

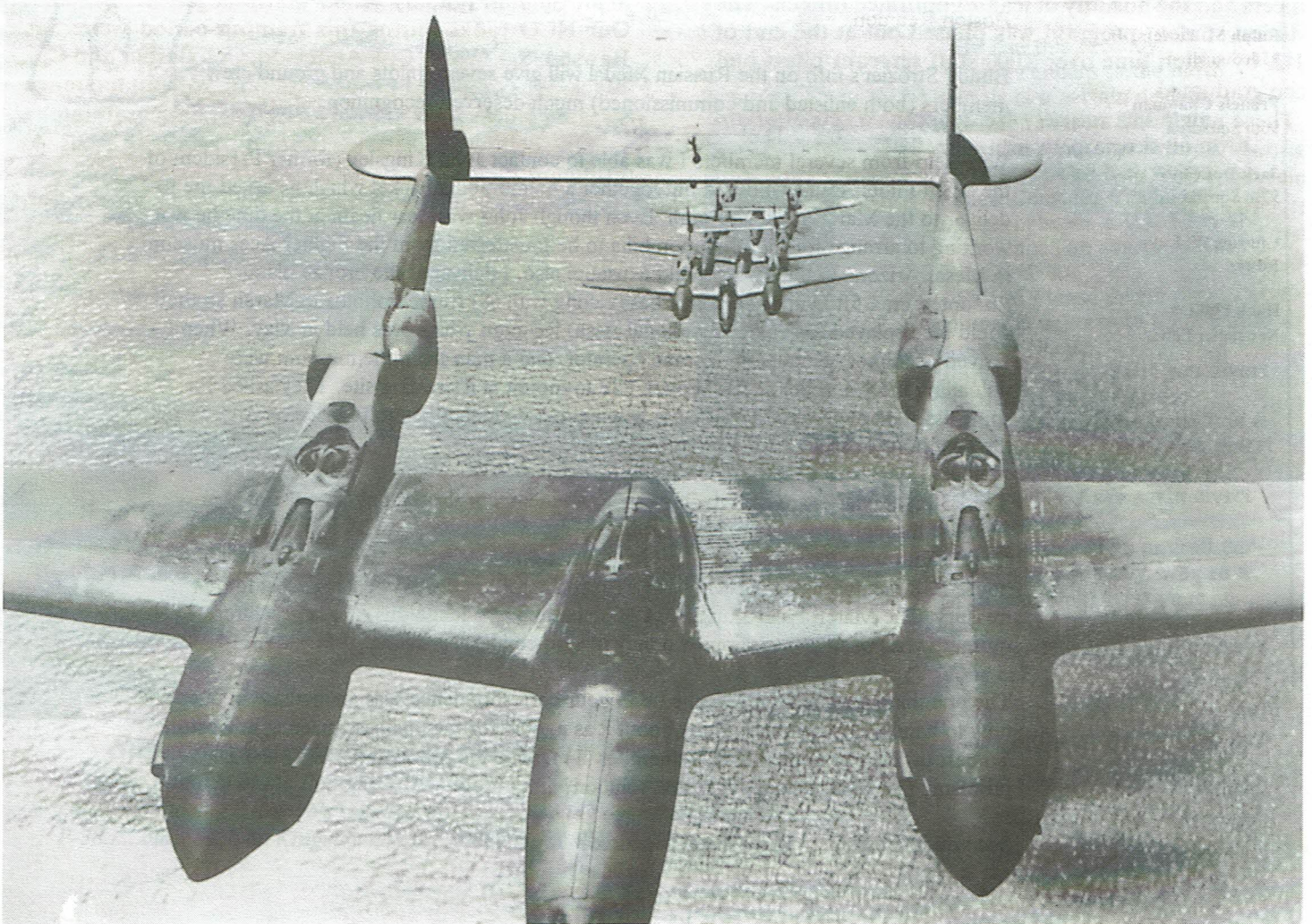
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PRESIDENTS YEAR END SUMMARY

Since the great wind blew us out of Florida and me into the presidency we have been making a few changes. Sorry I haven't answered all the letters but we have been working on most of the ideas submitted. I would like to thank every one for the excellent suggestions, both, what should be done and how to accomplish it.

We have put about 120 members on the inactive roster since they had paid no dues in over 5 years and answered "no" or did not reply to the question "Do you want to continue receiving the newsletter". This will reduce our newsletter cost considerably.

Since Dick decided it was time for him to catch up on some of his long delayed projects, Roy Norris put out the March issue and starting with this issue Hank Phillips becomes our new editor. Thanks again Dick. We certainly appreciate your MANY, MANY hours of dedicated work for the 82nd.

Del and Mary Ryland are working on the 1997 reunion, to be held at the Safari in Scottsdale, Arizona in mid Oct. It looks very good and they will have full details at the Boston Reunion.

