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COVER STORY

From the Oxford Dictionary: "Pitch thy behavior low, thy projects high; So shalt thou humble and magnanimous be."

Even in impolite society one shouldn't toss multi-lettered words around willy-nilly - but I've failed to find a better word to express the emotion many of us felt during the program following the Saturday Night Banquet at the Denver Reunion.

But we need to digress a moment and refresh your memory and refer you to page 14 of the Nov. 1990 82nd FG Newsletter and the picture of Bob Schultz and Walter Carlson. The little blurb on the preceding page recounts Bob's crash during a landing at Lecce in December of '43. He was knocked loopy as his bird began to burn so he didn't remember being pulled from his cockpit by Walter Carlson.

Last year, at Asheville, he met his rescuer for the first time - which was also the first time Walter had seen Bob conscious.

Now we're up to speed.

In Denver, Ralph Embrey sold chances (at 5 clams a throw) for one of two beautiful P-38 models. During the drawing after the Banquet, Smiles Hoelzel won the first model (see picture elsewhere in this newsletter) and Bob Schultz (97th - incidentally) won the second. As soon as Bob received his P-38 from Embrey he grabbed Ralph's microphone and said, "I'm going to give this to Walter Carlson who pulled me out of my burning plane forty-eight years ago!"

Friends, in my view, that factors out as being a magnanimous gesture. Bob didn't even think about how nice that little P-38 would look in his den at home because he knew it belonged to just one other person.

I'm often asked what's the big deal about the 82nd Fighter Group Association and my answers are pretty lame; but now, all I have to do is to tell them the "MAGNANIMITY" story.

There's a cute little sequel to the story. When Bob got a chance to chat with Walt he said, "Walt, for years I've understood that when you pulled me out of the plane my only injury was the knock on my head. Why then, when I woke up later, were there bruises and contusions all over my body?" Walt said, "Well, there was only one way to get you off the wing and that was to push you off!"

-- Dick L.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 13, 1991

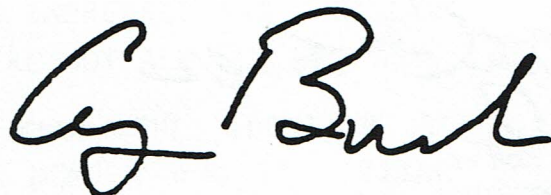
I am delighted to send greetings to all those gathered in Denver for the reunion of the 82nd Fighter Group Association.

You gather to recall a time when our Nation and its allies were engaged in a life-and-death struggle against tyrannical forces that threatened to extinguish the light of freedom. As President Franklin Delano Roosevelt observed, your generation had "a rendezvous with destiny." Today, we know that you proved more than equal to the challenge.

Despite the threat of mortal danger, you answered your country's call to duty, serving with honor and distinction and standing steadfast in the defense of liberty. Through the many hardships and sacrifices that you endured, you demonstrated exemplary courage and resolve. On behalf of all Americans, I salute you.

I also salute you for continuing to serve our country today. By helping people to remember the lessons of World War II and by contributing to the well-being of your communities, you remind your fellow Americans that we must never take our freedom and our way of life for granted.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for an enjoyable reunion and for every future happiness. God bless you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a stylized "Bush".

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Roy Romer
Governor

August 29, 1991

82nd Fighter Group Association
Annual Reunion
Marriott Hotel Southeast
Denver, Colorado

Greetings:

It is my pleasure to welcome you and your guests to Colorado for your 82nd Fighter Group Association annual reunion.

The citizens of Colorado appreciate the past and present contributions of military personnel and are delighted that you are gathering in our state.

For those of you who are visiting our state, I hope that you will be able to take time from your busy schedule to enjoy some of the many attractions that Denver and Colorado have to offer. Colorado is known for its spectacular Rocky Mountains and national and state parks.

Colorado also has much to offer art patrons. Opera Colorado, the Central City Opera, symphonies, theater, museums and zoos are a few of the many attractions you will want to visit while experiencing our beautiful state.

Colorado's superior facilities, invigorating Rocky Mountains, inspiring fine arts and friendly citizens will ensure members and guests a memorable visit.

Welcome to Colorado.

Sincerely,

Roy Romer
Governor

REMARKS BY WILL HATTENDORF
President, 82nd Fighter Group Association

This is a momentous occasion and the few minutes we spend here will be cherished for the rest of our lives.

Perhaps of even greater significance is the knowledge that we are today dedicating a Very Special Plaque. A plaque which will remind both present and future generations that the 82nd Fighter Group of the World War II era exhibited a unique kind of comraderie and spirit not found in most other organizations.

The Group's cumulative achievements from 1942 thru 1945 attest to the cohesiveness of the combined ground and airborne personnel within the organization. It was a true example of "Family Style" effort; it was what made the 82nd outstanding in combat; and it continues on in our Association today.

We are deeply indebted to, and honored by, the The Air Force Academy for this opportunity to place this permanent record of the 82nd Fighter Group into the Memorial Wall. It is hoped that all personnel at the Academy will accept the 82nd's challenge to always excell in whatever missions they are assigned.

Thank you all for being here today; and a special thanks to Ralph Embrey and the Academy staff for arranging this superlative ceremony.

REMARKS BY JACK DUNCAN
Squadron Representative, 97th Fighter Squadron
Speaking in Behalf of the Enlisted Men

FRIENDS, BOTH OLD AND NEW:

President Will has asked me to say a few words about the accomplishments of the Enlisted Men of the 82nd Fighter Group during World War II.

The Enlisted Men of the 82nd Fighter Group - including the Sergeant Pilots, were the greatest group of personnel ever assigned to one organization.

The Motto of the 82nd was "Can Do", not "Maybe" "I Think So" or some other negative answers to problem areas. As a result of the 82nd EM's "Can Do" attitude, their performance was outstanding during World War II.

This attitude and performance has been continued at the same high level by Air Force Enlisted Men during the Korean, Vietnam and Desert Storm conflicts.

During my 30 years active duty in the Air Force, the 82nd - by far - has been the best Group with which I've served. Thank you.

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* THOSE OF US WHO WERE IMPRESSED AND THRILLED *
* BY THE "FLY OVER" WERE NOT ALL OLD GEEZERS. *
* WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE IDENTITY OF *
* THE 82ND'S YOUNGEST MEMBER WHO IS SITTING *
* IN FRONT OF THE WALL IN THE "DEDICATION" *
* PICTURE. *
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RALPH (Monty) POWERS
Member, The 95th Fighter Squadron
Offers The Benediction

Oh God ... How Good
How Important it is for us to be here.

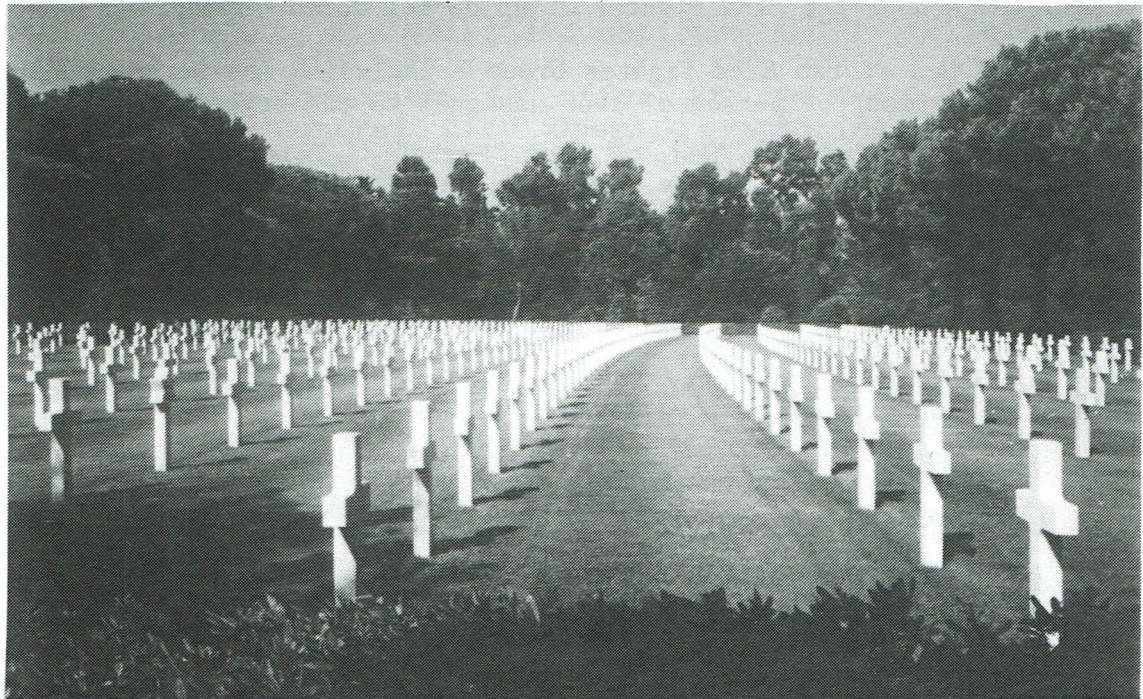
This Memorial seems small
UNLESS we remember what it represents
UNLESS we remember what it commemorates.

Oh God ... We dedicate this Memorial as a memory
to all our comrades who made the ultimate
sacrifice -
in the fight for freedom
in the struggle for justice.

We offer our Thanksgiving for them and dedicate this
Memorial to their memory.

This Memorial represents the best of what we hold most dear;
may it remind us of the courage, values and
ideals that make our beloved country what it is.

We commit ourselves anew to these ideals and values as we
commit the care and keeping of our Beloved to You.
In whose name we pray, Amen.



THE UNITED STATES MILITARY CEMETERY AT NETTUNO, ITALY

Taps

JOSEPH E. DURHAM

Joe was a member of the 95th and lived in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. We have no information regarding his passing.

Joe had indicated some interest in our Association as he had paid dues up to 1988.

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HAROLD W. HOUSTON

Harold was 96th pilot and lived in Bellevue, Nebraska. We have no information regarding his death.

