Help us celebrate and honor those men and women, both American and Chinese, who sacrificed their youth defending the world from tyranny.
Where: Chinese Embassy Washington, D. C. (3505 INTERNATIONAL PLACE)
When: 5:30 PM EDT (Tentative time)
What: Dinner-Awards Ceremony-Artifacts Display
Information: http://www.FlyingTigerHistoricalOrganization.com

**Historic Day for Flying Tiger Historical Organization**

Flag Raising Ceremony at Soon to be Completed Flying Tiger Heritage Park Museum, March 30, 2013
As reported in our last issue, FTHO President Larry Jobe traveled to China with the Annual American Aviator’s VIP Tour from March 20 to April 7, 2013. On March 30 the tour travelled to Guilin, China to visit the museum construction and to attend the AVG-Chinese-US flag raising. It was a rainy day but this did not dampen the spirits of the attendees. These included individuals whose relatives served in China in WWII and also some Chinese citizens who participated in the air field construction and maintenance as well as assisting Flying Tiger pilots by early warnings and rescues. The most dramatic moment came when the three flags, AVG, Chinese and US were raised on the poles situated at the museum entrance. As the photos following show, the flags are prominently displayed. The interior is coming along with large space for display. Temporary concrete steps have been installed to ease the access to the cave where Chennault directed flight activity. The Lingui County officials anticipate that the museum will be complete by next year but formal opening and dedication is not likely until the 70th anniversary of the ending of WWII hostilities in 2015.
Three Flags fly together again after almost 70 years. Chinese- American- Flying Tiger AVG

FTHO President Larry Jobe, Chinese gentleman Who worked on airfield and Niece of Tex Hill, Anna Catherine Armstrong.

School children who played in the welcoming ceremony band exploring the museum interior.

Mr. Li, our contact in Lingui County.
Additional Pictures of Museum Progress

Honor Guard

Museum looking towards General Chennault's Command and Operation Cave.
Boatner R. Carney

April 17, 1906 – November 15, 1965
Retired Capt. US Army Air Corps; Instructed Chinese Air Force Cadets at Yunnanyi 1938/’39,
Member of the American Volunteer Group at the Burma Headquarters 1941/’42 - “Flying Tigers”

Not a lot to say about a man Chennault entrusted Command of the AVG to during a stateside trip in 1941; one who had been amongst the foursomes of Scotty, MacDonald, Chennault, and on occasion Adair or Williams. As they trained Chinese Air Force cadets 1937-1940.
Boatner Carney was a man who, from a variety of other sources, we have been able to put together a broader view of the gentleman and his career in China. ie: The Census of 1930 shows that he was at the time a veteran, married, and providing for his family as an oil & equipment sales person in Texas; from a site on Ancestry, we learned his middle name to be “Reginald” and that he was divorced while serving with the Army Air Corps where he eventually attained the rank of Captain. The previous photo is believed taken at Brooks Field, TX in 1928. Why the spurs???

The three squadrons of the AVG developed after the arrival of the P-40's in Burma. Of the original 99 aircraft, Pursuit Squadron #1 was given 33 aircraft in total, numbers 1 - 33. Pursuit Squadron #2 received numbers 34 - 66, leaving Pursuit Squadron #3 with numbers 67-99. This designation was done by Boatner Carney while Chennault had left him in charge while he flew to San Francisco to personally welcome the majority of pilots about to set sail for Rangoon.

B. Carney (sun-glasses), Emil Scott, “Billy” Mac Donald, Chennault. 1938- Kunming, Yunnan, China.

Boatner, Col. Chang, Chennault, Mr. Shu, Lt. Col Ning, Tiger Wang & Col. Lee at a dinner party in Kunming - Summer 1939.
Instructors Party – Fall, 1939, husbands & wives, singles, Boatner on far RH (just visible) across from Chennault & Rose Mok, “Billy” Mac Donald looking, back of Emil Scott; Skip Adair taking the photo…

Chen En Wei and Boatner Carney – Yunnanyi, Winter 1939
“Billy” Mac Donald, Emil Scott, Boatner Carney, “Steve” Adair, ?

Having dinner together at someone’s house in Kunming

Boatner Carney – Rose Mok
Barefoot in Burma - 1941
This photo – taken on a warm February day in 1942 shows Boatner holding an unusual Kodak Camera with Emil Scott to his right and Skip Adair closest to camera. They are seated in front of Rose Mok’s restaurant. Chennault arranged this for Rose, after she and others left Rangoon & Toungoo before the New Year 1942, so we know a good approximation of the date. It may be the last photo of “Scotty” to be taken as his CNAC DC-2 bound for Chungking with many Chinese military aboard crashed after take-off from Kunming, March 14th, some two weeks later.

Below are photos of both the Baton Rouge, LA cemetery where interned, and Boatner Carney’s grave marker.
We also have located old Newsreel movie film showing Boatner R. Carney standing between Chennault and Chiang Kai-Shek, both he and Chennault dressed in white suits... most likely in 1938 or even earlier. Combine this with the photos of the foursomes, threesomes, and several photos with Boatner and another person of early CAF or AVG interest, and it shows he was a popular group member.

Boatner Carney’s Kodak 828 Special as it looks today...

This camera is among the items of a historical nature that have been donated to the Flying Tiger Heritage Park Museum in Guilin, China through the efforts of the Flying Tiger Historical Organization.
With case open… note name on inside of cover

It reads:

“Boatner R. Carney
Captain, US Army Air Corps”
EDITORS CORNER:

On a recent visit to Hawaii, I had an opportunity to visit the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island in Pearl Harbor. Obviously Pearl Harbor is known for the Arizona Memorial, but it now presents the USS Bowfin, a submarine, and the battleship Missouri, both with significant WWII connection. But the Pacific Aviation Museum stands on its own as a gem of WW II history. The museum is housed in two hangars, 37 and 79, both adjacent to the Luke Field runway attacked by the Japanese on December 7, 1941. Hangar 79 is still in battle condition with bullet holes from the attack in blue glass windows overlooking exhibits. Both hangars contain many superbly restored planes.

Pearl Harbor had its P-40’s, a few of which were able to become airborne to engage the Japanese attack. One is suspended in Hangar 37.

It is Hangar 79, however, that houses a wonder for fans of the Flying Tigers. There sits a spectacular restoration of an AVG P-40, in camo paint with classic emblems and Nationalist Chinese insignia on the wings.
Even better, the tail of the P-40 has been inscribed by several P-40 pilots including Dick Rossi and “Tex” Hill.

If you visit Hawaii, do not miss seeing the Pacific Aviation Museum.
Items Available for Donation to FTHO

Blod Chit
Silk & Leather
$30.00 to $40.00

Patch $3.00

Tie Tac $3.00

Hat $10.00

Leather Patches
Different Squadrons
$20.00 to $30.00

Back
“T” Shirt $15.00

Front

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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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