

FLYING TIGER HISTORICAL ORGANIZATION

a NON PROFIT 501c3 ORGANIZATION

EIN # 26-1492466



14th AAF



AVG

GUILIN, CHINA

HONORING THE PAST □ LOOKING TO THE FUTURE
Flying Tiger Historical Organization Newsletter

August 1, 2013

Volume 3: Issue 2

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China
will hold a reception in honor of the Flying Tiger
Historical Organization and the Chennault
Aviation & Military Museum

Tuesday, September 17, 2013
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Honoring the American and Chinese Flying Tigers

Special Honorees

Anna C. Chennault,
wife of U.S. Lieutenant General Claire L. Chennault
&

Catherine Ann Stevens,
wife of U.S. Senator Ted F. Stevens

Embassy of the People's Republic of China
3505 International Place, N.W.

About the Flying Tiger Historical Organization

The Flying Tiger Historical Organization (FTHO), a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, was formed in 2006 due to the growing interest and support for the Flying Tigers in both the USA and China. This interest has resulted in a growing number of books and two feature films now under production in Hollywood.

FTHO, in a joint effort with the Chinese has committed to help preserve and restore the site of General Claire Chennault's operations base (a cave on the hillside) in Guilin, to its appearance when General Chennault and his Flying Tigers operated from there. A memorial plaza and museum (now known as the Flying Tigers Heritage Park) were added to the plan in which the Chinese agreed to donate the land and initial start-up funds for the construction work. The Americans would also contribute funding as well as memorabilia to be displayed in the museum. Unquestionably the Flying Tigers Heritage Park, in Guilin China, is the premier Flying Tigers museum in the world. Your participation and support for this special event will pay tribute to the Flying Tigers and American veterans of the China Burma India Theater of operations during World War II.

About the Chennault Aviation & Military Museum

The Chennault Aviation and Military Museum opened in 2000 in Monroe, Louisiana, home of General Claire Lee Chennault. Its mission is to preserve, promote and honor aviation and military history. More than half the navigators serving in WW II graduated from the site where the Museum is housed.

The Museum plays an important role in promoting better understanding about the relationship between China and U.S. during WW II. By helping Chinese and Americans to appreciate the sacrifices made in both countries and how they fought together to defeat one of the greatest enemies the world has ever known, they are bringing better understanding to this important time in our history.

By supporting Museums both in China and the U.S., we are all building bridges for a better future for both countries

Sponsorship opportunities

☐ \$50,000: PRESENTING SPONSOR

Two seats at head of table, two tables of 10 with premier seating; *center spread color ad and listing in the evening's printed program; recognition from podium; attendance at VIP reception for 20 guests; company name and logo displayed as one of three presenting sponsors on event signage; listing on the Flying Tigers Heritage Park Wall of Honor; featured recognition on the FTHO website for six months; featured recognition in the FTHO newsletter.

☐ \$20,000: SQUADRON SPONSOR

Two tables of 10 with premier seating; *back cover inside full page color ad and listing in the evening's printed program; recognition from podium; attendance at VIP reception for 10 guests; company name and logo displayed prominently on event signage listing on the Flying Tigers Heritage Park Wall of Honor; featured recognition on the FTHO website for six months; featured recognition in the FTHO newsletter.

☐ \$15,000: GOLD WINGS SPONSOR

One table of 10 with priority seating; *full page color ad in the evening's printed program; attendance at VIP reception for 10 guests; company name and logo displayed prominently on event signage; listing on the Flying Tigers Heritage Park Wall of Honor; featured recognition on the FTHO website for six months; featured recognition in the FTHO newsletter.

☐ \$10,000: SILVER WINGS SPONSOR

One table of 10 with priority seating; *full page color ad in the evening's printed program; attendance at VIP reception for four guests; company name and logo on event signage; featured recognition on the FTHO website for six months; featured recognition in the FTHO newsletter.

☐ \$5,000: BRONZE WINGS SPONSOR

One table of 10; *half page color ad in the evening's printed program; company name and logo on event signage; recognition on the FTHO website for six months; recognition in the FTHO newsletter.

☐ \$1,000: SINGLE TICKET

One seat at the Gala.

*Deadline for all printed materials for recognition at the Gala is August 31, 2013.