Jerry Loewenberg had seen his name listed in the Obit Section of the Retired Officer Association Newsletter.

Harold had attended the Dayton and Asheville Reunions. He was a Life Member of our Association.

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RICHARD LEGG

Col. Legg was a former C.O. of the 82nd Fighter Group. He lived in Monument, Colorado. He attended the Denver Reunion in 1984.

We have no information of the de-surrounding his death. A letter sent to his residence after his death was returned.

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ART SMEDLEY

Art was a pilot in the 96th and then was made Group Ops before the 82nd left Muroc.

While in the 96th, Art and his Buddy, B.A. Strozier, used to cop a jeep and chase jackrabbits in the Mojave Desert at night. Out of that came the inspiration for the 96th's insignia - which made the group and the squadron famous.

Art's name was on the list of those planning to attend the Denver Reunion and we were hoping to meet him again. WE have no information of his death.



Will presents Plaque to Senior Airman Mike ANDERSON, 82nd FTW, Williams AFB



Lt. Col. JIM MILLER accepts Plaque in behalf of T/Sgt. PAT PAYETTE, 95th FTS.

Prexy's Podium

What a great Reunion in Denver! Ralph and Meredith did themselves proud once again; and I've just got to thank them one more time for a very well-planned and beautifully executed program. I'm not sure who had charge of the weather during those four days but I do know everyone truly enjoyed that too.

It was encouraging to see so many "First Timers" in attendance and I hope they enjoyed themselves thoroughly and are planning to attend again in the future. With our '92 assembly scheduled for the center of the country (St. Louis); and the continued identification of "lost" members we should have a great crowd next fall.

In mentally reviewing all the fine activities occurring during the Reunion I must again give special attention to our young, active duty members. Their energy and enthusiasm is always quite contagious and it is wonderful to have them participate in events with us. We look forward each year to having "Mr. Bones" from the 95th in attendance; and the "Fly-Over" by the fellows (and one gal) from Williams during the Plaque Dedication was a super bonus this year. And, at each annual reunion, it is a real pleasure to honor the two award recipients from each of the currently active units. The details of the award presentations are documented elsewhere in this newsletter.

During the Business Meeting this year, you (the membership) took action to retain all of the Association's Officers for an additional two year term. Following that the three squadrons and headquarters took similar actions and retained the same representatives. It is hoped that we (officers & reps) can continue to maintain the Association's activities in the great spirit displayed to date. We encourage the membership's continued participation in all all Association activities; and we solicit your constructive suggestions/recommendations for further improving our "family" image. In this regard, some of you may have thoughts as to some kind of appropriate recognition of the 82nd's 50th Anniversary in January of 1992. If so, discuss your ideas with the appropriate Reps and they - in turn - will review them with the Executive Committee.

It was great seeing so many of you at the Denver Reunion and I hope we can set a new attendance record in St. Louis this next fall. Charles and Bette Pinson are making big plans to show us a fine time.

Betty joins me in wishing you all a very Happy Holiday Season.

Will

About This Newsletter

As soon as Jo Ann and I arrived from Denver and began settling back into our comfortable Boise routine I realized what I had to do with this issue. This was because of the ideas that began nagging me as soon as we drove out of the Marriott's larking pot -er- parking lot after a delicious brunch.

This "nagging" began as soon as I looked at the 96th squadron picture I bought from Mr. Faingold (pronounced "finegold") and saw that it was the

best squadron picture I had seen since Atlanta. I visualized then what I hope you see in this newsletter - the same high quality pictures.

However, I realized that in order to bring this plan into fruition I would need a lot more dough than our Executive Committee had allotted for the Newsletter. So, I wrote a long letter to President Will Hattendorf to outline my plans. Mind you - knowing that our dignified Prexy is just an old softie - I laced the letter with all kinds of emotion laden words. The paper was probably

(continued on page 27)

What's With The History?

We Were Wondering When You'd Ask!

But it's a goooooood question, none-the-less. So here's the straight scoop:

1. Twenty-one chapters have been completed and have been proofed a zillion times - 4 bucks, 4 bucks.
2. These 21 chapters have been type-set with spaces left for pictures.
3. The pictures have been selected and cut lines have been made for them.
4. These 21 chapters - at this point in time (and this means "as you are reading this") - are being shipped to Walsworth Printers in Marceline, MO.
5. These 21 chapters will take up more than 200 pages - including pictures.
6. These 21 chapters cover the group's history up to early 1945 or about the time when our pilots could no longer find bogies to shoot down.

Steve Blake said as soon as he has sent his package off to Walworth's he can set about to complete the remaining three or four chapters and put the finishing touches on the appendices (which will include: 1. A list of aerial claims by the Group's pilots, 2. A list of confirmed claims, and 3. A list of casualties (more accurate and complete than the one printed in Newsletter #15)).

Steve said there would also be an epilogue covering the Post-War history of the 82nd Group's heirs (at Grenier, Tyndall and Willie).

One thing we can tell you (but not any of the details) is: There will be a big surprise in the History that will tickle all your innards!??

We can attest to Steve's dedication to the 82nd Fighter Group's History. His only serious error

during his association with us was a miscalculation of the amount of time it takes to prepare and publish a book such as ours. Steve has endured two costly set-backs as far as time is concerned: 1) His type-setter moved to South Dakota and 2) He came down with a bad case of auto repairitis. But for these two things - which were not of his making - we might have had our book by New Years.

You can bet your bottom 1,000,000 lire note (about \$800) that Steve wants to get your book to you as badly as you want to receive it.

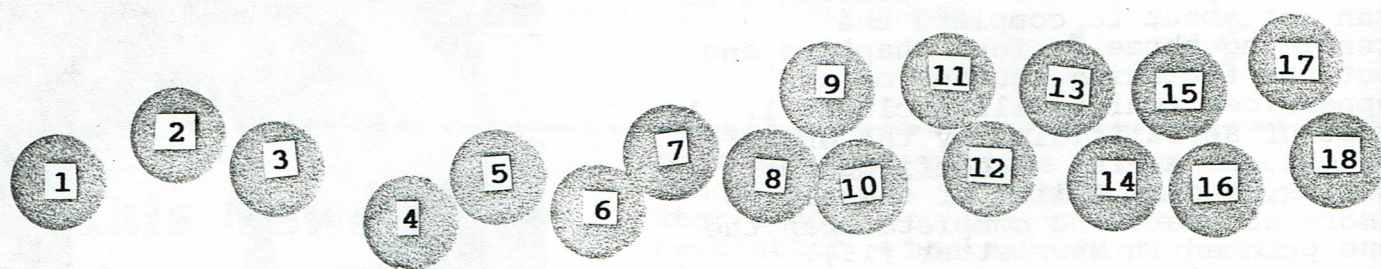
Finally, we want to thank you all for your support, your understanding of our problems and your patience.

For the 82nd F.G. History, Inc. Board of Directors: E. Claude Morgan, Pres., Roy E. Norris, Sec./Treas., Francis Chapman, Dick Lingenfelter and Glen Woodward.



MILES HOELZEL

"Another Short Landing Field"



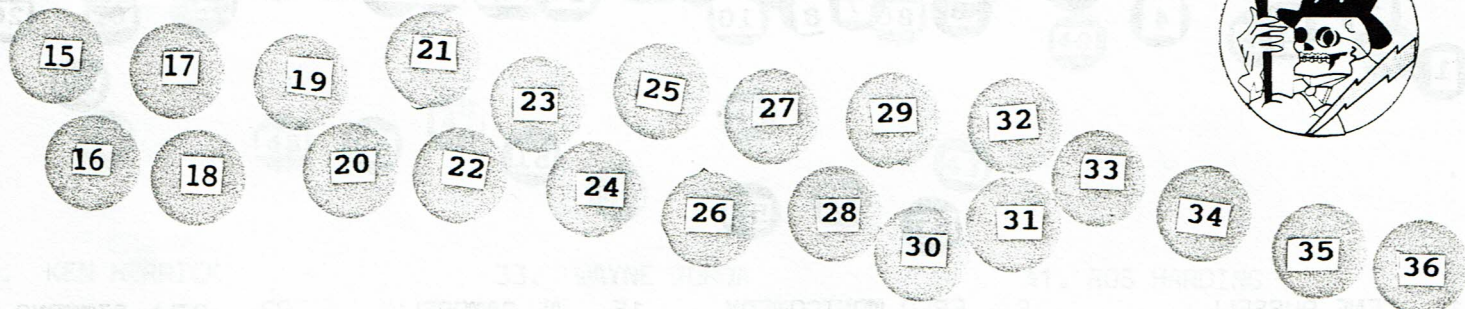
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 4. VERN YAHNE
 5. FRED BINGHAM

