sell fruit directly to the public, offering cider, pies, and other apple products. The scene is different at each farm, with some allowing visitors to pick their own fruit, and others offering hayrides, terrific handicrafts, and a variety of foods.

Weekends in October are the peak season for this fall festival so additional entertainment will be featured at certain farms. The final schedule of activities will be announced a bit later, but for now just plan on this being a great way to spend a crisp autumn afternoon!

DATE: Saturday, October 23  
TIME: 11:15 AM - 4:00 PM  
PLACE: Depart from hotel front entrance  
COST: \$16.00 per person

## SACRAMENTO ON YOUR OWN

With so many museums, shops, restaurants, and other attractions in the downtown Sacramento area, many of you may want to go back to the heart of the city to explore things on your own. Once you're in the downtown area, use the Museum Guide (included in your registration packet) to point you in the direction of the many museums and other attractions in the area.

Available in the area are the California State Railroad Museum, Wells Fargo History Museum, Discovery Museum, California Military Museum, Towe Auto Museum, Crocker Art Museum, Leland Stanford Museum, Sutter's Fort State Historical Park, California State Capitol Museum, California State Indian Museum, Governors Mansion, Golden State Museum and much more. Spend as much or as little time here as you like. Just be sure to be back at the hotel in time to get ready for the Awards Banquet later this evening

DATE: Saturday, October 23  
TIME: You're on your own. Have fun!

## FAREWELL RECEPTION & AWARDS BANQUET

We will start the evening with the Farewell Reception and Cocktail Party, featuring a cash bar that will remain open during the banquet. This may be your last real opportunity to say good-bye to many old and new friends you have met here in Sacramento. By all means, take advantage of the opportunity.

The Awards Banquet is traditionally the last major function at the Annual Convention. It should be a memorable event, and to add to the enjoyment of the occasion, we want you to feel you have been well fed. In pursuit of that objective, we are offering a choice of entrees. The choices are: 1) New York Sirloin with Merlot Sauce, or 2) Breast of Chicken, stuffed with Wild Rice, plus appropriate accompaniments, dessert and coffee. The cost of the function will be determined by your choice of entrees. So be sure to indicate your choice on the Convention Registration Form (p. 43 of your Jing Bao Journal).

Also for your enjoyment, banquet seats will be pre-assigned. So again, indicate on your Registration Form with WHOM (person or persons), or which GROUP you wish to be seated for this function.

DATE: Saturday, October 23

TIME: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Cocktail Party and Reception  
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Awards Banquet

PLACE: Doubletree Hotel

DRESS: Semi-formal

COST: \$31.00 per person Beef Entree  
\$28.00 per person Chicken Entree

### **PROGRAM--Sunday, October 24**

If the convention does well financially, we will have a complimentary continental breakfast for all. Otherwise, it's farewell, and Bon Voyage!

**OTHER SIGHTS TO SEE:** There are many interesting things to do in this area either as part of a group or on your own. Either way, you must take advantage of this marvelous opportunity.

Today, Old Sacramento, is the largest registered national landmark in California with over 100 restored buildings housing a multitude of unique shops, restaurants and museums. Steam trains, water taxis, horse drawn

## SIGHTS TO SEE(CONTINUED)

carriages, electric shuttles and river boat cruises are only a few of the many attractions. Specific sites include the Old Sacramento Schoolhouse, the Pony Express Monument, the Eagle Theater(reconstruction of California's first public theater, dating from 1849), and the Big Four Building, named for the four western railroad tycoons, who were instrumental in making transcontinental rail travel a reality). It houses the Huntington Hopkins Hardware Store Museum and the Stanford Art Gallery.

Sutter's Fort State Historical Park was the site of Sacramento's earliest settlement founded by John Sutter in 1839. Self-guided audio tours will lead you through copper and blacksmith shops, a bakery, jail, dining rooms and living quarters. Visits to the livestock areas and witnessing frequent living history re-enactments will help give you a sense of what life must have been like in Sacramento of the 1840's.

The California State Capital and Museum features tours, films and numerous historical artifacts and exhibits describing and interpreting California's government and long history of progress and achievement..

The nearest(open) Air Force Base is Travis AFB, a huge operation about 40 miles from Sacramento. Travis is best known to the public for its role in major troop deployments such as Desert Storm, and the fact that they are the home of the C-5 Galaxie transport. Beale Air Force Base, an important Space Radar site partially under command of the 14th Air Force, and home of the U-2 high altitude reconnaissance aircraft, is a bit further away but still within driving distance. Finally, McClellan Air Force Base on the outskirts of Sacramento, but not currently an active base, houses the McClellan Aviation Museum with 31 restored vintage aircraft dating back to WWI., plus Air Force artifacts and memorabilia, as well as an extensive aviation technical library.

For those who stay over for a few days, there are a number of interesting places worth visiting, perhaps as long day-trips, or even as a two or three day excursion.

South Lake Tahoe is about 99 miles or 2 hours away. This magnificent high-mountain lake offers many gaming and entertainment activities, and the scenery going and coming by auto is spectacular.

San Francisco is about 87 miles(less than 2 hours) and would be an excellent full-day or longer excursion. You could see Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown, Golden Gate Park, Alcatraz Island, and much more.

