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Mosquito Association 6147th Tactical Control Group

From the President

Dear member, I have a problem. In addition to being your President, I am also the keeper of the membership records. If you are a Life Member we don't hear from you on a regular basis, therefore I don't know your status as we do with dues paying members. I think you know where I am going with this. If you look at the deceased list on page two of this newsletter you will note that I just learned of a member who passed away in 2012. I am respectfully requesting you advise your next of kin or family member of the need to inform me of your passing. My e-mail and mailing address are noted just below this message. We are now well into June and rapidly approaching the cut off dates for reunion registration and hotel reservations. Our attendance at this reunion will have a direct bearing on whether there will be another reunion. Most nice hotels require minimums and we could end up paying for something we don't get.

For change of address, please notify: John R. Dichard, 2202 County Road 331, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961. E-Mail at Dichardn@yahoo.com. Widows who wish to get the Newsletter can receive at no cost. However, they do need to notify us at the address listed above

When paying dues, do not send documents or other items, they may not be forwarded to the Association. The purpose of all checks should be clearly identified by placing a comment on the memo line. (For example: Dues or Contributions) Send all dues or Contributions to the address shown below. Annual Dues \$25.00



**OLD T-6 OVER
KOREA IN BACKGROUND**

Make check payable to:

The Mosquito association, Inc
C/O Centennial Bank
13700 E. Arapahoe Road
Centennial, Colorado 80112



NEW T-6

Used at Vance AFB for all Tng.



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www.mosquitokorea.org

**MOSQUITOS WHO HAVE
PASSED since 7/1/2015**

Name	Passed On	State
Rebman, Ben C. Jr.	Mar15	FL
Tripp, Richard B.	Sep 15	WA
Lawson, Charles R.	Oct 15	MT
Johnston, Sidney F.	Oct 15	NM
Mundy, Jack Sr.	Nov 15	MD
Gattinella, Salvatore	Jan 16	NH
McCann, Richard	Sep 15	AL
Frank, Helmut A.	Nov 15	MI
Collins, Edward R.	Dec 15	MI
Farnham, Gail	Jan 16	TX
Bluhm, Lawrence W.	Apr 16	MI
Howell, Robert W.	Dec 12	NC
Blake, Thomas D.	Sep 15	CA

2016 REUNION
Commander Ray Vold
Treasurer John Dichard

Chaplin's Thoughts

.I'd like to begin this issue of the Chaplain's report by challenging your memories. In fact, I'd like to take you back to the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain. A young British athlete, Derek Redmond was a favorite to win the 400 meter race. He had held the world's record in the 400 for five years. He won the first two qualifying heats and had a good start in the semi final at Barcelona. Then, about half way into the race, Derek broke a hamstring and down on the track he went. But since he started the race, he wanted to finish the race. Somehow he struggled to his feet and began to limp around the track---he wanted to finish the race. Of course the medics rushed out with a stretcher but Derek waved them off---he wanted to somehow finish the race.

High up in the stands watching his son race was Jim Redmond, Derek's father. As soon as he saw his son go down he started charging down the stands, leaping the fencing, avoiding the security personnel, and ran to his son's side. He wrapped his arm around his son and helped him limp around the track and cross the finish line. His dad wasn't going to let his son fail to complete his race. I share this true story with you as a reminder that we may not have an earthly father, but we do have a Heavenly Father that doesn't want to see us fail. Derek had to want to finish his race and his dad helped him. Our Heavenly Father wants each of us to successfully finish our earthly race but we must do our part. And that part is to accept his son, Jesus Christ, as our personal savior. All we have to do is confess our sins, repent, acknowledge Christ as our Savior and truly begin living a life pleasing to him. Our heavenly goal is in sight.
Richard Warner, Chaplain

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All 2015 board members re-elected for 2016 by unanimous vote!

PEACE MEDAL

All Peace Medals have been received by those members who returned their application with the appropriate support documents.

I was led to believe that a "Certificate" would follow in October or November 2015. I am sorry to inform the recipients that no certificate will be forthcoming. Norma and I attended a luncheon at Barksdale AFB for Korean War Veterans in September 2015, and 18 veterans in attendance were presented the Peace Medal with no accompanying certificates.

DUES

Just a short reminder that 2016 dues are now due. See front page for amount and where to mail the check.

As of June 30, forty (40) members have not paid their 2016 dues. If you are not sure if you have paid, just give me a call or send me an e-mail. John.

FROM YOUR REUNION COMMANDER

This may well be our last reunion. With the cutoff date for registration rapidly approaching and only thirteen (13) registration forms received, we may not meet our hotel reservation requirements for food and lodging.

If you cannot attend please send us messages we can share with all members. We will include the messages in our memory book. See you in St. Louis.



GUESS WHO? THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN POST KOREA AND OUR MEMBER IS WAITING HIS TURN TO BOARD THE SHIP THAT WILL TAKE HIM BACK TO THE GOOD OLD USA AND THE STATE OF MICHIGAN WHERE HE STILL RESIDES TODAY.

IF YOU GUESSED DICK WARNER, YOU GUESSED RIGHT