

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

JUNE 2017

I hope everyone had a good Memorial Day weekend. Those of us who attended Reunion 2017 spent part of it traveling home from San Francisco.

Speaking of San Francisco, if you were not there you missed a fun and relaxing Reunion. A very special thanks to Andy and Betty DeHaan who were our "boots on the ground" couple and manned the hospitality suite the entire week.

Elsewhere on the Web page are the minutes of the BOD/Membership meeting. The most significant thing that happened at the meeting was we selected Philadelphia, PA, as the location of Reunion 2019. We are aiming for the last couple of weeks in September or the early part of October for the timing. We will post on the website and circulate the updates and we get closer to the actual time.

Thanks was given to Chuck Johnson for the work he has been doing on the website. We have changed vendors, are using a simpler program, and expect it to be more user friendly. We had been working towards a "members only" section but have decided to not go in that direction. The only items we would have had there was the roster with contact information and the logistics of getting permissions and keeping it up to date were not worth the effort. If you want specific information on a person we can supply that to you individually.

We do maintain the most up to date data we have on those who have "Returned to Base" on the website. Getting this data is not easy, so if you know of someone that is not on that list who should be please contact Gordo Tubsing, Chuck Johnson or myself and we will enter it. We found one person that should have been on it at the Reunion.

Another place we need your help is with the MIA list. For one reason or another we have lost contact with those individuals on this list. If you know of someone and have his correct contact information please let us know.

We are all getting to that point of our life where we start planning for the end. Please brief your family about us. We have a flower fund that we use to honor your participation in HMM 265. But we need to know prior to the

funeral to get the flowers ordered. We can also transmit that information to the membership. Some one might want to attend if they know about it.

Same thing works if you know of someone that Passes on. Let us know ASAP.

So much for that. Start thinking about Philadelphia, the Liberty Bell, Constitution Hall, Tun Tavern, Valley Forge, the Boeing factory. and more. See you in Philadelphia.

Semper Fi,

John Long