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Flying Tigers Historical Organization Has new Logo



This new symbol representing the Flying Tiger Historical Organization (FTHO) takes the shape of the museum under construction in Guilin, China. The design reflects the long lasting friendship and cooperation between the USA and China as well as the victory over the Japanese in WW II. You can see a hand shake (Friendship) as well as a "V" for victory. The central circle is a wheel bearing which symbolize smooth running (Cooperation) when Chinese and Americans work together as they did in WW II.

Graphics Arts designer and illustrator Janet Heuer (janet.h@comcast.net) looked at our artist rendition of the museum and suggested it would make a good Logo due to the fact it represents so much of what the FTHO is trying to accomplish- Honoring the past while building for the future. Note the Shark nose shape of the museum with the windows being P 40 exhaust stacks and tiger teeth painted on the nose.



One Enchanted Evening.....

Last issue FTTHO encouraged everyone to “Save the Date” for September 21 for a celebration to honor the men and women who sacrificed their youth to join with the Chinese defending the world from tyranny. FTTHO and the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum sponsored this event as a “Salute to Our China Veterans” in Chinatown, Los Angeles, California. Under a huge banner depicting Claire Chennault and the Flying Tiger Heritage Park under construction in



Guilin, China, a spectacular evening unfolded. The setting was the Golden Dragon Restaurant which in addition to a dining area set aside a separate room for Exhibition of Flying Tiger Artifacts and Information produced by FTTHO Advisory Board Member Dr. Pedro Chan. Dr. Chan was the main organizer of the event. He is a Collector and Donor of Flying Tiger Items and he did not disappoint. The Exhibition centerpiece was a bronze bust of Claire



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Chennault surrounded by memorabilia, including flight jackets, banners, blood chits, and more, including a video interview of Moon Fun Chin, WWII pilot with China National Aviation Corp. (CNAC)



The evening opened with remarks by Major General James T. Whitehead, followed by stirring renditions of the American National Anthem led by Pek Chan and the Chinese National Anthem led by Yaowan Hong.

The evening was hosted by Kerry Berry Brogan, FTHO Goodwill Ambassador, as mistress of ceremonies. A talented actress who has starred in many Chinese movie and video productions, most recently a 26 part miniseries on the Flying Tigers, and fluent in English and Mandarin, she held the program together. She wore a dress she made especially for the event adorned with a “blood chit” and several patches from various squadrons and units that served in China in WWII.

Welcoming remarks were made by FTHO President Larry Jobe, thanking everyone for their contributions. Honorable Judy Chu, the first Chinese American woman member of the US House of Representatives presented the FTHO with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition and a resolution recognizing the service and achievement of WW II veterans. She added that she will push in Washington DC for a day honoring the Flying Tigers. Deputy Consul General of Chinese Consulate in Los Angeles Sun Wiede expressed his thanks for the event recognizing American and Chinese cooperation in WWII and extending his willingness to assist the efforts of FTHO with the museum construction in Guilin. Bill MacDonald made a special



announcement about an upcoming 10 week US television series on the Flying Tigers set to show in 2013.

Nell Calloway, granddaughter of the leader of the Flying Tigers, Claire Chennault, and Director of the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum located in Monroe, Louisiana, gave her thanks to the guests and participants in the event, introducing Dr. Cynthia Chennault, daughter of Claire Chennault. She commented “I think my grandfather, General Chennault, would be very proud to know that there are two museums, one in each country, that have partnered



together to keep the legacy of friendship between the Flying Tigers, the Americans, and the Chinese alive for future generations.”

Left to right:
General Whitehead
Dr. Cynthia Chennault
Nell Calloway
Larry Jobe

The high point of the evening was the introduction of eleven surviving veterans from WWII. They included Captain Bill Behrns, Ace, CBI, US Army Air Corp, Manuel Gallardo, Pacific Fleet Seaman; Robert Hong, US Army Air Corps; Eduardo Perez, Pacific US Army Cavalry, Albert Robles, Pacific Theater, Corporal Tech; Stanley Schwartz, CBI, US Army Air Corps; Donald Westfahl, CBI Second Weather Reconnaissance Squadron; James Bok Wong, 14th AAF, Air Service Squadron; K. Yuey Wong, 14th AAF Private First Class; Fulton Yee, 14th AAF,



Private First Class; Joe Ly Yung, China Air Task Force and Signal Company; and William Jung, 14th AAF, QM Truck Company. Nell Calloway, Cynthia Chennault, and Maj. General James Whitehead presented each of the veterans with a plaque and a Certificate of Appreciation for their service.