Buddy Strozier's info on the Russian Medal will give several pilots and ground crew members (both enlisted and commissioned) much deserved recognition.

With help from several members I was able to contact John Kingsley (former President of the S/Sgt Pilots Assn.) who had put together a memorabilia packet which he asked me to deliver to the March Field Museum. Even though John was near death at the time he was working to arrange for more memorabilia to be transferred from the Fighter Aces museum in Mesa, Arizona to the March Field Museum also. I delivered the bronze plaques (mounted on a 5ft high, marbleized base) along with (8) framed photos to March so they could be displayed for the P38 National Assn. Reunion which was held in May. When I arrived, sculptor Henderson, a crane operator, and a man from the museum were unloading the 1/4 scale model, bronze P38 to mount at it's resting site. They asked for some assistance so I had the pleasure helping to handle that beautiful piece of artwork for the next hour or so.

The P38 National Assn. (of which many 82nd members also belong) has raised over \$60,000 through private contributions to pay for the 13ft bronze P38 and it's marble base. It's a beautiful sight to observe. They have also purchased a 50ft x 60ft prefab building to house P38 memorabilia. We will have a section for 82nd displays with no cost to our treasury. The March Field Museum is (Tucson may challenge this) the largest aircraft museum west of the Mississippi and they plan to continue growing.

The one thing that frequently came up in your correspondence was an increase in dues and how to handle life members. Think about it as a topic for the business meeting in Boston. To best utilize our limited time, remember (1) Define the problem (2) Why is it a problem? (3) What is your suggested solution?

See you in Boston. John "Jake" Hendrix

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FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 1 JULY 1995 - 30 JUNE 1996

BEGINNING BALANCE

CERTIFICATE DEPOSIT \$11,133.66

CHECKING	41	5700	8420	*	3,890.09
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TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE

\$15,023.75

INCOME

BANK CHARGE REFUND	\$	18.40
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DONATIONS	\$ 100.00
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DUES - LIFE	335.00
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- SUSTAINING

2,325.00

INTEREST	823.71
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NEWS LETTER 185.00

REUNION 1995 SEED RETURN *1 0

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 3,787.11

EXPENDITURES

BANK CHARGE	\$	30.39
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DONATIONS	*2	500.00
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NEWSLETTER (THREE ISSUES)	2,491.82
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PRESENTATION AWARDS	288.57
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POSTAGE	183.44
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REUNION SEED 1996	165.44
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ROSTER	880.00
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SUPPLIES	61.99
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SURVEY (ACTIVE/INACTIVE)	92.72
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TELEPHONE 367.31

1995 REUNION ADDED COST *3	331.68
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$ 5,227.92

SPECIAL NOTE:

CERTIFICATE DEPOSIT \$11,915.36

CHECKING	41	5700	8420	1,667.58
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TOTAL ENDING BALANCE

\$13582.94

Regulars, spouses and honorary members who passed away will be identified at the 1996 Boston Reunion.

* SAVINGS & CHECKING COMBINED

*1 1995 REUNION WAS WASHED OUT 'OPAL'

*2 MARCH FIELD MUSEUM, P-38 MEMORIAL

*3 1995 REUNION ADDED COST

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Boyd & Morris
SECRETARY/TREA

SECRETARY/TREASURER

P-38 National Association
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - JUNE 96 ISSUE "LIGHTNING STRIKES"

-- DATELINE APRIL 7, 1996 --

THIS WILL BE MY LAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT AFTER SERVING AS YOUR PRESIDENT FOR FIVE YEARS. I CONSIDER IT BOTH TIMELY AND HEALTHLY FOR OUR ASSOCIATION TO HAVE A CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP AT THIS TIME. I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT JACK MULLAN HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION. PENDING THE ELECTION ON THE 15TH OF MAY, 1996 ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND RATIFICATION BY THE MEMBERS AT THE ASSOCIATION'S MEMBERS MEETING AT RIVERSIDE ON 16 MAY 1996, JACK AND THE OTHER NOMINEES IF ELECTED WILL THEN SERVE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS. INITIALLY I WILL SERVE IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO ASSIST JACK AND EASE THE TRANSITION.

