



## American Military Heritage Foundation

**Dedicated to preserving, in flying condition, a Vintage PV-2 Harpoon in memory of all who fought on behalf of the United States of America**

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Last month when I was working on the newsletter, I would never have considered at that time how much things would change by the time April arrived. Maybe that goes to show us just how fragile we are and how quick things can change. Before I continue, I would like to put a quote in place that I recently came across.

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress;  
working together is success.

*Henry Ford Industrialist, innovator, business magnate*

As a group/organization we have weathered some pretty severe storms during the last four years. Therefore, this should just be another bump in the road. Maybe this can give us the time we need to do some brain storming and planning on the **direction** we might want to go.

I have been talking with some people lately about fund raising. Yes, that evil stuff called money. It breaks down into three main areas that funds come from. Individuals, service organizations, and business. Now it may or may not be a surprise to you that individuals account for approximately 85% of the contributions. Now you can break that 15% left down however you would like. Yes, we do get some funds in from grants but can we really count on them?

Earlier I made the assumption that we all had a brain. So maybe we could put them to use and come up with some ways to market ourselves. Believe it or not but we do have some pretty fantastic talent in many fields within in our organization so maybe we should just use some of that talent and develop a way to market our organization. I am going to throw one idea out to the organization and let the rest of you comment on it and maybe present some better ideas.

I would like to see us develop a program that could be presented to any organization or group of people that might like to learn more about the Harpoon, when and where it was used, what our goals are, and why we volunteer with the organization. With this we would be somewhat in control and could use it as a marketing tool.

Now just for fun glance back up to the quote and read it again. Where do we fit into the quote? For at least the next six months I do not see much in the way of airshows or large gatherings of any kind taking place. I personally believe we have the talent and abilities to ride out yet another storm. However, with that said there is no one person who can do this by themselves, unless, they win the lottery and donate it to the AMHF. By all means if you have an idea please put it forward and allow it to be discussed. Who knows it may be the one that will work?

On a sad note in July of 2018 I printed an interview with Mr. Wayne Gosch. He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He passed away in March so please keep his family in your prayers.

OK, that just about does it for another month. I don't know how many of you know that I also participate in a band in Shelbyville. You have to understand I attempt to play trombone. All of our practices have been canceled up till May. So, our band director sent out a message to all of the members and I asked if he would allow me to use it and he said, "gladly" so read on.

Have a great month,

Gaylon

While we're not in band currently, we can try to apply these core band concepts in everything:

Tone: How are you coming across to others? In chaos, be a calm voice to others.

Balance and Blend: Find that place where your physical and emotional needs are being met. It's this lack of balance that is causing so much stress. Don't be a person who is "sticking out of the texture".

Intonation: Listen and adjust; be in tune with what is happening. As musicians we're always adjusting!

Phrasing: This one might be my favorite. Realize that life is a series of ups and downs. Some phrases are shorter, others longer. Find good places breathe. :)

I hope that this helps to reframe some of the odd things that we're all experiencing. Regardless, we will get through this!

To quote J. K. Rowling, "Happiness can be found in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light." - Dumbledore

Take care of yourself and each other,

Angelo

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