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# - The Menu -

<u>HORS D'OEUVRES</u>			
Club Hors D'oeuvres	( )	\$	5.00
Hors D'oeuvres Special	( )	\$	5.00
Hors D'oeuvres Variens	( )	\$	5.00
<u>SOUP</u>			
Beef Tea	( )	\$	1.00
Consomme	( )	\$	1.00
Consomme aux Vermicelli	( )	\$	1.00
Chicken a la Reine	( )	\$	1.00
Cream of Tomato Soup	( )	\$	1.00
Pottage Ham Chicken Soup	( )	\$	1.00
Russian Cream Soup	( )	\$	1.00
Jardiniere Soup	( )	\$	1.00
Chicken Giblet Soup	( )	\$	1.00
Abalone Cream Soup	( )	\$	1.00
<u>BEEF</u>			
Fillet Mignon	( )	\$	2.50
Porterhouse Steak	( )	\$	2.50
Tenderloin Steak	( )	\$	2.50
Grilled Fillet Steak	( )	\$	2.50
T-Bone Steak	( )	\$	2.50
Beef Cutlets a la Russe	( )	\$	2.50
Club Steak	( )	\$	2.50
Braised Ox Tongue	( )	\$	1.00
<u>CHICKEN</u>			
Marengo of Chicken	( )	\$	2.00
Pilan of Chicken	( )	\$	2.00
Chicken of Maryland	( )	\$	2.00
Roasted Chicken	( )	\$	2.00
Grilled Spring Chicken	( )	\$	2.00
Stewed Chicken	( )	\$	2.00
Haricot Chicken	( )	\$	2.00
Braised Chicken	( )	\$	2.00
Fried Chicken	( )	\$	2.00
Chicken a la King	( )	\$	2.00
Chicken Pie	( )	\$	2.00
Chicken Patties	( )	\$	2.00
Chicken Cutlets	( )	\$	2.00
Chicken a la Kife	( )	\$	2.00
Curry Chicken	( )	\$	2.00
Boneless Chicken	( )	\$	2.00
Mixed Grill	( )	\$	2.00
Stewed Chicken & Noodle	( )	\$	2.00
<u>PORK</u>			
Fried Pork Chop	( )	\$	2.00
Grilled Pork Chop	( )	\$	2.00
<u>FISH</u>			
Fried Fish	( )	\$	1.50
Grilled Fish	( )	\$	1.50
Smoked Fish	( )	\$	1.50
Boiled Fish	( )	\$	1.50
Baked Fish	( )	\$	1.50
Stewed Fish Roll	( )	\$	1.50
Fish Salad	( )	\$	1.50
Cheese Baked Fish	( )	\$	1.50
<u>RICE</u>			
Egg Rice	( )	\$	1.00
Ham Egg Rice	( )	\$	1.00
Porkallice Egg Rice	( )	\$	1.00
Kedgeroe Rice	( )	\$	1.00
Minced Egg Rice	( )	\$	1.00
Club Rice	( )	\$	1.00
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
Mixed salad	( )	\$	1.00
Chicken salad	( )	\$	1.00
Cake	( )	\$	1.00
Butter	( )	\$	1.00
Jam	( )	\$	1.00
Ham & Egg	( )	\$	1.00
Grilled Ham	( )	\$	1.00
Ham Omelet	( )	\$	1.00
Cold Ham	( )	\$	1.00
Pan Cake	( )	\$	1.00
Chicken Chop Suey	( )	\$	1.00
Chicken Fried Noodle	( )	\$	1.00
Roll	( )	\$	1.00
Toast	( )	\$	1.00
Cheese Toast	( )	\$	1.00
Cheese Omelet	( )	\$	1.00
<u>SANDWICHES</u>			
Cheese Sandwiches	( )	\$	1.00
Steak Sandwiches	( )	\$	1.00
Ham Sandwiches	( )	\$	1.00
Chicken Sandwiches	( )	\$	1.00
Fried Egg Sandwiches	( )	\$	1.00
Club Sandwiches	( )	\$	1.00
<u>COLD REFRESHMENT</u>			
Ice Cream	( )	\$	1.00
Ice Cocon	( )	\$	1.00
Ice Coffee	( )	\$	1.00
Ice Milk	( )	\$	1.00
Fresh Orange Squash	( )	\$	1.00
<u>HOT DRINK</u>			
Tea & Milk	( )	\$	1.00
Coffee & Milk	( )	\$	1.00
Cocoa & Milk	( )	\$	1.00
Hot Milk	( )	\$	1.00

ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT  
TO CHANGE WHEN NECESSARY

Does anyone remember the United Nations Club and this menu? How about those prices? \$250.00 for Filet Mignon? Ah, those were the good old days.

This one came to us from Bob Pierce(12th ASS-68th ASG), Box 150061, Lakewood, CO 80215. Menu prices obviously reflect the wartime value of Chinese National currency...Ed.

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## ANOTHER KIND OF STORY

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This one came to us from **Juanita M. Weedn**(Assoc. 68th ASG), **2516 Topaz Dr., Novato, CA 94945** in a delightful letter that we chose to publish in its entirety. It reads as follows:

"I should have sent this story to you some time ago. My husband **Henry(Hank) Weedn**(12th ASS-68th ASG), and myself had a wonderful encounter that presented us with a view of the war in Kunming, China, through a very different set. of eyes.

"In the summer of 1997, my husband and I were at a dinner party in La Jolla, California. By chance, we were seated with a delightful couple from Massachusetts, Dan and Vickie Wong. As we engaged in conversation, we discovered that although Dan was a long time resident of the USA, he had spent a part of his childhood in a small village outside of Kunming, China. His years there coincided with Hank's service in Kunming. The story starts here:

"Dan Wong's father was a diplomat for the Chinese government. With China's escalating involvement in the war, his father feared for the family's safety. Mr. Wong took them to live out the war, in an out-of-the-way village.

"Every member of the village knew that American pilots were there to fight for them and their freedom. The villagers in turn, had a system in place to help those pilots when they ran into trouble. There was a large bell hanging in the village center. If an American plane went down, the bell was rung and the village would buzz with excitement and urgency. Every man and boy in the village would head out of the village to try to find the downed pilot.