6. JIM OBERMILLER
 7. BOB HILDEBRANDT
 8. ROCKY JANASIK
 9. DEL RYLAND

10. JOHN HENDRIX
 11. LARRY PEPLINSKI
 12. HUGH O'BRIEN
 13. MONTY POWERS
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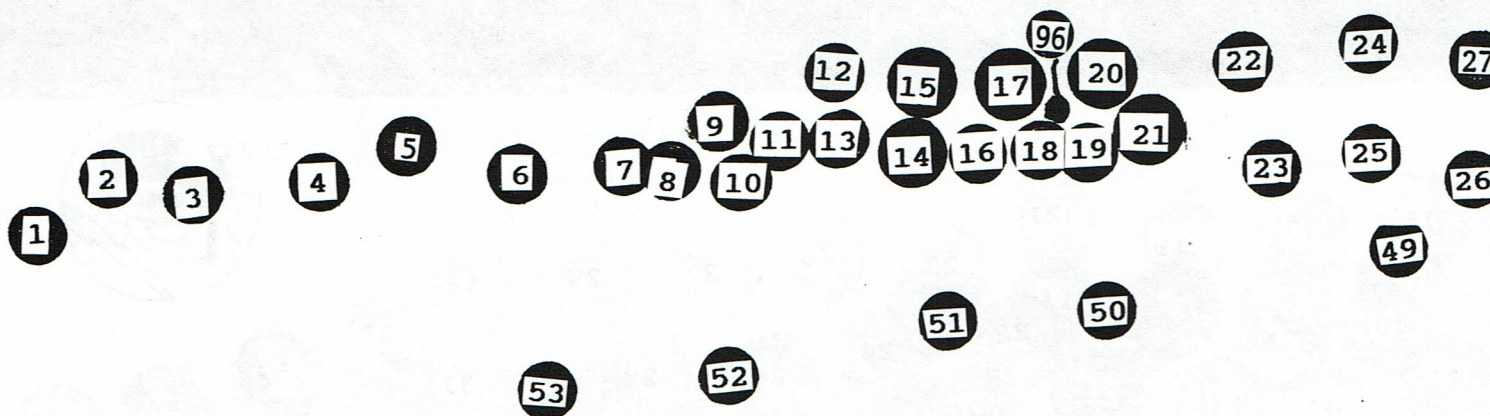
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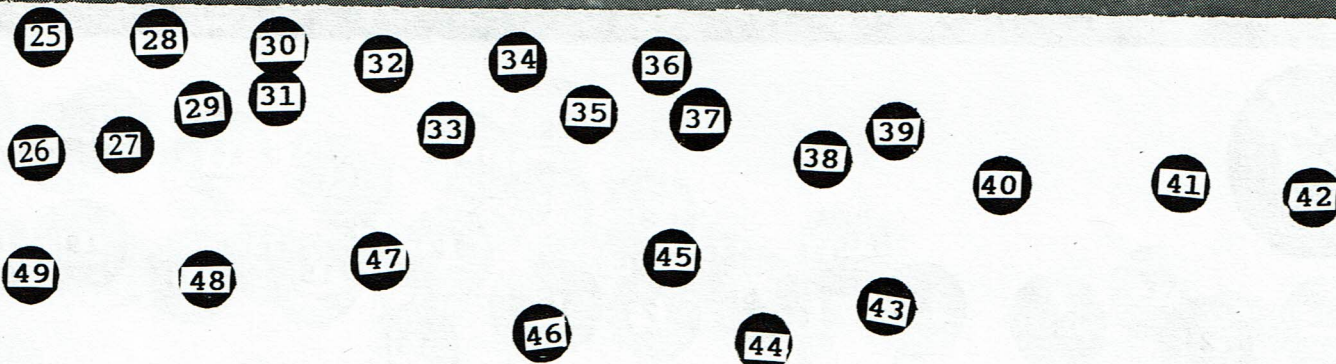
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| 21. DEXTER HENDERSON | 26. BOB WRAY | 30. HOWARD JOHNSON | 35. ED ORR |
| 22. CHUCK ADAMS | 27. BILL BEAN | 31. JACK COSHOW | 36. JOHN KINGSLEY |
| 23. OLEN MEDLEY | | 32. MEL MULLIN | |

95th Squadron



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| 1. GENE RUSSELL | 8. FRED MONTGOMERY | 15. AL CAMPBELL | 22. BILL SIMMONS |
| 2. JIM BAKER | 9. JIM METCALF | 16. FRANK ROGERO | 23. JOHN BUCKLES |
| 3. MEREDITH KINGERY | 10. BRUCE IRELAND | 17. T.O. SPENCE | 24. KEN HERRICK |
| 4. BRYCE HUGHES | 11. JOHN COX | 18. EVERETT FARNHAM | 25. ROMEO ROUTHIER |
| 5. LEN KUCZMARSKI | 12. DICK OSTRONIK | 19. JIM MONYHAN | 26. ED WATERS |
| 6. LEO FISHER | 13. CHARLIE PINSON | 96. ROY NORRIS | 27. FRANK HURLBUT |
| 7. FRED GRAHAM | 14. IRV SWENSON | 20. JOE CARDIMONA | 21. CLARENCE DOLEZ |
| 53. BOB CAMPTBELL | 52. DICK LING | 51. DAN FORD | 50. FEDELE SACCOMANO |
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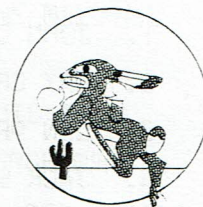
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 28. FRANK HURLBUT
 29. JOHN KANE
 30. DICK WILLSIE
 31. JOHN KOSTYO
 32. DIXIE SLOAN
 48. EDDIE LIGHT

33. WAYNE JORDA
 34. NORM PARTRIDGE
 35. BILL GATES
 36. LUTE THOMPSON
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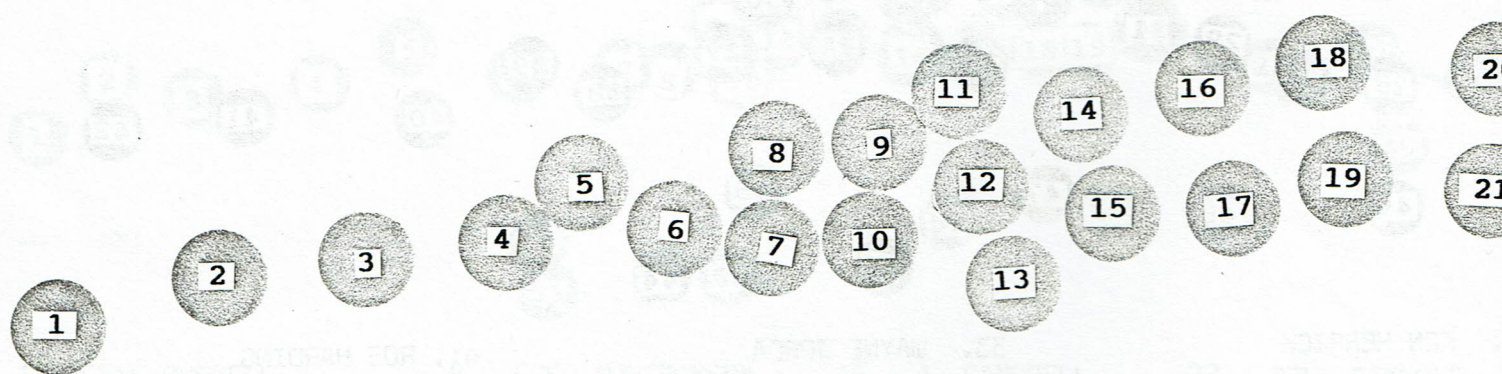
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 45. HARLEY VAUGHN
 Mr. 82nd Association
 46. LINCOLN JONES

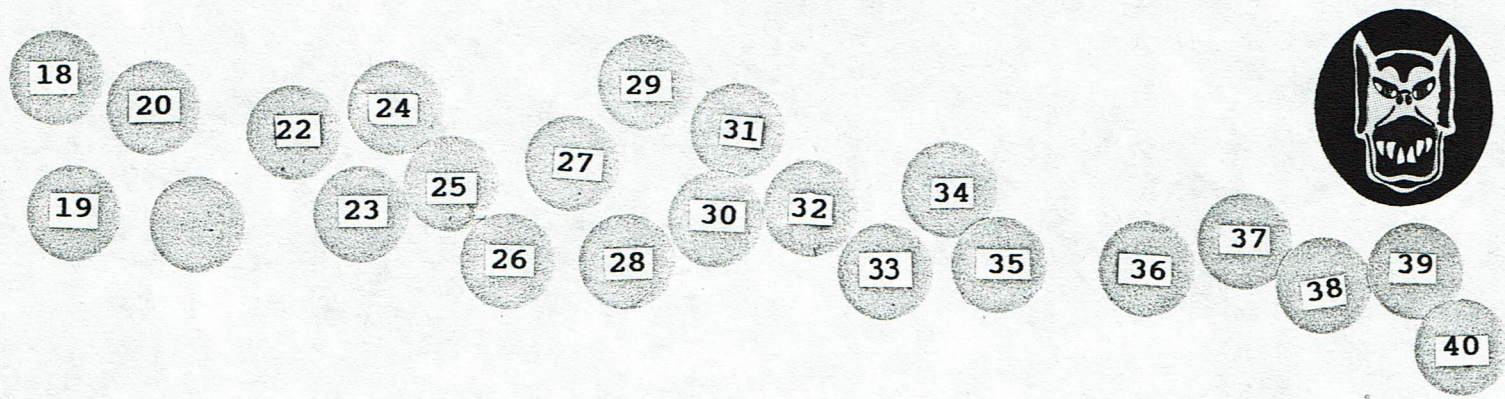


96th SQUADRON



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| 2. RAY CRAWFORD | 7. CLAUDE MORGAN | 12. HOWARD WARNE | 17. JERRY POWELL |
| 3. LEN PRATT | 8. HANK FORD | 13. JOHN RIVEST | 18. W. CHARLTON |
| 4. JACK WALKER | 9. DON HEBERT | 14. ED SIMS | 19. TOM CARHART |
| 5. BILL HALL | 10. JOHN LITCHFIELD | 15. JOHN REID | 20. DON FOLEY |
| | | | 21. BRYAN COOK |

The Snarling Cats of the



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| 19. TOM CARHART | 25. AIDO BUONAGUIDI | 31. BOB SCHULTZ | 37. GENE MAZURAK |
| 20. DON FOLEY | 26. DICK GADBURY | 32. JOHNSON WILLIAMS | |
| 21. BRYAN COOK | 27. Unidentified | 33. PAUL KIMMEL | 38. LOUIS ZUCAL |
| 22. AL SCHNEIDER | 28. CARL BALUCHA | 34. RAY ILES | 39. GEORGE MARVIN |
| 23. CHUCK LUKE | 29. DOC TEEGARDEN | 35. WALTER HECK | 40. MR. 97th, JACK DUNCAN |
| 24. TOM GRAY | 30. WHITEY ELLISON | 36. GERALD MONSON | |

(If you look real closely, you will espy someone hiding behind Johnson Williams)

