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## AVG-CNAC ORIENTAL ODYSSEY

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Those who were fortunate enough to make the trip to Taiwan and the Orient in October were treated to the extreme in oriental hospitality.

General Y.T. Loh and his staff at the CAF Veterans Association arranged a most wonderful visit for our group. Every available hour was filled with some function, tour, luncheon or banquet. Retired CAF generals K.Y. Wang and S.Y. Liu worked around the clock to see we wanted for nothing. Meals and tours were provided for those who arrived early, even before the official program started.

Taiwan, and especially Taipei, were all decorated for the Double Ten Holiday. It was a most festive mood, with the emphasis on celebrations. Our group paid tribute to Gen. Chennault and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, visited the National Palace Museum, and many points of interest around Taipei and Taiwan.

We were hosted by the Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Air Force, by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, by the Ministry of National Defense and by the Far Eastern Air Transport.

We witnessed the Double Ten Parade, visited Kinmen (Quemoy) Island and the Taroko Gorge, the Ami Village and a marble processing plant.

On our last night, we were able to invite all our Chinese hosts to a cocktail party, hosted by the Flying Tiger Line and a banquet which our group hosted.

The Chinese Air Force Veterans Association provided our transportation, hospitality desk, our lunches, all the arrangements for the various functions and they left no stone unturned in seeing that we had a good time. Everything was so well done that it is

hard to note and describe it all. One example which illustrates the extreme effort of our hosts was the building of ramps to the airplane especially to accommodate Rode's wheelchair. As you can guess, this had to be a long gentle incline. On Kinmen Island, every stairway, threshold, or difficult passage was especially ramped to make sure Rode was able to see everything on the program. Our tour of Kinmen was conducted by Maj. Gen. Hsu, Ta-mu, who was a most gracious guide, with a great sense of humor. It was an unforgettable trip.

The price reductions and considerations from China Airlines, Far East Air Transport and the Grand Hotel, were all arranged through General Loh and the CAF VA.

It was good to see two other CAF men from our Kunming past. Gen. Chow, who was Commander-in-Chief of the CAF in 1941/2 and also Gen. S.M. "Tiger" Wang are still active and recalled the "old days" with us. I believe they are the only two surviving CAF four-star generals. There have not been many of this rank. Excepting the Generalissimo, they are probably the only others to ever hold this rank.

When we were in Kunming, all the pilots were awarded CAF wings. Since the CAF has re-designed their official wings, we were all given a pair of the current CAF wings.

After the Taipei visit was completed, the group broke up into various itineraries. Some returned home and others took off for different destinations. The majority split in to two groups, with one contingent going to Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong and back to the US; and the other going to

Hong Kong, Tokyo and return home.

The CAT Association had their reunion at San Francisco the weekend before the Taipei bash, and many continued on to Taipei on the same China Airline flight with our San Francisco departees. They also stayed at the Grand Hotel. They also had some who continued on to Hong Kong and we were able to get together for a fabulous cocktail party and dinner at the Peninsula Hotel. Mrs. Renee Robertson set this up with help from Sue Hacker. Renee also picked up the tab for the cocktails and part of the dinner.

The early Hong Kong group continued on to Tokyo on Thursday, October 18th. In Tokyo the 25th Regiment Fighter Squadron (T-25), called the Hayabusa (Falcon) hosted a cocktail party and banquet at the Shinagawa Prince Hotel for us. It was an unusually elaborate dinner, arranged by Massaki Inoue and Renzo Aoki and members of their 25th squadron.

Although it was only a few blocks from our hotel, they provided a bus to take us there and back. That turned out to be a big plus, as it was raining at the time, clearing up the next day and for the rest of our stay. Gifts and prizes were raffled to all the people of our group, with a few happy recipients going home with beautiful, lavish Japanese kimonos. We were served American and Japanese food in abundance.

The gang did a lot of sightseeing in Tokyo and the surrounding areas, including Mt. Fuji, Lake Hakone and Nikko, among other points of interest.

A tired, but happy group did the sights of Singapore, Bangkok and Hong Kong before heading for home.