-- NEW NOMINEES ACCEPTING THAT LIVE IN HEADQUARTERS AREA --

JACK MULLAN WAS A PHOTO RECON PILOT DURING WW-II IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND FLEW WITH THE 26TH P.R. SQ. HE ALSO FLEW IN THE FAMOUS 475TH FIGHTER GROUP. AFTER THE WAR HE GRADUATED WITH A BUSINESS DEGREE FROM USC WHERE HE ALSO MET HIS WIFE BEVERLY. HE THEN FLEW 2 YEARS WITH UNITED AIRLINES. WITH A LEAVE OF ABSENCE HE AND BEV WENT TO FRANCE AND GERMANY FOR MORE EDUCATION SEEKING A DOCTOR'S DEGREE. FLYING WAS STILL IN HIS BLOOD AND HE BECAME MANAGER OF AN AVIATION BUSINESS IN GERMANY. WHILE DOING THIS HE HAD AN M-DAY ASSIGNMENT AT THE USAF UNIT AT RHEIN-MAIN AIRPORT GERMANY. HE THEN RETURNED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND BECAME A VERY SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS MAN AND REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR INITIATING THE FIRST CONDOMINIUM IN THE STATE OF CALIF. HE IS ACTIVE IN CIVIC AFFAIRS HAVING SERVED AS PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AVIATION COUNCIL AND HAS BEEN PRESIDENT OF THE PRESTIGIOUS ORANGE COUNTY COAST ASSOCIATION. AS YOU KNOW HE HELPED START THE P-38 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AND HAS BEEN THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS. LLOYD LEVINE (54FS) 2ND. VICE PRESIDENT WILL MOVE UP TO 1ST. VICE PRESIDENT. SEYMOUR PRELL (475FG) WILL BE 2ND. VICE PRESIDENT. NORMA F. SMITH WIFE OF MEMBER J.B. SMITH WILL BE SECRETARY. DON JOHNSTON AND BOB JACKSON (LOCKHEED) WILL REMAIN AS OUR TREASURERS. BRUCE CARNCHAN (449FS) WILL BE A NEW DIRECTOR AND ADDITIONALLY WILL BE CO-MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN WITH MILLARD COFFMAN (12FS).

-- P-38 MUSEUM MARCH FIELD --

THE P-38 MUSEUM HANGAR BUILDING IS SCHEDULED TO BE DELIVERED TO THE MARCH FIELD MUSEUM FOUNDATION SITE DURING THE WEEK OF MONDAY 15 APR. 1996. ERECTION OF THE BUILDING WILL START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ON 11 APRIL 1996 OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL DESIGN A P-38 MUSEUM FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN TO ESTABLISH FURTHER FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT. WHEN THE BUILDING IS COMPLETED IT WILL BE DONATED TO THE MARCH FIELD MUSEUM FOUNDATION AND WILL BE DEDICATED FOR POSTERITY TO BE A P-38 MUSEUM WITHIN THE MARCH FIELD MUSEUM FOUNDATION. ALL P-38 ASSOCIATIONS ARE INVITED TO HAVE SPACE FOR THEIR WW-II ORGANIZATION TO DISPLAY THEIR OWN STORY WITH MEMORABILIA, PICTURES, ETC.

-- REUNION 96 "LIGHTNINGS FIRST STRIKE" --

ALL PLANS ARE COMPLETED AND WE FEEL ASSURED THAT THOSE OF YOU ATTENDING WILL HAVE A GREAT TIME. WE MAY HAVE 4 YES FOUR P-38S FLYING. SEE YOU SOON.

DICK WILLISIE

Attention "Cyberspace" Zealots!

Dorothy Latta has been playing around with the HI-Tech stuff for some time and she has come up with a great idea.

She has suggested that members who have E-mail addresses who wish to be listed, be placed in this and future issues of the Newsletter.

I have made a few calls and got the following response:

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72712.1233@compuserve.com

Ralph C. Embrey
102255.3547@compuserve.com

John (Jake) Hendrix
jake-hendrix@juno.com

John & Fran Kane
flkjjk@nh.ultranet.com

Dorothy Latta
dlatta@hsonline.net

Chuck & Judy Luke
cluke@nwlkink.com

Hank&Marlene Phillips
MVJN64A@prodigy.com

I'm sure that many others will desire to be included.

Notify me or Chuck Luke and you will be listed in the next issue. -- hp



[l to r] Jo Ann Lingenfelter, ex Prexy George Marvin, Ralph and Meredith Embrey, Lt. Gen Hedlund (474th Ftr. Gp.), Background-- Who's that, trying for "points" with Bette Pinson and Sylvia Ostronik??

(March Field Museum, 17 May, 1996)



Dick Ostronik, standing in the way of two beautiful views.
(March Field Museum, 17 May, 1996)

Proposed By-Law Changes.

To be discussed at the Business Meeting, in Boston, Sept. 7th.

82nd Fighter Group Association Proposed Changes To
The By-Laws.

Changes are underlined.

Artical 3 - Membership and Dues

a. Active Regular members -

(Second last sentence) All Regular Members, who
pay voluntary dues, the amount established by the
Executive Committee, shall be known as Active
Regular Members and have voting rights.
(Last sentence) Delete entirely.

b. No changes.

c. Delete Entirely.

