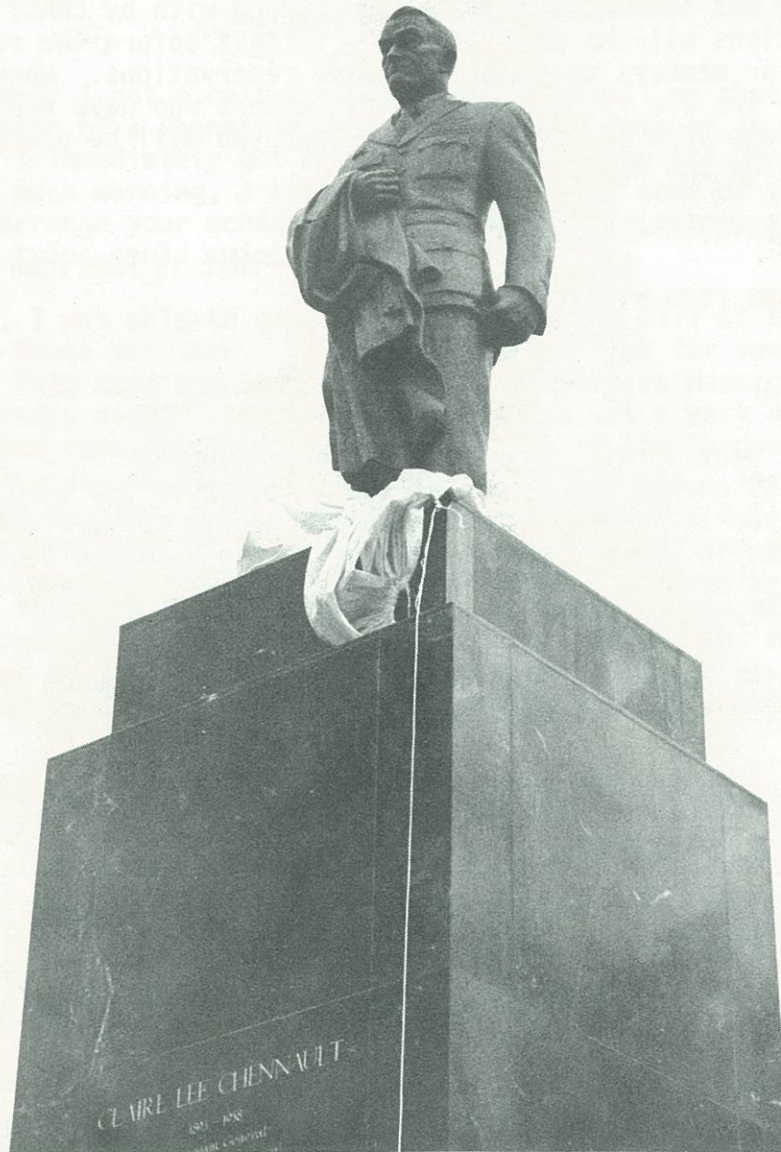




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# *The Tiger Rag*



1977 REUNION ANNOUNCEMENT  
OJAI, CALIFORNIA JUNE 30th — JULY 4th

# PLAN AHEAD!!

## The 1977 Reunion

Remember! Mark on your calendar 30 June thru 4 July at Ojai and send your reservations to Bill Briggs. The Ojai Valley Inn, Ojai, CA 93023 NOW!!

### Remember also

A guest policy was announced which was concurred with by CNAC; i.e., all guest reservations will be deferred until 30 days before the reunion date to allow regular members to establish their reservations. When all accommodations at the Inn are filled, guests and members who have sent in their reservations less than 30 days before the reunion will be placed in billets available outside the Inn.

Twin rooms (double)	\$75.00 per day
Single room	60.00 " "
Children in same room with parents:	
Under 4 years	\$10.00 per day
4 to 7 years	18.00 " "
8 years and over	25.00 " "

That is American Plan, too!!

One day's rent sent in with your reservation is appropriate. Remember, if circumstances change your plans at the last minute the deposit is refundable if you let Rode or the Inn know a couple of days before. Get the reservations in now--it's a lot easier to cancel, than to find you a room at the last minute--probably at a motel a few blocks away--then you have to pay for all the meals at the Inn.

Registration will be \$20 per person for AVG and CNAC members including family (under 21 free). All other guests are \$30 each.

We will have a barbecue one night, a CNAC banquet one night, and an AVG banquet one night. There will be cocktail parties to take care of your thirst on several occasions.

Our trophy this year will be awarded to General Chuck Yeager, the first man to fly super-sonic.

We regret to report that Rickets and Prescott are back in the hospital for additional treatment for cancer.

We also regret to report the loss of three more AVG members. Van Shapard died in June, Fred Hodges in October, and L. W. Kwong in November.

In the better news I received a letter from friends in Texas and a page out of the paper with a picture and an article telling all about Mazie Hill being elected to the Board of Directors of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

Hope you all had a Happy Holiday Season



# FLYING TIGERS

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## Dedication of Memorial to General Claire Lee Chennault

Report by Rode

On 27 September I got a call from Red Probst to tell me that there would be a dedication of a Chennault Memorial Friday 8 October in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I immediately got a flyer in the mail to all of you that day. That wasn't much warning, I know, but I hoped that some of you in that area would arrange your schedules to be there or by chance some of you on business trips could swing by for the occasion.

Fortunately, I was able to get away and joined Tex Hill at Houston to go on to Baton Rouge together. We arrived just in time for some friends to whisk us into town and to the Governor's Executive Mansion for a reception Thursday night. Governor Edwin Edwards was a very gracious host and introduced Anna Chennault, Tex and members of the Chennault family who were numerous, including Peggy Lee from California. Tex introduced the other AVG members, namely Red Probst and me. After a fine reception and some picture taking by the Governor's photographer, we went to the hotel for a few short ones. As soon as we could discreetly steal away Red and his lovely wife Millie took Tex and me out to one of his favorite restaurants for a super meal. After that Red took us on a midnight tour of Baton Rouge--I'm not sure Tex saw much of it, as he was sort of stretched out on the back seat. Red is mighty proud of that town and rightly so.