"Now Dan Wong was a small boy, 7 or 8 years old. When the bell sounded on this particular day, he headed out, like always, trailing the older boys and village men. As the distance of the run lengthened, the young boy found himself falling far behind the others. Suddenly, out of the thick brush, right into the path in front of him, stepped a sight, the likes of which he had never seen. Dan Wong ran smack into a huge, white, giant with flaming red hair and blue eyes!

## ANOTHER KIND OF STORY (CONTINUED)

"Unbelievably, the flaming giant reached down and scooped the boy up in his arms. Paralyzed with fear, the young boy couldn't imagine what to do! The giant, holding the boy easily in one arm, reached into his pocket and pulled out a mysterious silver stick. He showed it to the boy and then slowly peeled the silver off the stick. Before the boy knew it, the giant stuck the stick into his mouth! His eyes popped wide open in amazement...the stick was sweet and soft and lovely. The giant laughed at the boy's expression, and suddenly looked more like a kindly giant. With gentle words and sure movements, the boy was placed aloft on the giant's shoulders. Dan realized that this giant must be the American pilot and led him back to the safety of the village.

"Now, if this giant is still around, he might be interested in knowing that the young boy who was his rescuer that day, grew up to be Dr. I.C. Wong, Institute Professor, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His address is 271 Nahanton Street, Newton, MA 02459

"My husband and I had a wonderful evening with Dr. Wong and reminiscing about China. Hank passed away the following October.

"I do hope the redheaded giant is still around!"

(Signed) Juanita M. Weedn

**Note: We chose to publish this letter first of all because of the delightful story it tells, but also because we so seldom get a story from an Associate member and it gives us an opportunity to remind one and all that we welcome stories from all categories of membership. We do publish more than "war stories" you know...Ed.**

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AN APOLOGY: IF YOU RECEIVED THE LAST (APRIL-MAY) JBJ A BIT LATER THAN USUAL, WE APOLOGIZE. IT SEEMS THAT THE MAILING SERVICE WE USE REALLY DROPPED THE BALL. NET RESULT, WE NOW HAVE A NEW MAILING SERVICE. WE WILL KEEP OUR FINGERS CROSSED AND HOPE FOR THE BEST...ED

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## FLORIDA WEST COAST BIRTHDAY PARTY

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*The Tampa Tribune* reporter present for the 11th consecutive West Coast celebration of the birth of the 14th Air Force reported:

"The 90 or so people gathered at the MacDill AFB Officers Club were there to celebrate the 56th birthday of the 14th Air Force Flying Tigers. Evolving from the original AVG Flying Tigers, they became the China Air Task Force after WW II began, and then the 14th U.S. Army Air Force. These were the men of the 14th and their spouses or guests who gathered for this annual event. Like all reunions, these are bittersweet occasions.

**Jack Hild[21st & 35th PRS]** of Naples(Florida), former 14th Air Force Association President, organized this year's event and was emcee for the luncheon program. He, along with everyone else present, struggled as the names of those who were no longer around were read from an ever- growing list. Old friends who had fought together a half century ago under the most difficult circumstances, and then renewed old friendships year- after-year, were now absent.

If you moved through the gathering, you heard bits and pieces of stories repeated over and over. You heard the names of exotic locales, of ancient Chinese cities, and of a world at war in places most of those who participated had never heard of before they arrived in China.

It is one more story that another entire generation now growing up has never heard. We need to pay attention to those stories and those who lived them while they are still among us."

According to **Jack(Hild)**, he, as Master of Ceremonies, introduced the past and present 14th AFA officers and board members on hand, and gave special recognition to those members who established and supported the Florida West Coast party for the past eleven years. With past West Coast Party Chairman **Wayne Billig and wife Virginia, Al Gazo and wife Jessie, Charles Fisher and wife Renee, and Bernie Kirchoff(in absentia)**, all receiving engraved plaques of appreciation.

Ed Ponge and wife Audrey were recognized for having organized the first West Coast Party which was held in their home in Bradenton(Florida). It was also noted that Ed and Audrey assisted in the original 14th Air Force Birthday parties in New York City, with Addie Bailey(deceased) and Milt Miller organizing those affairs. They will be recognized with a special award at next year's West Coast Party on Friday, March 10, 2000.

Cynthia Chennault Sikevie, youngest daughter of Anna and General Chennault, with her sons Paul and Michael were special guests at this affair, and were the BIG SURPRISE Jack had promised. Cynthia's husband Pierre(Sikevie) was invited, but was battling the flu and unable to attend.

Cynthia and Pierre are both instructors at the University of Florida in Gainesville, she in Asian studies and he in Physics. Both teenage sons attend Gainesville High School. Cynthia brought a message from Pierre thanking the group for inviting them to the party, and a message of best wishes from her mother, Anna. She reminisced briefly about attending 14th Air Force Association affairs as a child, with her mother and sister, Claire Anna, and again thanked the group for inviting her and her sons to the party.



*Michael  
Sikevie*

*Paul  
Sikevie*

*Cynthia Chennault Sikevie*

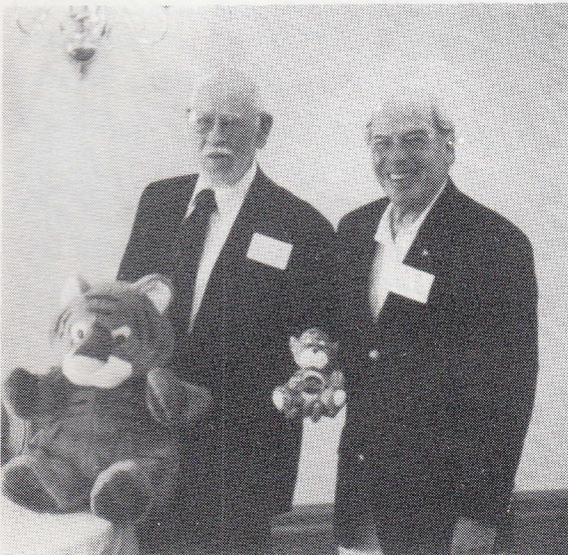
Cynthia Chennault Sikevie and sons Michael(L) and Paul.

