

# THE TIGER RAG

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## 1985 AVG-CNAC REUNION

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Leave it to our group to schedule our reunion during a huge uncontrolled wildfire. The Wednesday before our official meeting was truly an Ash Wednesday. Smoke and ashes blanketed the entire area, sending the temperature well above 100°! At times, visibility was down to zero. It did not take a town meeting or extended discussion to decide to cancel the Fourth of July parade and fireworks. The street had to be kept open for fire and emergency vehicles, and there was no need for more fireworks.

Surprisingly, all this did not put a damper on our reunion attendance. They all came. On Thursday, July 4th, conditions had improved in the vicinity of the Ojai Valley Inn. We could move outdoors again, without a continual shower of ashes, and there was a pleasant temperature drop.

By the time our hayride departed for Tiger Glen, it was very comfortable outside. At the Glen we enjoyed the Boeing Cocktail party, Square dancing and our steak-fry.

Besides the usual activities of golf, swimming, tennis, etc., we had various video cassettes running on the lobby TV on Friday and Saturday. Friday afternoon we had the CNAC business meeting, and Association Officer elections. Bob Pottschmidt was elected as permanent chairman, and the incumbent officers were reelected for another term. The CNAC secretary, Art Kininmonth will have a report of the meeting sent out to the members.

Friday night we had a sumptuous hors d'oeuvre and cocktail party, courtesy of Johnson and Higgins, followed by the CNAC banquet. The speaker was AVGer Gerhard Neumann (Herman the German). It was truly an entertaining and interesting talk.

Although the fire was still burning in the adjacent area, it had cooled off comfortably to a very pleasant temperature. The favorable weather condition held through Saturday.

Saturday afternoon the AVG business meeting was held. The incumbent officers were reelected, to everyone's surprise. The AVG



Marian and Bob Layher and Dolly Luce



Gerhard Neumann, Bill Maher and Gen. Szeto



Bob Rengo, "Ma" Davidson and Rodewald

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Sen. Goldwater accepts leather wallet with AVG insignia and P-40, made by Tony Rossi



Layher, Anne-Marie Prescott, Williams, Laura and Wayne Hoffman, Watson, Greene and Doc Rich at Flying Tiger Line cocktail party



General Loh and Tex Hill in golf cart

Saturday evening, Wayne and Laura Hoffman hosted the Flying Tiger Line cocktail party for the group. Our AVG Pilot Trophy Awardee, Senator Barry Goldwater, joined us at this time. Following the cocktail party, we proceeded into the dining room for the AVG banquet, at which we had about 240 people. After dinner, we heard from Miss Flying Tiger and Mr. Wayne Hoffman. Then some gifts and the trophy were presented to Senator Goldwater. Then we heard a short but stirring address from the Senator on the current situation in Washington. The party continued til the wee hours in the dancing and drinking area.

Among our attendees, we had General Y.T. Loh, General Szeto Fu, Col. C.P. Mao and Col. C.Y. Lu from Taipei. Also attending, from San Francisco was Marian "Ma" Davidson. "Ma" ran the CAMCO Club and cottages at Loiwing, where quite a few AVG'ers were stationed during March and April of 1942. There we were able to enjoy home style food and drink, after the very austere last weeks of Burma. "Ma" is 90½ years young! Secretary, Rode, will have a report for the members. Another event on Saturday was the fly-by of five AT-6's (SNJ's) from the Condor Squadron of Van Nuys. A combination of fog and smoke gave the pilots a little trouble in locating the Inn, but it all worked out OK. By Sunday morning, the heat started to return, but we were leaving by then, so we did get a big break on the weather.

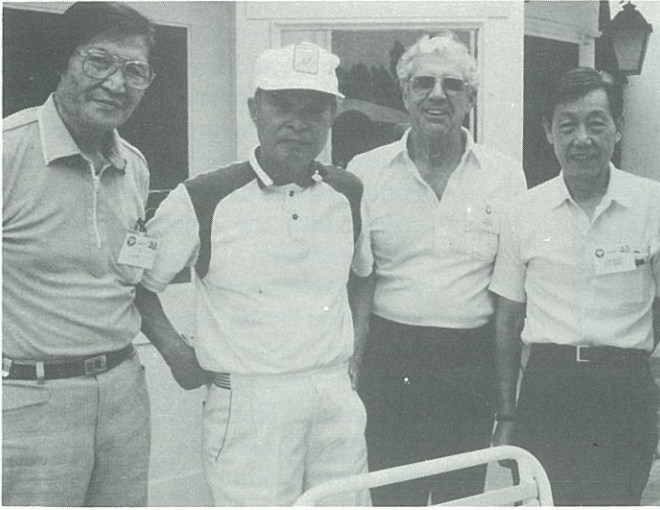
## CORRECTION

We regret that there was a typographical error in the reunion program, misspelling Tom Kelly's name in the IN MEMORIAM notice.

