

# CNAC CANNON BALL

ASSOCIATION



HAPPY NEW YEAR  
WINTER-1995

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The year of the Boar in the calander of the 12 beasts is upon us. It should be a good year for most of us. Last year's reunion brought together many who had only come to 1 or so reunions or none. Over the years many have maintained friendships made long ago or cemented new ones. We are all disappointed that guys like Bussart, Allen, Hauptman et al who we knew so well have not attended.

Last October there were 2 celebrations in Las Vegas and one in Hogy Taw. Unhappily, the latter is increasing in size. Fortunately the one in Vegas was sizeable also. I know we will all meet again on that Burmese Mountain top but before we take that last trip west lets meet here from time to time. Look through the list of those who came in October - your friends were there.

The next scheduled Reunion is in October 1996 again in San Francisco. This is not because we love San Francisco much as as there are so many local members there as well as in California. I don't know why so many settled there in as much as if it doesn't wash out to sea, its going to fall into the ocean anyway.

Note: Your address changes should let us know where you are and don't make me go looking in Hogy Taw for you. I'll be there soon enough.

Note: As you age, memory of recent events fades but those of long ago remain. Write them down and send them in. Robby wrote one in his own inimitable style. It was wonderful. Roy Farrell has something new all the time. Now its your turn.

Note: From time to time we have a request for information. If you even heard of anything send it in.

The Reunion in Las Vegas was one of the best attended so far. There were 5 or 6 who had never attended before. Dr. Laube, Pete Goutiere, Chuck Urban, Angela Belske, a niece. There were dinners and a business meeting.

Next year the Chinese are dedicating a memorial to those who were killed on the Hump in Nanking. As we well know many of our comrades were among them. A list is being prepared and will get sent over there. A trip to China can be arranged including the dedication and several other cities if we can guarantee 16 people to go. It was the opinion that this was possible among those at the meeting. Details will follow when they are worked out.

The next meeting will be held in San Francisco in 2 years, probably in October at one of the 2 hotels we visited before. The following members, associates and friends were present. Several tapes of China and the CNA were shown.

It was previously mentioned Jim Dalby is now the Director of the San Diego Aeronautical Museum. They have the most completion collection next to the Smithsonian. Our treasury is now liquid enough to make a contribution to it over the next few years. Jim is helping to expand the CNAC exhibit. Robins Air Force Base also has a museum. Thanks to Robby Roberts we are well presented. There is a DC3 there with our markings. We voted to make a donation to this museum also.

Our company (pilots and ground crews) made important contributions to the war effort in China and to aviation in the Orient. We are at last beginning to receive recognition for it. Our contributions

will help place our name before thousands more.

Many of us have memorabilia of those days in China The library at the San Diego Museum would be a fine repository for them. Now or when you make that final trip to Hoky Taw, log books and records of any kind would be valuable to later researchers. Think it over. So much of our records is gone. This would help to replace some of them.

At the business meeting your editor made a plea for more material. Maupins story and Waller's story about Uban were great. George Robby Robertson's collections were especially great. There are a great many more out there. So write your autobiography or write down your recollections and comments and send them in.

Some time in the future you will receive a card to update our mailing list. Send it in, the mailing list everyone received is not complete and there are inaccuracies in it. If you detect any send them to Maher, the Cannonball or Jerry Shrawder. The active membership is shrinking and we must do everything we can to preserve what we have.

*See who you missed. These guys and gals came to Vegas*

Binford, J.H.  
 Bull, Gifford  
 Carroll, Shirley  
 Colthorpe, Ken  
 Conrath, Martha  
 Cunningham, Elsie (A)  
 Dalby, James  
 Denachuck, Michael  
 Farrar, Reginald, M.D.  
 Foltz, Jack  
 Geogr, C.A.  
 Glenn, Oliver  
 Goutiere, Pete  
 Hanks, Fletcher  
 Hardin, Joe  
 Hash, Wallace  
 Helling, Wm.  
 Holder, Jeanne  
 Kenehan, John  
 Kimball, Deirdre  
 Kininmonth, Arthur  
 Laube, Paul Dr.