97th Squadron

REMEMBRANCE

Of Our Gallant

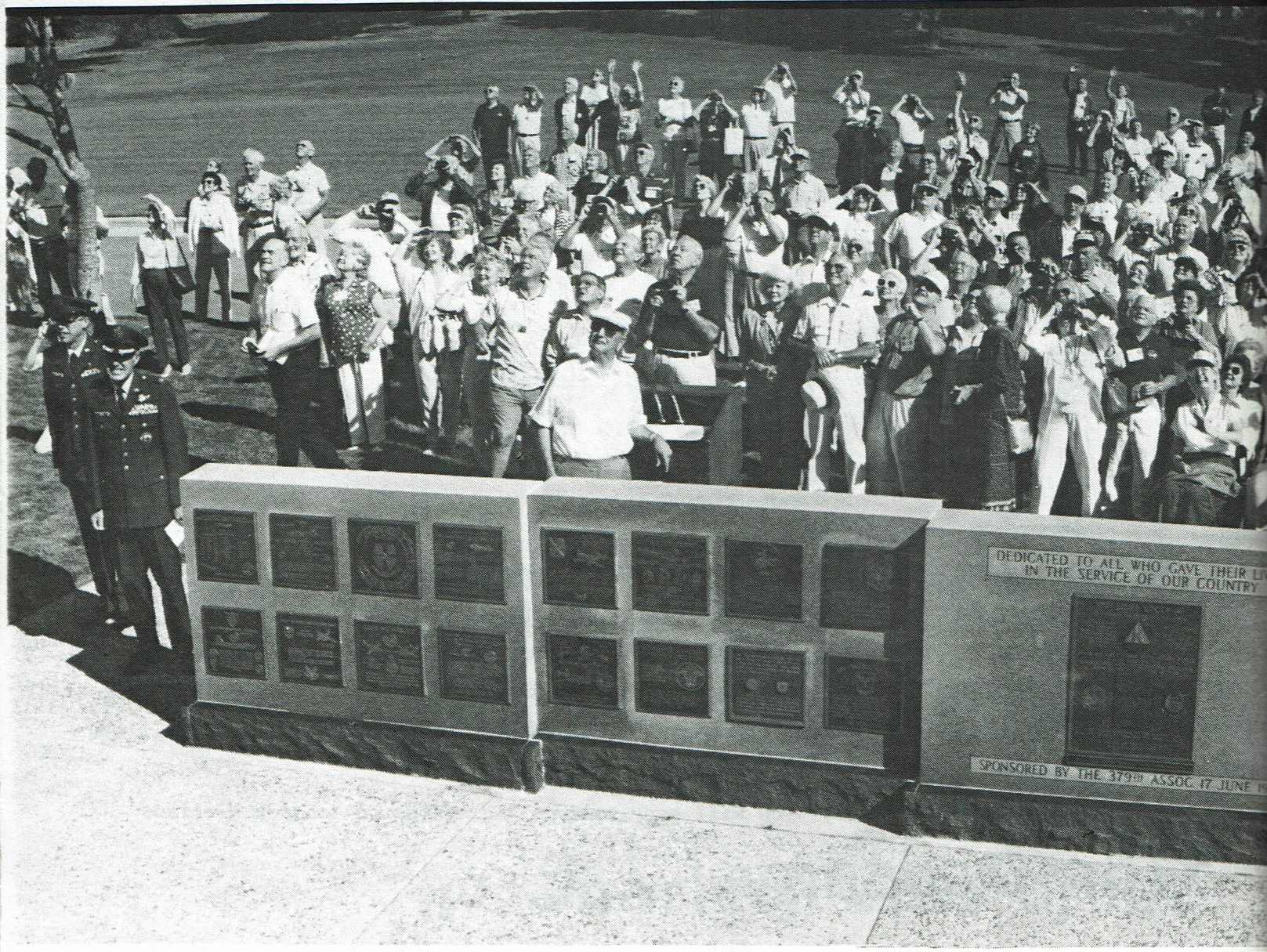
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Who Paid The Ultimate Price

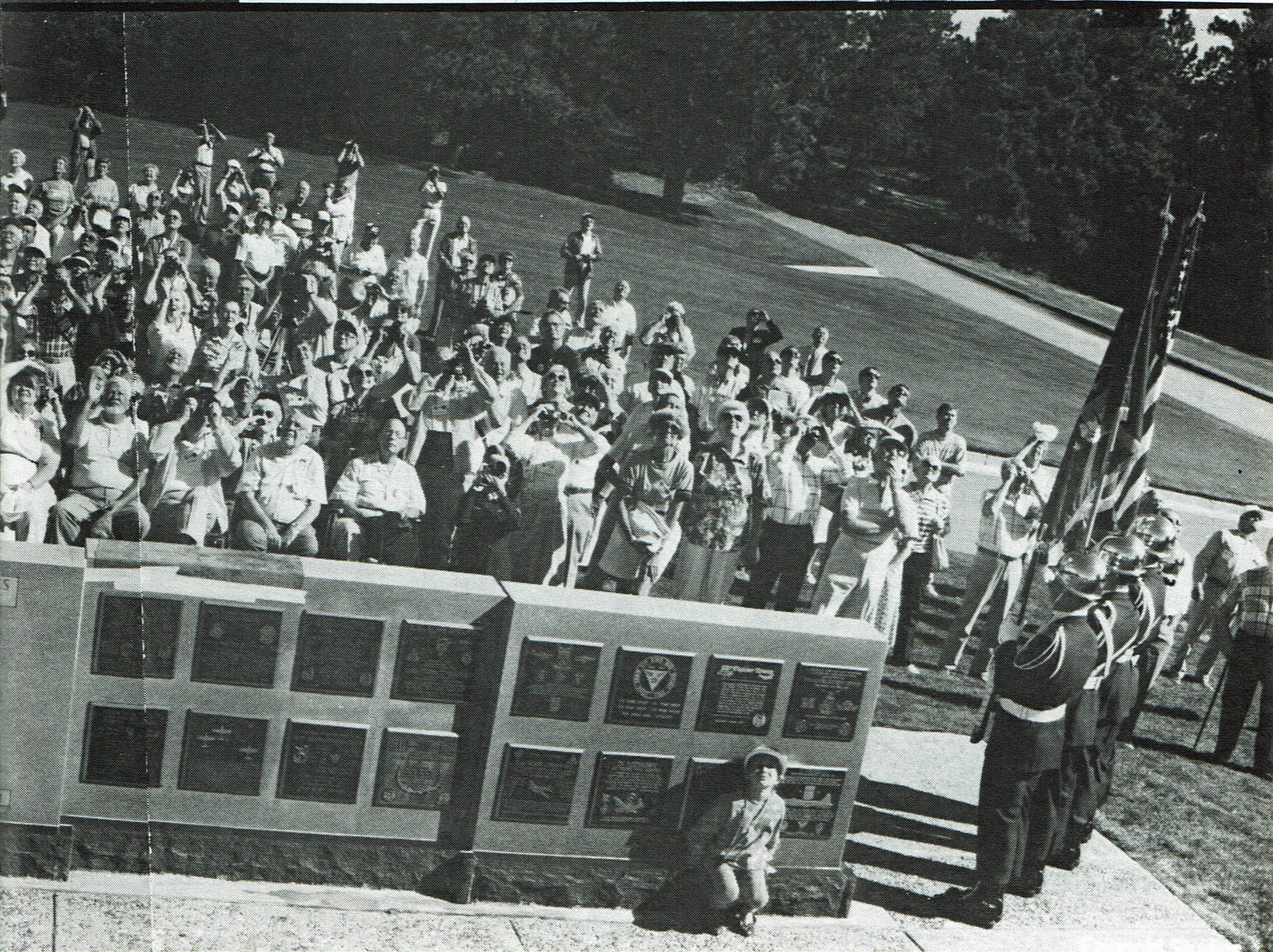
FOR OUR COUNTRY

and

FOR DEMOCRACY



PRIDE
In The Role
THE 82nd FIGHTER GROUP
Played In The
VICTORY
over
TYRANNY



THE AUSTERE & VENERABLE HQ GROUP



RICHARD (Stumpy) HOLLINGER, MILES HOELZEL, JERRY LOEWENBERG, JUD HALLOCK, BEN MASON,
MERV CHRISTENSEN AND MIKE RADAWEK

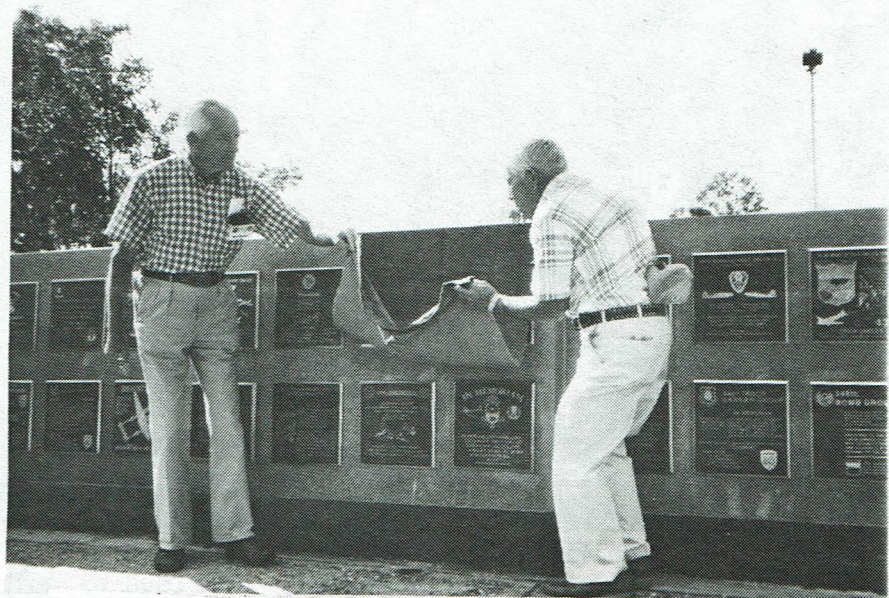


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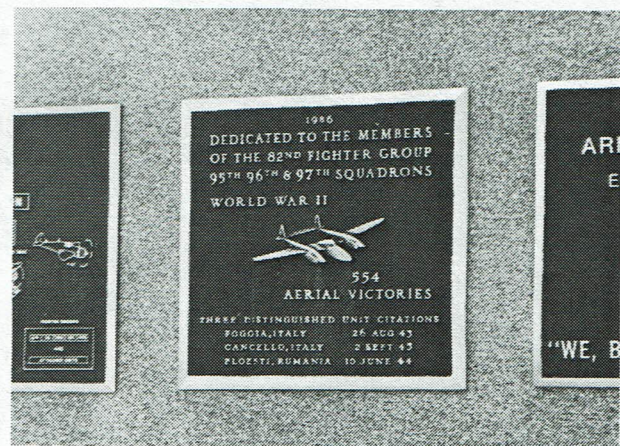
Looking Toward Foggia From About The Spot Where The Theater Was Located - September, 1991



