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## Mosquito Association 6147<sup>th</sup> Tactical Control Group

### From the President

Dear members and widows. This is a memo I would rather not be writing but this is a decision that I as President and a majority of the Board agree must be made. Our membership is now at 171, well below the 200 voted on and placed in the by-laws years ago as the benchmark for dissolution. Therefore, the Association will be dissolve December 31, 2018. We will have one last reunion in September 2018. Last year we all voted on Branson, MO. as this year's reunion site. However, with no available hotel rooms in November, no air transportation into Branson, and the advanced age of our membership, we had to move the location.

Our reunion Commander Ray Vold and I decided to move the reunion west this year since the last three reunions were in the central US and the east coast. The location selected is Las Vegas at Arizona Charlie's Hotel and Casino in September. This is the same location as the 2014 reunion and the staff at the hotel went out of their way to please us. We are lucky that Lori Nelson is still head of sales at the Hotel. Those of you who were there in 2014 will remember the hospitality room. (Wow, what a room). We will be in that room again. Continued:

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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           |              |
| Willet, Eugene T.      | 4/6/16           | NY           |
| Morphew, Alan D.       | 10/22/17         | MN           |
| Pascale, Tony          | 1/25/18          | MS           |
| Kilroy, Howard J.      | 1/25/18          | IL           |

**2017 REUNION**  
Commander Ray Vold  
Treasurer John Dichard

# Chaplin's Thoughts

**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT December 2017**

Once again I am privileged to share my thoughts with fellow Mosquitoes. It has indeed been a privilege, but as we know all good things on this earth will end. The Mosquito newsletters, down through the years, have been one tool that permits our board to communicate with the members. We members learn how the organization is functioning, information various members have shared, news of upcoming events and sadly, notices of Mosquitoes who have gone to their reward.

But, as you are now being informed, our organization will soon be disbanded. This isn't something the board wanted to do, but attrition has taken its toll. It has been exceedingly difficult to continue functioning with a declining membership. I, for one, really appreciate those officers who have worked very hard to keep our organization viable.

As I sit at my keyboard, I think back to the day I first got a call from Dick Souza, our locator. I didn't know our organization existed. I couldn't get involved right away because I was still working and had made work commitments that I had to fulfill. But that one phone call opened up a world for me that I didn't know existed. At the various reunions I have attended, I have met some people I served with, made a lot of new friends, and learned of Mosquitoes who have departed from this life.

As I have filled the position of Mosquito chaplain for a few years, I have become more aware of the uncertainty of life. One of my responsibilities is to send condolences to the next of kin of a deceased Mosquito. It is a task I do not take lightly. In the vast majority of the time I never know if my few words of sympathy do anything to lighten their sorrow. However I count it a privilege to speak for the Mosquito organization as I convey sympathy to the family.

And with life being so fleeting, I am reminded how important it is to be prepared to meet our maker. Eternity is long, long time.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### CURRENT OFFICERS

|                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| President       | John Dichard            |
| Vice Presidents | Al Koenes & Karl Rebman |
| Treasurer       | Ray Vold                |
| Secretary       | Hal Prather             |
| Directors       | John Means & Joe Nance  |
| Historian       | Jerry Allen             |
| Chaplin         | Dick Warner             |
| Editor          | John Dichard            |
| Records         | John Dichard            |

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

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We know for most of you that trekking cross country is not an easy task. But it is our hope that we can close out the association with a memorable reunion and say our goodbyes in style. As of this date we have completed all contractual agreements and Ray and I have no doubt that everyone will have a wonderful time. Reunion dates are Thursday September 6 thru Sunday September 9, 2018, (Memorial Breakfast).

The reunion will be followed up with a Reunion Booklet, and a final Newsletter with pictures and remarks if any.

The reunion packet will be mailed the third week in March.

Sincerely, and thank you for your support

John R. Dichard  
Association President