Maher, William  
 Michiels, Isabel  
 Oldenburg, Al  
 Pandolfo, Angela  
 Pittinger, Fred  
 Powers, Gene  
 Rossi, J.R.  
 Rowell, Clara  
 Sailer, Tom  
 Sherwood, Robert  
 Shrawder, G.R.  
 Sims, Charles  
 Smith, Hank  
 Smith, Oakley  
 Stuelke, Dick  
 Turney, Albert  
 Uban, Charles  
 Van Cleve, George  
 Watson, Jules  
 Welschmeyer, Joseph  
 West, Charles  
 Wiss, Carl  
 Wright, Nancy

## EDITORIAL

CNAC is at last coming into its own. We are recognized by the Republic of China government. We are included in the memorial to pilots lost on the Hump. Jim Dalby is director of the San Diego Aerospace Museum. The U.S. Air Force has made veterans of some who served during the war. The Aerospace Museum at Langley Field has an exhibit and a C47 on display with our markings on it. I am so happy a little bit of this has rubbed off on me for the little bit that I did allows me to wear a Chung in my lapel. Visit and support these museums. They are a part of our immortality.

Regarding Fister McEdward:- Nancy Allison Wright wants to know where he is. He may be somewhere in Indiana. If you have any idea where he is let her know:

Nancy Wright  
48770 Shady View Dr.,  
Palm Desert, Calif. 92260

## IN MEMORIAM

Leon "Robby" Roberts Jan. 1995  
Vic McHenry July 3, 1994

Dec. 2, 1992

TO: Troopers Who Flew For CNAAC AND  
AFC SEARCH & RESCUE CREWS

My Uncle Flew For CNAAC AND I WOULD LIKE SOME  
INFORMATION ON HIM FROM SOME OF YOU WHO KNEW  
HIM. LISTED BELOW IS THE INFORMATION I HAVE ON  
HIM:

GEORGE ANDERSON - NICK NAME "TYKE". HE WAS BORN  
IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA IN 1916. WAS A PILOT  
FOR PAN AM AND WAS ALSO A PILOT TRAINER.

FROM WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD HE WAS OVERSEAS FOR 3  
YEARS FLYING THE HUMP. HIS ADDRESS WAS CNAAC,  
CALCUTA, INDIA. I HAVE A COPY OF A LETTER WITH  
THAT ADDRESS DATED JULY OF 1944.