With Dedication Ceremony M.C. RALPH EMBREY in Background, Pres. WILL HATTENDORF Speaks For The Association & For The Officers



HATTENDORF & DUNCAN Unveil the Memorial Plaque
82nd's Memorial Plaque at the Air Force Academy



JACK DUNCAN speaks for the Enlisted Men



The 82nd's Memorial Plaque is just to the left of the
Sergeant Pilot's Association's



"First Timers" and their Wives



Priscilla & Louis Zucal
at their first Reunion



This was at the Sunday Morning Brunch



FIRST
T I M E R S

the
P I N S O N
7
sings
"Meet me
in
St.
Louie -
Louie"



Mr. Bones dances with a Dolly



L. to R. JOHN BUCKLES, T.O. SPENCE, JIM BAKER & FRED MONTGOMERY OF THE 96th planning an excursion to Avelino



"IKE" & PRISCILLA ROBERTS; MARGARET & RALPH (Monty) POWERS; and DEL RYLAND.



MONTGOMERY & BAKER with 96th pilot FRANK HURLBUT



JUDY & CHUCK LUKE of the 97th



WILL HATTENDORF & ROY NORRIS
Business As Usual

mail bag

FROM GIL CEFARATT

I enjoy the Newsletters and hope there is room and time to run this flyer. I am keeping busy since retiring from Lockheed.

(Ed's note: Gil's request is reasonable because Gil's cause is not only a deserved one but GIL is also an Associate Member [of the 82nd Assoc.] in good standing; however, space is wanting.

Gil is involved with the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and he wants all 82nd Members to know they are invited to a Commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Pearl Harbor Attack.

This will be held at the PIERCE BROS./VALHALLA MEMORIAL PARK in North Hollywood, California at 9 AM Saturday, Dec. 7, 1991.

Ceremonies will include a fly-by of 24 WWII military aircraft led by the B-17 "Memphis Belle". Many Veterans groups and military personnel will also participate)

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FROM JOHN DePHILLIP

Thanks for the address for Joseph "Joe" Thomas. I made contact with him by phone. He has the same book on the 82nd (1947-1949) as I have and we had a nice chat for about 20 minutes.

Dick, if possible and space is available, please include the info that I have a "Year Book" on the History of the 82nd (95th, 96th & 97th) when it was based at Grenier AFB, Manchester, N.H. Anyone interested can drop me a line or call: 650 Ivy Street, Glendale, CA 91204 (this is less than a mile from Grand Central Airfield - does that ring up any memories?).

** ** *

FROM JOE GERBER

First - let me say I enjoy the Newsletter immensely. It's always chock full of fascinating stuff*. Congratulations.

Second - add to my association with the 95th, my service with H.Q. as Group Surgeon after Haw went home (in 1944) - as Ted Papermaster indicated. This was for almost a year until I was rotated out in June of 1945. When I first joined the Group in May '42 I actually served with the 96th for several months.

Third - Carl Moore was replaced in the 97th by Dr. Roth (can't recall his first name). This is in answer to Ted Papermaster's question in the last Newsletter.

Fourth - I note from my address label that I haven't paid my dues since '89. Shame on me! Here's my check for two years. How can I get to be a Life Member?*

Love to all - Joe

* Doc! Our Newsletters are full of "fascinating stuff" because our membership is chock full of interesting characters. It's as simple as that.

** Doc! Take two aspirin and call us in the morning.

** ** *

FROM BOB HILDEBRANDT

A3 & Me (and Fred & Horse)

I arrived at Foggia 11 on June 26, '44. Two days later I was jeeped down to Bari to pick up a brand new P-38 J 15. On the 30th I flew my first mission in newly designated A3 with the 95th Fighter Squadron.

Forty-eight of my fifty missions were flown in A3 (including 21 in July) without an early return. The radio always worked, the guns always fired; in fact, everything always worked.

I flew one mission in AM while A3 was getting a new wing after hitting a half-full drop tank. I also flew a mission in a new "L" covering the British parachute drop on the Athens airport.

In A3 I flew missions over France, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Italy and two missions to Russia w i t h n o e a r l y



OLD 'A3" & CREW

Left to Right

"HORSE" HALSEY
(Asst. Crew Chief)

BOB HILDEBRANDT
(Pilot)

FRED BAËCOM
(Crew Chief)

returns!

(Bob adds a little post script:
"Dick! 1) Hot Weather! 2) House
Bound! 3) Write! and 4) Send to
Dick! 'How about a little credit for
the ground crews?'" Now that's the
kind of eloquence in writing I really
like. Then Bob backs it up with some
action! Thanks Bob)

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FROM REUBEN KOIVUNIELMI

I want to take this opportunity to
thank all of those who sent "Get
Well" cards and notes to Marie
following her heart attack. This
show of concern and love further
proved something we already knew -
the close, warm feeling of the 82nd
Fighter Group Family.

Marie's recovery has been slow but
steady and she is going a little
farther with me on our daily walks.

We both really missed the Denver
Reunion and we are bound and
determined to see you all again in
Denver.

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FROM OLEN MEDLEY

Before all the "thank-yous" and
"job-well-dones" start flooding in on
you at the forthcoming reunion I want
to add my own "thank you" for a
another fine newsletter.

Betty was quite thrilled she was
included in the Newsletter and, in
fact, Lola Giertz called us with the
same attitude but said she hoped the
96th wouldn't exile her for wanting
to sit with the 95th at the Squadron
Dinner.

On my way back from Scarsdale, NY
in late June I visited Philip Venturi
- a 95th member - in Summit Hill, PA.
I've worked on him for years to come
to one of the reunions but, so far, I
can't seem to get him interested.

Betty broke her left arm just
above the wrist in July. She will
have her third cast removed on Sept.
3 and is becoming a little more
capable of doing more things each
day. I hope she will be able to go
to Denver with me.

(Betty, we all missed you - RLL)

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FROM ROY NORRIS

(who let this guy in this section?)

I received a letter today from
Mary Ryland and she and Del found
Louis and Alice Geresi of the 95th.
They live at 426 Meer Ave., WYCKOFF,
NJ 07481 (201) 891-6582.

Please send copies of the back
issues of the Newsletter to them. I
am sending copies of our Roster and
By-Laws to them.

Mary wrote that the two families were close friends for years in New Jersey but after she and Del moved to Minnesota - they just lost touch.

(Ed's note: Just wanted you guys to be aware of the way in which our Sec./Treas. goes about his job. You guys - and gals - are luuuuuuucky)

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FROM DICK OSTRONIK

I have a request for you. I have this friend who is a writer of sorts and he does some aviation writing. His name is **John Underwood** and he's now doing something on P-38s and is using me as a source.

One of his questions was: "With how much of a load could a P-38 take off and deliver to a target?"

Since our minds tend to fade ever so slightly with years we sometimes tend to stretch the truth a bit. My faded thinking is on some short missions and I'm thinking six 1,000 lb. blasters for these. I do remember taking off with one 1,000 lber, four 500ers and one belly tank. Can you refer me to someone who could give me the real truth plus a picture or two?

Time has passed very fast since the last reunion. As you know from Sylvia, after Asheville we did the Civil War and the Revolutionary War. My biggest problem with those two conflicts was that I couldn't find out much about thier Air Forces.

During our wonderful tour of Tyndall AFB with **Col. White** he made a statement I hadn't heard before; he said, "Did you know that the 95th is the only Squadron from the 82nd that is still flying TWIN TAILS & TWIN ENGINES?"

(Ed's note: I called **Lester Earls**, who lives a mile or so from me, and he said that when he was flying 38s in England with the 55th Fighter Group he took off with six 1,000 lb. bombs. "Awful hard on the tires, though," he added)

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FROM HOWARD B. ROTTINGHAUS, Acct.

Dear Mr. Hattendorf:

I have examined the financial records of the 82nd Fighter Group Association for the period June 16, 1990 thru June 30, 1991. In my opinion, the books of account and supporting documentation are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for the period stated.

(Ed's note: Whoopee!)

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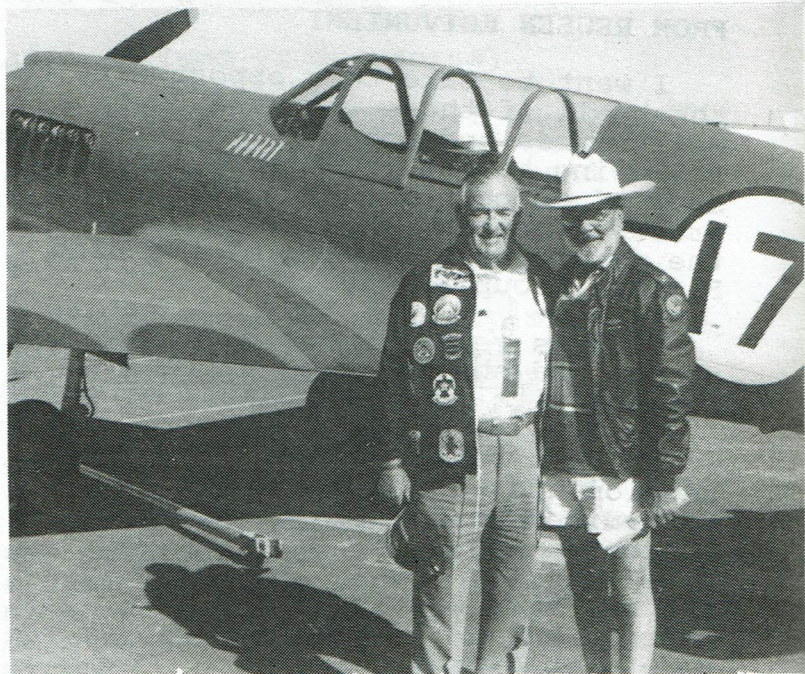
FROM JACK WALKER

I was working the pit gates at Reno, Nevada during Air Races in September when this "Old Sourdough" comes through the gate. He had on a leather jacket with an 82nd patch on it! This caught my "weak eyes"!