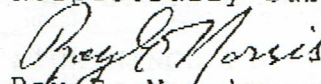
(Submit the following) Honorary Members are those
widows of regular members or close relatives and
who wish to continue to participate in the asso-
ciation activities, that is, receipt of the news-
letter and attendance at reunions. No voting rights
or dues required.

d. (Submit the following) Associate Members are those
persons who did not serve in the 82nd Fighter Group
during World War II, but are friends interested in
the purpose and objectives of the 82nd Fighter Group
Association. Membership must be approved by the
Executive Committee upon recommendation by a Regular
Member. To receive the newsletter a fee of \$10.00
annually must be received. No voting rights.

e. (Submit the following) Inactive Members are identi-
fied in three catagories.

- 1) Regular Members not interested in receiving the
newsletter and have not paid annual dues for the
past five years.
- 2) Honorary Members not interested in receiving the
newsletter. No dues are required.
- 3) Associate Members who have not paid \$10.00 per
year for receipt of the newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted,


Roy E. Norris
Secretary/Treasurer

IN REMEMBRANCE

Grapevine

GAYLE HASENPLAUGH--FAMILY MAN OF MANY TALENTS

It was a cool, cloudy day--early afternoon, and the Activity Center was at a lull; subdued chatter from the television set blended into near silence as a few residents looked on. In the far corner of the room sat Dorothy Hasenplaugh next to her husband, GAYLE, a man who has a rich history as a hobbyist.

Dorothy's story of this interesting man, GAYLE, came out as a spontaneous narrative touched with pride. As I talked with her, she ended up explaining that the stool she was sitting on had been made by him. She was so enthusiastic about it that she got up from it and folded the beautiful seat into what appeared to be a single piece of wood (not much larger than a notebook) with its own natural handle with which to carry it. It was fabulous! Dorothy explained that it was handy and saved her the trouble of looking for a chair when one wasn't available.

Not only did Gayle create a practical stool for his wife, but he also used to spread smiles on children's faces by putting his genius to work and making scooters out of old roller skates that he had purchased at swap meets. A couple of these nifty little inventions still occupy a bit of space in their neighbors' garages.

What's interesting is that GAYLE is not a carpenter. He's just had that natural desire to create. His talent, however, has extended even beyond that. According to Dorothy, he makes an incomparable batch of peanut brittle, and he's a fine cook as well. She explained that when her mother and brother were in need of her care, when they were on dialysis, GAYLE used to take care of the meals while she was away. "I miss his cooking" she confided to me.

While she and I talked, Gayle looked on, listening; but it wasn't until Dorothy started explaining GAYLE's Model A that he really brightened up, a smile crossing his lips, and animation flowing through his fingers. Yes, GAYLE was also blessed with that wondrous talent of being a mechanic, allowing him the opportunity to restore the Model A he owns.

GAYLE and his family used to go to Model A Round-Ups around the country in the early days, but they didn't always return from an event without a hitch. Dorothy remembers a time when she, GAYLE, and her family were returning from Idlewild, California, to their home when the Model A started heating up (mind you, this was in the days before California was ribboned with freeways and the roads were lined with sweet-scented orange groves; open space was more prominent). They had managed to continue their return home by stopping often for water to cool the engine, but it was getting dark and, unexpectedly, their dream machine suddenly stopped--in the middle of a dark strand of road with the sound of nocturnal animals fidgeting about them. "It was scary," Dorothy remembered. What was wrong with the Model A? What had happened?

Recollecting the irony of it, Dorothy brimmed with gentle laughter, "We had run out of gas. We had stopped at every gas station along the way for water, but had never gotten any gas." So it ended up that they were helped by the kindness of a stranger who brought them the fuel they needed, and GAYLE returned his family safely home.

So you see, from carpenter, to cook, to mechanic, GAYLE HASENPLAUGH is truly a man with many talents.

(Courtesy of John Hendrix)

Robert Campbell	96th.	11, June
Earl Freestone	96th.	
Claude Gustafson	96th.	13, July
Gayle Hasenplaugh	95th.	6, June
Fred Montgomery	96th.	5, July
Alma Saccomono	96th.	July
Jean Strozier	96th.	
John Urech	96th.	8, June

LETTERS FROM THE MEMBERS

(Usually condensed to save space.)

From Ralph Embrey, 95th.

Dear Hank;

Meredith and I went to the P-38 National Reunion in Riverside CA in May. They put on a good show and the 82nd was well represented. We had 5 tables of 10 each at the banquet. I asked the 474th (Ralph is a member of that Gp, too....hp) to join us as there were Only 3 of them.

The dedication of the 1/4 size bronze P-38 was a very successful event. Gen. Vicellio, Cmdr. , Materiel Command , was the main speaker and he gave an eloquent speech about the P-38 and future of the Air Force.

We had an F-16 fly over and a P-38 fly by. I think everyone enjoyed the ceremony.

Charlie Charlton was there and he has fully recovered from his illness and really looks good. He assured me that he would be at the reunion in Boston.

We look forward seeing you and Marlene in Boston Take care of each other and fly low and slow. Sincerely, Ralph

From Dorothy Latta 96th.

Dear Marlene and Hank,

I'm writing this letter even though I called the other evening and left a message on your answering machine. (Sure I use my computer and internet, but don't always believe some gadgets).