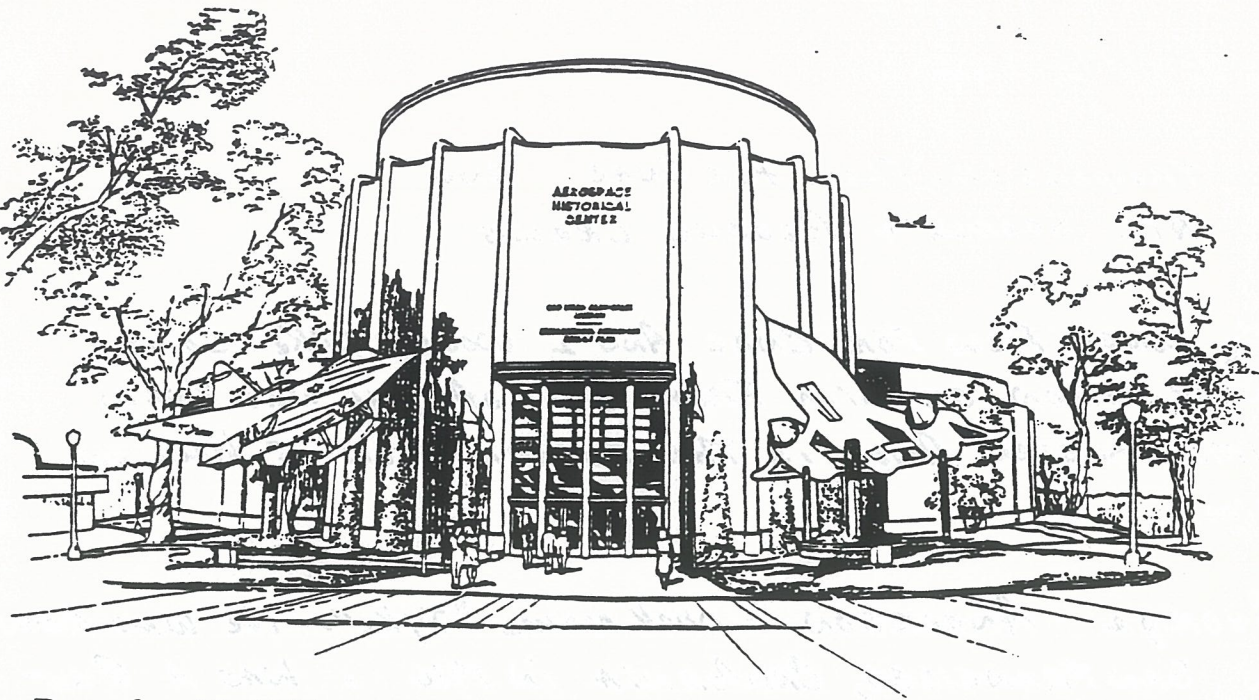
GEORGE ANDERSON FLEW PLANE #56 - WENT DOWN OVER  
THE HUMP & WAS BURIED AS FIRST CAPTAIN, WITH HIS  
CREW IN THE JUNGLE - SOME TIME BETWEEN NOV & DEC OF  
1944. (WAS HE SHOT DOWN?) THERE ARE TWO BOOKS, "THE  
ALUMINUM TRAIL" AND "THE DRAGON'S WINGS". THERE ARE  
CONFLICTING DATES AND NAMES. ALSO IF HE WAS A  
NEW PILOT WHEN HE WENT DOWN IN NOV-DEC 1944 -  
HOW COULD THIS BE IF HE WAS OVER THERE 3 YEARS?  
COULD HE HAVE BEEN WITH THE FLYING TIGERS BEFORE  
BECOMING A CNAAC PILOT. (HE CAME HOME ONCE & HE  
WAS WEARING A FLYING TIGER JACKET & HAT)

I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU MIGHT HAVE  
ON HIM. THANK YOU.

Sail Zangrillo

Al & Gail Zangrillo  
7085 Molalla Bend Rd  
Wilsonville, OR 97070

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December 19, 1994

Col. G. R. Shrawder, USAF (Ret.)  
Country Club Rancho  
45922 Florida Ave.  
Hemet, CA 92544-5666

Dear Col. Shrawder,

Our President, Jim Dalby, just delivered the CNAC Association donation of \$1,000 to the museum, and I am using this means to thank the Association members for this wonderful show of support.

I would also like to share with you, and the other CNAC Association members, our plans for the CNAC display. You may know that our museum has the cockpit section of a DC-3/C-47. We intend to paint the exterior surface in WWII olive drab, and we will also paint the distinctive Chinese "Chung" on the side. Also, we will use a portion of the adjacent wall to display enlarged photographs of the CNAC personnel in action in China. There are also aerial photographs of the C-47s flying the hump. It will, when completed, be a fitting tribute to all who served in the CNAC. I will keep you advised of the anticipated completion date.

Again, thank you and the CNAC Association for your support.