Please RSVP by September 1, 2013 to: By mail or to Greg Mills (202) 431-0744 – ncsgroup1@aol.com

HAND N HAND INAUGURAL GALA FOR THE FLYING TIGERS

Join Flying Tiger benefit in New York City September 19

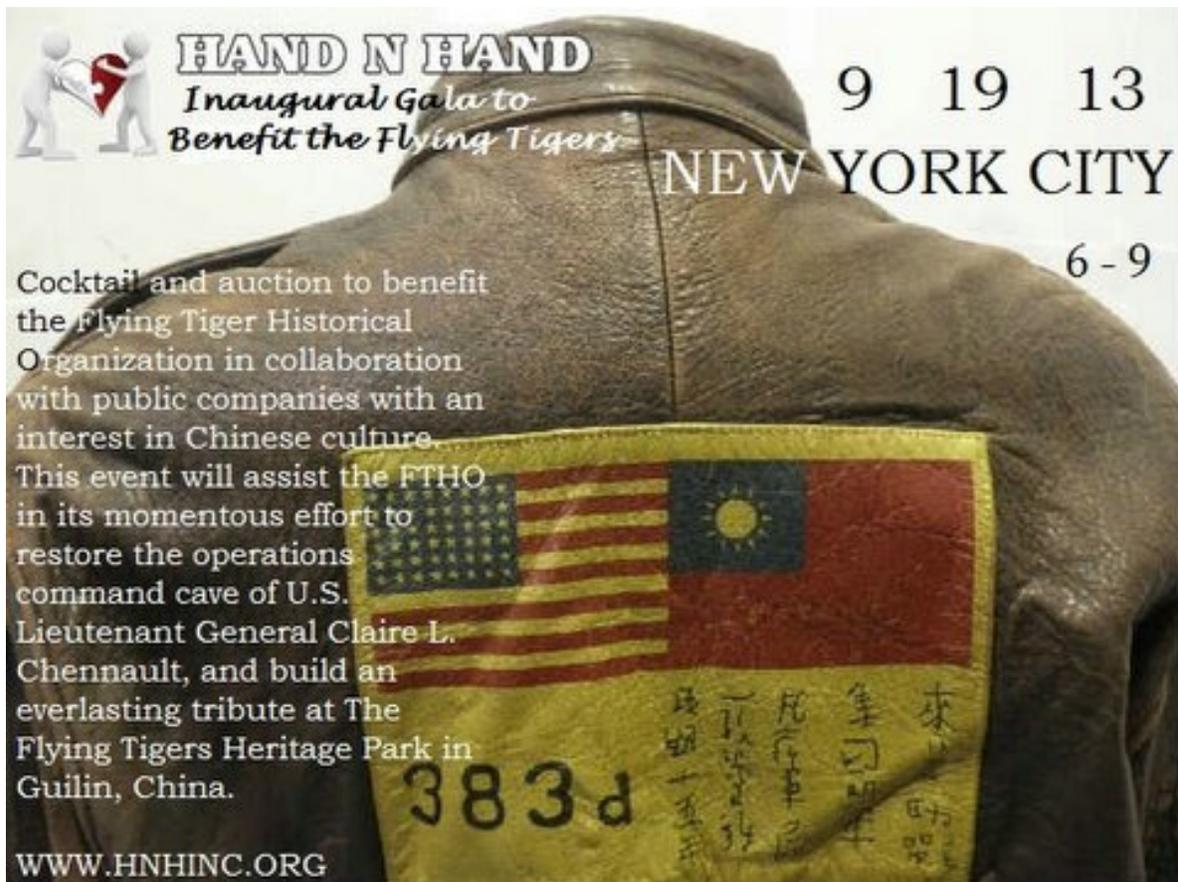
On September 19, 2013, from 6pm to 9pm at the Asian Cultural Center 15 E. 40th Street, New York City, New York, Hand N Hand will be conducting a inaugural gala for the Flying Tigers. There will be prominent Chinese Affiliated public companies present as sponsors together with other prominent businesses that are emerging companies with innovative technologies in the Chinese market. Original art work will be offered via silent auction. Open bar and h'or doerves will be provided.

See you at the Asian Culture Center in New York City September 19

The site of the gala, the Asian Cultural Center, is a beautiful setting devoted to Chinese education, distributing Chinese textbooks, training Chinese educators and has been active in collaborations between Chinese and American colleges and universities. The Center has dedicated itself to presenting and spreading Chinese culture and art.