Mr. Jung is now 105 years old.



Of particular note was the contribution of James Bok Wong (photo to right) \$5000 for his table. He was specially recognized by Kerry Brogan for his service and his contribution.



Three representatives from Lingui County in China were in attendance reporting on the progress of the Flying Tiger Heritage Park being built in their county in Guilin. A 43,000 square foot museum will be finished sometime next year and will be the largest museum dedicated to the veterans of WWII in China. The nearly 5 million dollar park will cover 123 acres and when completed will have replica building, statues, memorial walls, the museum and General Chennault's Command and Operations cave restored to its WWII configuration. The FTTHO is raising \$1,000,000 for the park as the American contribution; the Chinese are matching our contribution four to one. In addition to raising funds for the park, some of the evening's proceeds will go to the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum for their travelling museum on the Flying Tigers.

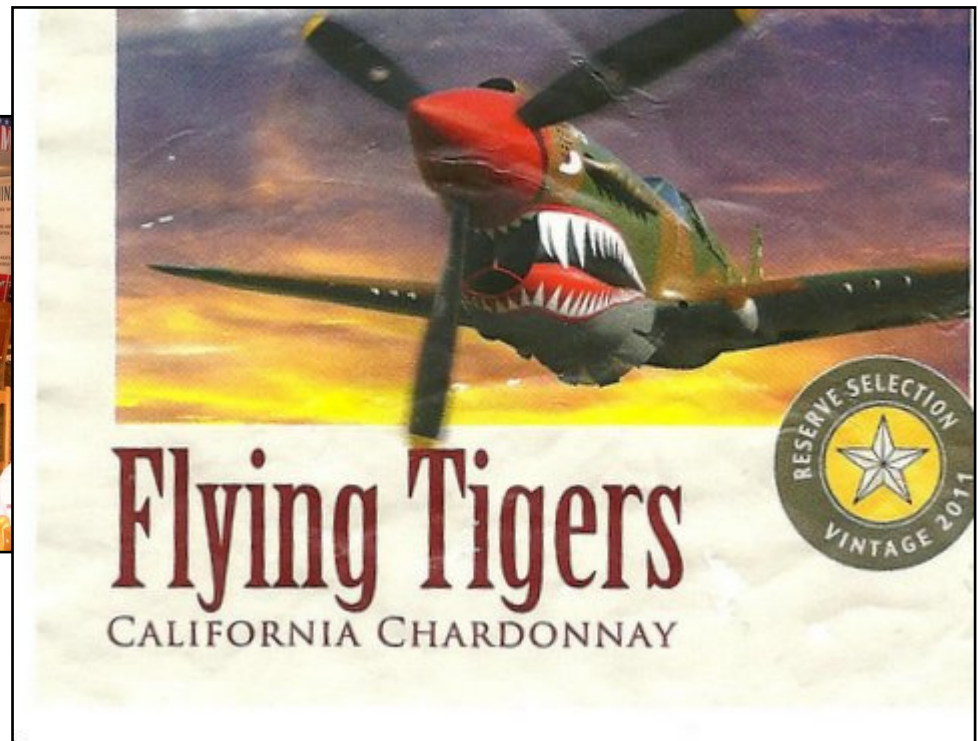


Windows will look like exhaust stack of P 40 when viewed from outside

Museum dome takes shape. Cave is in mountain in background.



Some mention must be made of the feast provided by the Golden Dragon. 9 courses of a variety of delicious Chinese entrees, served on a traditional rotating glass “lazy susan”—more than enough to fill the diners. A specialty item was added by Fine Wines 4 You of Napa Valley—Flying Tigers wines. Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon—these wines come in bottles with Flying Tiger labels, showing various views of a P-40. Many diners took an empty bottle home to save the label as a souvenir.



To top it all off, there was entertainment. Acrobatic balancing acts by Sha Sha and in particular an Erhu musical performance by Jack He, finishing with a remarkable rendition of the theme from the movie Titanic.

The evening ended with a stirring echo taps, in recognition of so many who gave everything in the CBI theater of WWII.





But that was not all. Dr. Pedro Chan invited everyone to a breakfast the following morning with a delicious selection of dim sum. At the time, some additional recognition was given to the many who helped put on the event. The high point was the donation of the Chennault bronze bust by Dr. Pedro Chan to Nell Calloway for the

Chennault Aviation and Military Museum.

One Splendid Afternoon.....

