



## EDITOR'S THOUGHTS

Well Marines, another reunion has ended and a really fantastic reunion it was. A “special” significance this time, as it was the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion and we did have our founder, Joe Medico in attendance this year. If it were not for Joe, (and Erma), there never would have been a MATCA. Years ago Joe started wondering and talking about his Marine Corps friends ... I wonder where he is, I wonder what he is doing now, etc. His wife, Erma, got tired of hearing that and told Joe to get off his butt and do something about it. So in 1991 Joe started contacting friends he had made in the Marine Corps and in 1992 they all met for the **FIRST** reunion of what is now the Marine Air Traffic Control Assoc. Thank you Joe for 25 years of the gathering of MATCA, and many more to go. Speaking of more to come.....

Our next will be in 2018 and hosted by Rock and Sandy Lyons. They already have been working on the details and asked that I pass on a few of them. We'll be meeting in Oklahoma City, OK. at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel on South Meridian in the center of Restaurant Row! The official dates are:

**September 19 - 23, 2018**

Of course, early arrivals starting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The hotel will provide a full buffet breakfast (2 per room) at **NO COST**. Rooms will be \$108 and Suites start at \$125. The Hospitality Room will open on Sept 16<sup>th</sup> in the PM. There will be a catered **BBQ** for the Early Bird dinner on Tuesday evening, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. More definitive information will follow in the next few newsletters.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lorraine Medico for a safe, speedy recovery. Lorraine suffered a fall on her first day in San Diego, was hospitalized and had surgery for a broken right leg. She is on the mend, and was able to return to their home in Paradise, CA the Monday after the reunion. Joe, you take good care of that lady!!

On a more positive note, MATCA welcomed four new members at this reunion. The first real “growth” we have seen in a while, and we hope that it does continue.

Jerry Fisher: What can I say, but **THANK YOU** for all of your hard work and efforts to make San Diego a total success. I know that you did not get enough time to Golf because of your duties and responsibilities to MATCA and the Reunion. You did a superb job. **SEMPER FI.**

For the Oklahoma reunion, we will have new reunion book authors. I say authors, plural, because it will be a joint venture between three of our best, Barbara Trospen, Melissa Hulland and Kathy Griggs. Jackie and I thank you for stepping up to the plate and continuing to keep those important memories going. Speaking of “stepping up to the plate”, October 2018 will be the last “Hotline” publication from Jackie and I. We are looking for someone to take over the duties of Hotline editor(s), so give it some thought. I've talked with John Trospen (your President), along with several other members and have a few suggestions to pass on for the new editor(s). Anyone who takes on this task **SHOULD** attend reunions. As with the officers of MATCA, one must be ready to attend every reunion, same as those that volunteer for reunion book editor. Each reunion is the only time members get together and meet as a group to discuss past, present and future issues of our organization. I feel it is very important for the Hotline editor to be present to hear and participate first hand in any discussions and decisions. This is not only to be aware of the upcoming year's plans but also to pass accurate and complete information on to all members. So, that being said, we are looking for someone to take over starting with the January, 2019 Edition. This first edition is the easiest one to start with because most of the “Hotline” is taken up by the Members Roster. Jackie and I use Microsoft Publisher and Word for almost all of our editorial work. We will of course be available to the new editor(s) to answer any questions and do everything we can to assure a smooth transition.

See you in Oklahoma City in 2018!  
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