Flying Tiger salute in New York City September 19

This will be a wonderful evening to celebrate the Flying Tigers and enjoy Chinese culture. Basic admission for individuals is \$200, with larger amounts for sponsors as noted below. Contact for the event: Phone (646) 403-3496 or (646) 896-3066 herina@hnhinc.org.





HAND N HAND

INAUGURAL GALA FOR THE FLYING TIGER HISTORICAL ORGANIZATION

Cocktail and auction to benefit the Flying Tiger Historical Organization in collaboration with public companies with an interest in Chinese culture. This event will assist the FTHO in its momentous effort to restore the operations command cave of U.S. Lieutenant General Claire L. Chennault, and build an everlasting tribute at The Flying Tigers Heritage Park in Guilin, China.

9 19 13
New York City

\$10,000: PRESENTING SPONSOR

\$7,500: PLATINUM BENGAL SPONSOR

\$5,000: GOLD CORBETT SPONSOR

\$2,500: SILVER XIAMEN SPONSOR

\$700: SINGLE TICKET

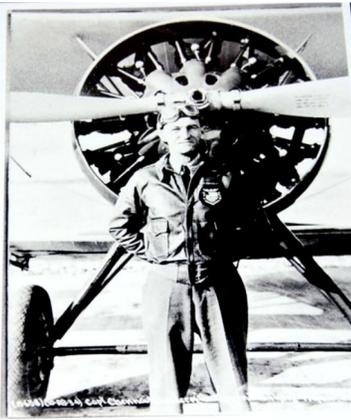
Email Herina Ayot at herina@hnhinc.org to participate.

**Deadline for all printed materials for recognition at the Gala is August 31, 2013.*

A PICTORIAL TESTIMONIAL TO CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

A warrior of the 20th Century, Claire Lee Chennault was born in Commerce, Texas, and raised a farm boy in Louisiana, and yet without his intellect, careful study, and planning, the war between Japan and China surely would have ended differently. Stubborn in his principles and beliefs worked out by practice and reasoning, he fought the US Army Air Corps accepted military theory with revolutionary ideas and a zeal that often tended to antagonize his critics. He found himself a “military civilian advisor” in a foreign land, developing and tactically using his theories and practice. He would make many admirers in both America and his adopted Asian nation, China. He was the architect of the All Volunteer Group (AVG), the Flying Tigers, and went on to rise to general in command of the 14th Airforce in China. Although the AVG was officially disbanded in July, 1942, the Flying Tiger legend continued to the end of WWII. The following pictorial overview if only partial justice helps to visualize and understand the importance of this man and his mission.

Chennault served as a daring pilot in WWI. He continued flying after that war and in the 1930's with fellow pilots Wm. C. MacDonald and Luke Williamson, he developed tactical air maneuvers dubbed “Three men on a flying trapeze.” Chennault believed air warfare's future was not with individual pilots but joint action of a cohesively knit team.



Chennault in 1935



Mac Donald, Chennault, Willimson - '36 US Aerobatics team “3-men on a Trapeze”



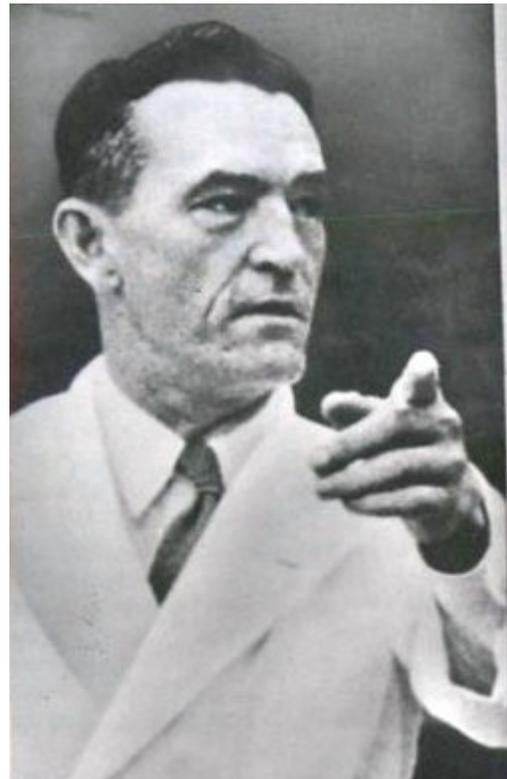
In 1937, Chennault arrived in Yunnan, China, posing with Chinese Air Force Gen. Ji Jou, McDonald, and Frank Higgs, pilot of the background Fokker tri motor.