He was **Col. Leslie E. Anderson** - an Ace from the 96th. We had a great afternoon reliving the old days in Italy.

Here's to Happy Holidays to you and yours.

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JACK WALKER, 97th & LESLIE E. ANDERSON, 96th
At The Reno Air Races

sopping when he pulled the letter out of its envelope.

I got a call a couple of days later from Will and he said he had polled the Committee members and they gave the go-ahead. "But Dick," he said, "Keep it as short as you can." He tried, didn't he?

Do you know what happened then? Of course not. I had to order the 95th and 97th pictures from Mr. Faingold since I had only purchased the 96th's. When I received the pictures I had ordered - lo and behold I found he had thrown in a picture of the Group during the "Fly Over." AHA! There was no reason to bother Will with this new little wrinkle was there? Nooooo!

Sorry Will, as Bill Barr says, "That's Kismet".

As I sit here typing this outrageous Editorial I haven't the slightest idea how big this rag is going to be - nor can I even guess how much it's going to cost. As we used to say in good ol' Foj - "Multi Lire!"

So, I'm going to pull the "softie" bit on you, too. Please think about how much extra - over your regular

dues - this Special Issue of the 82nd Newsletter is worth to you - then, react accordingly.

HOW ABOUT FIVE BUCKS?

- or more, even -

Don't send your money to Will, or to Dixie, or to Ralph, or to Jack, or to me, or to Jerry. Send it to Roy Norris, 6636 Plantation Way, Cincinnati, OH 45224. Mark it "For Ol' Dick's Folly"!

AND

- do it today -

While you are at it, my friends, if you are behind on your voluntary dues - here's a great chance to catch up. There's no organization in the world in which the members get more for their money than in the 82nd Fighter Group Association!

Have we ever asked for more than your heart and soul?

You can believe this: This is the last 36 page newsletter you will receive out of Boise. Please don't let Embrey host anymore 82nd FGA Reunions!



The adjoining picture will family introduce you to Giuseppe, showing of which includes a wartime aerial photograph of Nicko & Gioanna. family 11. Foggia



WILLIAM F. WELD
GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

September 19, 1991

Col. Jerome L. Lowenberg
4917 Ravenswood Drive, 1719
San Antonio, Texas 78227

Dear Col. Lowenberg:

I loved the picture and appreciate, so much, your letter. I often reflect on my father's experiences in the war. I only wish both he and my mother could have seen me become Governor.

I look forward to the book you speak of and hope someday we will meet.

Sincerely,

Bin Weld

William F. Weld
Governor

Governor Weld is the son of Major David Weld, Intelligence Officer in 82nd Fighter Group H.Q. during the Foggia sojourn.

Jerry Loewenberg reported that Major Weld died of a heart attack while playing golf sometime in the seventies.

It's always nice to hear from the children of 82nd people.

Governor Weld - Welcome to our family.

SMEDLEY

Arthur A. Smedley, Jr. (Lt. Col. USAF Ret.) - "Smedley the Woodcarver," age 75, of San Antonio, died August 11, 1991. He was a member of the 82nd Fighter Group, 96th Squadron; the River Art Group; National Woodcarvers Association and the Alamo Area Woodcarvers. Survivors include daughter, Suzanne Hamon of Austin; daughter, Barbara Case and husband, Nabeel Amarah of Austin; grandson, Samuel Arthur Hupp of Austin; sister, Winnefred Kroier of Oklahoma City and special friend, Doris Batten of San Antonio. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening from 7 o'clock to 9 o'clock at Porter Loring Mortuary.

GRAVESIDE SERVICE
THURSDAY - 10:00 a.m.
FORT SAM HOUSTON
NATIONAL CEMETERY
with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association. Arrangements with

Porter Loring

1101 McCULLOUGH 227-8221

A LATE NOTE FROM JERRY LOEWENBERG

Art Smedley (see TAPs) died on Sunday, August 11.

I believe that Art was the first Group Operations Officer and was shot down on one of his early missions.

He was a very talented artist and during his years as a POW, he sketched remarkable likenesses of many of the other American POWs, the camp guards, the camp commander and most of the camp facilities. The drawings are collected into an album of sorts.

I suggested to his surviving daughters that they permit me to take the album to our Reunion - but they demurred because it is in such a fragile condition. It really belongs in the USAF Archives - or in some appropriate museum. They will give thought to this suggestion of mine.

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Prop Wash by Monty

WHO ATE THE @#/*!-% SPAM?

A reward of M1-A1 Powdered Eggs is offered for information leading to the apprehension of the person who couldn't resist the temptation to shortstop that SPAM coupon that came in the mail.

For those who were left SPAMless by the culprit we should explain that some anonymous individual (whose initials are believed to be Ted Latta, 96th FS) mailed the valuable coupon to a buddy about August 1, with a request it be sent on to another 82nd member - provided, of course, that he could resist the urge to redeem it and "pig out" on good old SPAM.

Well, when we received the beat-up certificate, our name was No. 10 on the enclosed list. We mailed it to a well-known chowhound in Novato, CA who used to plead with the cooks for seconds on SPAM. When confronted at the Denver Reunion, he denied cashing in the coupon and named the party to whom he had sent it.

We lost the trail there but hope that someone will come forward with a clue to the I.D. of the greedy varmint with SPAM juice on his chin.

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Ed's comments: First of all I hope none of us ever gets so hung up on lofty prose that we forget we are still kids - albeit gray-haired ones - and still want to have fun in this old life. To this end we have always tried to lighten up these newsletters so that you and I never forget who we are.

Fred (Monty) Montgomery is one of the best writers I have ever known (fortunately, for posterity, his talent will live on in the pages of the 82nd Fighter Group History) and I put him right up there alongside Samuel Clemens. Fred was a major contributor to the Slugging Desert Jackrabbits and has added appreciably to the reading quality of the 82nd Newsletters over the years. **Ted Latta** is not too far behind and even though the SPAM caper was of 96th* origin I believe it will tickle the



streaks of whimsy that I know courses through the whole 82nd family.

I will now confess to being the recipient of the said coupon after it left Novato. At the time, I was busy recovering from the August Newsletter but I added my name to the list and sent it on to **Reuben Koivuniemi** and my guess is that it somehow got tucked into the bill sent to **Marie's** doctor.

I hope someone finds another SPAM coupon and gets it started around the Group again.
'Ol Dick

* Incidentally - for all of you -
I consider myself, first and foremost - an H567Qer!!!

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CAPTAIN GABE EEHRENSTEIN & SENIOR AIRMAN MICHAEL ANDERSON. Both 82nd FTW Headquarters

Poltava, Russia

- Aug. '44

by Bob Hildebrandt

Navigating in Russia was not easy - it was pretty much dead reckoning - especially in the Ukraine in the rainy season. Forget "drops", think "buckets"! The 95th was led by Maj. Warner Gardner. We were flying above solid cloud cover. We could hear Poltava but we couldn't see it and we were running out of fuel.

A word about Warnie Gardner*. The Major had been in the Cavalry and at times wore boots and breeches and he was about 5 foot 6 and weighed in at about 130 lbs. He had a crooked nose, a smile to match and always a twinkle in his eye. He liked to fly around in a P-38 and fire its guns.

The weather looked a little better to the south-east and Warnie turned us in that direction. Sure enough there were some holes and then an airfield. We made a pass and the Russians started shooting flares. Some white and some green. We peeled up, landed and parked in a row along one side of the field.

A very large Russian - he could have played tackle for the Chicago Bears - strolled over to Gardner's plane. He was wearing a sheepskin leather flying coat that made him look even bigger. Little Warnie walked across the wing and down the boom to where the Russian stood and Warnie squatted down and just about met him eye to eye. There was a lot of talk that got louder and louder - some in English and some in Russian. Gardner started to laugh and climbed down off the boom.

The Russian joined Gardner in laughter and pounded him on the back - almost driving him into the ground. Now the conversation was continued in loud voices and finally a word emerged: "benzina"! We needed fuel. The Russian yelled, "Nyet, nyet" and waved his arms negatively; but Gardner kept answering, "We need benzina, we need benzina!"

Exasperated, the Ruskie pulled out a stub of a pencil, walked over to the wing and wrote "78" and pointed to himself and then wrote down "110" and pointed to Warnie. Oho! & AHA! No way could we use 78 octane fuel.

Finally, we learned Poltava was just ten miles down the road so Gardner decided we could make it but the Russian bear said, "Nyet, doshck padaya Poltava." When Gardner indicated he didn't understand, the bear poked his left outstretched hand with the fingers of his right hand.

Big deal, so it's doshcking (raining?) in Poltava. That didn't scare Gardner and he said, "We'll take off from right here and if I make it first, the rest of you follow." He did - through the mud, across the steel-matted runway and into the wild blue, and we followed.

Without the weight of fuel or ammunition, with 45° of flaps, with engines roaring at full-throttle 3000 horsepower, with the Russian standing there with his arms folded across his chest, his head shaking - negatively, from side to side - and with a "you'll never-make-it look on his face; each of our planes, in turn, moved forward, bounced a few times and were in the air and were headed to Poltava at a cruising altitude of 50 feet.

* It is our information that Warner Gardner was killed 25 or 30 years ago while piloting a speed boat.

It is also our recollection from the talk around the Link Trainer building that Gardner had a reputation - while chasing a bogie - of holding his fire until he got right on the critter's tail. Then: "Boomo!"

