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*Help us honor those men and women, both American
and Chinese, who sacrificed their youth defending
the world from tyranny.*

Flying Tiger Historical Organization

Where: Chinese Consulate San Francisco, CA
(1450 Laguna Street)

When: 6:30 to 8:30 PM PDT

What: Dinner-Awards Ceremony-Artifacts Display

Why: Promote & recognize the friendship between China & the US, Pay Tribute to General Chennault, US Asia Military Personnel & the many Chinese who preserved our Freedom in WW II. Promote Flying Tiger Heritage Park in Guilin, China.

Who: Flying Tiger Historical Organization, Chinese Consul General Mr. Yuan Nansheng, WW II China Veterans, Widows and Families.

Information: <http://www.FlyingTigerHistoricalOrganization.com>



***Flying Tiger Heritage Park Museum
Slated for Dedication March 28, 2015***

The Evolution of the Famous "Flying Tigers Shark Jaws"

British fighter pilots saw the two following photos in a captured German Luftwaffe magazine and said their Desert Air Force P-40 Kittyhawks would look even better in the North African skies with shark's teeth.



Twin-engine German Fighter Messerschmitt BF 110



So the Desert
Air Force
"Adopted and
Adapted...."



The Germans still had better fighters in Tunisia, and while wing-riding had a perfectly good reason, a lot of the RAF 'smiling sharks' had a date with hard sand!



Watch-out buddy shark's teeth have sharp edges.....



(Wearing a Mae West vest was compulsory in the Libyan desert)

Pilots among the American Volunteer Group back in good old Burma's Keydaw airdrome saw the Desert Air Force décor and decided they could improve on it – they'd scare the Japanese (who were afraid of tigersharks)



P-40 #71 above unknown airfield area
– Burma 1942 showing green and brown jungle camouflage colors:

First find a guy with chalk, and another who paints on the toothy smile.... Do this to four P-40s, then show them to Chennault to get his approval to paint 'em all that way (took roughly 10 minutes in early December, 1941.) Just days later the war came to them!



But the 3rd Squadron "Hells Angels" remained pretty much in the original coloration as seen left.

"So take your gaggle up above the clouds and show us how good you are and how great you all look!"

As a side note – when Olga

Greenlaw who'd just been appointed 'chronicler' of the American Volunteer Group's War Diary saw these, she wrote that they were odd-looking crocodile-jaws. She was rather quickly corrected by her pilot friends, however!

China Daily News article July 8, 2014



From left: Flying Tiger Historical Organization Chairman General James T. Whitehead Jr., Yuan Nansheng (second from left), consul general of China in San Francisco; Florence Fang (center), curator of the WWII Pacific War Memorial Hall; Jose Esteves (second from right), mayor of Milpitas, and Ding Yuan (right), executive vice-president of the Global Alliance for Preserving the History of WWII in Asia, put hands together on the donation box to announce the launch of the establishment of the WWII Pacific War Memorial Hall at the building of Florence Fang Family Foundation in San Mateo, California. Lian Zi / China Daily

The WWII Pacific War Memorial Hall, launched on Monday, was expected to open next September in the Bay Area of San Francisco, said Florence Fang, chairwoman of the Florence Fang Family Foundation, on Monday in San Mateo.

It will become the first overseas anti-Japanese memorial.

Florence Fang made the announcement at a press conference hosted by the Consulate General of China in the building of Florence Fang Family Foundation in San Mateo, California. Fang, also known as Fang Li Bangqin, will be the curator of the WWII Pacific War Memorial Hall. Fang is the first Chinese individual in US history to own a mainstream English-language newspaper and an active community leader in the Bay Area.

On July 7, 1937 — 77 years ago Monday — the Japanese army conducted unannounced night maneuvers at the Chinese defended Marco Polo Bridge outside of the walled city of Wanping southwest of Beijing, triggering a firefight that led to the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression (1937-45).

Fang said the museum will house exhibits of historic photographs and oral records that depict Japan's atrocities during the war. "Building the memorial hall is a way to protect history and educate the next generations with valuable historical records," she said.