Chennault with Madam & General Chiang Kai-Shek

Later in 1937 Chennault met with Madam and General Chiang Kai Shek and agreed to become instructor of the Chinese Air Force (CAF), a struggling unit facing massive Japanese superiority.

Chennault pointing out his “survey” of the CAF and discussing his theories of aerial pursuit, 1938.



Chennault during his first cold winter in Kunming, Yunnan, China.



Boatner Carney, Emil Scott, Wm. C. MacDonald and Chennault in Kunming, all instructors at the CAF training center.

Snapshot of Chennault in 1939



AVG attack planning session at Toungoo, Burma's Keydaw Airdrome, the early days of the Flying Tigers in Burma





The AVG was blessed with some of the best airmen.



The AVG 3rd. Squadron had many multiple ACES



Color sketch shows Chennault with CATF pilots at Ehr Tang airbase near Kweilin (now Guilin)

Though also a change in venue, these recently activated eastern airfields provided closer & numerous points from which to attack the Japanese in all parts of China & Indo-China... New equipment arrivals and replacement parts shortages continued to hamper operations as can be seen here... most aircraft and vehicles were just what had been left by the AVG

Look carefully, however, and spot the three B-25s on the flight-line...

Most of those who piloted AVG P-40s were exceptional and proved Chennault's aerial attack theories beyond a doubt; he was blessed with a confident & capable Burma staff; a superb ground-crew with abilities to repair damage and get his flyers airborne quickly... although sometimes in a love-hate relationship, this continued into the AVG's move to Kunming. There must, however, come a time for everything to end. WW II was but 7-months old and the AVG, then known by millions of Americans as the "Flying Tigers" reached the end of their contract. No combat record would ever come close!

The retired Air Corps Captain, would be re-activated as General Chennault; he would keep the champions' name, and those that followed would take the war from a China defensive position to one of offense against the Japanese, with the war broadening to an over-all Pacific theater of eventual air, sea & land dominance. This was to become the heyday of all interim organizations – it lasted but a short 8- months; incorporating Doolittle's Tokyo Raiders into Chennault's command; producing newly-heralded ACE pilots, and preparing the way for the largest bombers to take the war to the enemy!

In March of 1943, the 14th Airforce would be formed under Chennault and bring with it the largest

Page 10

expansion of American air might to China – some have even claimed it to be Chennault's "Secret Weapon" – the B-24 heavy bomber. Soon elements of the 10th Airforce, stationed in India & Burma, would be joined together under a new Command, known as the Chinese American Composite Wings #s 68 (eastern) & 69 (western)- each comprising a number of fighter, fighter-bomber, and heavy bombardment groups. While this named re-organization would not be separated from supply under the Air Transport Service, it was by no means out of flying the HUMP – it required about 9-two-way trips to India over the Himalayan peaks by specially-modified B-24 'tankers' in order to make just one major raid against the Japanese by the big bombers. A pipe-line and new roads were in the works, but completion would not come until close to war's end. This was the China – Burma – India theater of war, and it was still at the end of the longest chain of supply, coupled with the worst weather, and the Himalayan peaks over & through which to fly!

There would come a day when Japan had designs to eliminate these Eastern airbases & to link up railroads from Northern China with those from Burma, Thailand & Indo-China. They struck hard and fast in Hunan province, but the Chinese were able to hold them initially... then by overwhelming numbers of ground-troops from the North, and a pincer-move incorporating those from the East coast, the former 'string of pearls' began to fall in domino order – finally Henyang, Yang Tang, EhrTang and Luinchow were demolished and put to the torch after evacuation, while elements of the 14th from distant airfields kept pounding the enemy, lest they advance on Kunming –or- to the newly constructed airbases in Sichuan where B-29s were being staged for eventual strike on Japan's homeland islands. Fortunately "Project Ichigo" died when Japanese command hesitated – there was no rail link-ups and supply shortages kept them from moving through the intermediate province's mountainous terrain to the West. Japan still was able to inflict damage at the ChengTu, Sichuan bases by air-raids... and eventually all B-29s were moved to Tinian Island after its capture... this provided a much improved striking distance to all of Japan, and staging for America's 'secret weapon', the Atomic bomb, which would be dropped from there on Hiroshima & Nagasaki, bringing an end to WW II.



