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Mosquito Association 6147th Tactical Control Group

From the President

Happy New Year Fellow Mosquito's.

I hope all had a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. I have had several inquiries concerning the 100th Anniversary celebration at Scott AFB on the 10th and 11th of June 2017. The game plan right now is for each of us attending will make our own arrangements (get on the internet and key in "Scott AFB" this will bring up their web page where you will find a list of options. Key on "Hotels near Scott AFB"), and you will find a list of hotels, their distance from Scott and other information.

For those of us who are attending, we will all gather at one location and proceed to the base as a group. To accomplish this, I will need each member planning to attend to let me know, (my home and e-mail address is below). Be sure to include your e-mail, home address and telephone number. There will be no more official correspondence on this subject except to those who contact me.

As for the Reunion, at this time we do not have anything to update, but once we have things put together, we will notify the membership by sending out the registration documents under a separate cover.

For change of address, please notify: John R. Dichard, 2202 County Road 331, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961. E-Mail at j1dichard@gmail.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

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**MOSQUITOS WHO HAVE
PASSED since 9/1/2016**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Passed On</u>	<u>State</u>
Schutte, George L.	10/17/16	MI
Gellner, William M.	11/27/16	AZ
Anderson, Henning G.	11/24/16	FL

2017 REUNION
Commander Ray Vold
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Chaplin's Thoughts

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT JANUARY 2017

By the time you have the opportunity to read this report; our Christmas season will be behind us. I trust this was a joyous time for you and your family. It's hard for me to realize just how long it has been since my wife and I decorated our Christmas tree with our little ones "help". Our children, like yours, are long gone with families of their own. Most of us probably don't have an opportunity to join the little ones while they trim their tree in their own home. But one thing we have that we can cherish is our memories. This is one thing most of us can reach back in our minds and recreate through our memories. Just reflecting on how people celebrate the Christmas Season today vs. how we did it in our youth demonstrates a major disconnect within our society. First, Christmas celebration didn't begin before Thanksgiving. Secondly as I remember, there wasn't this much emphasis on expensive gifts. (To be honest, this may have been because we didn't have a lot of money in our family,) nevertheless, gifts, for the most part, were practical---things that could be used and also were appreciated. But the major difference that comes to mind is why we celebrated the Christmas season. The Lord Jesus was revered, churches were open and a good many filled. The songs of worship and praise filled the air. Christmas music was broadcast through the streets of our downtown area. People felt joyous and safe. We actually had to go to stores to purchase gifts for our loved ones.

Consider today: many folks just order their gifts on line; very little interaction with folks at the local stores, and we are bombarded via television of stampedes of people that are surging to be first in line to get one of those items that are in limited supply. I know I'm old and set in my ways, but I truly miss the times when Christmas was a time for families to get together, have dinner and exchange gifts during a calmer atmosphere.

But most of all, especially in my role as a chaplain, I miss how we as a nation have diminished the role of Jesus, especially during Christmas season. We know that the Christmas season would not take place had it not taken place had it not been for the Christ child being born. Regardless how the world seeks to ignore and deny the deity of Christ, don't forget what the scripture says, "All knees will bow in his presence." A day is coming when everyone will have to recognize Christ the savior. It behooves all of us to examine our personal relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Richard Warner, Chaplain

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ltr received 10/1/2016

I like Henning am not able to attend Reunions any longer so very much enjoyed his letter. I would like to add my letter:

I joined the 6147 Tac Control Group at K-5 in 1951 as an Airborne Forward Air Controller. Flew a few missions and then joined a TACP unit in the Iron Triangle and was later moved to the Punch Bowl for the winter of 1951/52. I returned from TACP duty to K-47 to finish my 100 Missions. I then transferred to troop carrier in C-46's at Brady Field Japan flying Combat Cargo mostly to Korea. 1953 reverted to Inactive Reserve and almost immediately hired on as First Officer for Continental Air Lines. Flew 30 years with Continental in DC-3's, DC-6s, DC- 7s, DC-9s & DC-10s. Also flew Viscounts and B-727s.

I Continued in AF Reserve until completing my 20 years and retiring as a Major. After retiring from airline flying, spent most of my time in volunteer work. 30 years in AARP Tax program, 25 years as an instructor and 2 years on National Training Committee. I also volunteered at March Field Air Museum as a researcher and Associate Librarian for 20 years. I served as treasurer and on the Board of the local Hospice for about 6 years.

Presently, just had my 91st and am limited in my activity as a result of 10 years of debilitating effects of Parkinson's disease and other aging problems.

And Andy, may God grant you peace and comfort in your remaining time on earth, however long it may be.

G.M. 'CASEY' CAMERON
Major, USAF, Retired
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This is a new page. Should you decide to participate, 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

FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$20,441.18
NEWSLETTER	<u>\$ 1,380.61</u>
TOTAL (as of 12/16/2016)	<u>\$21,821.79</u>



Korean War Veterans from left, Charles (Chuck) Singleterry, Tony Pascale, Louis Pace and Harold (Smokey) Stover attended a dinner in their honor at the home of Michong Rayborn, right. Rayborn, a native of South Korea, wanted to do something to thank the veterans for their service to her country. She hosted the dinner with her colleague, Dr. Hwansack Choi.