"The Chinese people were not fighting alone against the Japanese invaders," Fang said. "We had our American friends standing side-by-side with our forces to fight together against the Japanese."

She named the memorial the WWII Pacific War Memorial Hall to remind people of the history of the China-US alliance against Japan during WWII and pass it on to future generations, she said.

Yuan Nansheng, consul general of China in San Francisco, congratulated the launch of the memorial. "Peace, development and cooperation are the three most important goals in today's international relations," he said.

"Although it is a historical site, we want to design and build it in a modern style by using contemporary construction materials, like polished steel and glass," said Li Tao, one of the four Chinese designers who take part in the memorial project. "The memorial hall will not only be a historical site, it will also be a place for young people to learn about history."

(end **China Daily News** article)

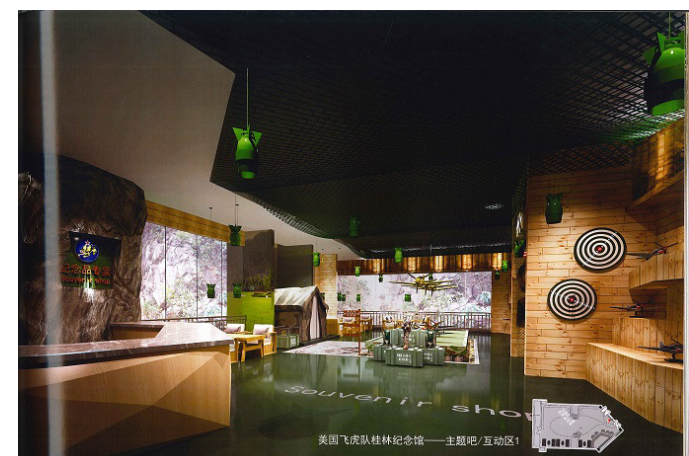
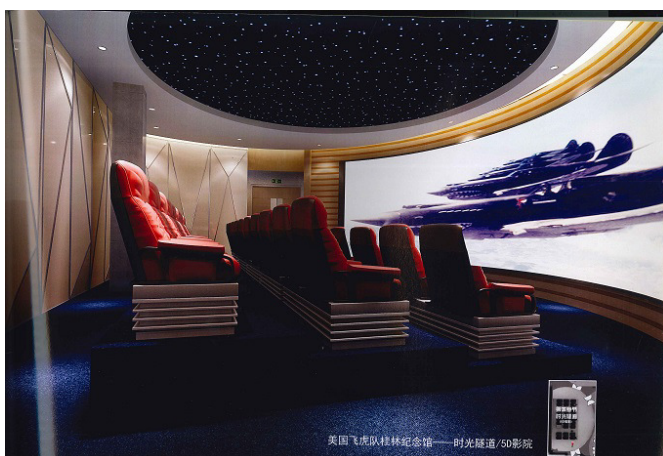
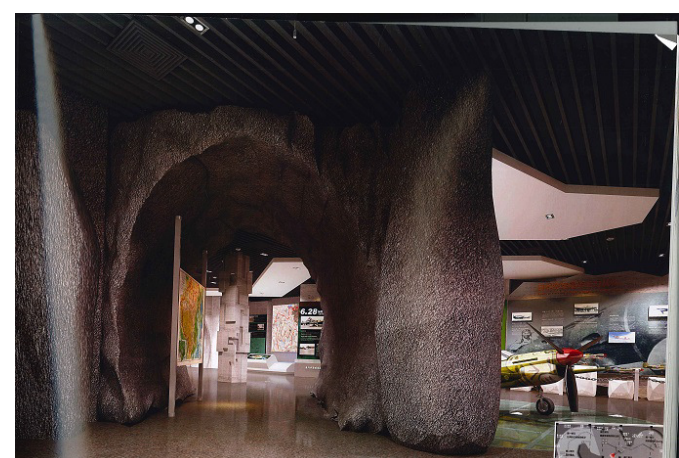
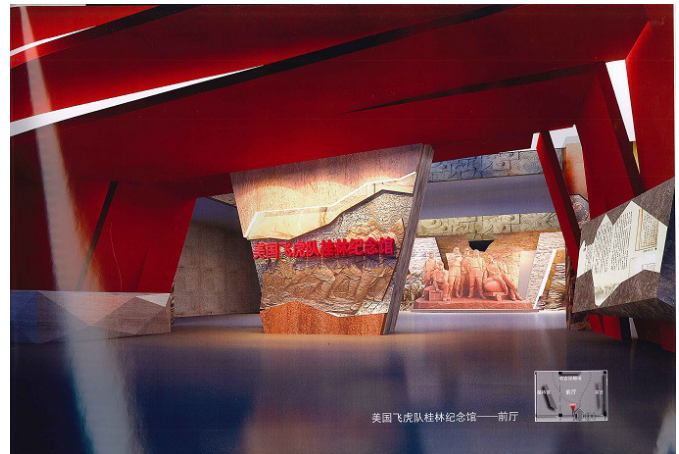
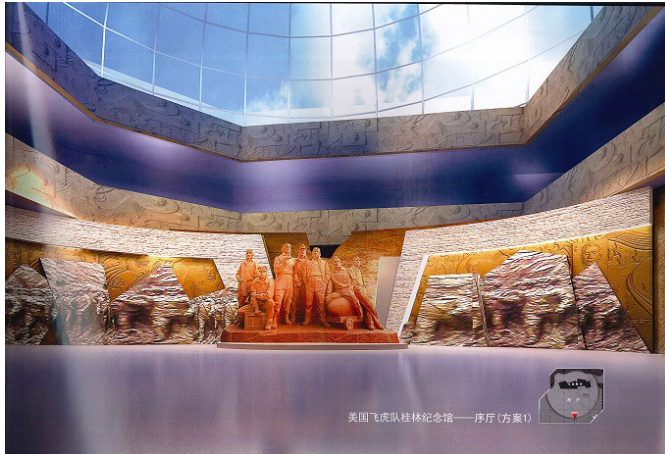
FTHO Board members Larry Jobe, Major General JT Whitehead Jr., and KC Ma were invited to the above referenced conference.