Most sincerely,

  
Edwin D. McKellar, Jr.  
Executive Director

cc: Bill Maher

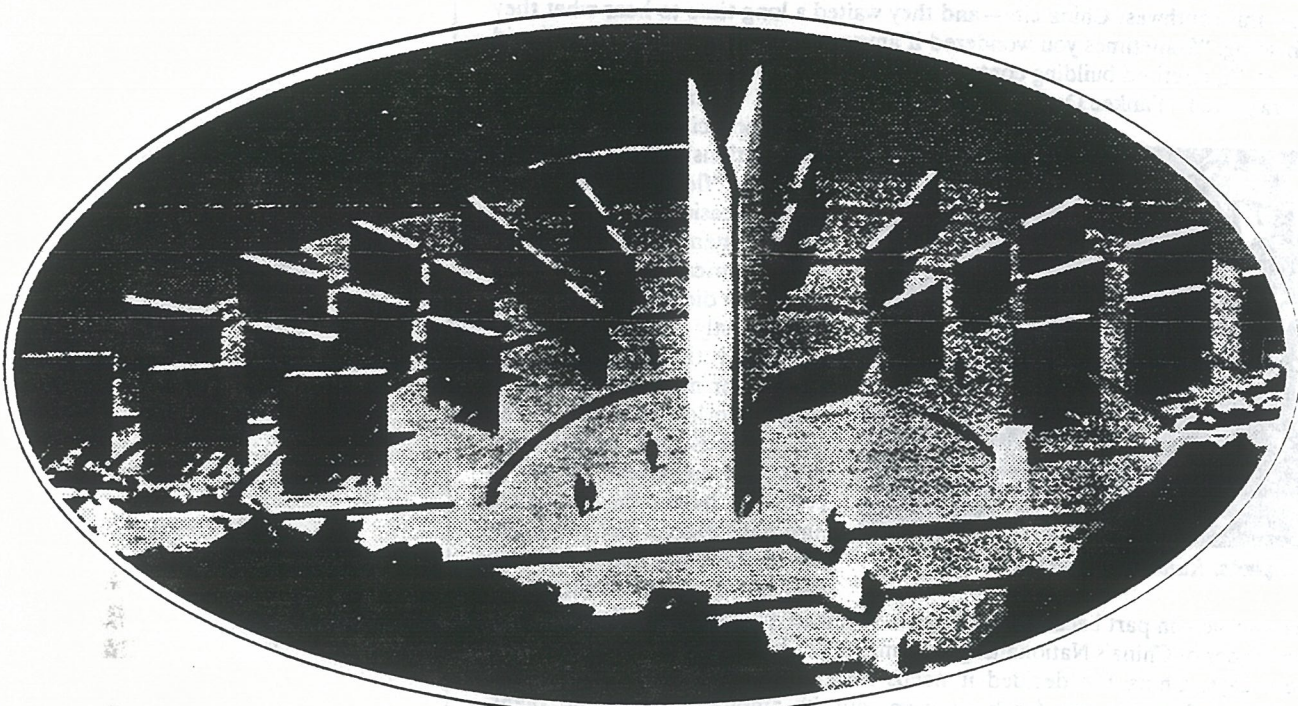
SAN DIEGO AEROSPACE MUSEUM  
and

INTERNATIONAL AEROSPACE HALL OF FAME  
2001 PAN AMERICAN PLAZA, BALBOA PARK, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 PHONE (619) 234-8291 FAX (619) 233-4526  
Accredited by the American Association of Museums

# CNAC 1995 China Memorial Tour

*Featuring the Dedication Ceremony of the "Monument to the Aviation Martyrs in the War of Resistance Against Japan"*

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY V.J. DAY



"Monument to the Aviation Martyrs in the War of Resistance Against Japan"-Nanjing

*The Beijing Aviator Association has the pleasure to invite all CNAC members, their families and friends to an outstanding tour of China*

### A HISTORIC SOJOURN DEPARTING AUGUST 31, 1995

11 DAYS TOUR FEATURING: SHANGHAI, NANJING (NAN KING), BEIJING (PEKING),  
KUNMING, HONG KONG

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Organized by CNAC Association *ARTIE LEE BAA U.S. REPRESENTATIVE*

Jan 7, 1993 U.S. News

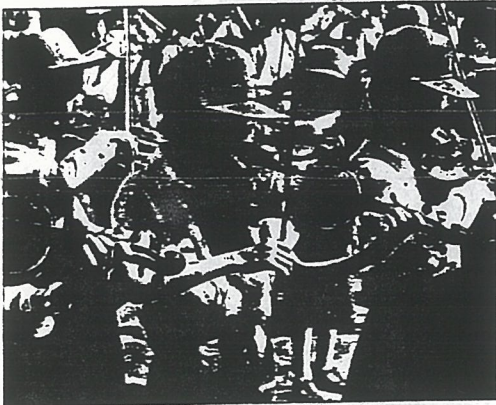
DATELINE

## THE HUMP: CHINA FINDS REASONS TO REMEMBER

■ KUNMING, CHINA — They are all old men now — the 21 Americans gathered on a hill near this southwest China city — and they waited a long time to hear what they were hearing. “Sometimes you wondered if anyone appreciated what we did,” said Jim Jones, 71, a retired building contractor from Casper, Wyo. As Kunming’s youth orchestra played “Yankee Doodle,” officials assured the 21 veterans that, yes, China

does appreciate “the indelible contributions” of all those Americans who “flew the Hump.”

