



October 1, 2016

Mosquito Association 6147th Tactical Control Group

From the President

I am happy to report another successful and fun reunion. The highlight of the week was our trip to Scott AFB. The reception given us by the 375th Air Mobility Wing Commander and members of her wing was fantastic. A reception that will remain in our minds and hearts forever, (See Pictures). Scott AFB will be celebrating its 100th birthday during 2017. The 10th and 11th of June will be special days of celebration with the base hosting the Air Force Thunderbirds. The Commander, Col. Lenderman, has invited us to return and participate in the festivities. I know Ray Vold and I intend to attend. I would encourage anyone able to attend to do so, especially, if you did your radio training at Scott prior to deployment to Korea. Should you decide to attend, hotel arrangements will be your responsibility. There are numerous hotels in the area and we can arrange to go to Scott as a group. More information will be in the January newsletter. Sixteen members attended the 2016 Mosquito reunion. Advance age and illness are taking a toll on our membership, but we want to continue having reunions. A large number of members are now in their ninety's and we discussed maybe having a ninety's birthday party for all our members in that age group in Charleston, S.C. in October 2017. We will shrink the number of days and eliminate the tours. Check-in would be on Thursday with a reception, Friday social gathering with dinner on our own and

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The Mosquito Association, Inc
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**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
MCKIMSON, AMOS L.	Nov 14	MI
McPherson, John K.	Mar 16	VA
Rooney, Stephen	Jul 25	CA

2017 REUNION

Commander Ray Vold
Treasurer John Dichard

Chaplin's Thoughts

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2016

As I write this note, we have just finished commemorating the tragedy committed against our country on September 11, 2001. In just a few minutes our world was changed forever. In addition to the huge loss of lives and the many wounded, this tragic event caused most of us to become more aware and some more involved in the political scene.

In just a few weeks our country will be selecting a new president to serve for the next four years. I think it safe to say many people are not comfortable with either candidate. Many people are asking, "What are we to do, which candidate will do the less harm?"

I have to admit I too am uncomfortable with our choice. Yet, I do have a sense of peace knowing God is still on the throne. There are many instances in the bible where God has used ungodly men to accomplish His will and achieve his goals. In the book of Isaiah we are told that heaven is God's throne and the earth is His footstool. In short, God is in charge and His will, will be accomplished. We have to put our trust in Him.

Now just because we trust in our God, doesn't mean we are to become lethargic. We must look vertically. While we know God is on the throne, we need to get off the couch.

I believe in the few short weeks before the election, we have the responsibility to support the candidate of our choice. Through discussion, financial support, or any other means to encourage our candidate, we should be diligent. And, above all, we should be in prayer. God does answer prayer. Now his answer may be, "No, or Yes, or Wait." I am a firm believer in this process. Five years ago I prayed fervently for a specific home. My offer was turned down and I was devastated. However, a little over a year later, I moved into a home far exceeding the one I was sure was the home of my dreams.

So, we should be in prayer about this upcoming election, but also realize God is on the throne and his Will far exceeds our vision.

We may not understand his will, but we know he loves us---he gave us his only son as a sacrifice so we may spend eternity with him.

All we have to do is acknowledge our sins, ask for forgiveness, and accept Jesus as our savior.

Richard Warner, Chaplain

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All 2016 board members re-elected for 2017 by unanimous vote!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following letter was received by me on July 5, 2016 and I felt it needed forwarding to the membership:

Dear John, thank you for the Mosquito newsletter. I feel the need to write to you to let you know a little about myself and where I am today.

I served with the 6147th Tac Con Gp. From 1951 into 1952. I flew the T6 as a forward air controller stationed out of K6 and then K47. Upon my return to the states, I became an Air Force Reservist serving 35 years before retiring in 1972.

In past years, I have been very involved with the Mosquito Organization. The first reunion my wife, Dottie, and I attended was in Florida though I forget the year. I served as secretary for many years. I am a life-time member of the Mosquito Association.

Dottie and I attended the reunions yearly and so enjoyed visiting with other Mosquito members. When Dottie passed away in 2005, I continued to go to reunions in Atlanta and later in St. Louis. All these events continue to bring me great memories of friends and stories of times past.

I moved to Florida in 2012 to live with my daughter and son in law, John, who is also a retired Air Force Colonel and pilot. He currently instructs incoming fighter pilots in the F-22.

I will be 99 years old this January. I am challenged with poor sight, hearing and mobility, but I do pretty well. As much as I would love to, I will be unable to travel to the reunion this year. It saddens me that there is a lack of participation, though I understand the Mosquitoes are an aging population. Please keep me informed with your Mosquito Newsletter and E-Mails.

In closing, please know that the organization and those who served as Mosquitoes are never far from my heart and always in my prayers.

Sincerely,

Henning G. Anderson
Colonel USAF, Retired
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This is a new page. Should you decide to participate, I want to inform all that I will not print anything that is negative. Only positive, friendly and informative letters either concerning your experience in Korea, subsequent to Korea or about someone you are acquainted with. If the volume is heavy it may take two or more newsletters before your note appears. Please keep it to one page.

John R. Dichard, Editor

MOSQUITOS

6147

TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP



Top row, left to right. Elroy Aslakson, Homer Trout, Mike Daghlian, John Dichard, Ray Vold, John Halliday, Al Jorgenson. Bottom row: Jack Taylor, Hal Prather, John Means, Karl Rebman, John Burttschell.

2016 MOSQUITO REUNION

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

AUGUST 23-28, 2016



Elroy and Mary Aslakson



**John Burttschell
and Beverly Thomas**



Mike and Jack Daghlian



Ray Vold & Margret Deason



John and Norma Dichard



John and Pat Halliday



Al and Ann Jorgenson



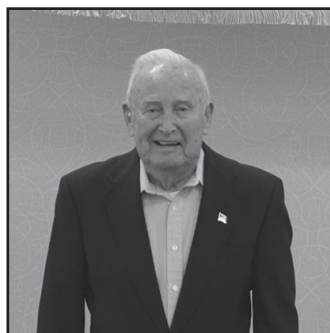
**John Means
and Maureen Gibbons**



Hal and Lois Prather and De



Carl and Nancee Rebman



Jack Taylor



Homer and Lee Trout

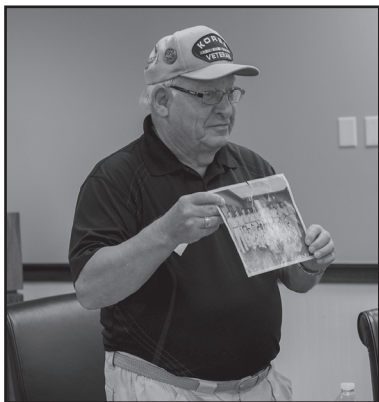
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE VISIT



Col. Lendermen Greeting Mosquitos



Col. Lendermen Addressing Mosquitos



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Col. Lendermen and Staff Saluting Mosquitos Departing Scott Air Force Base

BUSINESS MEETING

VISITING WITH FRIENDS



FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Saturday night will be a banquet followed by a Birthday Cake and dance to celebrate our members celebrating ninety years or more. Sunday morning memorial breakfast and Roll Call followed by departure.

I thank Dick Warner, our Chaplain, for five beautiful and appropriate prayers for the opening of the Board meeting, Saturday's men's meeting, Saturday's Banquet and the Roll Call and Memorial Breakfast Sunday morning. Dick may not have been able to attend the reunion but he was certainly there in spirit and his powerful words. Thank You Dick.