FTHO President Larry Jobe, during a short speech, reminded the audience of the importance of recording for history what has happened in the past so that people and governments cannot change that history to suit themselves. While on our annual "*American VIP tour of China*" in 2007, a couple of tourist with our *Travel Aire* group encountered a Japanese couple in Guilin. They asked them if they had experienced any "hostility" from the Chinese for what Japan did to the Chinese during WW II. Their answer was an eye-opening "Oh, we weren't in China in WW II." They did not know because they were never exposed to the horrible truth of the actions of the Japanese army in WW II. Thirty million Chinese were slaughtered. The Japanese government has even built a shrine honoring some of these WW II war criminals. So while today's Japanese government can find it in their heart to honor these men, they cannot find it in their soul to apologize to the Asian victims of Japanese atrocities.

Museum such as Florence Fang's **WWII Pacific War Memorial Hall**, and the **Flying Tiger Heritage Park Museum** in Guilin, China will help to keep this history alive for all to see.

Museum and Park Progress

Completion and dedication of the museum is expected on March 28, 2015.
Below are artist renditions of the interior.





Artist Rendition of *Flying Tigers Heritage Park* September 2015



HUMP FLIGHT RECREATION

The FTHO is currently working on recreating a Hump flight to help celebrate the 70 year anniversary of the ending of WW II in the Pacific and to honor all those who braved the worst flying in the world to keep China supplied with war material.

Plans call for purchasing a DC 3 (C47) or C46, configuring it in WW II livery and then flying it from Burma to Guilin over the Hump. The plane will then be donated to the **Flying Tiger Heritage Park Museum** to be put on permanent display.