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Col. Lu, Gen. Loh, Maher and Col. Mao



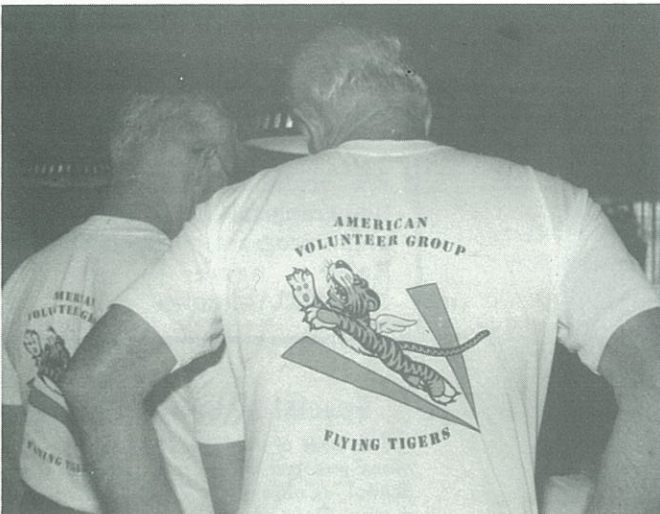
Eleanor and Bill Schaper



Chuck Older and "Moose" Moss



Maizie Hill, Marian Layher and Metha Keeton

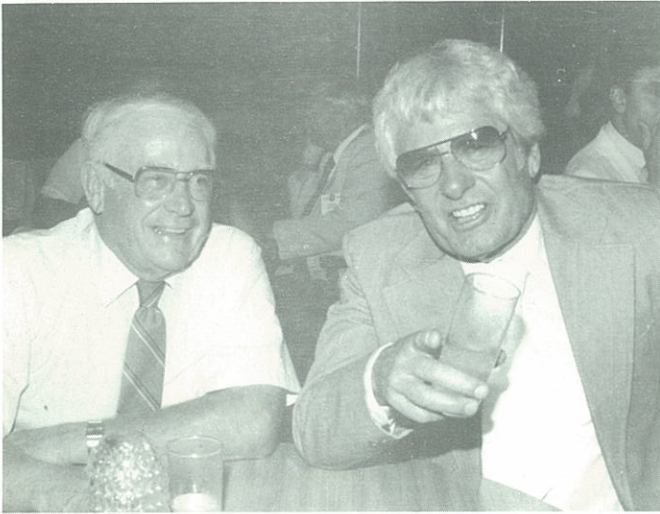


Baisden and Christensen with AVG T-shirts



Bill Maher and Gen. Szeto

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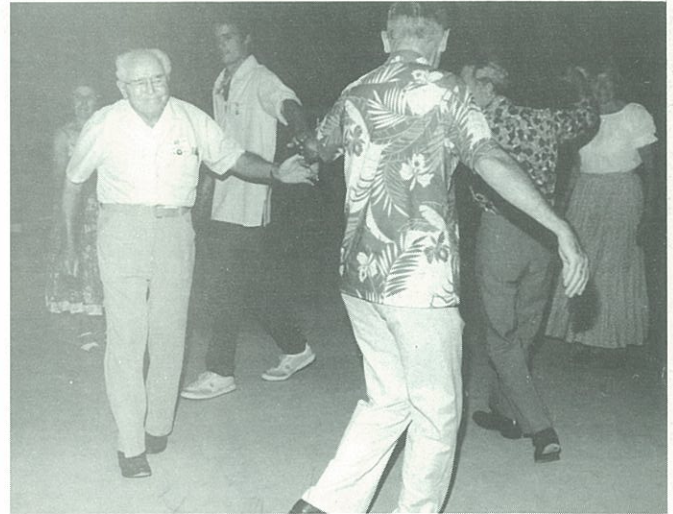
Bob Layher and Paul Greene



Ed Rector and Jo Neal



Mary Poshefko, Willa Baisden, Marge Christensen,  
P.J. Perry, Chuck Baisden and Joe Poshefko



Doc Rich at square dance



Jean Loane and Joe Rosbert



Rossi, Sen. Goldwater, Layher and Willa Baisden