



July 1, 2017

Mosquito Association 6147th Tactical Control Group

From the President

Our 2017 Mosquito reunion will be held in Charleston, South Carolina on the 26, 27, 28 and 29th of October 2017. The venue will be the North Charleston Marriott. Detailed information concerning Hotel, hotel reservations and other pertinent information will be forthcoming in the form of the reunion packet no later than August 1, 2017.

On page four of this newsletter, I have a picture of those of us who attended the 100th anniversary of Scott AFB. All I can say about the event that if you weren't there you missed a really good time and some flying skills you have probably never seen before. In addition to all the great flying skills observed by all, Norma and I had the distinct honor and pleasure to meet Captain Christopher W. Newman, a 95 year old former Tuskegee Airman, who flew P51 Mustangs in escort of our B17's during WW II.

Gentlemen and ladies, our group is shrinking and the advanced age of our membership is such that many members can no longer attend reunions. As of this writing our association is down to two hundred and twenty (220) active members. According to the By-Laws we are rapidly reaching the point of dissolution. The rapidly reducing numbers are also affecting our annual reunion attendance. It is getting increasingly difficult to get good hotels because of the guarantee in number of rooms we are required to occupy, the minimum food purchases and other guarantees we must give the hotel. I welcome any words of wisdom from the membership concerning this matter.

I still need a copy of the By-Laws:

John R. Dichard

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

Name	Passed On	State
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
Schnidt, William C.	3/12/17	MN
Hain, Harlon	11/23/16	NE
Van Beuren, Nicholas J.	5/1/17	MI
Hardy, Alan H.	3/6/16	HI

2017 REUNION
Commander Ray Vold
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Chaplin's Thoughts

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT JULY 2017

In 1862 a baby was born that was destined to become a major league baseball player. He was born in a log cabin and lost his father to pneumonia a few short weeks later... His mom was so poor she had to eventually send the young boy to live at the Soldier's Orphan Home in Davenport, Iowa. There he learned to play and love the game of baseball. What was outstanding about this young fellow was he was fast---he could pick em' up and lay them down. This was the era when outfielders didn't wear gloves---they caught the ball with their bare hands.

He played baseball every chance he got---mostly minor league stuff, city teams, and what we call today 'pickup games.'

His talent caught the attention of the major league team named The Chicago Whitestockings. Incidentally over the years the Chicago team had various nicknames: Colts, Spuds, Orphans and Remnants. Today we know them as the Chicago Cubs. Our young ballplayer's name is Billy Sunday.

Billy played in the majors for about eight years. He tended to be a 'regular' guy and hung out with the other players after the games. He was not part of the rabble rousing crowd or heavy drinkers, but he enjoyed visiting the bars with his teammates. In 1886 or 87 he and a group of teammates were out on the town and passed the Pacific Garden Mission. Billy had some old hymns he remembered his mother singing to him prior to being sent to the orphanage. His heart was touched and he attended services at the Mission for the next two weeks.

After some internal struggles and soul searching, Billy made the decision to accept Christ as his savior. Billy's teammates quickly noted the change in his behavior. He continued playing professional ball until 1891. That year he turned down a \$3,500 contract and accepted a job at the Chicago YMCA for \$83 a month. He continued at that job for three years, performing various ministerial tasks. He was privileged to sit under J. Wilbur Chapman's ministry for the next two years, absorbing scripture and learning much as he could. Finally, in 1896 Billy struck out on his own as an evangelist. By the early 20th century Billy had become America's most famous evangelist.

Because Billy had turned his life over to God, the Lord blessed him and it is reported he preached to over three million people during his lifetime; and one million came to accept Jesus as Savior. You might ask what's so unique about a ballplayer becoming a Christian. Think about it---here was a man that had everything this world could offer; fame, popularity, accolades, and money. But he stepped out on faith and after a quasi internship he developed into the country's foremost evangelist. You see, Billy realized there is life after death and not only did he want to be prepared to meet the Lord, he also wanted to reach as many others with the good news as possible. Billy was a ball of fire on the platform. He preached a fire and brimstone message and was very animated in his presentation.

You might ask what has all this to do with us. Well, you don't have to be a genius to realize us Mosquitoes have most of our lives behind us. And, our lives don't end when they lower us into the ground. We all are going to be spending eternity somewhere. It is our choice. I have chosen to spend eternity in heaven with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I have confessed my sins, repented, and accepted God's gift, Jesus, as my Lord and Savior. Give it some thought. Thank you. Dick Warner

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ltr received (none)

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

June 30, 2017	General Account	\$20,161.00
	Newsletter & Reunion	\$ 1,588.70
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$21,749.70</u>



A MEMORABLE MOMENT

Mosquito members plus one who represented the Mosquito Association at the Scott AFB's one hundredth anniversary celebration. From left to right: John Dichard, Col. Lendermen, Bill Wheeler, Jack Dille, Elroy Aslakson, Tom Wheeler, and Lyle Edgar. Those of you who attended last year's reunion in St. Louis will remember Col. Laura Lendermen and the great reception she put together for us at Scott. She out did herself this year. Again we were given VIP treatment. On Friday, we had special invitation tickets to the Thunderbird practice session where we were provided reserved Parking and seating under the Col's tent. On Saturday we were again given special invitation tickets with reserved parking and VIP seats in the Col's tent. Food and beverage was provided. What an event!

Of course Norma was with me and Bill Wheeler was a very special attendee. Bill is ninety nine years old and the Brother of Tom Wheeler. Bill was a pilot in WWII and after separation in 1945 maintained his flight proficiency at Scott Field. (At that time he was a civilian) He later came back on active duty as a Col until retirement from the US Air Force. He is planning to attend our reunion in October. Bill's daughter Dana was also in attendance. Jack Dille attended Basic Electronics School at Scott in 1951 & 1952, and returned in 1954 to attend airborne radio school. Jack's daughter Lori and son-in-law Ron accompanied him. Elroy Aslakson was accompanied by his wife Mary and son James. Tom Wheeler of course was accompanied by his brother Bill and his family and Lyle Edgar was accompanied by his Son Kelly.