It wouldn't be a birthday party without a "birthday" cake, and Louise McCollum(wife of Dan, 491st BS), was in charge of that department. The result was something unique. It wasn't just a single large cake, but a centerpiece one-layer cake surrounded by 90 small individual cupcakes, each with its own candle. When the lights were dimmed and the candles lighted, it was truly an impressive sight. Unfortunately, we do not have a suitable photo to document that ceremonial event.

Like all good showmen, Jack came up with a "gimmick" for this year's party. Each person attending was asked to bring a "Tiger" and participate in a gift exchange. It worked! We have pictures to prove it!

Cynthia (Chennault) Sikevie gets her "Tiger", a framed copy of the 1943 *Time* magazine cover photo of General Chennault, from Jack Hild. In return, Cynthia presented Jack with a stuffed Tiger that actually growls.

*Cynthia  
Chennault*



"Tigers Large and Small"  
Jim Palmer (491st BS) and an unidentified participant show off their "prizes." Jim, on right in this photo, obviously got the short end of the stick.

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## FLORIDA WEST COAST PARTY (CONTINUED)

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Here Bill Geiger(25th FS) proudly displays his prize in the "Tiger" exchange.

There was something there for everyone. In addition to the "Tiger" exchange, Eager beaver **Bernie Pagels(375th BS-308th BG)** was the winner of the early registration competition, and was awarded a 14th AFA Bolo Tie for his promptness. Bernie edged out **Art Nyberg(490th BS-341st BG)** by a whisker to win his "prize." Hang in there Art, maybe next year will be your year.

Speaking of next year, Jack Hild will again honcho the Florida West Coast party, and is already making plans for this annual event. As suggested earlier, the date is March 10(Friday), next year(2000), and the place again will be the MacDill AFB Officers Club. We will have more on this and other birthday parties later, but plan now to be there.

Those present for the party in Tampa were:

MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Andy Bacher, 22nd BS, Sarasota, FL, Wayne & Virginia Billig, 317th FCS, Haines City, FL, Chester & Dora Borawa, 374th BS, Sun City Center, FL, Jeremiah & Barbara Browne, 76th FS, Palm Harbor, FL, Lee & Mary Chalifour, 425th BS, Port Charlotte, FL, Edwin & Yorklin Chu, 14th ASG, New Port Richey, FL, Gordon Davidson, Guest(Goddard), Naples, FL, Jeff & Edwina Davis, 4th PTU, Fruitland Park, FL, Joseph Digiro, 311th FG, Bellaire Beach, FL, Ethel Doherty, Assoc.491st BS, Revere, MA, Bessie Eaton, Assoc. 491st BS, Madeira Beach, FL, Charles & Renee Fisher, 26th FS, Tampa, FL, Gregory & Virginia Fox, 22nd BS, St Petersburg, FL, Carol Galotti, Guest(Nyberg), Sun City Center, FL, Al & Jessie Gazo, 425th BS, New Port Richey, FL, William Geiger, 25th FS, Pinellas Park, FL, Ted & Libby Gensel, 373rd BS, Zepherhills, FL, Clair Goddard, 26th FS, Naples, FL, Wally & Eleanor Hamilton, 835th SSB, Bartlett, IL, Barbara Harmon, Assoc. 25th FS, Mulberry, FL, Joseph & Mary Hart, 425th BS., Punta Gorda, FL, Jack Hild, 35th-21st PRS, Naples FL, Steve & Irma Johnston, Guests(Thomas), Palm Harbor, FL, Francis & Beverly Lacy, 322nd TCS, St Petersburg, FL, Mel & Nancy Levitt, 69th DRS, Bradenton, FL, Joe Lippman, Guest(Hild), St Petersburg, FL, Al & Nelda Love, 491st BS, Vermilion, OH, Dan & Louise McCollum, 491st BS, Long Boat Key, FL, Bob McCrachen, Guest(Doherty), Revere, MA, Carrie Mitchell, Guest(Smith), Tampa, FL, Donald & Norma Morris, 322nd TCS, Ladt Lake, FL, Betty Moss, Guest(Bacher),Sarasota, FL, Bob & Geneva Nesbitt, 308th BG, Sebring, FL, Howard & Ruth Nutting, 375th BS, Milton, MA, Arthur Nyberg, 490th BS, Sun City Center, FL, Wallace & Dorothy Owen, 21st PRS, Port Charlotte, FL, Bernard & Faye Pagels, 375th BS, Sun City Center, FL, Jim & Dorain Palmer, 491st BS, Spring Hill, FL, Ed & Audrey Ponge, 11th BS, Bradenton, FL, James & Carolyn Smith, 426th NFS, Tampa, FL, Alvin & Doris Stainker. 11th BS, Spring Hill, FL, Ramon & Lorraine Sweezey, 322nd TCS, Bradenton, FL, Vernon & Rose Teel, 375th BS, Albany, GA, Stan & Mary Lou Thomas, 81st FG, Palm Harbor, FL, Henry & Doris Tursky, 69th DRS, Ocala, FL, Bill & Ruth Van Vleck, 22nd BS, Clearwater, FL, Jean Vogel, Guest(Geiger), Pinellas Park, FL, Bob & Sally Way, 322nd TCS, Canton, OH, Anthony & Asta Wojciak, 322nd TCS, St Petersburg, FL, Wilford & Diana Young, 425th BS, Punta Gorda, FL SPECIAL GUESTS: Cynthia Chennault Sikevie & sons Paul & Michael Sikevie, Gainesville, FL.

