

from the Academy. This is the chance that we have been waiting for -- to see one of our aircraft join the models of other warplanes honored for the parts they played in winning WW2.

I am sorry to report that Jim Irion, a current Board Member and our present Chaplain, has had to resign from his positions due to poor health. Jim has been an important part of our governance for many years. We are very sorry that he felt a need to take this action. We wish him well and hope he can continue to come to future reunions. Wally Simpson, a Past President, has agreed to serve as an interim Chaplain at the Denver Reunion.

If you haven't made reservations for the reunion, please do so. Our hotel, and the Hyatt Regency overflow hotel, if needed, are well located with fine accommodations. We are being referred to as "the greatest generation" in books in awed descriptions of what we accomplished. Come to Colorado and enjoy with your friends the place in history that you earned.

## Reunion Chairman Report

by Roy Ladd

It's countdown time -- hope you have made your reservations for the Hump Pilots Convention in Beautiful Denver, Colorado. If you haven't it is not too late. We have made arrangements for a few more rooms at the \$99 a day Convention rate at our hotel.

We know there will be something of interest for everyone to enjoy -- the Air Force Academy, tours to the Rockies Blackhawk Casino, historic Brown Palace Hotel, shops restaurants, or just visiting and reliving the "Hump". From the hotel we can see the beautiful Rocky Mountains in the distance to the west.

If you have any questions call the HPA office at 806-331-1160 or E-mail [cbihpa@nts-online.net](mailto:cbihpa@nts-online.net). AND -- don't forget about the Ladies Auction. Bring items for us to bid on. **SEE YOU IN DENVER!**

**Editor's Note:** We are sorry to note that in spite of our Chairman's success in obtaining additional rooms on our planned room block at the Marriott it appears that we have a larger registration for the reunion than was expected. Therefore it may be necessary for a few of our members to seek rooms at the Hyatt Regency Hotel which is nearby. We are extremely sorry about this development but are very happy at the

turnout now expected. As we go to press we have 265 registered and a few more still in the pipeline...

**Special Reunion Event:** We have been advised that the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management's Denver Distribution Center (DDC), a distribution point for hearing aids, will set up a table at our Reunion on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Their hearing aid repairs technicians will be on hand to provide minor repair/cleaning of hearing aids. They will not administer hearing tests or authorize issuance of hearing aids. So if you feel these technicians can be of any service to you please come prepared. This is a free service.

**Addition Item:** A CBIer's son, Jon Zanone, retired Air Force, who initially worked in the Air Force Historical Research Center at Maxwell AFB and later cross trained into television production, is interested in interviewing HPA members at the Reunion... He is interested in doing a documentary on the CBI. His father, now deceased, was with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Troop Carrier in the CBI. He hopes that some of our members will help him develop material for his project. Look for him at the hotel.

**And now for a late development:** We have been advised that the HPA C-17 from McChord AFB will be unable to come to Colorado Springs to be a part of our day there on September 9<sup>th</sup>. However, they are now trying to schedule the aircraft into Buckley AFB in Denver for Saturday afternoon. If they can do this then busses will be provided to take people out to visit the aircraft. There may still be members who have not yet signed the battery compartment door. Members will be asked for a show of interest in visiting the aircraft after they arrive in Denver.

## Reunion Golf Chairman Report

by Roy Ladd

We seem just about set for our golf tournament in Denver where we will be playing the Kennedy golf course on Friday. At the present time we have 10 golfers signed up to play. Contrary to the statement on the Golfers' Registration Form it should be noted that the \$85 golf registration fee **includes** a box lunch. Please check with the Registration Desk at the Reunion for the location of the loading point for the trip to the golf course on Friday morning.