Friday morning was the official dedication and it was very impressive. The people of Taiwan donated the bronze statue which is on top of a marble pedestal about 20 feet high that came from the Taroko Gorge that many of us visited on the trip to Taiwan in '64. The memorial is on land that was the original campus of LSU and it faces the Capitol Building. If you are down that way in the future I'm sure you will find it worth your while to go and visit that and give Red a call. The land and the park will be maintained by the Louisiana Tourist Commission. Some 300 invited guests were present. The Tourist Commissioner, Governor, Mayor and Red really went all out! After the dedication we went to the hotel for cocktail hour and then a lunch.

In the afternoon we were taken to a photo studio for some pictures that are supposed to be used in a history to be made up for their museum. After that we were interviewed at a TV studio. To top off the treatment, Tex and I were flown to Houston in the Governor's plane.

MADAME CHIANG KAI SHEK'S MESSAGE  
FOR  
THE UNVEILING AT BATON ROUGE OF A BRONZE BUST OF  
LT. GENERAL CLAIRE L. CHENNAULT, USAF  
PRESENTED BY  
THE CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

More than forty years ago Claire Lee Chennault was asked to come to China as adviser to our Aeronautical Commission and subsequently to take charge of the American Volunteer Group.

With scanty combat experience he and his brave boys, better known throughout the world and, I am sure, throughout the future annals of history as the Flying Tigers, in conjunction with their brother Chinese pilots also trained under his instruction, wrested from the Japanese many a time the initiative with what was then obsolescent equipment.

From the very start the Generalissimo and I saw in General Chennault the rare qualities of an extraordinary person. The admiration for him and his boys could only be matched by their devotion to our common cause of freedom and peace.

He was a real friend to the cause of our people, an envy of his contemporaries and a terror to our common enemies.

The Allies won the Second World War but unfortunately failed to keep the peace. While most of the Free World cowered in fright, the dark forces of aggression and enslavement continued to cast their shadows on peace-loving peoples, twice involving the United States in wars that this country did not win, thus negating the proud yet moral traditional vaunt that the U.S. has never lost a war she once embarked upon. The spirit General Chennault and his boys demonstrated should and could be resurrected at places and countries where it is again needed. Our continued struggle for freedom and the dignity of the individuals, as well as our thirst for justice, dwarfs the difficulties ahead, enormous as they may seem to some. For to us the true and eternal values remain sacred as well as immutable.

Today General Chennault has come home to Louisiana, the great state that was his native place. It is altogether befitting that our people should cast his image in the same spirit which made him a proud son of the greatest republic of the twentieth century. This sculpture, together with the once bustling Chennault Air Force Base at Lake Charles, and the Twenty-Third Strategic Fighter Wing at Egland Air Force Base, a direct descendant of the original A.V.G, will, I hope, serve to remind future Louisianans not only of their great heritage, in man's fight for freedom as well as its preservation, but also their individual and collective responsibilities toward it.

To all members of the A.V.G. who are gathered here today, I send warm personal greetings and to assure you that when I am recovered I shall be delighted to see you all, be it in America or Taipei.

Mayling Soong Chiang

We also had a report from Anna Chennault covering much the same material as Rode's report, plus some additional information, which we quote:

"Since General Chennault was a native of Louisiana it was suggested that the Baton Rouge Historical Museum establish a committee to study the possibility of housing the historical papers of all the Chennault's activities including the period of AVG, 14th Air Force, Civil Air Transport, etc. The Director of the Baton Rouge Museum has already talked to me and we hope to arrange a meeting in the very near future.

I am not sure I will be able to attend the meeting in Ojai next year. However, I do want all members of AVG to know that much recognition has been given to General Chennault and his associations. We can all take pride that at one time or another we were part of the important history of America and that many people today honor and remember the efforts of the Flying Tigers."



Left to Right - Two representatives from the Chinese Embassy Mayor Dumas, Anna, and Charlie Wong, the man mainly responsible for the statue.



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TEX HILL CHECKS OUT THE PHOTOS

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November 24, 1976

Mrs. Claire Lee Chenault  
The Watergate  
2500 Virginia Ave NW  
Washington, D.C. 20037

Dear Mrs. Chenault:

I recently had the distinct privilege of meeting you during the unveiling of the General Claire Lee Chenault statue in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, which was presented by the Republic of China. I am most thankful that Baton Rouge now has a memorial to commemorate the bravery and courage displayed by the General when he commanded the Flying Tigers in China during World War II.

The citizens of Baton Rouge and the State of Louisiana are extremely proud of the General and establishment of a museum containing his memorabilia and other World War II items is being contemplated. The most appropriate exhibit in the museum would be a World War II Curtis P40 Warhawk, the airplane flown by the Flying Tigers and General Chenault.

P40's are collector's items and are classics; however, the addition of one to this museum is an endeavor I am willing to undertake. The plane does not have to be in flying condition, as it can be rebuilt for this memorial. In this search your assistance would be invaluable.

If you have knowledge of any foreign country, organization, or individual which may have possession of a P40, I would be most anxious to contact the party. I also welcome any suggestions you may have as to other sources for a P40.

Thank you for your kind attention to this request. I look forward to hearing from you and hope you will contact me if I can be of any assistance to you.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,



W. Henson Moore  
Member of Congress

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LOOKS LIKE A KOJAK LOLLYPOP - TEX SHOWS HIS BEST SIDE