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**News Letter September 2016**



Greetings to members & friends of the AMHF,

August is now behind us and it turned out to be only the second wettest since recording began. Even with all of the rain and heat we still managed to accomplish several things. Right now the big push is to get everything finished and get the plane back in the air.

Previously mentioned there is going to be an Air Expo at MQJ September 17 and 18. We have been invited to participate in this event. This will give us a chance for more exposure and bring in some needed revenue. We are going to need people to help man the plane and the PX. We will be moving into position on the 16<sup>th</sup> and then the show on Saturday and Sunday. If you can help any part of any of those days please let us know so we can set up a schedule. We really need a minimum of five people to do adequate coverage at the plane. If you have never worked an airshow now is your chance.

On Tuesday September 13 we are having a group coming to visit the plane. Current plans are they are to arrive about 1:30. This is another request for a visit to the plane so we really want to do a good job and make them feel appreciated. If some of you would like to come and help out that would be great.

The documentary that Nine Star Roam did about us is completed and we have a copy of the video. So far the few of us that have seen it are very pleased with it and I believe we will be

able to use it as a great promotional tool. Perhaps we will have a cook out for all members and have a showing of the video for everyone. If you happen to live in Hancock County and are connected with Nine Star it is showing on their channel 9. I don't know how often or what time.

We are still working with the consultants trying to get things moving. Nothing ever moves as fast as one would like. However, right now we seem to be dragging bottom or bucking a severe current. We were under the impression we would be breaking ground for a hanger in 2015. We are now over half way through 2016 and we still aren't there. Currently we are trying to schedule another meeting with the consultant to see what the next plan is.

I have tried to have another veteran interview for you this month but it did not happen. This particular individual was in Korea as a medic and did not want to bring up any of that part of his life. He will be going on one of the Honor flights in October and is really looking forward to it. He did share a couple of funny anecdotes that I could share. So I will list them and you should find them amusing.

When He was in Texas they made him a tank driver. Said they just couldn't figure out what to do with him. Then one day his co-driver got orders to go to Korea. Co-driver didn't want to go and was really upset. So He said, "I will go talk to the Sargent for you." He did and his co-driver was taken off the list for Korea. Three weeks later He received orders for Korea but no one talked for him. While he was in California waiting to ship over they had a Sargent that had a limp. The Sargent told them not to worry about going to Korea he had slept in a foxhole with his foot sticking out three days before they hit it. Then when they arrived in Japan another Sargent told them not to worry. He said, "I heard a shot, heard the bullet pass by then I passed the bullet." So He finally gets to Korea and they decide to make a medic out of him. They are teaching them how to carry a litter and when they would give the command to drop you had to put the litter down and also drop to the ground. They yelled drop so he did like he was shown. Dropped forward instantly on his chest. Had a plastic cigarette case in his shirt pocket broke the case and two ribs. Said he should have quit but just started carrying them in the soft pack.

I have found there are veterans who do not wish to bring things up. However, if you talk with them they will generally tell you some funny episode that took place at some point. They are still our veterans and deserve our thanks and gratitude. I will include some of those stories from other veterans in later newsletters.

Have a great month and stay safe,

Gaylon

**"Having just the vision's no solution; everything depends on execution."**

*Stephen Sondheim,  
composer and lyricist*