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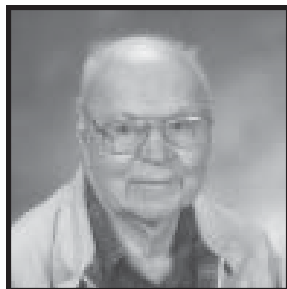
# Hump Pilots Association, Inc.



*"Bring Me Men To Match My Weather"*

## Editors's Comments

By Peyton Walmsley



**O**ur members and our reunions are declining rapidly. Try your best to make this Denver, CO, reunion in September. Start by reserving your space at the Denver Marriott. Call 303-297-1300, identify

yourself as a CBIHPA member and reserve a room for Sept 8-12. You can always cancel if necessary. If you intend to golf let Bill Kelso know. It is listed as Tour #5 in the Pre-registration Form.

Then let the office know what tours you'd like to make. Banquet seating arrangements will be made on site this year. Last minute fallouts of attendees are beginning to be a real problem. It is felt seating can be better done at the desk with our lower turnout. Your desires for seating can still be arranged between groups prior to signing up for tables. It will be necessary for names badges to be presented at the desk at signup time for table numbering. Remember to send money for registration and name badge. The sooner the better as it takes time to create the name badges.

Don't forget to send in the memories for the newsletter.

Jay Vinyard's ideas re: Newsletter have resulted in savings.

Let us know what you think of this new format.

## Comments from The President

By J.V. Vinyard

**O**ne thing has been established since we opened the Amarillo HPA office. The time for printing the next newsletter comes around just as sure as the sun rises. But is it enjoyable. And it is very satisfying to receive the large number of compliments we have gotten on the new format. We are pleased that it is being received so well.

And speaking of the newsletter - one of the things that would be most helpful in compiling our newsletters would be more feedback from our members on their Public Relations activities in telling their Hump stories to civic groups. Here in the office we are receiving large numbers of contacts from the general public asking about the Hump operation and searching for information on Air Force personnel who participated in that operation. This sudden flurry of interest is brought on by the realization that their ability to obtain first hand information from World War II veterans is fast disappearing. Please look for opportunities to go out into the public with our story. Such presentations are really painless and they are sincerely appreciated.

Our next big deal coming up is our 59<sup>th</sup> membership Reunion being held in Denver, CO, September 8 – 12, 2004. Roy and Pat Ladd, our Reunion Chair people, are hard at work trying to assure that all goes well there and that everyone enjoys themselves. Nick Hudson has already planned out the overall reunion as reflected by the Pre-registration forms published in the newsletters. We are in contact with McChord AFB in Tacoma, WA about having the HPA C-17 P-62 fly to Peterson AFB near Colorado Springs where it will available for