



**PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE**

Merry Christmas to the entire Marine Air Traffic Control Association family!! May this Hotline find you enjoying the holidays with family and friends.

Once again a huge THANK YOU goes out to Buddy, Michelle Meyers and Paul Humber for purchasing, packaging, and mailing Christmas gifts for those Marines that are in harm's way. Also a thank you goes out to first Vice President Phil Kenoyer for coordinating the head count and obtaining mailing addresses for the gifts. The gifts were mailed the first week of December. An upside to the project is the fact we only sent 15 packages versus the dozens we have sent in the past. The Marines are always on call, but it would not be a terrible thing if the number of Marines in harm's way was zero!

The second week of December brought the pleasant surprise of the delivery of the 25th anniversary MATCA reunion book and CD. Jackie Redpath has set the standard of excellence in producing the book. The amount of companionship, camaraderie and smiles shown throughout the pages can only bring laughter and smiles to our many members. Jackie has told us that this will be her last reunion book and I must say she has gone out with a bang. Fear not, Jackie is now the trainer that will be responsible for the next reunion book staff!!

I received an email from Jim Price regarding the MATCA website. If you did not know, Jim has maintained the "marine-atc-association.org" website for a number of years. He would like to step down from this endeavor and is looking for a replacement. I will be presenting this to the board of directors and will have a recommendation for the body in the April Hotline. In the mean time, if there is another member that has the expertise and would be interested in maintaining the website, please contact a board member.

The next reunion will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 19th thru September 23rd, 2018. The reunion will be hosted by Rock and Sandy Lyons. It is never too early to think about attending. The April edition of the Hotline will contain information about the reunion and will include registration information. Hope to see the majority of the members there to share the fellowship and comradeship.

May all the MATCA family enjoy a happy and prosperous New Year. As we all celebrate let us not forget to take a moment to give thanks and prayers to all those that sacrifice in order for us to enjoy this great country!

Semper Fidelis
John Trosper