



DECEMBER 1, 2017

Mosquito Association 6147th Tactical Control Group

From the President

Based on the positive comments by attendees, we had a great reunion. We deviated some from past reunions whereas we had sit down buffets for breakfast each day and sit down dinners each day. This provided more social interaction and the members and guests liked the new format. Another deviation with this reunion was including the ladies in the general membership meeting to help us decide on a venue for next year. It worked out great. Joe and Katherine Nance informed us that Branson puts on a full week of activities for Veterans the week of the 11th of November. We are already putting the wheels in motion for Branson in 2018.

NOTICE. "We have recently discovered numerous members carried on our active rolls who have been deceased for three or more years. Please, if you are still receiving a newsletter, and your family member, our association member is deceased, please inform me with his date of passing." My mailing address and e-mail address is just below this block. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we extend a "thank you" to John Means and Joe Nance for volunteering to join our board. John Means will be 99 in December, WOW.

John Dichard

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



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

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NEW T-6

Used at Vance AFB for all Tng.



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6147th Tactical Control Group

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**MOSQUITOS WHO HAVE
PASSED SINCE 11\1\2017**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Passed On</u>	<u>State</u>
Logsdon, Van Buren Jr.	4/21/16	KY
Morrisette, Rodney C.	9/8/09	
Duncan, Theron	9/9/08	

2017 REUNION

Commander Ray Vold
Treasurer John Dichard

Chaplin's Thoughts

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT December 2017

Friendship

It's hard to believe 2017 is almost gone. It just seems like yesterday we welcomed the New Year in. It causes one to realize how rapidly time slips by..Not only does time come and go, but the same is true of friends. I was reminded of this the other day while I was talking to one of my granddaughters. She was relating to me how bad she was feeling because she hardly ever sees any of her friends from her high school days. Of course I went into my grandfatherly role and told her change is inevitable, and friends change over the years. Later on I got to thinking about my own experiences. My wife and I recently attended our local high school reunion. Our numbers are diminishing so rapidly we had to invite everyone who attended our high school during all of the 1950's. I found it rather amusing to watch people as they begin to mingle. Instead of looking each other in the face, the first thing we did was look at each other's chest and look at their name tags to see if we knew them. Of course right away I noticed how old all the other people were.

We do similar things at our mosquito reunions. We obediently put our little name tags on and try not to look too conspicuous as we sneak a glance at those we haven't seen for some time so we can greet them properly. I think that's one thing that helps make our reunions so much fun. I would probably win a prize for being one of the worst mosquitoes' for being able to remember names. But I can always blame Dick Souza, our former locator, for taking until 1999 to "find" me so I could join the organization. I'm really very grateful to him as I have made a lot of new friends during the past eighteen years.

But as chaplain, I'd like to share my thoughts on another friend that is available to each one of us. He will never leave us as so many have in our past. Even some of our relatives leave us. Perhaps this occurs because of work requirements, our military obligations, or any number of reasons. It doesn't mean we love each other any less, but various circumstances influence our ability to interact with each other. And we just drift apart. There is one who will never leave us if we just put our trust in him. Scripture tells us there is one that will be closer than a brother, who will never leave us. And one whom we can confide in. He will always be available for us; he forgives our mistakes, and offers us life eternal. And the best part of all, he has already paid the cost of admission. Only one individual can offer such a gift, that is, of course, the Lord Jesus Christ. We accept this gift by putting our faith in Him, confessing our sins, and accepting Him as Lord and Savior. Eternity is secure and we will dwell with him forever. The decision is up to each one of us.....

Richard Warner, Chaplain

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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All 2017 board members re-elected for 2018 by unanimous vote! Two new Directors were elected. John Means (our senior member) and Joe Nance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Ann M. Mouzak, MD
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Dear Sirs,

September 7, 2017

Wishing to inform you that because my father's, John N. Mouzak, MAJ USAF-RET, death, he will not be attending 6147th Tac Con Gp Mosquito reunion. John N. Mouzak, MAJ USAF-RET, was US veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He passed away on July 19, 2017 in Athens, Greece. A hero and a fighter honored not only by our Country, but also by Greece for his contribution (liaison role) to the 13th Squadron of the Royal Hellenic Air force, which was part of the Greek Expeditionary Force in Korea formed in response to the United Nations appeal for assistance in the Korean War and attached to the US AIR FORCE. John N Mouzak was also interviewed by the Greek Channel ERT 1 on July 1, 2012 and presented at the program Virtue and Courage (ARETI KAI TOLMI). This can be viewed at <http://vimeo.com/45318262>. There is an article about JN Mouzak, MAJ USAF-RET in the newspapers Sunday Democratia (issue 73 of April 21, 2013) and Kastellorizian News (issue of 722 November 2013), concerning the Korean War.

He is also mentioned in the *The AIR-BRITAIN Military Aviation Historical Quarterly ;Volume 42 , Summer 2016 :ISSN 0262 8791*.



Korea 1953-John N. Mouzak, Lieutenant
USAF (middle)



60 years later celebrating ceremony of the Korean War the
13th Squadron of the Royal Hellenic Air force flag was given
to John N. Mouzak, MAJ USAF-RET.

Born in Chicago, Illinois on July 2, 1922 to immigrant parents from Greece. Upon graduation from high school, he enlisted as a Private in the U.S. Army, Air Corps branch, on February 24, 1941. After completing a course in Airplane Mechanics, he entered flying training program for pilots. However, having no college education, he received his wings on September 6, 1942 as a Staff Sergeant Pilot, rather than a 2nd Lieutenant.