The occasion was the dedication of a memorial honoring the 1,400 American and 100 Chinese pilots who died in World War II flying mostly cargo planes from India over the Himalayas into China — for most of the war the outside world’s only link to the Japanese-besieged nation. Supplies and personnel flown in eventually helped the Chinese to turn back Japan. But the Communist Party that took control in 1949 has avoided talking about



For the pilots. Kunming’s youth orchestra

America’s role — in part because Washington was then aiding Chiang Kai-shek, the corrupt leader of China’s Nationalist government. The Hump pilots were forgotten.

These days, China has decided it needs America again. Beijing covets U.S. technology and investment funds to carry out its ambitious economic plans. China’s growing economic clout, combined with prisoner releases and overtures of friendship like the Hump memorial, apparently had an impact on President Clinton. This week, despite concern over human-rights abuses, he is extending for one year China’s status as a most-favored-nation trading partner.

**No more coolies.** The Kunming of today, with its stone-and-glass high-rises and metallic storefronts, bears no resemblance to the dusty town of low-lying adobe buildings the Hump veterans remembered. The stylish tour guides were a surprise, too. The Chinese the pilots knew 50 years ago were the anonymous “coolies” who pulled rollers that crushed gravel for runways. They were the cooks in the Egg Shack, a C-46-turned-snack-bar where pilots stopped for fresh eggs and coffee. And they were the men who sat in the co-pilots’ seats of civilian airliners used in the airlift. Rules required co-pilots, but the men got no training. The American pilots beside them usually issued a terse instruction: “Don’t touch anything.”

Today, those Chinese co-pilots are retired pilots. One, Hua Renjie, was a driving force behind the Hump Memorial and now is pushing an even more ambitious project in Nanjing: a memorial to the 3,000 Chinese, American and Russian fliers who died all across China during the war. Nanjing’s mayor initially had doubts about the idea, but Hua explained that the memorial would lure American tourists and investment dollars. Now the mayor says he will put up \$140,000 of the estimated \$500,000 cost. If the Ministry of Culture approves, a benefit concert in Beijing may provide the rest. The bureaucrats are balking, but Hua says the star he wants — Michael Jackson — has agreed to come. □ BY SUSAN V. LAWRENCE



Honored. Humpsters from America



# 11-DAY TOUR \$2,485 PER PERSON

## ACCOMMODATIONS

(or similar class hotels) based on double occupancy hotel accommodations.

### SHANGHAI

Galaxy Hotel

### NANJING

Central Hotel

### BEIJING

Kunlun Hotel

### KUNMING

Goden Dragon Hotel

### HONG KONG

Holiday Inn Golden Mile

## ALSO INCLUDED

### INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE

U.S. gateway is via San Francisco; connections from your local airport may result in additional airfare.

### CHINA VISA

The processing and fee will be covered for all confirmed tour members. An individual, not group, visa will be issued to allow freedom of entry and departure for each group member.

### MEALS

As noted in the itinerary, full board is provided on most days (B,L,D), including daily American breakfasts, with some meals provided in Hong Kong and in-flight meals (IM) provided on international flights.

### ESCORTS

A bi-lingual escort and local guide will be provided.

### SIGHTSEEING & OTHER ACTIVITIES

As described in the itinerary, barring unforeseeable and unavoidable circumstances.

### PORTERAGE

One bag per passenger upon check-in and check-out at each hotel.

### OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

All tour members are invited to participate in all formal functions, including the Nanjing dedication ceremony and official banquets.

### DOCUMENTS

Tour orientation and reference materials will be provided, along with a travel bag and document pouch.

### FREE S.F. STOPOVER FOR EARLY CONFIRMATION

Any tour member paid in full for all tour costs by May 31, 1995 may opt for a free night in S.F. A comfortable hotel near airport will be provided for the most convenient of connections.