We received word this week that Emma Ireland, wife of Bruce Ireland, 96th, has suffered a severe stroke and is in critical condition.

Bruce and Emma haven't missed a Reunion since 1983. They are dear friends of Jo Ann and me. - RL

Ralph's Spot

Ralph pulled out all the stops when he orchestrated the Denver Reunion. All the observers we talked to couldn't name a single instance when he dropped the baton. In order to bring something like the "DR" to a howling success requires time consuming, meticulous and tedious planning. We know, we've been there.

Consider the top event of all the Reunions we have been to - **"The Memorial Dedication of The Group's Plaque at The Air Force Academy"**! It is hard for us to believe there wouldn't have been a hitch in there someplace. In the center spread of this newsletter you can sense the excitement in all those beautiful 82nd members who are deep into the emotion of that moment.

That "just didn't happen by itself" - it had to be planned very carefully and then implemented very carefully.

The program itself was a PR man's dream the way in which it smoothly covered all the bases - from the Presentation of The Colors to Ralph Powers' Benediction. We heard from all the right people and we heard all the right words.

A high point (no pun intended) during the ceremony was the "Fly-Over" (see center spread) of four planes from the 96th Fighter Training Squadron from Willie - led by Lt. Col. Lin Chayer. One of the 96th's pilots in that formation is "Cammie" Butterfield - the prettiest 96th officer we've ever seen.

As you will note in the Reunion Listings there were 24 active duty members of the 82nd who took part in our Reunion festivities. It's always refreshing to see these ladies and gentlemen of our modern Air Force at our functions. It takes us all back to when we were neat, clean and handsome - just like they are now!

It should be noted that one of the members of the 82nd FTW at Willie, Col. Terry Obermiller, is the son of Jim Obermiller, of the old neat & clean 95th.

Dedication Brochures

Ralph wanted us to remind you that he still has a supply of the Dedication Brochures. Any who didn't receive one should write to Ralph and ask for your copy.

Speaking of Writing

One of the pesky items for a Reunion Host is the problem of "No Shows". It only becomes a serious problem when the "no shower" waits until the last minute to notify the host that he will be unable to attend. Please keep this in mind when you are making plans to join us in St. Louis.

95% of the reasons given for non-attendance are legitimate - health matters being the reason for 90% of those finding they are unable to attend.

Ralph had a large percentage of "No Shows" this year and many wrote to him of the sudden on-set of ailments. Some of these letters are real interesting and we feel you should share with us. Incidentally, Ralph answered each of these letters (8+) in his own inimitable manner and included a roster, a Dedication Brochure and an appropriate Squadron button:

FROM WALTER BLAIR (phone call)

Due to physical problems, Mary and I will be unable to attend the Denver Reunion. We do, however, plan to make it to St. Louis.

Please apply part of my refund to a Life Membership and please give my regards to all of my 82nd friends.

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FROM BERNISE CRAFT

Due to Carmen's physical problem we are unable to attend the Denver Reunion as planned.

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FROM JOE DICKMAN (phone call)

I am unable to attend the Denver Reunion because of a project at my company. However, I will make every effort to attend the St. Louis meeting. I regret missing the

ceremony at the Academy. Please give my regards to all my friends.

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FROM RICHARD L. HOOD

I have just been scheduled for some extensive test work on Aug. 29 and an operation on the 5th of Sept. So I have to cancel out for the Reunion in Denver.

I missed last year because my mother broke her right arm - a double compound fracture. I had to miss the Atlanta Reunion because of my wife's death just before. Now it's me.

I will miss getting together with all the fellows of the 97th. Please advise Jack Duncan for me. Say hello to Charlie Charlton and George Marvin for me.

I had looked forward to seeing the Air Force Academy. Please say hello to the gang for me - because I will miss all of them.

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FROM ART AND LOIS JOHNSON

We've received the refund, the copy of the roster and a copy of the Reunion Program. Thank you very much. Having Lois call you and tell you we would be unable to attend was almost as traumatic as the chest pains.

The pains hit me Monday, Aug. 12. I first felt them about 1:45 PM and we checked into the emergency room at the hospital and by 3 PM they had me hooked up to all the various medication tubes and testing apparatus that apply in this kind of a situation. A blockage was found and it wasn't in a critical area so I learned that surgery wasn't necessary.

The real bad news came, though, when I learned I would be unable to attend my Denver Reunion.

We really are disappointed to miss the Denver show. Your program indicates a very enjoyable schedule and Denver has always been one of our favorite cities. We were looking forward to seeing the AF Academy

again.

So, we wish you all have a very enjoyable time together. We know that with the Embreys at the helm it couldn't be anything but an outstanding get-together.

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FROM HENRY AND MARLENE PHILLIPS

We are sorry that we will be unable to attend the Denver Reunion as planned.

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FROM JACK SATTLER (phone call)

I am calling to advise you that Ethel and I cannot attend the Reunion this year - due to ill health.

Please extend our best wishes to all our friends and our regrets for not being able to see them all again.

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FROM CONNIE WREN (phone call)

I'm calling to advise that we won't be able to attend the Denver Reunion this year. Marshall has had a stroke and he is not able to travel as yet. However, he is making good recovery and we hope to be with you all in St. Louis next year. Give our best regards to everyone.

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Ralph! This is a CONCENSUS column and - from members all over the country - it reflects expressions of appreciation for the superlative job you did in giving us such a great Reunion. We are truly indebted to you and Meredith.

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!! Don't Forget!!
Your voluntary pay-
ments of Dues
are really needed.

DENVER REUNION ROSTER

LASTNAME	FIRSTNAMES	GUEST_NAMES	UNIT			
1 ADAMS,	BOB & VYSTA		95	68 IRELAND,	BRUCE & EMMA	96
2 ADAMS,	CHARLES & DOROTHY		97	69 JANASIK,	ROCKY & RUTH	95
3 ALLEN,	JOHN & ANNIE		96	70 JOHNSON,	BURL & FLORENCE	95
4 ANDREWS,	DICK & GERI		96	71 JOHNSON,	DAVID & NORMA	95
5 BAKER,	JIM & BETTY		96	72 JOHNSON,	HERB	95
6 BALUCHA,	CARL & BETTY		97	73 JONES,	LINCOLN & MIDGE	96
7 BANNISTER,	BOB & MARGE		95	74 JORDA,	WAYNE	96
8 BARR,	BILL & AUDREY		95	75 KANE,	JOHN	96
9 BEAN,	BILL	BRUCE BEAN	95	76 KELLY,	TOM	97
10 BINGHAM,	FRED		95	77 KENNEDY,	BOB & BETTY	96
11 BOWEN,	RUSS		96	78 KIMMEL,	PAUL	97
12 BOWERS,	GEORGE & JOAN		95	79 KINGERY,	MEREDITH & JUNE	96
13 BRADDOCK,	ED & BENNIE		95	80 KINGSLEY,	JOHN & MARY	95
14 BUCKLES,	JOHN & RAQUEL		96	81 KOSTYO,	JOHN & SARAH	96
15 BUONAGUIDI,	AIDO		97	82 KRUG,	HUBIE & ELSIE	96
16 CAMPBELL,	AL		96	83 KUCZMARSKI,	LEN & ELOISE	96
17 CAMPBELL,	BOB		96	84 LIGHT,	EDDY & ELIZABETH	96
18 CAPUTO,	JOHN		97	85 LINGENFELTER,	DICK & JO ANN	96
19 CARDIMONA,	JOE & DOICE		96	86 LITCHFIELD,	JOHN & YSOBEL	97
20 CARHART,	TOM		97	87 LOEWENBERG,	JERRY & PAT	HQ
21 CARLSON,	WALT	HAROLD SCHARLIAU	96	88 LUKE,	CHUCK & JUDY	97
22 CHARLTON,	CHARLIE & GINNY		97	89 MARTIN,	ALEX	96
23 CHRISTENSEN,	CHRIS & LYNN	MARY JANE DRALLE	HQ	90 MARVIN,	GEORGE	97
24 COOK,	BRYAN		97	91 MASON,	BEN & BETTY	BILL, PAM, MIKE, SANDRA MASON HQ
25 COSHOW,	JACK		95	92 MAZURAK,	GENE & LYNN	97
26 COX,	JOHN & LAUREVA		96	93 MEDLEY,	OLEN	95
27 CRAWFORD,	RAY & SAYLE		97	94 METCALF,	JIM & BILLIE	96
28 CURRAN,	DICK & DIANE		95	95 MONSON,	GERALD & ELAINE	97
29 DOLEZAL,	CLARENCE & MARGARET		96	96 MONTGOMERY,	FRED & ETHEL	96
30 DONOHOD,	RUTH		96	97 MONYHAN,	JIM & LOIS	96
31 DUNCAN,	JACK & MERT	JACK DUNCAN	97	98 MORGAN,	CLAUDE & FERN	97
32 DURELL,	AL		97	99 MORRIS,	HARRY	97
33 ELLISON,	MARC & LOU		97	100 MULLIN,	MEL & VIOLET	95
34 ELMENDORF,	DICK & RUTH		97	101 MORRIS,	ROY & JO ANN	96
35 EMBREY,	RALPH & MEREDITH		95	102 D'BRIEN,	HUGH & LUCILLE	95
36 FARNHAM,	EVERETT & JOAN		96	103 OBERMILLER,	JIM	95
37 FISHER,	LEO		96	104 OLIVER,	JESSE & TERRY	95
38 FOLEY,	DON	REGINA NICHOLS	97	105 ORR,	ED & THERESA	95
39 FORD,	DAN		96	106 OSTRONIK,	DICK & SYLVIA	96
40 FORD,	HANK & MELVA	TERRY, MERIAM, KEN, DEBBIE FORD	97	107 PARTRIDGE,	NORM & LAURA	96
41 GADBURY,	DICK & ZETA		97	108 PEPLINSKI,	LARRY	95
42 GATES,	BILL		96	109 PINSON,	CHARLES & BETTE	96
43 GIERTZ,	LOLA		95	110 POWELL,	JERRY & EILEEN	97
44 GRAHAM,	FRED & PEGGY		96	111 POWERS,	MONTY & MARGARET	CHUCK KOON, MARY GRAY 95
45 GRAY,	TOM & MINI		97	112 PRATT,	LEN & BLYTHE	97
46 HAGUE,	LIZ		95	113 RADANEC,	MIKE & ALBINA	HELEN JARRETT, ED & ANN YARDER HQ
47 HALL,	BILL & EVA		97	114 REID,	JOHN & ANDREE	97
48 HALLOCK,	JUD		HQ	115 RIVEST,	GEORGE & CONNIE	97
49 HANCOCK,	BILL & LOIS		97	116 ROBERTS,	ISREAL & PRISCILLA	95
50 HARDING,	ROS & LILLIAN		96	117 ROSERO,	FRANK & MARIAN	96
51 HARMAN,	PAUL & ARKIE		96	118 ROUTHIER,	ROMEO	96
52 HASENPLAUGH,	GAYLE & DOROTHY		95	119 RUDY,	JIM & DOROTHY	95
53 HATTENDORF,	WILL		95	120 RUSSELL,	GENE & BETTYE	96
54 HEBERT,	JIM & ALTHEA		97	121 RYLAND,	DEL & MARY	95
55 HECK,	WALT & ALICE	GARRY & TRACY HECK	97	122 SACCOMANO,	FEDELE & ALMA	96
56 HENDERSON,	DEXTER	WES HENDERSON	95	123 SCHILDT,	BILL	95
57 HENDRIX,	JOHN & PHYLLIS		95	124 SCHNEIDER,	AL & GAYLE	97
58 HERRICK,	KEN & BETTY		95	125 SCHULTZ,	BOB & DOROTHY	97
59 HILDEBRANDT,	BOB & NORMA		95	126 SCOTT,	ED & PHYL	96
60 HOELZEL,	MILES & MAJORIE		HQ	127 SIDWELL,	GENE & PHYLLIS	95
61 HOLEMAN,	BILL & LENA		96	128 SIMMONS,	BILL	JUNE GLENN 96
62 HOLLINGER,	DICK & VIRGINIA		HQ	129 SIMS,	ED & ORA MARY	97
63 HOOPER,	SYBIL		96	130 SLOAN,	DIXIE	96
64 HOWARD,	JACK & MARY	MARY ELIZABETH HOWARD	96	131 SPENCE,	T. O. & MAR JO	96
65 HUGHES,	BRICE & MARGO		96	132 STOCKTON,	OTIS & LILLIAN	97
66 HURLBUT,	FRANK & CONNIE		96	133 STRONG,	TED & FLETA	97
67 ILES,	RAY & EULALIA		97	134 STROZIER,	BUDDY	VAL & PEG PHILLIPS 96