Flying the Hump was the most dangerous flying you could do in WW II. Pilots faced Over loaded airplanes, very high mountains, lack of maps and weather information, rapidly changing weather and icing conditions, and were exposed to Japanese fighters patrolling the passes shooting down unarmed and unescorted cargo planes at will. More Hump pilots were killed than fighter and bomber pilots combined in the China Theater.

FTHO is currently seeking an individual or corporation to sponsor this event, and a documentary producer to document the event. We feel this is a prime opportunity for a corporation or individual to gain favorable exposure around the world and especially in China. Any interested party should please contact one of our board members for further information and details.



Jimmy Harootunian's C-47 over HUMP

FTHO Chairman & Vice President Have Lunch with Madam Li



Madam Li, President of the People's Republic of China

Association For Friendship With Foreign Countries wants to develop a traveling exhibition to be displayed throughout 2015 at various museums. FTHO will assist in this endeavor. Pictured are KC Ma & Gen. Whitehead with Madam Li.

FTHO sends two Crates of Artifacts to Flying Tiger Heritage Park Museum

The FTHO has been gathering artifacts and relics related to the Flying Tigers and WW II for the past several years. These artifacts and relics are on their way to the museum folks in Lingui County. Two crates, weighing in excess of 550 pounds each, packed with everything imaginable related to this period of our history, will help augment the relics and artifacts already donated to the museum. Uniforms, medals, wings, patches, cameras, books, magazines, pictures and the like have been donated. Our own historian, Phil VanZandt, has donated more than half of the items which are on their way to China. The FTHO is always seeking more items for the museum. If you have anything related to the China-Burma-India Theater of war that you would like to donate it will be lovingly cared for and included in the museum's stock of displayable items or added to the archives for future scholars to reference and study. Pictures, log books, personal histories, uniforms and medals which can be attached to a particular service man are especially appreciated.



Patches
Pins
Insignia



CBI radio operator's uniform
308th Bomb Sqd. B-24



G-4 Jacket with Blood Chit

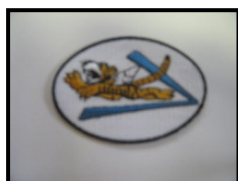


Flight Surgeon wings

Items Available for Donation to FTHO



Blod Chit
\$30.00



Patch \$3.00



Tie Tac \$3.00



Hat \$10.00



Patches
\$20.00



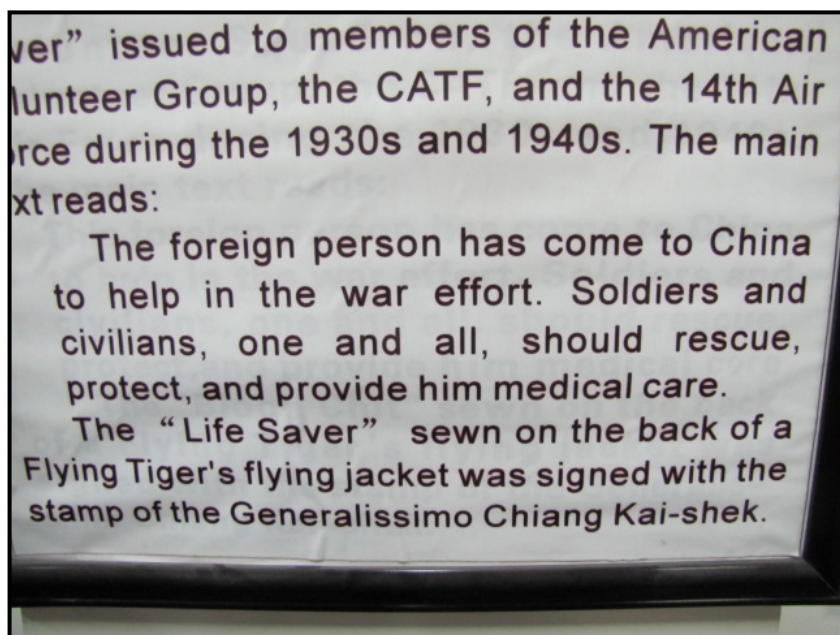
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"T" Shirt \$15.00



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What does The 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.

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