Chennault with aides Naves and Arnegard, March 10, 1943 14th Air Force activated.



This is the Chinese American Task Force, 23rd. Fighter Group - none here were AVG

CACW pilots with Chennault in front of P-51C at Kunming 1943, later made into a postcard.

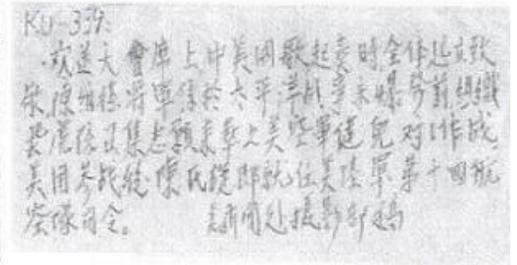




Chennault in days after the loss of the Eastern airbases (including Kweilin/Guilin) to the “Ichigo” ground advance of the Japanese.

A few lesser-known things about Chennault during the CACW days:

1. Chennault approved the use of Napalm against Japanese ground forces in 1943.
2. Chennault used a B-29 to fire-bomb Japanese Hangkow - it burned for 5-days...
3. Chennault commanded B-17s which flew 100s of missions over Burma & Indo-China.
4. Chennault left orders for a ‘legacy display’ of American airpower at Kunming - it included every type of US warplane used against the Japanese in an outdoor airbase ‘museum’ setting, and B-24s, B-25s, P-38s, P-40s & P-51s flew overhead formations & acrobatics during the surrender day!
5. Chennault requested a third star for his service time and accomplishments while in China. It was denied after he was officially retired (the second time).



Chennault’s farewell dinner attended by Americans, Allies, and Chinese and US official photo of Chennault’s farewell 1945



MAJOR GENERAL CLAIRE L. CHENNAULT BIDS FAREWELL TO CHINA
Retiring 14th Air Force Commander leaves Kuming, China, to return to the United States. Many prominent Chinese were present to wish the General Good Luck and Goodbye after eight years of aiding the Chinese against the common enemy.
(U.S. OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION) KU-348

前在美陸軍第十四航空隊司令官陳納德將軍
KU-348: 陳納德將軍返國

Anna Chennault, Claire Lee Chennault
and Children Canton 1949



THEODORE FULTON “TED” STEVENS, SR.

WORLD WAR II AVIATOR WITH SERVICE IN THE HAZARDOUS CHINA, BURMA, INDIA CAMPAIGN, CHAMPION OF ALASKAN STATEHOOD, UNITED STATES SENATOR AND STEADFAST SUPPORTER OF THE IMPORTANCE OF AVIATION TO AMERICA



Theodore Fulton “Ted” Stevens, Sr. born November 28, 1923, died August 9, 2010, served with distinction for six decades in the American public sector beginning with his service in World War II. Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, the third of four children, Stevens attended Oregon State University for a semester as an engineering student. With the outbreak of World War II, he left college and joined the Army Air Corps. Stevens was soon flying for General Claire Chennault’s 14th Airforce as a pilot for the newly formed 322nd Troop Carrier Squadron. He flew the “Hump” in C-46s and C-47s in the China –India- Burma Theater in support of the Flying Tigers. Lt. Stevens, in his early 20’s, while flying for General Chennault deep in the mainland of China earned several medals including a Distinguished Flying Cross, an Air Medal, and the Chinese Order of Yuan Hai for service “distinguished himself by heroism and extraordinary meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight.” His further career after the war included championing Alaskan Statehood, from which he later served as United States Senator from 1968 to 2009, and during which time was a key player in developing and modernizing United States Navy, Marine, and Air force aircraft and the personnel trained to fly them.

At the time of the dedication of the Pacific Aviation Museum, where a memorial to Stevens is located, Hawaii United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye wrote, “I will never forget him...Ted Stevens was an extraordinary American...He risked his life while serving in China with the Flying Tigers in World War II...We were always positive and forthright. Senator Stevens and I worked together to ensure that the small non-contiguous states of Hawaii and Alaska were not forgotten by the lower 48 and ensure that the nation awoke to the importance of the Pacific for our economy and international relations. I have lost my brother.”