From a Hattiesburg American, newspaper article on May 31, 2016: This past Saturday just two days before Memorial Day, I was honored to take part in a very special tribute. My colleague, Dr. Hwanseok Choi, and I hosted a dinner for four Korean War veterans and their spouses. Dr. Choi's wife, Soyoung, his daughter, Erin, and sons Ethan and Ean assisted with preparing and serving the meal.

For quite some time I have wanted to show my appreciation to men and women who came to the aid of my country 63 years ago. Like our World War II veterans, we are losing our Korean War veterans at the rate of 500 per day. My husband, Voldi, obtained the names of 10 Korean War veterans that are members of veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3036 in Hattiesburg. Only four were able to attend with their spouses. We were blessed to have a few short hours of fellowship of Louis and Shirley Page, Charles and Jane Singleterry, Tony and Janet Pascale and Harold and Mary Stover.

In America, the Korean War is often called "the forgotten war." Sandwiched between World War II in the 1940's and Vietnam in the "60s and 70s" it is often little more than a footnote in the litany of U.S. military actions.

But having grown up in South Korea in the 1950s and 1960s, the war has always been a part of my life. And so have the contributions of more than 5.7 million Americans that served as part of the 16 nation United Nations Command. Almost 37,000 Americans lost their lives in the conflict. Officially, the conflict lasted from June 1950

until July 1953. However, the war ended with a truce, rather than an armistice, and the coals of hostility still smolder 63 years later.

When hostilities broke out on June 25, 1950, many of the Americans that served in the war had never even heard of Korea. My future in-laws, Mark and Ola Rayborn, were married that same day at the Methodist church in Lumberton. My father-in-law said that he walked out of the church and someone told him President Truman was sending troops to Korea. He thought to himself, "Where in the heck is Korea?" I am certain he never thought that 31 years later he would have a daughter-in-law from Korea. Since July 1953, the two-mile wide "demilitarized zone" that stretches from east to west across the Korean Peninsula has separated the combatants. This line is truly "freedom frontier". Most of us have seen documentaries of the draconian world that is North Korea today. My situation could have been much the same. But thanks to the men and women that came from America to fight for a country many had never heard of, my life is drastically better. And South Korea is today an economic powerhouse with global influence.

So I have always had a great sense of appreciation to America and to those men and women who sacrificed their time, their blood and even their lives to make sure that freedom rings on freedom's frontier. I always knew I owed them a great debt.

The great extent of that debt became very real to me in 1998, when my family moved back to Mississippi. A couple of years later, while working at Wesley Medical Center, I met John and Marilyn McDaniel. Marilyn and I were co-workers at the time. And I learned that John's father was one of the nearly 37,000 Americans who gave their lives for my native country. For the first time in my life, I looked into the eyes of an American who had lost a loved one in the war that guaranteed my right to grow up in a free country.

John's father, Maj. William Thomas McDaniel, was a true hero. A combat veteran of World War 2, McDaniel was among the first American troops sent to Korea in June of 1950. He left behind a lovely wife and two young sons. He was captured just four months later as he covered his regiment's retreat from Taejon, just south of Seoul. He and his fellow prisoners were forced to march the 125 miles from Seoul to Pyongyang. This grueling march was comparable to the infamous "Bataan Death March" in the Philippines in World War 2, but few Americans have even heard of it.

When it was obvious that the United Nations forces would overrun Pyongyang in October 1950, Major McDaniel and 137 other American POW's were massacred by the North Koreans at Suncheon Railway Tunnel, outside of the city. Their bodies were discovered just days later by UN troops. He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star and the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in the field and for his actions while a POW. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, as befitting a true hero.

When I looked into John McDaniel's eyes, I saw a little boy growing up without his dad. Since hearing the story of his father's sacrifice for my country, I have felt a special sense of indebtedness to our Korean War veterans. So I was especially honored to host these men on Memorial Day weekend. I want them to know that their war and their sacrifice are not forgotten.

So I was pleased to join with Dr. Choi and his family in honoring four veterans of "the Forgotten War". I want every veteran and their families to know their sacrifice is not forgotten. I hope my life is worthy of the price they paid.

Dr. Michong Rayborn grew up in Korea in the aftermath of the war. She teaches in the Nurse Anesthesia program at the College of Nursing at the University of Southern Mississippi. E-Mail her at michong.rayborn@usm.edu.

Above article written by: Dr. Michong Rayborn

Dr. Rayborn, on behalf of the 6147th Tactical Control Group (Mosquitos), thank you, "a native born Korean", and your church congregation for what you are doing to recognize the Korean War veterans in and around Hattiesburg. Being a close personal friend of Tony Pascale and his family, I know what it means to them. God bless you all.

Sincerely;

John R. Dichard, Mosquito Association President

