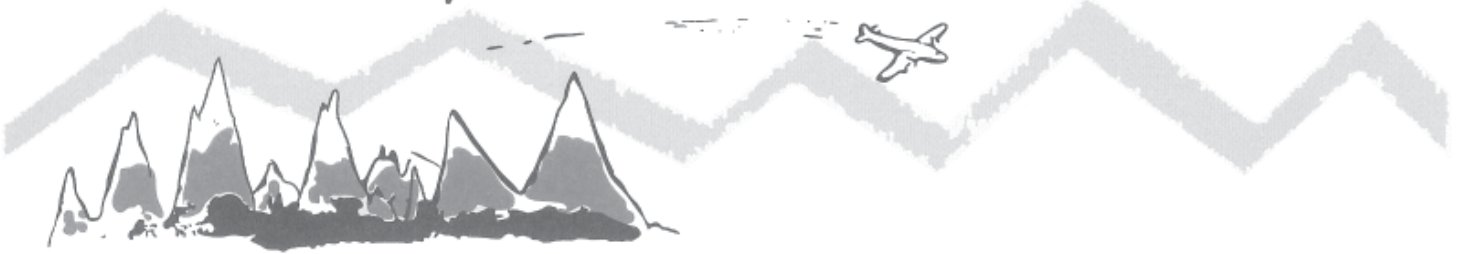


Hump Pilots Association, Inc.



"Bring Me Men To Match My Weather"

Editors's Comments

By Peyton Walmsley



Read elsewhere about the 2005 Reunion details. Also read elsewhere about the 60th Anniversary of the China-Japan Cease Hostilities Document Signing Celebration tentatively planned for late August 2005.

Descriptions by the Committees' Chairmen will describe how well the 2004 Denver Reunion went.

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In the 2005 Spring N/L we plan a section on Highlights of each of the first 20 years' reunions. We are asking members to please start thinking and start writing what stands out in your memory and start sending them in.

Keep those regular stories coming in. Have three more Newsletters to produce. Spring CBIHPA N/L inputs should be forwarded to the editor NLT March 1, 2005.

Comments From the President

By J. V. Vinyard

So much water has gone under the bridge since our last newsletter that it is hard to know where to start in making a report to the membership. In July

Sally and I, along with members of the AVG, CNAC, 14th Air Force groups and other HPA members went to Kunming, China to participate in the International Symposium on Sino- US Friendship in the Second World War. After the two day symposium we were provided tours to the cities of Lijiang and Dali, in Yunnan Province. This trip was coordinated by the Sino-American Aviation Heritage Foundation based in Los Angeles, CA.

In September we held our 59th annual Reunion in Denver, CO. This was a very successful reunion with approximately 350 members and families attending our Saturday night banquet. This was much larger than we had originally expected. On the first day of the Reunion the group journeyed to the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs to attend the formal dedication of the bronzed C-46 which was placed in the Court of Honor just northwest of the Academy Chapel and adjacent to the Administrative area on the far west side of the Academy grounds. (See a complete report on this day later in this newsletter).

During the Business Meeting at the Reunion a representative of the Beijing Aviators Association (BAA), Mr. Ross Liu, read a letter from the BAA President in which an invitation was issued to HPA members to go to China in August 2005 to help the Chinese celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the formal surrender of the Japanese armies in China on August 15, 1945. The lowest possible prices will be offered members to encourage as many as possible to attend this event. This tour will take place August 10 – 19, 2005, and include visits to Beijing and Kunming. The Hump Pilots Association, along with the other U.S. China Veterans organizations, is cosponsoring this tour. This tour is being referred to as the V60 tour.