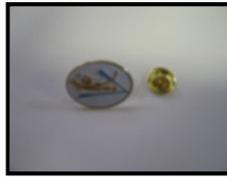
Items Available for Donation to FTHO



Blod Chit
Silk & Leather
\$30.00 to \$40.00



Patch \$3.00



Tie Tac \$3.00



Hat \$10.00



Leather Patches
Different Squadrons
\$20.00 to \$30.00



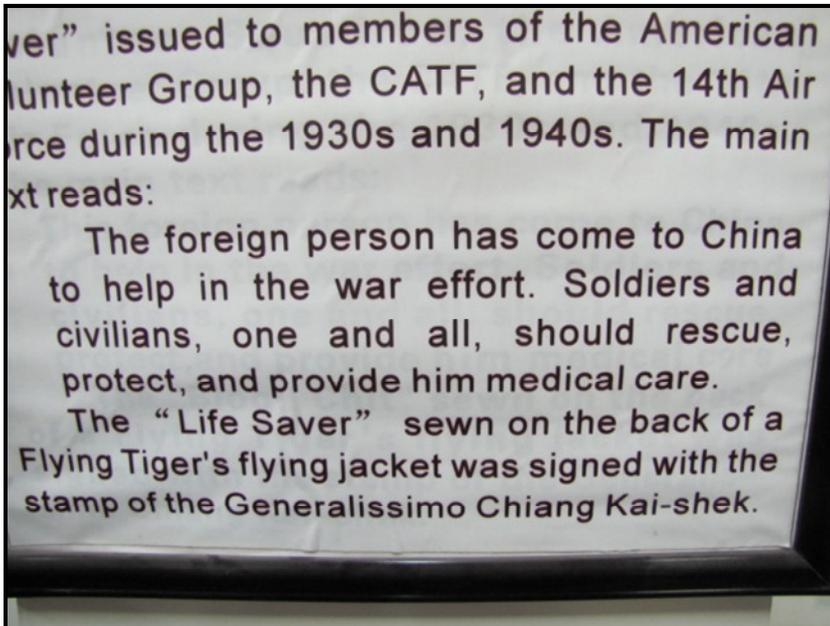
Back

"T" Shirt \$15.00



Front

To make purchases Email your request to: larryjobe1@gmail.com. You can access our PayPal account on the web site which will allow you to use your bank account or credit card. Notify us at the email address above when you have completed your PayPal transaction and we will mail the merchandise.



What does Blood Chit say?

The picture of the blood chit and its interpretation was taken at the Flying Tiger museum in Chongqing. Many Flying Tigers owe their lives to this item which was used extensively in China.

Flying Tiger Historical Organization Board of Directors

Chairman of the Board

Major General James T. Whitehead Jr., USAF (Ret.)

President

Larry Jobe, President, Travel Aire

Treasure

Patti Jobe, Accounts Manager, Bookkeeper

Secretary

David Thuillez, Sr., Project Manager
Colombo Construction Company, Inc.

Vice President

K. C. Ma, President, Asia Holiday
Travel

Directors

Michael F. Bianco, Chairman & CEO
American Capital Markets Group

Phil VanZandt, Historian
Retired

Advisory Board Members

Louis Barbich, CPA, MBA

Alan Mutke, President Alan Mutke & Associates International

Joe Eng, Author & Speaker

John Sanders, Screen Writer, Historian

Mel McGowan, Business Owner & Executive

Dr. Pedro Chan, Collector/Donor Flying Tiger Items

Clay Lacy, CEO/Founder -- Clay Lacy Aviation

Simone Wright, Flying Tiger AVG

Rob Custer, Retired County Officer/Pilot

Thomas K. Jue, CPA

Victor Tong, 唐滔, Webplus Ventures 网佳创投

Charles Michael, Retired Account Executive

Patrick Bergin, CFO Tel-Tec Security Systems

Judge Michael Ward, Administrative Lawyer

Darrell Scott, China Liaison

Newsletter Editor

Flying Tiger Historical Organization News Letter is published quarterly by the FTHO

21133 Jimmersall Lane – Groveland, CA - 95321 (209) 962-5501

<http://www.FlyingTigerHistoricalOrganization.com> larryjobe1@gmail.com

Every effort is made to present factual and accurate information; however there are always some disagreements in areas of history. If you wish to be removed from our E-mail list please reply to this E-mail News Letter and type "unsubscribe" in the subject line.