I will not be coming to the Boston reunion. I do not feel emotionally ready and have had some trouble with congestive heart failure. Am following doctor's orders and feeling better.

Ruth Donohoo was here for a short but great visit. Ros and Lillian Harding will be here for a couple of days next week on their way to Michigan.

I know that my 82nd Family has not forgotten me, nor I them. Take care of yourselves and have a great time at the reunion. Opal can't spoil the good time this year.. Keep in touch. Yours, Dorothy

(Letters Cont.)

From Del and Mary Ryland

95th.

Dear Marlene and Hank!

We hear you have landed the great honor of putting out the newsletter! John Hendrix told us on the phone and we could not be more pleased!

Perhaps you have heard that we are beginning efforts on the 1997 reunion. in Scottsdale/Phoenix.

See you in Boston!

Del and Mary

From "Monty" and Margaret Powers

95th

To Ryland/Peplinski & Phillips:

Howdy,

So the winter was cold here and the spring was cool and wet and now it is hot and all the summer stuff is coming on as in flowers and veggies. (Monty goes on to state they have been very busy e.g putting all of his and Margaret's records into the family ancestry software ...He expects it will take a couple of years...Good luck Monty.... hp)

We are pleased that Hank is taking over as Newsletter Editor. . . He is logical and will be good for the Association. Also we rejoice in the thought that the Reunion 1997 will be under the direction of Del/Mary - - - please know that M/M could come out early and help. The Boston Reunion looks good and we plan to see you there. Best Wishes, Margaret & Monty Powers

(Letters Cont.)

WHOA!! Don't grab for phone ... Remember your blood pressure! I know what you're going to say: " Hank! Do you think we are eagles? What's with this microscopic print? I have a tough time reading a newspaper headline and now this. In addition to my bifocals, I'll need a big magnifying glass and a couple bottles of headache powder to read some of those letters, if that's what they are.."

I confess that I'm GUILTY, but will try to explain. Some of your letters defied editing without breaking the continuity, so to keep the pages of the newsletter within reasonable limits, my options were cut or shrink ... I chose shrink. I'll probably take a lot of flak over this at the meeting in Boston, but no rough stuff (you big guys) because after hurting my knee trying to "cut down timber" with my skis last winter, I can't run like I used to. Besides I'm reasonable and will go along with what you members want. -- hp

E-mail from Chuck Luke

Dear Hank,

Just a note to let you know I got your last message and to tell you that your labels are printed and I will get them in the mail today

Sorry to be so late in replying. We have had a few busy days with a trip to Friday Harbor to see the Killer Whales, painters, and an annual look-see at my insides.

Just got the pictures back that we took on our trip to Switzerland, Italy and Greece. I have some good ones of Foggia that I will show at the reunion. If you want to put the following in the newsletter feel free.

Foggia was the highlight of our tour of Italy. When we arrived in Foggia it was like a whole new world. There are very few tourists that stop in Foggia. Even the train Conductor asked us, "Why are you stopping in Foggia?!!" It was late in the afternoon when we arrived so we found the Hotel Europa and checked into our room after I had dredged up enough pidgin Italian to let the clerk know who I was and that I had reservations. Needless to say there is very little English spoken in Foggia. About 7:30 PM we decided to go out for dinner? We found out that the restaurants do not open until about 9:00PM. After a few beers at an Italian "English Pub", we found a very nice family run restaurant called D'Italo. The food was great but the service was a bit slow. After we ordered they went out and bought the food. At least we knew it was fresh.

The next day I went out to find an English speaking Taxi driver?!!! No such person existed. There was an Avis rent-a-car Office in the railroad station but it was closed. It was Sunday-good planning Chuck?! I did call the manager at home. He was the only person that I found that could understand and speak english but he politely let me know that it was Sunday. In desperation I finally found a map at the hotel and pointed to the corner where the road to Naples made a sharp left turn and there was a road to Troia. He said "No Problema takea Busa #18". We did and got off the bus at the corner and walked up the road to Troia. We found the old house where someone dropped his bellytank down the chimney on takeoff one day when I had tower duty. It was quite dilapidated and unlined in but appeared to be a historical site?? The area where the showers were located are now new large estates It appeared that most of the area was the same. The 97th Squadron is definitely an area of very !

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ce houses. The Bus Driver waited for us when he saw us standing at the wrong bus stop for the return to Foggia.

We had time for lunch before the train to Brindisi was due to leave. All of the restaurants were open for Sunday Lunch. We went to the Margutta at Via Piave 33. The Hotel had recommended this place. A few moments after we sat down the music changed to Glenn Miller. From that moment on the world changed. I showed the owner my 82nd FG membership card. It immediately was framed and placed on the wall. We had Lobster, special pasta, delightful deserts, and unlimited delicious lemon liquor. Don't miss this spot and for sure don't forget your 82nd membership card. The food isn't free but you will never find a better meal in Italy for the price.