## DALLAS-FORT WORTH BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Dallas-Ft Worth Wing of the 14th Air Force Association held its version of the 14th Air Force's 56th anniversary birthday party in Kang's Cafe private dining room in Irving, Texas, on March 6. As usual, **Dick Maddox(449th FS), 3240 Norcross Lane, Dallas, TX 75229**, was in charge of arrangements. Special guests for the birthday celebration were:



**Director Wei and Dick Maddox  
at the Dallas-Ft Worth Party**

Mr. James H.C. Wei, Director, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, and several members of the D-FW Chinese Community.

A number of local 14th AFA "volunteers" were introduced and recognized for their part in making the annual birthday party a success. Mr. Wei gave a brief speech, thanking the members for inviting him to the party, and to the surprise of everyone, presented the group a huge 56th Anniversary "Happy Birthday" cake.

According to Dick(Maddox), the party was a great success and the birthday cake a big hit with the 48 members and guests present. And, here(below) is a list of those who were there.

**MEMBERS AND SPOUSES:** Frank & Carol Andreas, 16th FS, Plano, TX, John & Shirley Carlisle, 51st FG, Mesquite, TX, Roland & Terry Cupaioli, 129th AACS, Dallas, TX, Emmet & Mary Lou Fenton, 322nd TCS, Irving, TX, Barney & Mira Goodstein, 159th AACS, Dallas, TX, Joe Hight, 375th BS, Dallas, TX, Floyd & Betty Kelley, 375th BS, Garland, TX, Norman & Marguerite Larsen, 16th FS, Ft Worth, TX,

## DALLAS-FT WORTH PARTY PARTICIPANTS(CONTINUED)

Len & Virginia Logar, 19th LIAS, Grand Prairie, TX, Dick & Kathryn Maddox, 449th FS, Dallas, TX, G.C. & Doris Martin, 14th Engr, Ft Worth, TX, Louis & Margret Minella, 23rd FCS, Dallas, TX, Charles & Dolores Moser, 491st BS., Ft Worth, TX, Frank & Nedra Norton, 1369th AFBU, Dallas, TX, Frank & Joan Rousseau, 375th BS, Irving, TX, Ray Salter, 374th BS, Dallas, TX, Harold Thiele, 373rd BS, Ft Worth, TX, Robert Walters, 529th FS, Addison, TX, Wang, Kuang-Fu, CACW 7th FS, Dallas, TX.

GUESTS: Thomas Burns, Larry Dennis, David Larsen, Ron & Joyce Rockwell, Otha & Billie Spencer, Jeff Walters.

SPECIAL GUESTS: James H.C. Wei, Director, Taiwan Economic & Cultural Office in Houston, Dr. Charles Ku, Dallas Overseas Chinese Commissioner, Eric Mu, Dallas Overseas Chinese Commissioner, Helena Lee, Chair, Federation of Chinese Community, Kathy Fang, Vice Chair, Federation of Chinese Community, Susanna Kuh, President, Chinese American Society, Ful-Chu Li, Journalist, Chinese Community liaison.

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## DENVER AREA PARTY

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The Denver Area party celebrating the 56th birthday of the 14th Air Force was held at the *Lowry Air Force Base Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum* on March 10, this year. Past 14th AFA President, **Don Van Cleve**(75th FS), 950 S. Harrison St., Denver, CO 80295, and **Bob Pierce**(12th ASSq), P.O. Box 150061, Lakewood, CO 80215, report the party, complete with birthday cake, and a tour of the museum, a great success. A total of 31 people turned out for this one, including one member **Bob Walker**(and wife, **Laura**) who drove all the way from Kansas City for a surprise meeting with his old 12th TAC Squadron C.O. **Bob Teeple**, a mini reunion that was enjoyed by all. Special guests for this affair were a member of the Lowry Museum Board of Directors and a Museum Staff Member.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Ervin Bingham, 21st PRS, Denver, CO, Gerald Broida, 315th ASG, Aurora, CO, Lamar Cartwright, 325th BS, Denver, CO, Bill Chin, 23rd FG, Parker, CO, Ken & Dennis Falkner, 75th FS, Littleton, CO, John Foster, 21st PRS, Denver, CO, Jack Galland, 491st BS., Golden, CO, Lloyd Hammond, 491st BS, Denver, CO, Toby Harrington, 25th FS, Lakewood, CO, Jerry & Vivien Jacobs, CASC, Denver, CO, Joe Mancuso, 375th BS, Denver, CO, Dub Martin, 22nd BS, Aurora, CO, Murel McCreary, 1st CCS, Brighton, CO, Bob Pierce, 12th ASS, Lakewood, CO, Cleve Peterson, CBI, Denver, CO, Bud & Pat Roth, Affiliate, Denver, CO, Clarence Smith, 11th BS, Littleton, CO, Earl & Sherman Strobeck, 69th DRS, Englewood, CO, Bob Teeple, 12th TAC, Denver, CO, Don & Irene Van Cleve, 75th FS, Denver, CO, Bob & Laura Walker, 12th TAC, Kansas City, MO, Paul Webb, 22nd BS, Denver, CO, Lyle Williams, Guest(Dub Martin), Aurora, CO, John Yee, 51st FG, Denver, CO.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Jerl Tool, member of Lowry AFB Air & Space Museum Board of Directors, and Jim Murray, Air & Space Museum Tour Guide.

The "mile-high" bunch had a fancy "Birthday Cake" too!