On September 7, 2012, members of the FTHO Board of Directors were invited to the semiannual CNAC luncheon at the home of Moon Fun Chin in Hillsborough, California. Attending were President Larry Jobe and his wife Nina, Newsletter Editor Michael Ward and his wife Pauline and Advisory Board member Dr. Pedro Chan and his wife Pek.

Moon Fun Chin, now 99 years old, is one of the most decorated civilian aircraft pilots of WWII and the post war era. He began his career in 1933 with CNAC (China National Aviation Corporation) and went on to fly regular routes in China in various aircraft, including Stinson, Douglass Dolphin, Sikorsky 5-38, DC-2 and DC-3. The CNAC was taken over by the Chinese Nationalist Air Force in WWII and worked in collaboration with the US Army Air Force. He volunteered in frequent military



rescue missions, among those most prominently the rescue of Lt. Col. James Doolittle after the raid on Tokyo, flying him from Kunming and ultimately to Calcutta, India. He received a number of medals and awards for his distinguished service from both the Chinese and US governments. At his home he has a trophy room full of memorabilia of his career. It includes photos of many of the planes he flew, and newspaper articles about his achievement including one about a reunion with James Doolittle. Medals are displayed. Various prints and photos of



the Himalayas where he flew many missions as a “hump” pilot cover two walls. One of the most dramatic items is a map that notes its restricted access of the flight patterns from India into China, primarily Kunming, the “hump” corridors.

Fortunately an oral history of Moon and his adventures has been preserved on video, shown at the 9/21/12 Salute to WWII China Veterans held in Chinatown, Los Angeles. This documentary was produced by Chinese American Heroes and Charles Bond, American Volunteer Group (AVG), produced by CCTV. He was appointed an Honorary Board Member of the FTTHO in 2011.

Moon Fun Chin is a gracious host and food and drink was abundant at the luncheon. Many members of CNAC and other CBI flight activity were also present recalling adventures and experiences from WWII and after.



One special individual was Peter Goutierre, a “hump” pilot who flew 680 trips across the Himalayas. He had started with CNAC in April 1943 and left them in 1947.



His story is told in his autobiography, *Himalayan Rogue, A Pilot's Odyssey*, published in 1994. At the luncheon he debated who was older, he or Moon Fun Chin. His war stories were endless and fortunately, an oral history was in the works with him by CNAC during the event as he was interviewed to preserve his experiences, adventures, and general history.

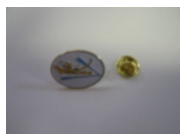
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Hat \$10.00



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Blood Chit



Leather Patches

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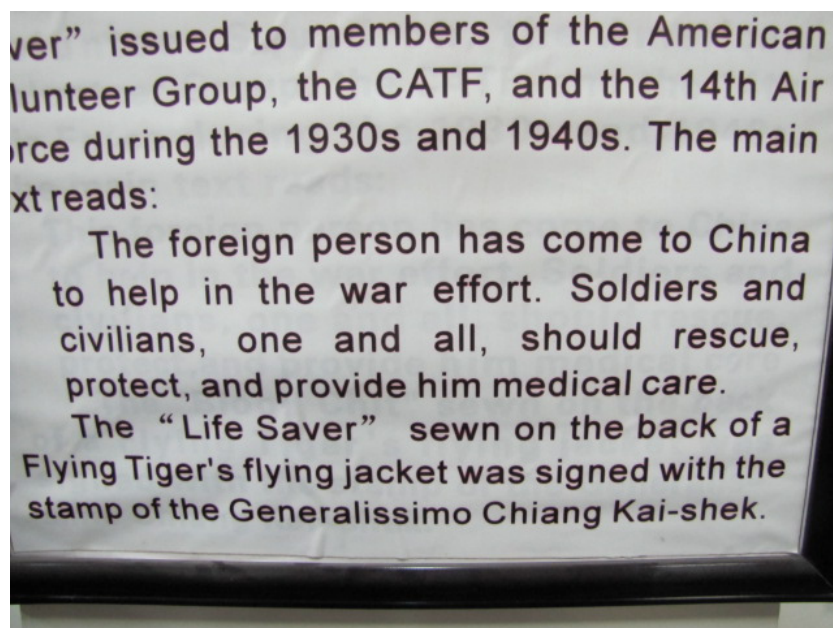
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What does Blood Chit say?



The picture of the blood chit and its interpretation was taken at the Flying Tiger museum in Chongqing. Many Flying Tigers owe their lives to this item which was used extensively in China

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