



May 1, 2017

Mosquito Association 6147th Tactical Control Group

From the President

HELP. I need a copy of the latest Mosquito Association By-Laws. I have the 1996 and 2006 copies. These are outdated and obsolete. As President, this document is important for me to make correct decisions affecting all of us. Thank you

I only have two members who have advised me of their intention to attend the Scott AFB 100th celebration on the 10th and 11th of June. If you plan to attend, please let me know. In late May I will send a reminder to those responding.

The 2017 reunion is still a work in progress. We have a signed contract with the Charleston Marriott. We still have a couple of items to make it complete. Ray Vold has done a great job with the negotiations and I have little doubt that all who attend will be happy with the venue. Remember, this is a Birthday celebration for all members in their 90's and older.

The reunion packet will be mailed late August or early September 2017.

God Bless:

John R. Dichard, President

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

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Passed On</u> | <u>State</u> |
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| Schutte, George L. | 10/17/16 | MI |
| Gellner, William M. | 11/27/16 | AZ |
| Anderson, Henning G. | 11/24/16 | FL |
| Maupin, William | 12/1/16 | IL |
| Schmidt, William C. | 3/12/17 | MN |

2017 REUNION
Commander Ray Vold
Treasurer John Dichard

Chaplin's Thoughts

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT APRIL 2017

Have you ever asked yourself how others view us? When people see us or interact with us, have you ever wondered what kind of impression we leave with them? While I can't speak for anyone other than myself, I am sure I view myself a whole lot different than others see me. Incidentally, in my situation, the most accurate observation is one that originates with my wife. Her feedback to me is probably closer to the truth than my own self perception. Unfortunately, when we are discussing my attitude or my behavior I usually become a little defensive. (Or maybe I end up being quite a bit defensive.) Nevertheless, she and I both agree there is room for a lot of improvement on my behalf.

The above thoughts occurred to me while I was attending church services a few weeks ago. The pastor was talking about the impact we each have on those with whom we come in contact. He used the analogy of stained glass windows. A well made stained glass window will sparkle and shine when the sun beams through. In fact their beauty can have a positive impact on many of the worshipers in the service. While these stained glass windows are made and assembled by human hands, many folks are mesmerized especially when they tour the ancient cathedrals throughout Europe.

Just as a beautiful stained glass window can impact a person, consider how a believer in Christ can impact those around them. Just as a light source is necessary to demonstrate the true beauty of a stained glass, I submit believers are similar to stained glass windows that sparkle and shine when the Light shines outward. Just as the sun shines through a beautiful stained glass and mesmerized those who appreciate fine art, so can the believer who has the Son in his/her heart introduce the One who offers eternal life to those who believe and accept. What finer gift can one be offered?

Richard Warner, Chaplain

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ltr received 1/18/2017

After 4 months front-line duty-29 November to 5 April 1953-as an infantry Platoon Commander, Royal Australian Regiment, I was posted to 6148th, TCS-K47, Chunchon as an Aerial Observer. Apprehensive but excited were the operative words.

On Friday 9 April 1953, I flew my 1st orientation mission – “Shoe, Black Sugar” with Frank Speildenner – a superb pilot in the IX Corps sector. Papa-San-Kumhwa – Kumsong-Chorwon etc. It was a 3 month posting – time enough to fly 76 missions. Two 20mm AA shells in the Port Wing on my 11th, – Pilot Reg Whatley. A 50 cal scrape on my 48th. – Pilot Jim Sullivan and a crash landing while attempting an emergency approach onto L strip, south of Chorwon-Pilot- G (Danny) Reale, Aircraft LTA 571-on May 1953 – my 52nd mission added to the “interest”. Other pilots I flew with included Bud Barnham, Hal Roth, Bill Voelker (Decd), Duane Billmeyer (Decd), John Branch, Hank Hansen, Bill Roob (Decd), ? Lila,? Richmond, George Beal Decd(, Frank Winner (Decd). There were others as well.

To be selected for this “Mosquito” posting made me the envy of my peers. I cherish every minute of it – the friendliness, courtesy, kindness, and hospitality that was showered on the 3 Aussies, Keith Hatfield, Bruce Boys, (both deceased) and myself was unbelievable. Again, allow me to say “Thank you”.

On 5 July 1953, it was back to the front – “foot slogging” again for the “Battle of the Hook” – bordering the Samichon River Valley. Thankfully our neighbors were 7th Regiment,- 1st US Marine Division. Together, on the nights of 24/25th-25/26th of July 1953 we pushed back a massive Chinese attack by 8 infantry battalions and by day ably assisted by the Mosquito’s.

In January 1958, I retired from the service. From a lowly beginning I slowly climbed the ladder of success, covering Sales, Marketing Management/General Management/ Chief Executive in both Food and Paint Industries. As a supplement, I also managed to complete 2 years of evening study at University. Now retired, my wife Margaret and I live in Lane Cove, a Northern suburb of Sydney.

AE (Gus) Breen

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

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| March 31, 2017 | General Account | \$21,122.74 |
| | Newsletter & Reunion | \$ 1,075.07 |
| | <u>Total</u> | <u>\$22,197.81</u> |



