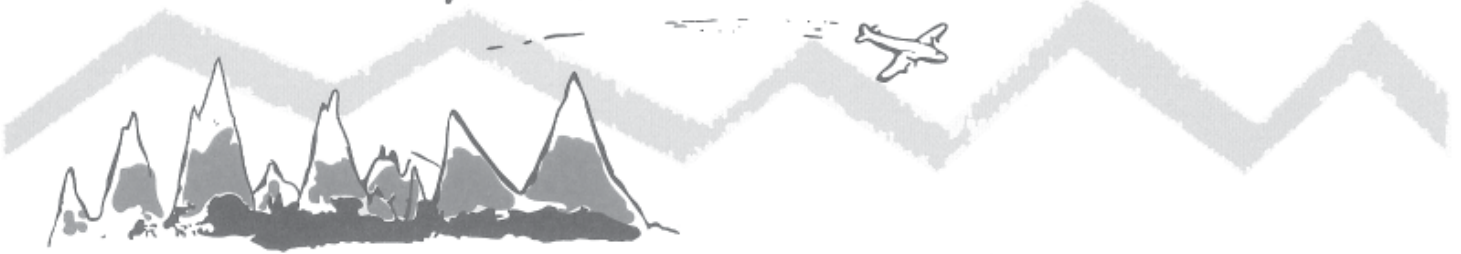


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Editors's Comments

By Peyton Walmsley



If you have not reserved your hotel room do so now. You can cancel up to 07 September 2004 without penalty.

Reunion Registration at \$98.00 each plus tours are refundable if requested by

September 8th.

The War Stories printed in this Newsletter generally are biographical. A story need not be reminiscent. Enlightening or entertaining (Arabian Nights comes to mind) may suffice, as the story by Hudson U. Downing in this issue. Best read while seated and belted.

By contrast read the Book Review of Lost In Tibet in the book review section of this letter. Then purchase an autographed copy from the authors at the reunion.

Keep the Stories coming. Have four more Newsletters to produce. Fall/Winter CBIHPA N/L inputs are due in Headquarter NLT 4 October 2004.

Coments From the President

By J. V. Vinyard

We are fast approaching our 59th Annual Reunion in September, an annual event which we all look forward to. As we speak it appears our attendance there will be around 260, including wives, family members and friends. This is a pretty good turnout under our present circumstances. I would like to

express appreciation to Board Member **Bob Bonar** who is acting as our Public Relations contact for the Reunion. He has mailed out notices of the Reunion to over 70 newspapers and magazines in all 50 states. As usual these notices have generated some traffic in the office, primarily from people who did not know we exist and seeking information on friends or relatives. A couple newspapers have called requesting additional information. Bob also did a great job with the PR for last year's St. Louis reunion.

A special highlight of the reunion will be the dedication of the bronzed C-46 at the Air Force Academy on September. We will have almost two hundred members, wives and friends attend the ceremony. By the time this letter is mailed the efforts to obtain additional sponsors for the project will have been discontinued and the donors' plaque will be in the process of completion. I would like to thank our member **Earl Dean Baird**, ATC, of Canon City, CO, and a member of Groups Memorial Inc. of the Army Air Forces, Inc., for his willingness to push for this project in the first place. The placement of C-46 at the Academy will be great honor for this aircraft which saw both dark and glory days during its run during World War II and the Korean War, and for some later years in the commercial freight hauling business. This should be a very colorful event.

Our **Board Chairman Jack Goodrich** has put out a call for items for the Board to consider at the Denver Reunion. If any one has any item they would like to see placed on the agenda please advise the office as soon as possible. Please send them to the HPA Amarillo office.

As we all know the Board tentatively established the calendar year 2005 as the final year of our formal existence some time ago. Technically this means December 31, 2005. This has been reviewed annually