

Blood Chit Flags - The Aviator's Last Hope Rescue Identification Patches worn by servicemen from WWII to the present



Chinese soldiers inspect an American Airman's Rescue Identification Patch or "Blood Chit" during World War II.
 Image Source: Wikipedia.



ZFC2150 China - American Volunteer Group – Pilots' Chit, 1941 - 1942. This is a Chinese made and issued American Volunteer Group (AVG) Pilots Rescue Identification Patch or "Blood Chit", and bears the Chinese national flag, a rescue inscription and the chop of Nationalist Government's Commission for Aeronautical Affairs, 1941 - 1942.

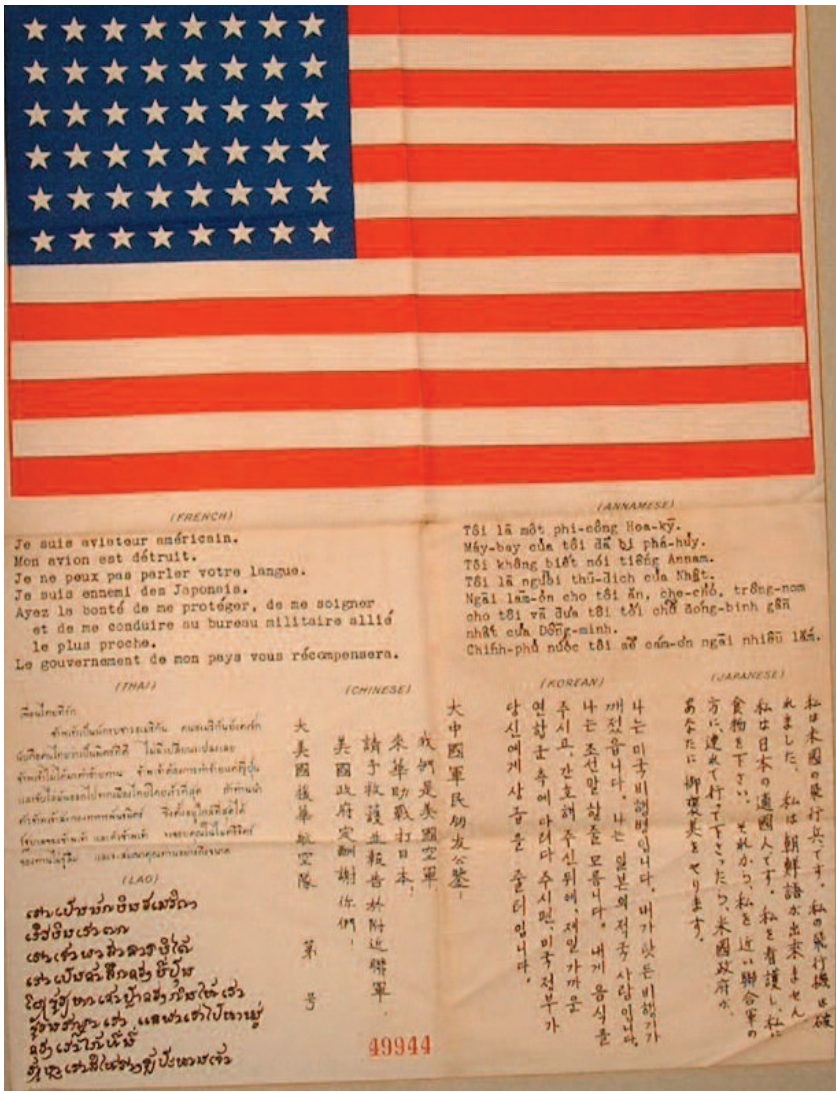
ZFC0745 This is a locally produced AVG pilots' Chit created for a Chinese airman. It bears the Chinese flag and rescue message but lacks the government chop, 1941 to 1942.



ZFC0741 Theater produced leather Chit bearing both the United States and Chinese flags with a rescue message. These chits were popular as the American presence in China increased. On a white section of the chit patch it has an inscription in Chinese identifying the wearer as an ally of China and imploring safe passage to allied lines to the peasants who might find the downed airman.

ZFC0744 A theater produced leather Blood Chit bearing in addition to the United States and Chinese flag and rescue message the insignia for soldiers serving in the China-Burma-India Theatre (CBI). These chits were used by pilots flying in the CBI from 1942 to 1945.

ZFC2056 A theater produced leather Blood Chit bearing in addition to the United States flag, the Chinese flag, the rescue message and an unofficial variant of the insignia for soldiers serving in the China-Burma-India Theatre (CBI). Pilots flying in the CBI from 1942 to 1945 used these chits.



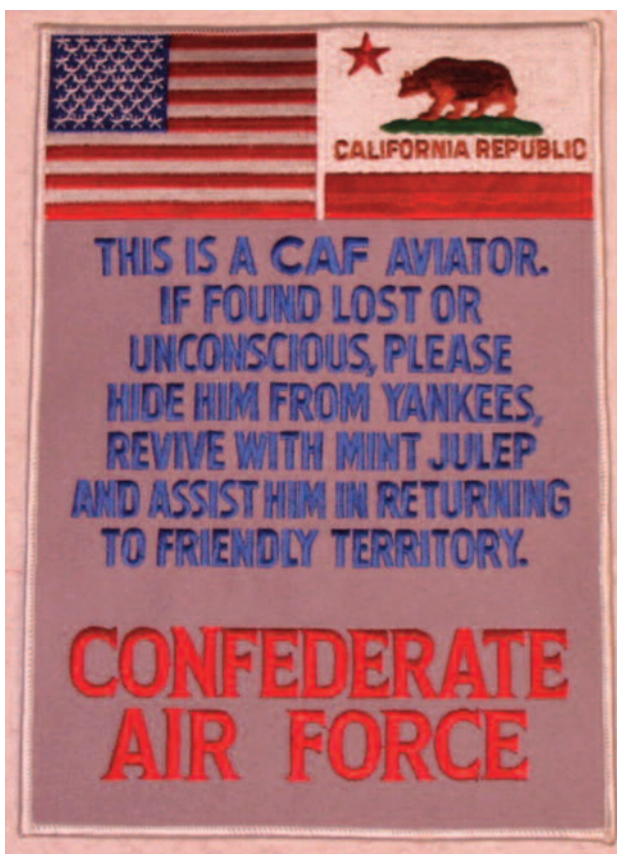
ZFC2425 A 48 star U.S. made flag on a late war MIS-X type 4 rayon airman's chit bearing the rescue message in 7 languages; English, French, Thai, Lao, Annamese, Korean and Japanese.

ZFC0305 A 50 star U.S. flag on an airman's chit from the family of a downed airman of the Vietnam War, which contains the rescue message in 14 languages. This chit is from the collections of the Star Spangled Banner Flag House and Museum of Baltimore, MD.



ZFC3057 A theatre made "Blood Chit" made during the United Nations led efforts to thwart the North Korea's invasion of South Korea. It is printed in two languages and bears the flags of the United States, the United Nations and South Korea, 1951 to 1953.

Jocular and Commemorative jacket patches that mimic the "Blood Chit"



ZFC1397 A patch from one of the wings of the Confederate Air Force (CAF). It mimics and spoofs the Blood Chits of WWII. The CAF was founded to maintain the heritage of vintage aircraft and is now known as the Commemorative Air Force, 1970s.

ZFC2052 Not a "Blood Chit" but modeled on one, this commemorative jacket patch details the Korean War service of Charles Hardison an engineer with the 24th Division, the first U.S. troops to enter Korea, 1953 - 1956.