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## FLORIDA EAST COAST PARTY

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Honcho **Gene Boyars**, 8th Airdrome Squadron, P.O. Box 934236, Margate Fl 33093, mastermind of the Florida East Coast Annual Birthday Party since 1976, reports that sixty-two people attended this year's party. According to Gene, almost half of the attendees were first timers, and one member who missed last year came by wheelchair: proving once again, the old spirit still prevails. **Milt Miller** acted as Master of Ceremonies, and **Mark Conn**, former 14th AF Special Services Officer, Golden Gloves Champion, well-known boxing referee, and Past Master Bridge player, demonstrated his latest talent: stand-up comedy. Again according to Gene, Mark had them(including non 14th AF patrons of the restaurant), "rolling in the aisles." Those present for this year's party included:

MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Chris & Lee Barrett, 75th FS, Merritt Island, FL, Gene & Mae Boyars, 8th AS, Coconut Creek, FL, Charles & Alice Bronson, 375th BS, Ft Walton Beach, FL, John & Aureline Campian, 308th BG, Boca Raton, FL, Russ & Jan Castaline, 14th HQ, N. Miami Beach, FL, Mark & Jeannie Conn, 308th BG, Pompano Beach, FL, Ted & Joanne Connolly, 2nd TCS, Miami, FL, Joe & Teenie Cooper, 12th ASG, Delray Beach, FL, Herb & Ruth Corkin, 11th BS, Key Biscayne, FL, Bernie & Sandy Danzig, 375th BS, Fedhaven, FL, Jack & Lynn Hart, Guests(Danzig), Fedhaven, FL, Richard & Elizabeth Force, 68th ASG, Jacksonville, FL, Bonnie Frazier, Assoc 75th FS, Hobe Sound, FL, Harold & Barbara Griffin, 12th ASG, Polk City, FL, Sam Leventhal, 373rd BS, Boca Raton, FL, Pauline Altman, Guest(Leventhal), Boca Raton, FL, Edward & Ann Lydon, 7th FS-CACW, W. Palm Beach, FL, Milt & Faye Miller, 308th BG, Boca Raton, FL, Ben & Fritzi Minkin, 373rd BS, Lima OH, Lew & Marge Ober, 426th NFS, Plantation, FL, William & Bertha Remer, 491st BS, Delray Beach, FL, Paul, Marie & Sandra Rosar, 491st BS, Bethlehem, PA, Bruce & Charlene Sholl, 373rd BS, N. Palm Beach, FL, Gene & Janet Magar, Guests(Sholl), N. Palm Beach, FL, Max & Rhoda Silverstein, 23rd FG, Cranbury, NJ, Mel & Yola Spencer, 373rd BS, R.A. & Catherine Sweizy, 21st PRS, Port St Lucie, FL, Oliver Echavez, Guest(Swiezy), James Tewes & Judi Dankert, 22nd BS, Davie, FL, David & Rosalind Thompson, 528th FS, Ft Lauderdale, FL, Past Pres. Bob & Sally Way, 322nd TCS, Canton, OH. .

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## *Why I Want to be A Pilot*

*I want to be a pilot when I grow up because it's fun and easy to do. Pilots don't need much school, they just have to learn numbers so they can read instruments. I guess they should be able to read maps so they can find their way if they are lost. Pilots should be brave so they won't be scared if it's foggy and they can't see or if a motor or a wing falls off they should stay calm so they'll know what to do. Pilots have to have good eyes so they can see through clouds and they can't be afraid of lightning or thunder because they are closer to them than we are. The salary pilots make is another thing I like. They make more money than they can spend. This is because most people think flying an airplane is dangerous except pilots don't because they know how easy it is. There isn't much I don't like, except girls like pilots and all the stewardesses want to marry them so they always have to chase them away so they won't bother them. I hope I don't get airsick because if I do I couldn't be a pilot and would have to go to work.*

*A Fifth Grader*

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## THE MADDOXES GET A BRICK

Following is an excerpt from a 449th Fighter Squadron Newsletter published by **Dick Maddox(449th FS), 3240 Norcross Ln, Dallas, TX 75229**. We feel that no further embellishment is needed. Dick's words speak for themselves.

"...we have just learned that there is an unknown source of friend(s) and benefactor(s) out there in the ranks of the 449th who has dedicated a 'brick' in our name at [the] Robins AFB Museum. Kathryn and I are both surprised and elated that we would be chosen to receive such recognition. To help us express our appreciation, I have included a copy of a photo of the 'brick' we received with a note from 14th AFA Museum Chairman, Oliver Bateman, informing us of this tremendous honor. I am really at a loss for the proper words to say, but I can tell you that Kathryn and I are very grateful for having such a fine friend(s) as whomever our secret benefactor(s) might be. At least we know how to say thank you. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**"



**DICK AND KATHRYN MADDOX**  
**SOUL AND VOICE FOR**  
**449th FTR SQDN - 14th AIR FORCE**

**Note: Dick didn't ask us to publish his words of thanks. In fact, he said in a note accompanying the Newsletter that the story would probably be of little interest to anyone but him. We disagree. Dick and Kathryn certainly deserve this recognition, and I'm sure there are many others out there who share our view...Ed.**

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# SPEAKING OF BRICKS

In case anyone has forgotten, we still need contributions and/or pledges to the 14th Air Force Flying Tiger Historical Preservation Trust fund. This fund is to be held in trust to provide perpetual maintenance of the *Flying Tigers 14th Air Force Exhibit* at the Robins Air Force Base Museum of Aviation, and we need your help. One way of helping is to have a brick placed on the Museum's Wall of Honor, either in your own name, or in honor of some individual or group of individuals. A one-time, or cumulative, contribution of \$500 will get you that "brick". Use this form(below) to help "Keep the Memory Alive," and get yourself, or someone you wish to recognize, a place on the "Wall of Honor."

