

FLYING TIGERS

American Volunteer Group
Chinese Air Force

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Corporation



Joint Reunion

OJAI VALLEY INN, Ojai, California

July 15th, 16th and 17th, 1965

Program

Thursday

July 15

A.M. Arrival at Ojai Valley Inn
7 P.M. Hayride and Cook-Out

Friday

July 16

A.M. Golf Tournament
1 P.M. Luncheon for the Ladies & Fashion Show
3 P.M. Business Meeting
6 P.M. Cocktail Party
7 P.M. Dinner followed by Reunion Movies

Saturday

July 17

A.M. Golf Tournament
P.M. Poolside Activities
5 P.M. Annual Banquet

Sunday

July 18

A.M. Brunch
P.M. Take-off Time

Flying Tiger Pilot Award

Winners of the 1965 award are Colonel Robert L. Stephens and Lt. Colonel Daniel Andre who wrote a new chapter of manned flight into aviation history by flying the tri-sonic YF-12A interceptor to new world speed and altitude records. They averaged 2062 mph in out-and-back runs over the speed course at the Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB, Calif. In another flight, performed at 80,000 feet, they set the record for sustained altitude in horizontal flight.



COL. ROBERT L. STEPHENS

Col. Stephens, director of the YF-12A test force, has been a test pilot and aeronautical engineer for 17 of his 22 years in uniform. Known as "The Silver Fox" for his prematurely gray hair, he received a Legion of Merit for his test work. Born in Gilmer, Texas, Dec. 1, 1921, he is a graduate of Texas A & M and holds a masters degree from Princeton University. A fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots, he has test flown nearly all jet fighters from the F-80 through the F-106.



LT. COL. DANIEL ANDRE

Lt. Col. Andre is deputy director of the YF-12A test force. Born in Memphis July 3, 1918, he began his military career in 1943 when he enlisted in the Army Air Corp. A master radar observer, he came to Edwards after 5 years in the Pentagon managing fighter fire control/missile weapon systems R&D programs. He has 7 years as radar observer in operational flight tests at the Air Proving Ground Center in Florida. While with the 339th Fighter Squadron, he won an Air Medal for night combat missions in Korea.

Previous Awards

1952 Capt. Russell J. Brown
1954 William B. Bridgeman
1956 George F. Smith

1957 A. M. "Tex" Johnston
1958 Lt. Gen. Claire Lee Chennault
1959 Major Walter W. Irwin

1962 Major Robert M. White