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## China Tour Information - 2004

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It is with regret that the Association has had to cancel a planned Reunion in San Antonio, TX, in 2005. This was made necessary because of a tour to China which is tentatively scheduled for August 23 – September, 4, 2005. This tour will be very attractive to members of the HPA. The San Antonio Reunion was being planned for September 9 – 13, 2005 which placed these two events too close to each other.

This tour is in addition to a second China tour which is being planned for August 10 – 18, 2005. This tour is being referred to as the V60 tour with one of the principal sponsors being the Beijing Aviators Association of Beijing, China. Sponsors of this tour have arranged for HPA Board Member William C. “Bill” Jackson, of Poplar Bluff, MO, to be the contact point for members interested in taking this tour. Bill can be contacted at telephone number 573-785-5645. His E-mail is: [wjackson@semo.com](mailto:wjackson@semo.com).

Further information on both of these tours will be provided in the Spring newsletter. Both tours are expected to run about the same cost. Both tours are being planned around the celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War II. Anyone who thinks they may be interested in taking either of these tours should make sure they have a current passport on hand as soon as possible. The purpose of both tours is to honor U. S. Veterans who served in the China-Burma-India Theater during that war in support of China.

## Burma Report

### Additional Private MIA Searchers

We recently made contact through the Amarillo Office with a new group of MIA searchers called the “MIA Hunters”. They are comprised of the Moon family – Bryan, Christopher, Dona and Cicely. They reside in Minnesota. The following is quoted

from their Web Site: “We do all research (the most important phase in locating missing MIA’s) and after that is complete we go into the field to personally try to locate the lost MIA. Usually, this is the recovery of the remains of the MIA.

We believe the “window of opportunity” is closing fast as it is critical to contact people in the areas when the MIA was last seen, and many of these witnesses are at an age that leaves fewer and fewer of them alive each year”.

Anyone interest in talking to them about a search, or about joining with them in these searches, are invited to do so. They have a record of locating 44 MIAs to date, from countries all over the world. This is not a profit making venture.

Anyone who wishes to contact the MIA Hunters they speak to Christopher Moon at telephone 952-445-3474. Information may also be obtained from their Web Site at: <http://pro5.com/mia/>

### Clayton Kuhles Activity

Clayton returned to Burma this past October to resume his searches for lost World War II aircraft in that country. He has joined forces with a lady we previously made references to who is Burmese and whose father was the Burmese Air Force. Her name is Khine Fredricks. She is in the travel business and has already offered one public tour to Burma and is now planning another tour next year. This tour will start in Kunming, China, visit several China locations, then go all the way down the old Burma Road into Burma (Myanmar) and then on down to Rangoon. This will be a 15 day tour. She and Clayton are now online at Web Site [www.cbiexpeditions.com](http://www.cbiexpeditions.com).

We recently received the following e-mail from Clayton after he arrived in Burma: “Khine Fredricks and I left for Burma on 13 Oct. With her help I arranged to meet with several highly-placed officials with the Burmese government. The Director General of their Ministry of Tourism was especially cordial to us, and pledged his government’s assistance to my MIA recovery project.

My MIA recovery work is off to a good start this year. So far I have located and visited the crashsite of a B-24. I haven’t confirmed its ID yet, but I am fairly certain it has 9 crewmembers aboard on its last mission (based on my research) I’ll return to that crashsite in Jan-Mar ’05 to complete my