**YES ...** I want to help KEEP THE MEMORY ALIVE: Enclosed is my Donation and/or Pledge.

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I Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year for \_\_\_\_\_ Years.

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Wall of Honor "Brick" (three lines) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** *For contributions of any amount you get your name on the Wall of Fame nameplate. \$500.00 or more will buy you s "brick". When your total donations reach \$500.00 you will get a "brick".*

**MAIL TO:** Oliver Bateman, Chairman, 14th AF Museum Committee, Box 869, Macon, GA 31202

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## JOHN GAMBARDELLA - SURVIVOR

A few months back, in the Dec '98 - Jan '99 Jing Bao Journal to be exact, we published a story of survival by one of the luckiest people we know ("I Lived a Charmed Life," by John Gambardella, D.V.M., Dec-Jan JBJ, p. 3). Now we learn that John has finally been awarded his second Purple Heart Medal, for injuries suffered in his second near fatal aircraft accident. The Purple Heart Medal, along with a Bronze Service Star and a World War II Victory Medal, was presented to Gambardella in a Veteran's Day ceremony, last year 1998.

Here is John Gambardella looking trim in his WW I uniform, complete with medals, and his "50 Mission Crush" hat.



Photo from *New Haven Register*

John Gambardella was honored in Veterans Day ceremonies Sunday. City Kinswo/Register

### **Veteran a 2-time survivor**

John Gambardella is not only very lucky, he is one of the few people we know who can still wear his WW II uniform. Congratulations, John!

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## LAST LOOK AT KWEILIN

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This photo(below), taken by one of the last people to leave Kweilin before its abandonment, produced an interesting encounter and story. The story is found in a letter sent to us by the person who took the picture(see facing page).



Burning Hostel at Kweilin, 1944

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**From *Murphy's Law*: The first law of debate.  
"Never argue with a fool - people might not know the difference."**

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## SELIG SEIDLER PHOTOGRAPHER

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This letter and burning hostel photo(opposite page) came to us recently from **Selig Seidler(16th CCU), 7540 Austin St., Forest Hills, NY 11375.** Another example of the kind of exchanges, together with their sometimes unexpected results, that so frequently occur when "Tigers" get together.

Dear Editor,

At the Memorial Weekend meeting last year, Martin Schlesinger and I were exchanging memories of our China days. I mentioned that Hal Geer and I were(except for the engineers), the last two people to leave Kweilin as the Japanese were making their big push to eliminate our bases. Besides our job of photographing the event, we were assisting as best we could in destroying anything that could be of any use to the enemy.

We burned all the hostels by putting 55 gallon drums partially filled with gasoline in, or close to the buildings, and setting them off by shooting into the drums with our trusty .45's. Then running like rabbits, as the drums and hostels went up in flames. I was complaining to Martin that after all this, and after all the pictures I had taken, I had never seen a print of any one of those many photographs. All of our exposed film was sent to Kunming for processing, and we seldom saw the results.

I almost fell off my chair when Martin said, "I have a copy of one of those pictures [upstairs] in my room." He ran up to the room and brought down a small album of China pictures. Sure enough, there it was, a burning hostel building! Martin had no idea where he got the photo, and was kind enough to lend it to me for copying. With his permission, I am enclosing a copy. I hope this will be of interest to you.

(Signed) Selig Seidler

**Note: This photo may have been published before, but the circumstances under which Selig finally saw a copy after 54 years did arouse our interest..Ed.**

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## ROSEMARY SANFORD - MUSEUM BENEFACTOR

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Rosemary Sanford, widow of Joshua "Chief" Sanford, has given the 14th Air Force Museum of Aviation Exhibit Trust Fund a substantial boost. She provided for a Rosemary Sanford \$5000 bequest to the 14th Air Force Association Flying Tigers in her Will. Rosemary died last year. Her husband, "Chief" Sanford was pilot in the 16th Fighter Squadron. He died in 1966. The city fathers in his home town have since named the local airport in his honor.



In carrying out Rosemary's apparent wishes, an appropriate number of bricks will be placed on the Museum's Wall of Honor in memory of Chief Sanford, Rosemary Sanford, their children and grandchildren.

Rosemary was a very dedicated member of the 14th Air Force Association. She often expressed the desire to help preserve and perpetuate the history of the 14th Air Force through the 14th Air Force Flying Tigers exhibit at the Robins Air Force Base Museum of Aviation, the official repository for 14th Air Force Association memorabilia. In making her bequest, she has materially helped provide for the perpetual care and maintenance of our exhibit.

The 14th Air Force Association greatly appreciates Rosemary and the Sanford family's interest and support.

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If we seem to give more space than usual to Obituaries and Black Borders in this issue, it's no accident. It's a sign of the times, friends. As our black border list continues to grow we find that for too many people recognition comes too late. A good example is in the Obituary for Francis T.F. Yee that follows. We didn't know Mr. Yee, but we wish we had. If his Obit is accurate, and most of them are reasonably so, his life and his accomplishments as a "Flying Tiger" deserve our recognition. (Obit sent to us by **Walt Proctor(1st CCS), 20191 Anza Dr., Salinas CA 93908**).

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## Francis T.F. Yee - AVG, Flying Tiger

Francis Ting Fong Yee, 95, of Honolulu, passed away on March 14, 1999. He was a member of the American Volunteer Group (AVG), the original Flying Tigers that served before and during World War II. Under the command of the late General Claire Lee Chennault, the Flying Tigers flew gallantly in numerous air combat missions over China and Burma. The AVG unit was disbanded after one year, and many of the volunteers, including Francis Yee were absorbed into the United States 14th Army Air Force.

