



David enjoyed his recent tour around the mother school with Chan Siu Chu and Chow Wing Sum.

An Extraordinary Story of "DJ" David Wong Wing-hong

A recent email from the states unveiled the extraordinary story of a SGSS alumnus- David Wong Wing-hong. The short note informed us that he was a pilot in the US Air Force. This has aroused great interest, among the AA Council members, to know who he is.

I was able to contact him over the phone and knew that he has received our latest Newsletter. He wished very much to

happy kid. He purposely found his seat in the previous F.5 classroom, which at present a classroom for F.3, and took a photo with some students. He was joyous when visiting the Woodwork Room and passing by the teachers' rooms. He mischievously said that he had been invited to the teachers' room often when he was naughty or could not do his assignments well enough. Anyway, he had made good friends with his schoolmates and extraordinarily with a number of teachers. He loves the mother school, as you can see him still keeping the school magazines and the school badge of the school blazer with him.

David was born of US parentage and was sent back to Hong Kong when he was a teen. His father, a businessman who managed the family business was based in Japan, he wished that his son could

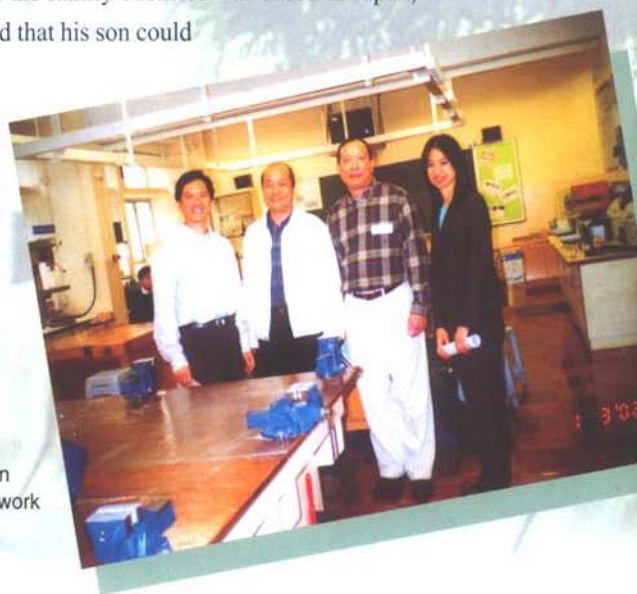


Taken with the Vice Principals at the School's Reception.

visit the mother school during his business trip here. We pre-arranged the visit with the school and accompanied him in the tour, which was really an exciting one for him after leaving the school for 36 years.

I guess that David had had a happy time in the SGSS. It is obvious when you see him touring around the school like a

Meeting teachers in the Woodwork Room.





David and some F.7 students in the School Library.

learn more Chinese. David joined the SGSS as a F.2 student in 1962. He could read or write very few Chinese words at that time. Imagine what a difficult time he had had in confronting with the traditional Chinese scripts. Having the difficulty in catching up the Chinese subjects, he chose to continue his tertiary education in the States. He left Hong Kong in 1966.

He studied Aerospace Engineering at the California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, then graduated with a BS in Aeromautical Engineering from Arizona State University and



David (from left) shared his wonderful experiences with Woody, Silkie, Leonard and William (AA Council Members).

was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1972 after successfully attended the US Air Force Academy Officers Training School. He was one of the two Americans of Chinese ancestry who went through the USAF Undergraduate Flying Training at that time. During his tour of duty, he traveled to many places in the world. To name a few: Netherlands, Greece, Italy, France, Belgium, Turkey, Spain, Germany, Ireland, Philippines, India Vietnam, UK etc. He had logged more than 8,000 flying hours in various military jet transports and fighters. Among them, he was credited with 30 combat sorties during the Southeast Asia conflict. He was a Top Gun crew while assigned to the only

USAF specialized air-superiority unit in Southeast Asia, 3rd Tactical Fighter Squadron flying the F-4E "Phantom" After his tour of duty in Southeast Asia, he was assigned as the Air-to-Air Combat Instructor to the 91st and 92nd Tactical Fighter Squadrons flying F-4D, A-10 "Warthog" at RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge (near Ipswich) Suffolk, UK. Later he became a Senior Bomb Commander at the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing in England for NATO associated with flying F-111 at RAF Lakenheath (near Cambridge) in England. He has had so many interesting stories to tell. His last military assignment was at the Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Honolulu, Hawaii overseeing F-16 Foreign Military Sales to Singapore and Thailand and Military Assistance to Indonesia and Malaysia. He left active military duty with the rank of Major and joined the



Recalling sweet memories in his previous seat in the F.5 Class, with some present F.3 students.

Hewlett-Packard Company. He is now the Operations Partner Manager of the Mobile Computing Division in Cupertino, California vested with worldwide responsibilities.

David's spouse is the ex-Janice J.L. Sanderson of Hayes, England. Their two boys are both university students attending the University of California, San Diego now. He did not follow the step of his father by sending his kids back for learning Chinese because he knew deeply the hardship within - if one did not start learning a language at an early age. He should realize that his fluent Cantonese, which he has built up when he was in SGSS, would be a help to him in his present career and when he would be in China dealing with his business. Therefore I think start teaching his sons some Chinese would be a help to their future.

David is a friendly and helpful alumnus. We appreciate very much for his offer in trying to contact some alumni in the West Coast, on behalf of the AA. If anyone would have interest to contact David, try to drop an email to:

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