John Hendrix
14708 Badger Avenue
Hawthorne, CA 90250

Ken Herrick writes:

Dear John,

I recently spent a few hours at Foggia. It occurred to me that possibly some aspects of my visit might be of interest to others in our group. If any of it can be used by our "group communications" person, fine, if not my feelings won't be hurt. So hear it is.

A number of years ago Lingenfelter went back to our base and met a family living there. He introduced us to them by mail and they have been a joy to us ever since. We had a particularly memorable day with them this time, and I am going to quote the "thank you letter" I wrote, in an attempt to give you some of the flavor of it.

But first a brief explanation. This is about the Falcone family whose father and mother lived exactly where I once lived. An aerial photo made in 1944 verifies that fact. The father has since died and the mother now lives in Troia, but the children still own the small farm and its tiny house. The children have a nice apartment in Foggia where they live. Their names are Giuseppe (age 48), who speaks no English, and Concette (age about 45) who does speak English, and is the prime mover in always receiving us so graciously. Then there is Nicole, the son (age 21). Mothers, lock up your daughters when he is around! He speaks every English, but is undaunted by that challenge. Finally, there is the daughter, Giovanna (age 19) who speaks English (but won't) and understands English perfectly.

Three years ago when we were there Nicole had a girl friend, Claudia, who he described as "be-U-tiful." And she was. This time when I asked him about Claudia, he said he had a new girl friend, Valerie. Then he very dramatically explained "Valerie was not as be-U-tiful as Claudia, but she was much more intelligent. Beauty does not last very many years, but intelligence lasts forever." Valerie goes to the university in Bari, but lives with the Falcones, "because (as Nicole explained, puffing out his chest) of me." Now for the letter.

Maggio 7, 1996

Dear Concette, Giuseppe, Nicole, Giovanna, and Valerie,

We write now (Maggio 7) to thank you for the grand time and fantastic meal we had with you yesterday, although I must wait-- perhaps many days--to mail this letter. It is such a great pleasure for us to enjoy your wonderful family in your lovely apartment. The meal was unbelievable--pasta, carne, salad, prosciutto and cheeses, chocolate cake, strawberries and ice cream, espresso. And to drink: beer, delicious red wine, and champagne! It was all marvelous, and so much better than the meals on our fancy barca. Poor Giuseppe he will have to work 20 more years not just 10, to pay for all of that! (Giovanna will know all the many English words I am using to describe our wonderful time with you.)

We left in a big hurry, because we were afraid we might miss our ship. I got lost in Naples, and we just did get to the ship on time. We have very bad manners, and we are terribly embarrassed that we did not stop our car and kiss Nicole. Our profound apologies. He was especially nice to us, and we enjoyed so much his conversation. He will be a very great lawyer, but poor Valerie. Will she ever have a chance to say anything? She is beautiful, and Nicole is very lucky to have found her.

Giuseppe, the small metal you found with the name "Harvard Johnson" is very special. All soldiers wore it around their neck, so if they were killed or injured we would know who they were. (The right name would be put on their grave). A soldier never lost his metal name piece, so it is a mystery how you found Harvard Johnson's. I will investigate and let you know if he is still alive or what happened to him.

Giovanna, you speak English perfectly with no accent, and you have a tremendous English vocabulary. You made an old man (mi) very happy when you asked if you could kiss him goodbye!

Concette, we are deeply indebted to you for all you do for us. Betty and I wish to thank you profusely. We can never repay you for your kindness and hospitality. We will think of you often and the wonderful day you gave us.

Arrivederci,

P.S. Thank you for mailing my cartolini. I hope I left enough money for the postage.

I probably need to explain that a "kiss" is just a buss. You get two or three of those from everyone upon arriving and leaving. First left checks then right. I forgot the order and tried to do right check first, and almost got a broken nose from Giuseppe! Also, I threw in a few words of Italian in my "thank you letter" to flaunt my knowledge of same.

I wrote the postmaster in Gary, Texas the other day, and hopefully will get a response from him in the near future about Harvard Johnson. Per chance did you ever hear of him? Lingenfelter said he hadn't, and much to my surprise showed no interest in him.

Cordially,

Ken Herrick

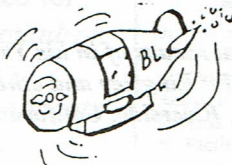
Associate Member W.F.(Bill) Armstrong Writes:

"The 49th. Ftr/Intcp. Sqdn.Assn. will have it's Reunion from 25 - 28 October, 96. Members of the 82nd. FG Assn. are cordially invited to join the festivities at the *Delta Orlando Resort* in Orlando Fla.." Bill has attended at least 3 of our reunions in the past and desires to see a few of us at his reunion. It was mere chance that Bill is not a full fledged member of the 82nd. He came to Italy on the same boat with other members of the "elite" Willy Field CLASS 44-C ; which contained such illustrious names as Chapman, Chase, McAdams, Peplinski, Powers, Ryland and ----(innate modesty forbids me to continue). Back to the subject... Bill was assigned to the 14FG upon arrival at the REPL DPL (sp ???) at Caserta, but kept in touch with us while in Foggia.