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FRONT COVER — Tex Hill, Bill Maher, Dick Rossi, Chuck Older, Gen. Y.T. Loh, Ed Rector, Gen. S.Y. Liu. Seated, Gen. Chow.

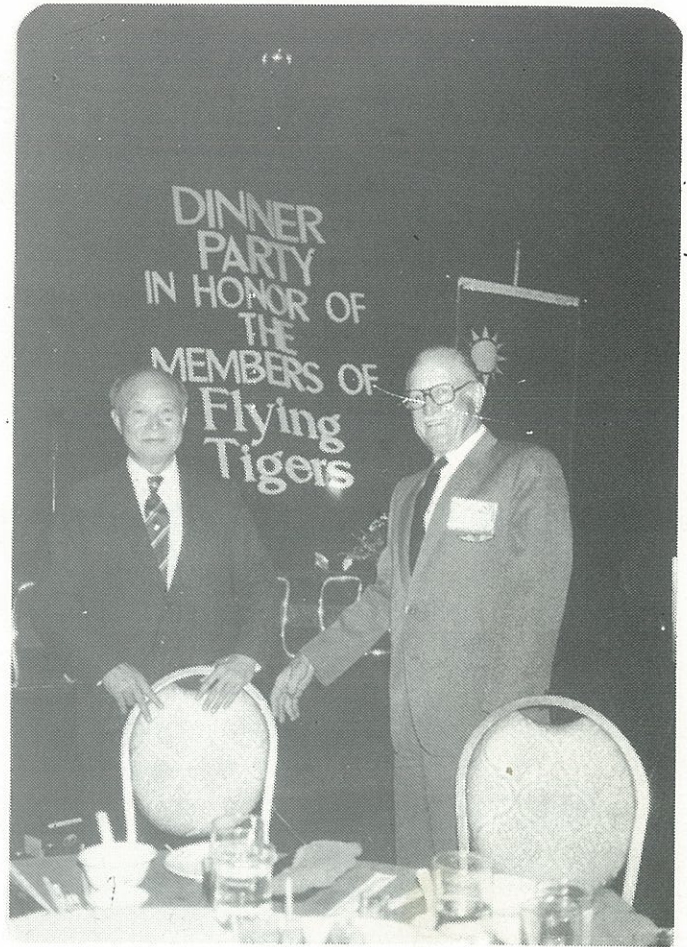
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## THE TAIPEI ATTENDEES

Russell and Edna Armstrong  
 Twisty and Roz Bent  
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 Glenn and Shirley Carroll  
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 Michelle and J.R. Clouthier  
 Bob and Martha Conrath  
 Jim Dalby  
 Parker Dupuoy  
 Rob and Holly Farrell  
 Roy and Margie Farrell  
 Jake and Mary Fassett  
 Joe and Mary Gasdick  
 Bus and Metha Keeton  
 Bob Hedman and Mitsu Barnett  
 Tex and Maizie Hill  
 M/M David Hill, Jr.  
 Art and Cissey Kininmonth  
 Bob and Marian Layger  
 Linda Le Van  
 Bob and Peggy Lee  
 Pak and Sun Lee  
 Gordon and Jo Anne Lee  
 Bill and Anne Lee  
 Bill and Mary Lee Maher  
 Dave Majors and Marcia Burklew  
 Jo Neal  
 Butch and Joan Norman  
 Al Oldenburg and Mary Smith  
 Chuck and Kitty Older  
 Alys Hoffman Phreaner  
 Louis and Sharon Hoffman  
 Dale and Janet Hoffman



Gen. and Mrs. S.Y. Liu.



Gen. Y.T. Loh and Rossi.

Ed Rector  
 Bob and Margorie Rengo  
 Rich and Dorothy Richardson  
 Don Rodewald and Dolly Luce  
 David and Alice Rossi  
 Dick and Lydia Rossi and Tony  
 Bob and Audrene Sherwood  
 Gerry and Angela Shrawder  
 Ed and Edith Stiles  
 Dick Stuelke  
 Jules and Peggy Watson  
 John Williams and Opal Williams  
 Nancy Older Wood  
 Irving (E.Y.) and Levia Yu  
 Chuck and Willa Baisden  
 joined us in Tokyo

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