## IMPORTANT NOTES

### CANCELLATION AND REFUND

Request for cancellation must be in writing and have acknowledgement of receipt by InterNation Inc. All requested cancellations are subject to a fee of \$25<sup>00</sup>. Additionally, the penalties below apply to traveller-cancelled departures:

60+ days	\$100 <sup>00</sup>
45-59 days	\$250 <sup>00</sup>
30-44 days	25% tour cost
7-29 days	50% tour cost
less than 7 days	no refund

### ITINERARY CHANGE

InterNation Inc. pledges that every effort will be made to maintain the itinerary as shown here and to include all features as advertised. However, circumstances may oblige us to omit or alter itinerary items. Operation of all tour itineraries is ultimately under the discretion of the local travel service and may be changed without notice.

Thus the right is reserved to alter the itinerary when necessity so dictates.

### INSURANCE

InterNation Inc. will not be held responsibility for loss, damage, or theft of personal belongings, nor for personal injury or illness. For your own protection you may wish to subscribe to a travel insurance policy. Application forms are available upon request from a non-affiliated insurance company.

### BAGGAGE

Our international airline baggage restrictions are as follows: Bag dimensions are not to exceed 106 inches (height plus length plus width) nor 70 lbs. This may be distributed between two bags on the flight home, but only one bag may be checked in on departure. Flights within China enforce a 44

lbs. limit. Porterage limitations necessitate a one-bag limit until the Hong Kong portion of the tour

### FLIGHT TRANSPORTATION

The international service to be used will be economy class from San Francisco to Shanghai and from Hong Kong to San Francisco. InterNation Inc. will provide, upon request, the lowest round-trip connecting fare from your region to San Francisco. Business and First Class international arrangements are also available upon request. All carriers used are IATA and ARC members and all flights are regularly scheduled departures, not charters. In the event of a marked increase in tariff rates or foreign currency values, the tour cost is subject to revision without notice. Air service within China will be provided by various Chinese domestic airlines.

# 11 Days Tour

## SHANGHAI • NANJING • BEIJING • KUNMING • HONG KONG

\$2,485 Land & Air Inclusive

### Day 1 8/31 SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTURE

(Air/IM) Depart the West Coast today on your flight to Shanghai.

the group from the United States.

### Day 2 9/1 SHANGHAI ARRIVAL

(Air/IM) Touch down this evening in Shanghai, the largest city in China. Proceed through customs, meet the local guide, and transfer to your hotel.

### Day 3 9/2 SHANGHAI TO NANJING (NAN KING)

(Train/B,L,D) After breakfast ride to Nanjing, which once served as the capital of China. Receive a warm welcome at hotel from the local government officials and the Nanjing Aviators' Association.

### Day 4 9/3 NANJING (NAN KING)

(B,L,D) Today is the 50th Anniversary of V.J. Day. We are going to join the Dedication Ceremony of the "Monument to the Aviation Martyrs in the War of Resistance Against Japan" and meet with high ranking officials from Beijing. Afternoon visit the Mausoleum of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, the father of modern China, who led the overthrow of the imperial government. Tonight attend a banquet hosted by the local government and the ~~local~~ <sup>Beijing</sup> Aviator Association.

### Day 5 9/4 NANJING (NAN KING) TO BEIJING (PEKING)

(Air/B,L,D) Morning tour the Confucious Temple. Afternoon fly to Beijing, the capital of China. After lunch, see the serene Temple of Heaven, a masterpiece of classical Chinese architecture.

### Day 6 9/5 BEIJING (PEKING)

(B,L,D) Our touring commences with the vast spaces and spans of China's premiere Imperial residence-the Forbidden City. Before the 'Gate of Heavenly Peace', tread the flagstones of the world's largest public square. This 98-acre agora has been the stage of all the crucial moments in modern China. Afternoon visit the summer palace. This stunning estate, off lovely Kunming Lake, is the site of beautiful pavilions, temples, walkways and imperial living quarters. Tonight attend a welcome banquet hosted by Beijing Aviators' Association.