It must be noted that Adolph's warriors now saw what was coming and threw- in- the- towel a short time later.

Bill requests that all who are interested write to him at 711 Sequoia Trail, Maitland, FL 32751, or phone (407) 647-1618.

ROUGH AIR from the "LINK"



Dear Hank & Marlene

This is to convey the enclosed picture or pictures. They were taken, as you have already guessed, during Jo Ann's and my mad scamper through Utah, Arizona, California and Nevada.

There were many outstanding events that occurred during our 3,000 mile trip AND there were a few downers also -- but one plans for those. The following are just a few of the 10ers (some enclosed photos may give you a clue to the diversity of our crazy jaunt around the West).

1. Our visit in SLC with Flo & Paul Shepard - he of our years in New Haven, CT.
2. Our visit with Jack & Carmen Watson in Kanab, Utah. Jack was a member of the 82nd FG and I had never met him before.
3. A hilarious bridge lesson in Sedona, AZ given by Jane and Jim Sumner. Jim and I were bridge partners in Italy from "43 to 45" but he was no partner in Sedona. Zounds! He even threatened to slap my partner if she trumped his Ace!!
4. The Glen Canyon Dam in Page, AZ. No pics.
5. When we landed in Tucson, AZ on May 11 it was 120°! I think a new record for date.
6. Left 54 Histories with PAUL GAUDETTE BOOKS in Tuck. Hey, that's \$2700 worth!!
7. A really neat visit with Bob & Betty Rhodes of Benson, AZ. Betty & Jo ANN were H.S. pals in Buhl, ID. (May 11 & 12).
8. Back in Tuck a super visit with John & Raquel Buckles. They had invited Jim & Lois Monyhan who live nearby. From left are Jo Ann, Jim, Lois, John, Raquel & ? The photographer is a ninny else he would have gotten everyone in the pic.

9. A visit with Fred and Ethel Montgomery in Glendale, AZ on the 13th. Fred was a mem- of the 96th also but we waited until we collaborated on three issues of the fam- ous publication, THE SLUGGING DESERT JACKRABBIT, before we became friends.
10. The National P-38 Meeting at Riverside. and March Field, May 15 - 19. Saw some good friends.
11. Visited with my three sisters who live in in the area.
12. Visited with daughter & son-in-law, Jim & Jane Allen in Westlake Village, CA. They took us for a sail in their boat out of the MARINA DEL REY on the 19th. What a thrill it was when Jim said, "Here Dick you can take the helm." Jo Ann took the picture.
13. May 20 saw us in Santa Barbara with Dick Jr., his wife Linda and our granddaughter Carrie. Dick harvested two big grocery sacks of avocados from the big tree in his back yard. We made some friends back here in Boise with them.
14. May 21st took us up California 1 to Monterey where we had an all too short visit with Francis and Bonnie Chapman. Chappie was a P-38 pilot in my squad- ron in Italy. He and two other pilots from Idaho, Don Chase and Hank Phillips, were all victims of my dastardly Link Trainer and as their tent was on my way to the Link Trainer building it was my generous wont to give them a wake-up each morning -- that is until Chappie threw a shoe at me!
15. Also on the 21st and in San Jose, Jo Ann and I had the great privilege of holding our 6 day old great grandson, Justin Marcus Lingenfelter. Justin is the first male Lingenfelter of his generation in my father's line.
16. On the 22nd we traveled to Winnie Mooka, Nevada where we stopped for the night and the next day we cut in our afterburners for the 260 mile trek to Boise.

Our sojourn though the west was one of extremes. We visited extremely friendly friends and relatives; we were treated with extremely beautiful and exciting scenery and we had extremely crazy weather. We NOT only suffered through the record heat breaker in Tucson but as we headed north out of Winne- mucca, NV it was through driving hail and sleet and S N O W !

We would most surely like to see you all again but we can assure you that it most certainly won't be next week.

Thank you all again for generous and gracious hospitality.

Dick & Jo Ann

Tribute To The Army Air Corps Enlisted Pilots(WWII).