Trained as a fighter pilot, crossing the North Atlantic in submarine infested waters aboard a 5,000-man troopship U-boat, he served in the European Theater of Operations during World War II. Promoted to Flight Officer (Warrant Officer, Jr. Grade) on March 1, 1943 and upon return from overseas, served as a Gunnery Instructor Pilot in fighter-type aircraft. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant on July 6, 1945.

Due to demobilization, he was separated from active duty in March 1946 and placed in the Army Air Corps Reserve. He kept very active as a Reservist and was recalled to active duty in April 1950. Prior to recall, he completed a 2-year course of study at Chicago's Wright Jr. College and a 2-year course in Commercial Art at Chicago's Ray-Vogue School.

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Mouzak continued

Upon his return to active duty, he was required for career purposes to engage in an another career field, along with flying. He chose Personnel and Administration where he first came in contact with personnel rating procedures. He maintained experience in this field for nearly 15 years. During this period, he flew combat missions in the Korean War and engaged in activities from Saudi Arabia supporting the start of the Vietnam Era. Retirement from active duty was on February 1, 1965, retiring as an Air Force Major and Command Pilot.

Desiring to complete his studies for a college degree, he did so with the University of Maryland receiving a B.A. in June 1970. This followed with a M.S. in Management from the University of Arkansas in June 1973 and a Ph.D. in Business Administration from Kensington University in 1995.

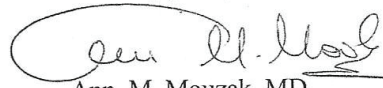
A living legend , a fighter until the end, but the last battle against the recurrence (after 24 years which was actually considered cured) of a highly aggressive prostate cancer he could not win.

A great loss not only for us , his family , but to our Nation.

He is survived by his wife Mary F Mouzak and his daughters Ann M Mouzak, MD , Neurologist, Betty J Mouzak, Biologist, M.S. and Jeanne D. Mouzak , Lawyer/ Public Notary.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


Ann M. Mouzak, MD
Neurologist

**FROM CHARLES RUSSELL
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I am Charles Russell, LT, Col, Ret. And I was in the Mosquito Sqdn in 1951. I was stationed in Japan when the Korean War started and in Korea two days after it started flying cargo and troops and then in the Mosquito Sqdn, February 1951 to May 1951. I have not been able to attend any reunions because of military assignment or later because of health reasons but I like to receive the news letter. I will be 97 January 10, 2018.

Charles, on behalf of the membership of the Mosquito Association, Happy Birthday!! PS: We had three members in their 90's. The eldest will be 99 in December 2017.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONTINUED

GUS BREEM LTA571

Dear John

LTA571

Mosquito Exile 5 LTA 571 with Pilot LT. Danny Reale U.S.A.F, and Observer Lt. Gus Breem Royal Australian Regiment headed from K47 Chunchon to the target zone-White Horse Mountain-on the western extremities of the Chorwon Valley. I recall Danny commenting that his seat-belt harness was not locking properly.

We controlled an Air Strike of four fighter-bombers-quite routine-the usual amount of flack-then patrolled the target area heading home. We had avoided battle damage.

Five minutes flying time and the motor started to oscillate to the degree that Danny was forced to opt for an emergency landing on a L Strip. We had been given the map coordinates of the nearest strip in our briefing making it relatively easy to map-spot. There it was. We sputtered down-wind only to find around 20 Korean laborers repairing the surface. Danny began yelling to the US Radio jeep to get them off the strip-to no avail. We had no option but to continue our approach. We floated a little using a little too much runway. The laborers stood and stared as we hurtled towards them. On the intercom Danny indicated that he was "going around". The sick motor coughed and sputtered as we climbed-skimming a black radio horizontal aerial. We reached 50 to 60 feet when finally it gave up and we "fell like a stone". Time to exit -unused and smoking white phosphorus rockets adding to the hazard. I grabbed Danny who was bleeding heavily from the forehead-the seat belt lock had snapped-he had done a fabulous job. We had settled near a US Artillery base and approximately 20 GI's ran to our assistance. Danny was stretchered away. I was OK and was flown back to K47 the next day.

A memorable end to my 52nd. Mission.



Lt. Reale, Pilot and Lt. Breem, Observer

Photos taken from Edgar Lyle's Scrapbook



LTA-571 from opposite side

2017 REUNION ATTENDEES



Earl Anderson
First Reunion



Elroy and Mary Aslakson



Mike Daghlian
Samantha Daghlian (granddaughter
on left), Maria Hernande
(daughter on right)



**Margaret Deason and
Raymond Vold**



Norma and John Dichard



Lyle C. Edgar
Kelly Edgar (son on left)



**Maureen Gibbons and
John Means**



Pat and John Halliday



Barney Jones



Don McHugh



**John Means and
Maureen Gibbons**
John's Children: Donna
(daughter) and Keith Fox, Jodi
(daughter) and Bert Weathers,
Carson Fox (grandson)



**Joe and
Katherine Nance**

2017 REUNION ATTENDEES



**Katherine and
Allan Nottingham**



**Lois and Hal Prather
with De Shealey
(daughter in center)**



Ted and Jane Ridgeway



**Oscar and
Beverly Ridings**



Judy Staliwe



Jack Taylor



**Homer Trout
with Kelly Trout (son on left)**



**Margaret Deason
and Ray Vold**



On behalf of the Board of Directors

*Have a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*

MOSQUITO MEMORIES

2017 REUNION



Bottom row, left to right: Homer Trout, Elroy Aslakson, Ted Ridgeway, John Means, Hal Prather, Jack Taylor, Barney Jones. Back row: Mike Daghlia, Oscar Ridings, Allan Nottingham, Joe Nance, John Dichard, Ray Vold, Lyle Edgar, John Halliday.

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 26-29, 2017