

President's Message - May 13, 2020

Greetings from NJ.

We are in a global situation unlike anything we have ever seen in our life-times.

My everyday activities are extremely altered compared to what was previously a life of normal retired guy. Nonetheless, I have taken on again the responsibility to lead the Association moving forward. Thankfully, the members of the Board of Directors, appointed officers, and committees are still working, focused on continued success. We are fortunate to have dedicated and conscientious folks participating. The Shadow and Stinger spirit is as strong as ever.

REUNION 2020 IS CANCELLED!

It saddens me to announce that the Board has decided that the Association will *postpone* the Fort Walton Beach Reunion *until* 2021. We considered all of the uncertainty associated with the October timeframe, we've had meaningful discussions with the Four Points Hotel staff (Thank You, Gus Sininger), we discussed many of our member's health concerns, and then we envisioned a reunion requiring social distancing and face masks. No way will that work. Will there be another spike in "the curve?" Will a therapeutic or vaccine be widely available? No one knows if this is the perfect decision. Personally, I love FWB and will miss all the activities we would be doing. Thankfully, Reunion Coordinator Jerry McDonald for the Branson, MO reunion is willing and able to work on moving that Reunion from 2021 to 2022.

Thank you to Association newsletter editor Don Luke, for pulling the May newsletter together. Please, thoroughly check it out. Beyond all the routine news, there is so much information regarding: the raffle for a highly customized semi-auto Kimber Classic .45 ACP pistol; new items in the Quartermaster's store; an ongoing request for copies of your Special Orders from our Outreach Committee Chairperson Ev Sprou; the Sponsorship Program, and more.

I pray that if we all do the correct things to stay safe, we will get past this global crisis and stay healthy.

All the best,

Mike Drzyzga, President