Mr. Yee was awarded the Bronze Star Medal on December 8, 1996. Although not an aviator, he distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while engaged in ground operations as a motor vehicle maintenance supervisor. "I believe I was the first and only mechanic to have a wheel bearing air dropped to me by a Flying Tiger P-40 aircraft in order to repair a cargo truck and avert a massive traffic jam on the Burma road", he recalled. Yee was discharged from the China Service Command, 14th AAF, on July 16, 1946, with the rank of Master Sergeant.

After WW II, Mr. Yee helped with the effort to rebuild China when he joined the UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration) in Shanghai. He returned to Hawaii, and worked for U.S. Army Pacific at Fort Armstrong, Fort Shafter and Schofield. He retired as automotive mechanic supervisor in 1966. After retirement he was active in the Lung Kong Physical Culture Club where he was an instructor in martial arts, specializing in the Chinese Lion Dance for youth groups.

Born in Honolulu, Francis Yee spent his early years in Sun Tong Village in Kwangtung Province, Southern China. At age 14 he returned to Honolulu where he briefly attended St. Louis School. He completed his education at the Ford Motor Company School of Technology in Detroit, Michigan. The Ford Motor company employed him as a traveling representative and service school instructor. Proficient in both the English and Chinese languages, he helped train many Chinese mechanics in Ford's Far Eastern operation in Shanghai, and traveled extensively in the Orient for the Ford Motor Company. His travels took him to Tokyo and Yokohama in Japan, Manila and Cebu in the Philippines, Rangoon in Burma, and Macao, Nanking, Canton, Kweilin and Kunming in China. In fact, he was in Kunming when the U.S. entered the war with Japan, and there he volunteered for [service] with the Flying Tigers.

Mr. Yee is survived by a son Johnson (Elaine), daughters Daisy (Louis) Pang and Theresa (Chon Hon) Ko, nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and [several] nieces and nephews.

## POTPOURRI

This photo(below) was sent to us by **Lorraine Nelson**, wife of **President McKay Nelson (491st BS--341st BS), 480 E. Rainbow Canyon Dr., Cedar City, UT 84720**. It shows Mac(center) enjoying a mini-reunion with pilots, **Sid Richardson(left)** and **Hugh Renard(right)**, of the 491st Bomb Squadron B-25 on which he(Mac) was tail gunner. The three of them, and their spouses met for happy hour and dinner at Renard's Restaurant in Tucson in February. Their first meeting in 54 years!



Sid Richardson, McKay Nelson, Hugh Renard

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**Glen Roberts(373rd BS-308th BG), 1113 Mariposa Way, Boulder City, NV 89005** asks us to report a brand new "Old China Hands" web site and guarantees our Tigers they will find it interesting, informative and entertaining. The web address is <http://home.att.net/~oldchinahands> and Glen reminds everyone to be sure to enter the Old China Hands address exactly as shown and do not use a hyphen in place of the tilde preceding "oldchinahands".

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## MORE POTPOURRI

"Why is it called the Hump? Where did the name originate?" These are questions asked by **Gene Sak(Hq 315th ASG), 140 Flowerdale Dr., Rochester, NY 14626**. Gene continues: "When we went to China via the "Hump", no one questioned why it was so called. We knew the 'Hump' was there and took it for granted. The DC-3s and C-82s brought gasoline over the 'Hump' to our bases. When going on a mission, B-29s based in India would land at our bases, after crossing the 'Hump', to refuel and go on to their destination. Returning from their missions, the B-29s would again land at our bases to refuel before continuing back over the 'Hump' to India. All of this made for a lot of 'Hump' crossings, and someone came up with the idea of painting a small camel on the side of each plane for every time they flew over the 'Hump'." According to Gene, "It was said that if a plane made enough trips it would be 'camelflaged'." (Not my words folks...Ed). At any rate, Gene wants to know if any of our readers might know where the the expression "The Hump" originated. (Any plausible explanation will be accepted...Ed).

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A message from the Dyersburg(Tennessee) Army Air Base Memorial Association reads in part, as follows: "Each year since 1993 this little town of 2600 people[Halls, Tennessee] has had a yearly air show. Last year we had 30, 000 people in attendance. You have been kind enough to include us in your publication [in the past], and we hope you will this year. Since our Air Show is held on a former B-17 training base, we will have a B-17 and a couple of other bombers taking part in the show. However, we are really excited about the scheduled participation of several 'fighters' this year, including P-51s, a P-40, a Spitfire, and perhaps a couple of Russian fighters." For those who may be interested, here are the facts.

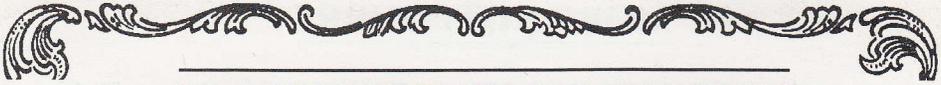
**What:** Air Show '99 - The Year of the Fighters

**Where:** Arnold Field, Halls, Tennessee  
(Formerly, Dyersburg Army Air Field)

**When:** Saturday & Sunday, August 28 & 29

**More information:** Contact Pat Higdon, 719 W. Main, Halls, TN  
38040, e-mail: [higdonp@ten-nash.ten.k12.tn.us](mailto:higdonp@ten-nash.ten.k12.tn.us)

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**Note:** As we go to press we have just learned of the recent death of our good friend BGen(Retired) Wiltz "Flash" Segura, and we cannot let his passing go unnoticed. I first met Wiltz in Lingling shortly after our squadron arrived in China, and flew at least two of my first few missions with the 75th FS with Wiltz as flight or mission leader. I got to know him much better many years later at the time of the 1990 New Orleans Convention, and in other conventions and meetings since then. In fact, at one of our meetings Wiltz, very ceremoniously and in a distinctly Segura manner, made me an "honorary" member of the 75th. He will be sorely missed...Ed.

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