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In Memoriam

Since Our Last Reunion

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We also lost our very good friends:

Milton Caniff, Gen. Y.T. Loh & Gen. Tsang Hsi-Lan

We extend our deepest sympathy



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SUNDAY

JULY 2

10:30 AM

Bus leaves the Hacienda
Hotel for Ojai

11:00 AM

Registration in the Hospitality
Room

6:30 PM

Transportation leaves for
Tiger Glen

7:00 PM

Cocktail Hour

8:00 PM

Outdoor BBQ and western
dances.

WESTERN OR CASUAL DRESS

MONDAY

JULY 3

Breakfast at your convenience.
Golf tournament starts.

10:00 AM

Hospitality Room open

3:00 PM

CNAC business meeting

7:00 PM

Cocktail Hour

8:00 PM

CNAC Banquet
Guest Speaker
Nancy Allison Wright

COAT AND TIE

TUESDAY

JULY 4

Breakfast at your convenience.
Finish golf tournament.

10:00 AM

Hospitality Room open.

3:00 PM

AVG Business meeting

7:00 PM

Cocktail Hour

8:00 PM

AVG Award Banquet
Presentation of Flying Tiger
Pilot Award to
the flight crew of
Voyager
Dick Rutan & Jeana Yeager

COAT AND TIE

WEDNESDAY

JULY 5

BREAKFAST AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

1:00 PM

BUS LEAVES OJAI FOR THE HACIENDA HOTEL

FLYING TIGER PILOT

RICHARD G. RUTAN

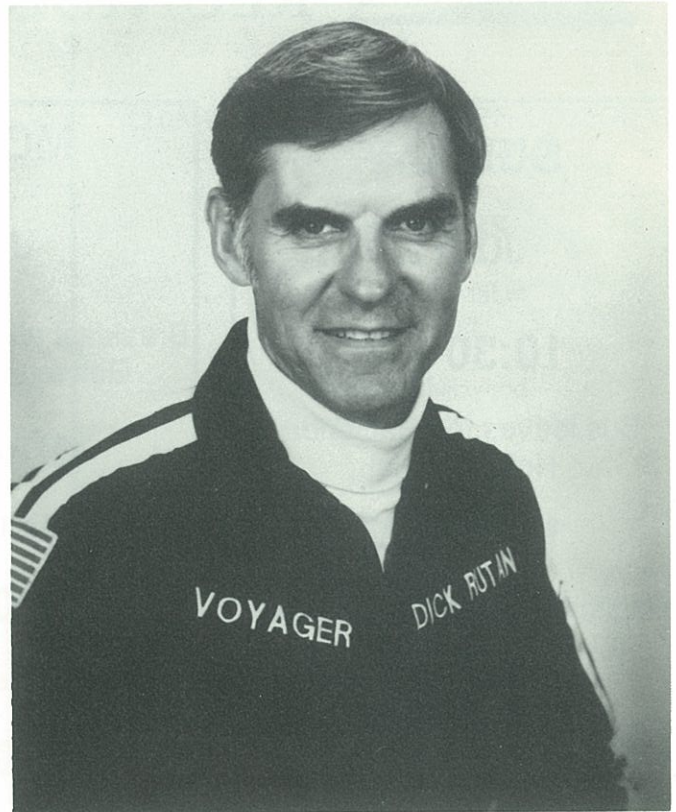
Richard "Dick" Glen Rutan was born on July 1, 1938, in Loma Linda, California, the eldest of George and Irene Rutan's three children. On his 16th birthday, he received his pilot's license as well as his driver's license. After graduation from high school in Dinuba, California, Dick joined the Air Force Aviation Cadet program, where he later received a Bachelor of Science Degree at the American Technological University through the Air Force Professional Education "Boot Strap" Program.

As a tactical Air Command fighter pilot during most of his two decades in the Air Force, Rutan flew 325 combat missions in Vietnam, 105 of them as a member of the Commando Sabre Super FAC, a high risk operation commonly known as the "Misty's". While on his last Strike Reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam in September of 1968, he was hit by enemy ground fire and forced to eject from his burning F-100 and was later rescued by the Air Force's "Jolly Green" Helicopter team.

Before retiring from the Air Force in 1978, Lt. Col. Rutan had been awarded the Silver Star, five Distinguished Flying Crosses, 16 Air Medals, and the Purple Heart.

After retirement, Dick joined his brother Burt as Production Manager and Chief Test Pilot at Rutan Aircraft Factory (RAF). He flew the test flight development on the Defiant; the Beech Starship Proof of Concept Prototype; the European Micro Light; the T-46 Scaled Demonstrator for Fairchild Aircraft; and the Long-EZ, in which he set numerous individual world speed and distance records. In 1982, Rutan was awarded the Louis Bleriot Medal by the prestigious Federation Aeronautique Internationale in recognition of these record flights.

In 1981, Dick Rutan founded Voyager Aircraft, Inc., with partner Jeana Yeager, in preparation for the first around-the-world, non-stop, non-



refueled flight of the Voyager to more than double the previous absolute world distance record held by an Air Force B-52 Bomber.

On the morning of December 14, 1986, Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager took off on their history-making flight. Nine days, three minutes, and forty-four seconds after take-off, Dick set the storm-battered Voyager down on the historic dry lake bed at Edward's Air Force Base in California, successfully completing the six-year quest. His goal to fly at least the maximum circumference of the globe (24,855 statute mile) non-stop, non-refueled, was exceeded by 132 miles.

President Ronald Reagan awarded Dick the Presidential Citizen's Medal of Honor at a special ceremony for the Voyager Team, four days after the landing. This Medal of Honor has been presented only sixteen times in the history of the United States. Since then, Dick has dined at the White House as an invited guest of the President and First Lady.