135 SUMNER,	JIM	PAUL SUMNER	96
136 SWENSON,	IRVIN & MARGARET		96
137 TEEGARDEN,	DOCK & DOROTHY		97
138 THOMPSON,	LUTE & JACKIE		96
139 TURNER,	AMOS & MARY		HQ
140 TYNDALE	HARRY		97
141 URECH,	JOHN & LEONA		HQ
142 VAUGHN,	HARLEY & VI	JOHN & EVELYN JONES	96
143 WALKER,	JACK	JERRI JONES	97
144 WARNE,	HOWARD & JEAN	CHERYL WARNE	97
145 WATERS,	ED & BETH		96
146 WILLIAMS,	JOHNSON & JANIE		97
147 WILLSIE,	DICK		96
148 WILSON,	CAL		97
149 WOLFE,	FRED		96
150 WRAY,	BOB		95
151 WRIGHT,	BOB		97
152 YAHNE,	VERNE & ELEANOR		95
153 ZUCAL,	LOUIS & ANGELINE		97
154 ZURNEY,	WALT & MARY		97

MEMBERS ATTENDING REUNION FOR THE FIRST TIME
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Recrd	LASTNAME	FIRSTNAMES	UN
1	BOWEN,	RUSS	96
2	COSHOW,	JACK	95
3	FARNHAM,	EVERETT & JOAN	96
4	HURLBUT,	FRANK & CONNIE	96
5	JOHNSON,	HERBERT	95
6	METCALF,	JAMES & BILLIE	96
7	MONSON,	JERRY & ELAINE	97
8	OVERMILLER,	JAMES	95
9	ROBERTS,	IKE & PRISCILLA	95
10	STOCKTON,	OTIS & LILLIAN	97
11	TYNDALE,	HARRY	97
12	WARNE,	HOWARD & CHERYL	97
13	WTIGHT,	BOB	97
14	ZUCAL,	LOUIS & ANGELINE	97



We think these are four pilots from the 96th FTS who gave us the marvelous "Fly Over". One name we know for sure and that's "Cammie" BUTTERFIELD. We also think one of the others is Lt. Col. LIN CHAYER.

We continue to enjoy the relationship with our fine active duty people and we consider it a privilege that they wish to join with each Reunion time.

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Recrd	LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	UNIT
1	ACCARDO,	JOSEPH	95TH
2	CLEVELAND,	BENJAMIN	95TH
3	MILLER,	JAMES	95TH
4	UZZELL,	DAVID	95TH
5	WILKERSON,	JEFF	95TH
6	ARCOLED,	KENNETH	96TH
7	ARRON,	TODD	96TH
8	BUTTERFIELD	"CAMMIE"	96TH
9	CHAYER,	LINWOOD	96TH
10	HAMES,	MICHAEL	96TH
11	SCHMIDT,	GARRETT	96TH
12	SELF,	KERRY	96TH
13	SUMMERS,	WILLIAM	96TH
14	WOOD,	JOHN	96TH
15	COOKE,	JERRY	97TH
16	GAMM,	TROY	97TH
17	MILLER,	DAVID "DOC"	97TH
18	OLIVER,	KRIS	97TH
19	SCHAEFER,	PAUL	97TH
20	YORK,	JOHN	97TH
21	ANDERSON,	MICHAEL	HQ
22	BUDD,	TIM	HQ
23	EEHRENSTEIN,	GABE	HQ
24	OVERMILLER,	TERRY	HQ

Out-
standing
Officer,
JOE
ACCARDO,
95th FTS,
Tyndall
AFB



A Visit To Old Haunts

by Dick L.

Finding himself with an extra "Frequent Flyer Ticket" Ken Herrick invited me to visit Foggia 11 with him. Betty Herrick didn't wish to go.

So, in the middle of September, we landed in Roma, rented an automobile and drove to Foggia. On earlier (and separate) visits we both had become acquainted with a charming family whose parents operate the farm that occupies the Group's living area at Foggia 11. The three families have corresponded through the years.

We spent the better part of a morning and afternoon with the family and had lots of laughs and lots of good food - including pastasciutta.

On the way back to Rome, Ken and I stopped to visit the U.S. Military Cemetery in Nettuno. It is a very beautiful, dignified and well maintained garden for the 9,000 crosses that stand there.

As we walked through those many quiet and reverent acres we noticed there were people from a number of busses walking through the Cemetery. We learned they were Italian tourists and that it was a common occurrence.

It was a very moving experience for both Ken and me.



Jack HOWARD, Dick WILLISIE & Ben MASON * 35 *

To The Tune Of:

Verse 1.

Meet us in St. Louie, Louie,
Meet us at Days Inn.

The Lightning guys will gather
Ready to begin -
The Cruise along the River,
The Tour up in the Arch.

If you'll meet us in St. Louie, Louie
Meet us at Days Inn

Verse 2.

Meet us in St. Louie, Louie,
Meet us at Days Inn.

With the 95th Squadron
And its boney skeleton.
He'll dance with all the ladies,
And twirl with greatest ease.

If you'll meet us in St. Louie, Louie
Meet us at Days Inn.

Verse 3.

Meet us in St. Louie, Louie,
Meet us at Days Inn

And all those Slugging Rabbits
Will raise a noisy din.
About us getting together,
To keep our friendships new.

If you'll meet us in St. Louie, Louie
Meet us at Days Inn.

Verse 4.

Meet us at St. Louie, Louie,
Meet us at Days Inn

We'll meet ferocious Wildcat
and many a yarn they'll spin.
They'll tell about those airplanes
And what wonderful birds they were.

If you'll meet us in St. Louie, Louie
Meet us at Days Inn.

Verse 5.

Meet us in St. Louie, Louie,
Meet us at Days Inn

It's there the lights are shining
For us all again.
We will dance with Bette & Charlie
Play golf with Buddy and Harley.

If you'll meet us in St. Louie, Louie
And meet us at Days Inn.

Lyrics by Jo Ann Lingenfelter

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For The Gateway To Old Memories

MEET ME IN SAINT LOUIE, LOUIE

We had a call from Charlie Pinson the other night and he said, "Dick, old buddy, I've got a list of things the fellas and their wives can do while they are in St. Louis next year and I want you to take all this down and put it in the November Newsletter, hear?"

Two hours later he hung up the phone! Man is this guy ever excited about you people coming to his town. He said, "You ought to see the guys at Days Inn. They claim they'll do anything for you. They'll roll over, shake your hand, fetch the paper, wag their tails and let you pat them on their heads. That's real Missouri hospitality."

"This hotel used to be the Bel Air Hilton but they switched to Days Inn to get their reservations system."

"They told me to warn you guys to get your reservations early because the rooms with the best view will be on a first call, first serve basis and they are setting aside 150+ rooms for us for the week of the Reunion."

"Oh Dick, there's so much to see and do right around the hotel for all of our guys and gals - it just frightens me to think about it."

"And then, a n d t h e n, there's so many remarkable places in the area around the city our folks will want to see they will just have to plan to come early or leave late. There's Forest Park (with one of the world's top zoos), The Missouri Botanical Garden, National Bowling Hall of Fame, The Forum (Arts Center), the New Cathedral, the climatron, the planetarium and many many more."

The Days Inn folks are giving us the rooms (double occupancy) for \$60 and this includes free garage privileges. Charlie warns, however, to get your reservations in early - to get your choice of rooms. All you need to secure is a credit card #.

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