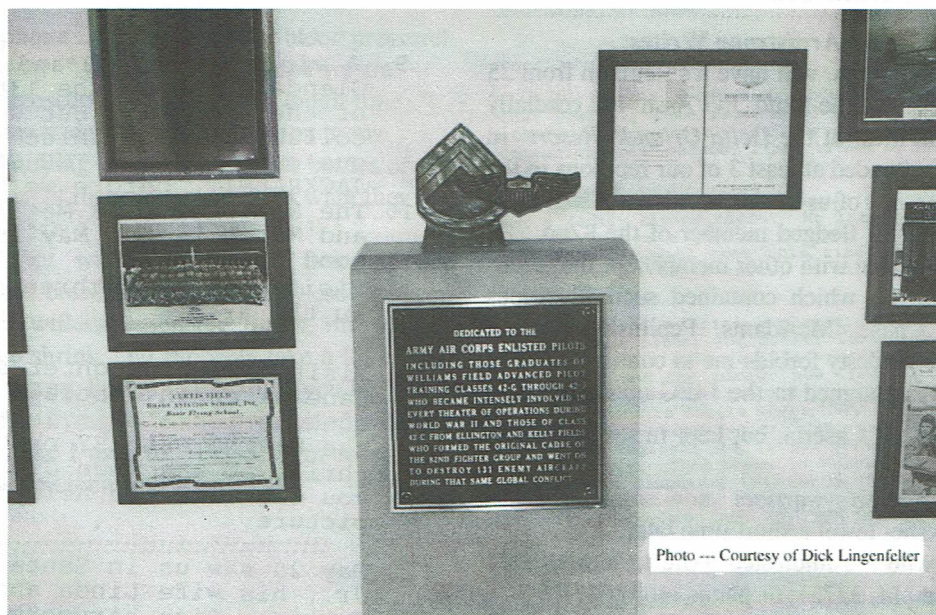


Photo --- Courtesy of Dick Lingenfelter

This is the plaque that John speaks of in his Year End Summary. Thanks to the efforts of John Kingsley and others, it now rests in the March Field Museum, Riverside, California.

Listed below are those of this distinguished group who are still among us (bless em). All were graduates of the Advanced Pilot Training Class 42-C (Fighter) at Williams Field, Arizona:

Edward I. Braddock	Ralph C. Embrey
William Gates	Marshall Hyde
J. Wayne Jorda	William J. Kermes
N. John Kingsley*	Claude R. Kinsey
Hubert L. Krug	Merle E. Larson
John S. Litchfield	Keith K. Lund
Roland R. Lynn	Archie F. Mallette
Lemuel McDaniel	Finis A. Mitchell
Emory C. Morgan	Harry R. Morris
James E. Obermiller	Jesse G. Oliver
Leonard Pratt	Gerry Rounds
William J. Schildt	Dixie Sloan
Irving M. Swenson	Pincus Taback
Herman Visser	William Wallace
Fred Wolfe	Carl F. Wood
Verne M. Yahne	Jess O. Yaryan

* With apologies to the relatives of deceased 42-C Classmates I have made an exception of the late John Kingsley. His position as former President of the S/Sgt. Pilots Assn. and efforts on the above plaque and memorabilia, puts his name, in my view, not out of place on this list. -- hp

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UPDATE

George Marvin has asked me to include a few changes in his reunion schedule since his announcement in the last newsletter.

a. The bar will be on a volunteer pay basis, but everyone will be served. All snacks will be FREE.

b. The Squadron Dinners, scheduled for Friday night has been canceled. *Squadron Reps. should contact their members sometime before Saturday for comments to be presented at the business meeting.* (my italics --hp)

c. The \$20.00 Registration Fee is to cover the costs of printing, postal, hospitality/bar room housekeeping, souvenirs plus many other expenses traditionally incurred during an 82nd.Fighter Group Reunion.

d. The costs of setting up a golf tourney is very expensive in the Boston area... This coupled with few inquiries about golf, (Apparently there are just too many things to see in the area); George thought it best to have no scheduled golf this time*.

e. George will depart for Oregon on 12, August for a 6-day visit, then return home.

f. He will be available at the Dedham Holiday Inn from 2 September on.

* Pincus Taback tells me that he is going to show up with his clubs regardless. He has a few others lined up , so you Irrepressible golfers bring your "sticks". The chances are good!!
--hp

Travel info for Cars and RV's

The print's pretty small, but this map,taken from Holiday Inn's Directory should suffice.... If you are traveling on I-95 (either direction), 15A is the proper exit.

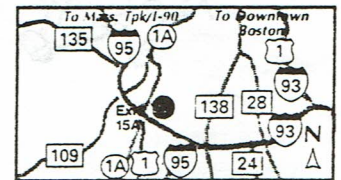
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Caution!

Listen Up!

Beware!

The experts in the area, John and Frances Kane, advise members to avoid driving through downtown Boston if at all possible. They are building a \$10 billion dollar underground super highway right through the middle of the place. It's a mess!

Good news for the INDECISIVE.

By the time that you receive this, the date for Registration will have expiredBUT. Have no fear,the 82nd. Ftr. Gp. has yet to refuse anyone who shows up at the Registration Desk with checkbook or cash in hand. They'll find a way to slip you in. TRUST'EM!! Finding a place to sack-out could be another matter, however; best to arrange that before you leave home. --hp.