### Day 7 9/6 BEIJING (PEKING)

(B,L,D) Stride the ramparts of mankind's most monumental structure-the Great Wall, begun as long ago as 300 B. C. and added to for more than 2,000 years. Each section of the 2500-mile wall required the labor of 300,000 men for a decade! The snaking curves hugging the rugged terrain conjure up the spirit of a great dragon, guardian of the empire down through the ages. Next see the Ming Shishanling where 13 Ming Emperors are entombed. Also visit the National Aviation Museum.

### Day 8 9/7 BEIJING TO KUNMING

(Air/B,L,D) Fly to Kunming this morning. Afternoon tour the city and visit the Kunming Hump Flying Memorial Monument.

### Day 9 9/8 KUNMING

(Bus/B,L,D) Ride to the Stone Forest. Hike among the monolithic pikes of limestone eroded by rain and wind. According to legend, the gods created this fantastic landscape for lovers seeking a little privacy, a purpose it purportedly serves to this day.

### Day 10 9/9 KUNMING TO HONG KONG

(Air/B) Fly to Hong Kong today. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day is your own.

### Day 11 9/10 HONG KONG TO UNITED STATES

(Air/B) After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight back to the United States.

September 3, 1995 marks the 50th Anniversary of V.J. Day. On this day, the "Monument to the Aviation Martyrs of the War of Resistance Against Japan" will be unveiled. The monument commemorates the aviation martyrs of China, the United States and other countries who fought side by side, many of whom valiantly sacrificed their lives. Their names will be carved on the marble on the monument. The "Hump Flying Monument" in Kunming is dedicated to the memory of those who carried out the magnificent feat of flying over Himalayas, and to the profound friendship between Chinese and American soldiers fighting shoulder to shoulder. The Beijing Aviators' Association invites all members, their family and friends to join the dedication ceremony of the Monument in Nanjing. **CNAC**

# CNAC 1995 CHINA MEMORIAL TOUR

## Registration Form

- ( ) 11-day China tour • \$2485  
( ) Domestic air connection from \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Double occupancy  
( ) Free San Francisco stopover requested (I will pay in full by May 31, 1995)
- ( ) Single occupancy • \$435 supplement  
( ) Double occupancy, roommate needed

Payment by check: ( ) Deposit of \$250 to confirm reservation before March 29, 1995  
( ) Full payment by June 30, 1995

### PASSENGER 1

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

Milage Plus #: \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read the itinerary and important notes of this tour. In making a deposit in accordance therewith, I agree to be bound by the terms thereof.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a medical condition which requires special consideration in case of an emergency?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, notify: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special occasions, such as a birthday or an anniversary, to be celebrated during the tour?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Special requests: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### PASSENGER 2

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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WIDFIELD HOMES

THREE WIDFIELD BOULEVARD  
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COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO 80911  
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719-392-3411  
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May 15, 1992


Reginald Farrar, M.D.  
132 Gifford Avenue  
Jersey City, NJ 07304

Dear Reginald:

Some time ago I received an inquiry from Dale C. Hoffer regarding a pilot by the name of Robert P. Lather whose home is in Findlay, Ohio. Lather operated in and/or around the Tientsin area during June 1945 and June 1946. He disappeared during that period of time and no one is able to come up with information regarding what happened.

In your next publication, I would appreciate it if a little notice regarding this individual during that period of time be forwarded directly to Dale Hoffer whose address is 1312 Ash Street, Denver, Colorado 80220.

Best regards and sincerely yours,

  
Jules H. Watson

Copy to: Dale Hoffer  
1312 Ash Street  
Denver, CO 80220



MEMBERSHIP

It is one hell of a job to keep track of you. You move and keep it a secret. Every issue costs me 40-70 cents postage and it is discouraging to see returns come back after I make a mailing. Sometimes I can find you again but have pity on me - I don't know where you are.

Remember dues or not, you were CNAC and this is your home. There are no delinquent members. Gerry Schrawder is as bad as Pappv. Send money (\$20.00) to:

G. Schrawder  
45922 Florida Ave.,  
Hemet, CA 92544

Reginald H. Farrar  
319 Euclid Ave.,  
Loch Arbour, N.J.  
07711

Address Correction  
Requested