News of the Association

The 1996 Reunion

In keeping with the diversity of holding reunions in different places, the Association has chosen a site for the 1996 conclave. We look for interesting places to bring our guests to. Some members make a vacation out of the reunions visiting places along the way and enjoying the attractions in the host city. One criteria we try to hold to is that of finding a military installation nearby that our members would find of interest. Another criteria is seeking a time and place where the weather is mild and pleasant.

After the reunion in New Orleans in August when the temperature and humidity were unpleasant, the members directed the Association to hold reunions in the cooler months of September and October. The fall is becoming the peak season in many parts of the country, making it difficult to find moderate priced accommodations. In some cities, the downtown hotels have priced themselves out of our budget range which is under $70.00 per night.

Other factors then come into play, 1) such as complimentary transportation to and from the airport to the hotel, 2) free and secure guest parking 3) Alternate eating places within walking distance of the hotel, 4) and nearby shopping. With all of this in mind, we chose the Mission Valley Hilton Hotel in San Diego for the 1996 reunion as it meets most of the requirements as described above.

San Diego has many attractions, Balboa Park with its 13 museums, including the San Diego Aerospace Museum in the Ford building, built for the 1935 World's Fair, is minutes away. Sea World at Mission Bay, and the world famous San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park. The Point Loma Lighthouse at the entrance to San Diego Bay; get there over the curving Coronado Bridge, and of course the Red Trolley to the Mexican border. There is Old Town and the San Diego waterfront, seafood dining at Anthony's and the giant United States Naval base.

The dates are: October 3 to 6, 1996. The weather then is ideal. The room rate is still $67.00 per night. Mark these dates on your calendar.

We have already started thinking about 1997 too. At the annual business meeting we will talk about the possibilities for 1997 as to the site and our planned activity.